

REFORMATION TIMES

June 2026

Upcoming PRIDE Events

Delco Pride Parade & Pride on State

Saturday, June 6

Parade: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm*

Pride on State: 2:00 - 9:00 pm

State Street, Media, PA 19063

* Contact Kathie Leighton to march with Reformation!

Delco Pride Festival*

Saturday, June 13

1:00 - 6:00 pm

In front of the Upper Darby Township Municipal Building, 100 Garrett Road, Upper Darby, PA 19082

* Contact Pastor Eileen to volunteer at the Reformation table!

Stay Cool During Summer Worship!



Our worship leaders will not be wearing albs during our summer worship services. If you serve on the worship team, there is no need to grab an alb on Sunday mornings from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Council Installation June 7

The members of the 2026-2027 Congregation Council will be installed during worship on **June 7**. Officers and members include the following: Laura Reiter, President; Jameson Troutman, Vice President; Marian Filtz, Treasurer; Chase Perry, Secretary; Jamie Anderson, Allison Bocian, Linda Bucher, Evie Fernandez, Eric Hathaway, and Jessica Reitano.

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School



Join us for "Just Like Me," a garden-themed VBS program that celebrates community, inclusion, and justice. VBS will run **July 6 - 9** from 5:30 - 7:30 pm for children age 3 through completed 5th grade. Register at myvbs.org/relocmedia or scan the QR code above. Contact Pastor Eileen with any questions.

Summer Hours



This is just a reminder that while our normal office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (and closed on Fridays), with our small staff and summer vacation schedules, this might not always be the case. Please call the office before stopping in to make sure someone will be there to help you.

Summer Schedule

Just a friendly reminder that our summer schedule has begun.

Worship times are

8:30 am and 10:00 am.

No Sunday School.



If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

1 Corinthians 12:26

Cole Joseph Schreiber, son of Adam and Jordan Schreiber, was baptized on **May 3**.

Emmett Joseph Carneclark, son of Alex Carne-Clark and Lindsay Carneclark, was baptized on **May 3**.

Ushers Needed!



USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of some additional volunteers to usher during worship at both services. For more information, please reach out to one of the pastors or contact the church office.

Faith and Family Newsletter



Scan below to register for our seasonal "Faith and Family"

e-newsletter with prayers, readings, and activities for each liturgical season - designed for children, youth, and families.



Pastor Eileen gets some help during worship on Sunday, May 3.

Reformation Facebook Group



Did you know we have a Facebook group in addition to our church page? Scan this QR code to join!

Prepare for First Communion



It is our practice at Reformation that children receive their first communion at the desire of their parents. This can be done for any age (or ages if you wish for siblings to receive first communion together).

First communion instruction is an at-home lesson set that can be completed at your own time and pace. Any time we celebrate communion as a congregation is a date that can be chosen.

Families desiring for their child to receive their first communion should contact Pastor Eileen.

Reformation Merch!

Reformation apparel is still available to purchase at relcmedia.org/75. Treat yourself or your loved ones to new Reformation gear!



Donate by Phone!



Did you know that you can now donate to Reformation via text? Simply text the amount you wish to give to 844-628-3176!

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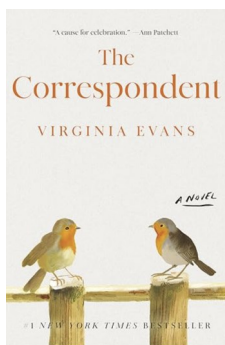
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Materials to: newsletter@relcmedia.org

Congregation Council and Officers

Laura Reiter, *President*; Jameson Troutman, *Vice President*; Chase Perry, *Secretary*; Marian Filtz, *Treasurer*, Jamie Anderson, Allison Bocian, Linda Bucher, Evie Fernandez, Eric Hathaway, Jessica Reitano, Pastor Alina Gayeuski and Pastor Eileen Ruppel-Doan.

Library Book Club News



Join our Reformation Library Book Club discussion of *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans on **Tuesday, July 21** at 7:00pm via Zoom. Our conversation will be led by Karen Chorney. Please contact Laura Reiter at longreiter@gmail.com for more information about participating in the book club

zoom meeting. About our selection from Goodreads.com:

“Imagine, the letters one has sent out into the world, the letters received back in turn, are like the pieces of a magnificent puzzle. . . . Isn’t there something wonderful in that, to think that a story of one’s life is preserved in some way, that this very letter may one day mean something, even if it is a very small thing, to someone?”

Filled with knowledge that only comes from a life fully lived, *The Correspondent* is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime.

Sybil Van Antwerp has throughout her life used letters to make sense of the world and her place in it. Most mornings, around half past ten, Sybil sits down to write letters—to her brother, to her best friend, to the president of the university who will not allow her to audit a class she desperately wants to take, to Joan Didion and Larry McMurtry to tell them what she thinks of their latest books, and to one person to whom she writes often yet never sends the letter.

Sybil expects her world to go on as it always has—a mother, grandmother, wife, divorcee, distinguished lawyer, she has lived a very full life. But when letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life, she realizes that the letter she has been writing over the years needs to be read and that she cannot move forward until she finds it in her heart to offer forgiveness.

Sybil Van Antwerp’s life of letters might be “a very small thing,” but she also might be one of the most memorable characters you will ever read.

Reformation School Corner

by Marion Boas



As a licensed childcare facility, we are required to renew our license annually with the Department of Human Services through their Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL). Our annual inspection took place on: 4/9/2026.

Additionally, we are required to obtain a facility license and food facility license from the Delaware County Health Department (DCHD). This license is renewed every July.

In March, Matt Carey painted the classroom and the cabinets in room # 123 (see *photo*). We have additional capital improvement projects set up for the summer months. Both Reformation Nursery School and Stay and Play will be closed during the summer months (as we normally are). The staff are looking forward to a much-needed summer break! We will be back in touch for the September Reformation Times.

Capital Campaign Update



Work on the Reflection Garden continues! We are waiting our turn in the concrete contractors project list. We are grateful for all the work of Vince

Walsh in preparing the property for that next step of the project. We have also had the corner of the property cleaned and the grounds core aerated with new grass seed planted.

WELCOME New Members

Welcome Marianne K. and Family!



Our family moved to Delco more than a decade ago and love it here. Brook, who is 11, plays bass guitar, cello, and does musical theater. Jay does karate and swim. Marianne likes to quilt, crochet, and is a member of Delco Indivisible. We're joining Reformation because we immediately felt at home here and love the messages Reformation puts out into the world.



Kendyll Ward to Preach

Former Reformation intern, Kendyll Ward, will return as guest preacher during worship on Sunday, **June 21**.



Join the Lunch Bunch!



The lunch bunch gathered at Agave in Chadds Ford in May. You can join them on Thursday, **June 4**, at Reformation starting at 11:30 am in the Pavilion! Please reach out to Edna Bogert with any questions.



ECO MINISTRY
UPDATES

June Eco Tip

by Marie Allsman



Saving water can be easy! Just keep a few empty plastic gallon jugs (i.e. from milk, iced tea, etc.) on hand. While your water is running waiting for it to get hot to wash dishes, collect the water in the jugs and use to water plants or flush toilets. Similarly, while you are waiting for your shower water to get warm, you can collect the water in a basin and use the water around your home where it is needed.

Upcoming Events

- Summer Camp
Registration
NOW OPEN
June 21—August 14, 2026
- Visit
bearcreekcamp.org/camps/summer-camp
for more information and to register!

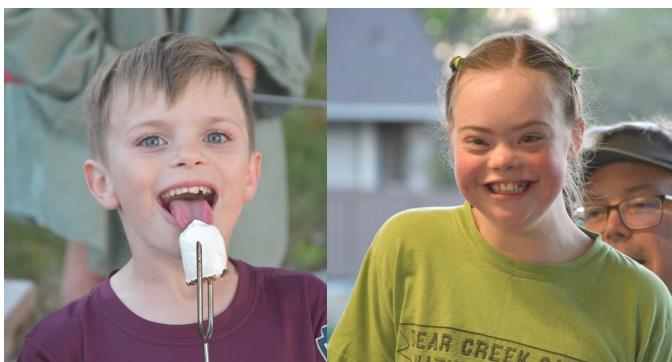


Bear Creek Camp Fireside Fun-Raiser

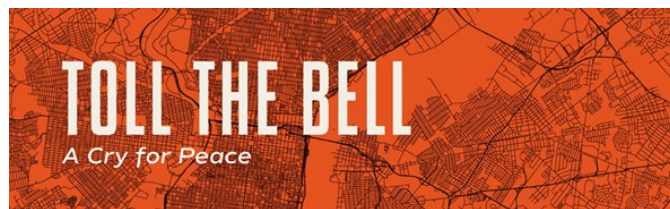
Dear Friends at Reformation Lutheran,
As I look at the world, I know what is needed is more of what camp has to offer: time in community, connection with nature, and a place to be authentically surrounded by God’s love. Your generosity makes that possible for campers this summer at Bear Creek Camp and your hosting and support of the Fireside Fun-Raiser brought a slice of that to Media. Thank you for your partnership and generous spirits! See you at camp soon!

Collin

Collin Grooms, Executive Director



Toll the Bell



On Friday, **June 5**, at 1:00 pm, we will join with nearly 50 other faith communities throughout the greater Philadelphia region for a prolonged period of bell ringing. This is to mark the National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

You are invited to join others in the sanctuary at 1:00 pm. Following the time of bell ringing, which will last for 10 minutes, we will conclude our time together with a brief prayer liturgy.

This joint program, through the University of Pennsylvania and Interfaith Philadelphia is an opportunity to honor those who have lost their lives and call us to action for the work ahead. In the words of Penn Arts Live: “Toll the Bell is not a profile of tragedy, but rather a call to action – a literal ringing of the bell – to honor our fellow citizens who have lost their lives and raise awareness for those working to have a positive impact in our [area].”

Join us as we lament the lives that have been lost and find inspiration and hope for the days ahead.



The May Council meeting included the following highlights:

- Updates on the Capital Campaign projects
- Election of Officers:
President - Laura Reiter,
Vice President - Jameson Troutman,
Secretary - Chase Perry,
Treasurer - Marian Filtz
- Appointment of Youth Representative,
Allison Bocian
- Thank you to off-going members:
John Grantland, Kristen Forster,
Gabby Parker, and Lindsay Lighton

CLASS OF
2026

Congratulations to our 2026 High School Graduates!

Lexi Benzing

Graduating from: *Strath Haven High School*
Headed to: *William & Mary*



Luke Merino

Graduating from: *Penncrest High School*
Headed to: *Clemson University*



Riley Owens

Graduating from: *West Chester East High School*
Headed to: *Duquesne University*



Robert Schaub

Graduating from: *Marple Newtown High School*
Headed to: *Franklin & Marshall College*



Katie Snyder

Graduating from: *Strath Haven High School*
Headed to: *Lehigh University*



Kaylee Troutman

Graduating from: *Bayard Rustin High School*
Headed to: *Susquehanna University*



Abigail Ciarmella

Graduating from: *Great Valley High School*
Headed to: *Drexel University*

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy June, Beloveds!

We have several ways to celebrate Pride this month - Reformation will again be a vendor at Delco Pride Festival in Upper Darby, as well as marching in the Media Pride Parade alongside folks from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood. Information for these events can be found on the front page of this newsletter.

You are invited this month to help us celebrate the colorful diversity of God's love through an interactive art installation in the lobby. Last year we colored the windows - this year we will create a painting, "God's Colorful Creation," together.

For the month of June there will be a watercolor backdrop painted in rainbow colors - help us turn it into a work of art by adding pieces of God's creation to each color of the rainbow: i.e. paint a red apple in the red section, a purple flower in the purple section, water in the blue section, and so forth.

All artistic abilities and skill levels are invited to participate - it takes all of us to make the world a more colorful place!

In Peace,

Pastor Eileen (she/her)



Holiday Offering Envelopes

Did you know that our Holiday Offering envelopes help Reformation live out our generosity every day?



All gifts received through any special holiday envelope or given online and designated as holiday offering is used completely for benevolence.

This fund enables us to match other special offerings and make our gifts go twice as far and allows our Council to respond quickly to other needs in the community. In 2025, over \$25,000 moved through our Holiday Offering fund and out into the community and the world.

Please remember to use these special envelopes and help our reach go further! Thank you for the ways you continue to live out the generosity of God's love in this world!

Life Center Update



Our next serving date is Thursday, **July 23**. Watch for our sign-up sheet and casserole pans in the lobby. For more info about this meal program and to offer your

assistance, please contact Dave Smith, yanky68@icloud.com or 610-719-7190.

Living Faith Podcast

Miss a sermon? Want a new podcast for your morning commute? Reformation Sunday sermons are now available as a podcast! Follow the Living Faith podcast on Spotify or Apple



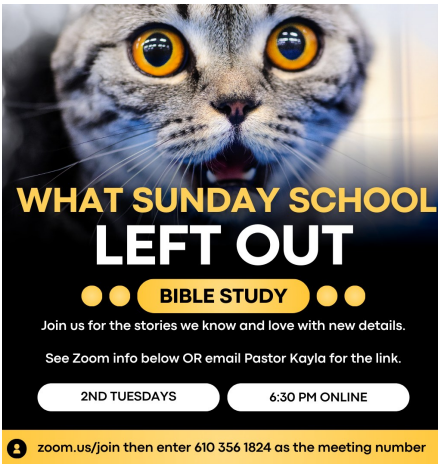
Podcasts to be notified of all the new episodes!



Upcoming Events at Grace Lutheran, Broomall

For more details on any of these events, please contact them at 610-356-1824 or pastorkayla@gracebroomall.org or visit gracebroomall.org/events.

Bible Study



WHAT SUNDAY SCHOOL LEFT OUT

BIBLE STUDY

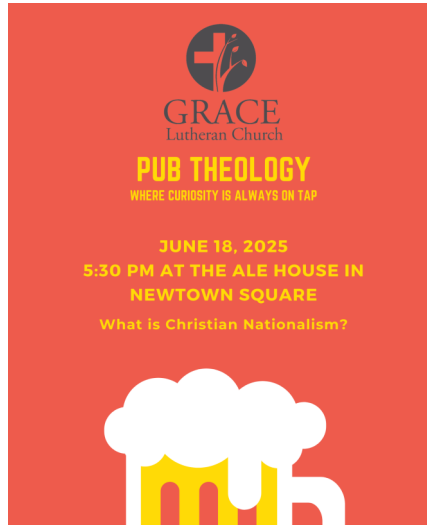
Join us for the stories we know and love with new details.
See Zoom info below OR email Pastor Kayla for the link.

2ND TUESDAYS 6:30 PM ONLINE

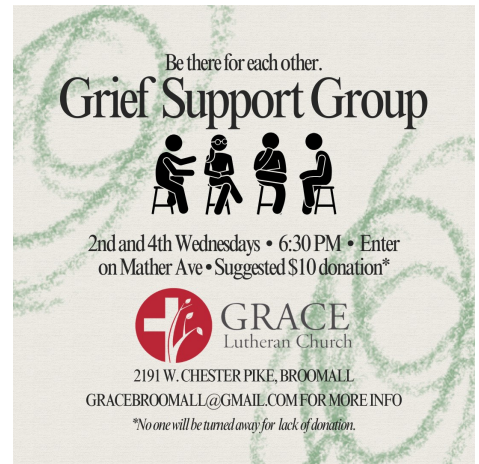
zoom.us/join then enter 610 356 1824 as the meeting number

This month we will be studying Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat!

Pub Theology



Grief Support Group



The Joy of Living Retreat

July 11, 2026, 9:30-3:00

Grace Lutheran Church Wellness Center
2191 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA
www.gracebroomall.org

Laughter and Love Give Us Health and Wholeness!

Come ready to take deep breaths, laugh, and playfully experiment with new tools for joyful living and creating your self-care toolbox!

Registration & Coffee: 9:30 a.m. Retreat: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$60 per person, including all materials, snacks, and lunch

Presented by Sister D'Etta Broam

Deacon for Health and Wholeness Ministries in the ELCA SC Synod
Retreat Leader and Certified Yoga Therapist

Please RSVP by July 6, 2026 by emailing sisterpaula@gracebroomall.org, subject line "RSVP Joy"

For more information about the Retreat Leader, please visit her web site at:
<https://sites.google.com/view/sisterdb/home>

Reformation Website - Information at Your Fingertips!



Have you visited the Reformation website recently? If not you are missing out! Here are just a few things that you have access to 24/7:

- Recorded services—did you miss a service, or maybe just want to hear a certain sermon again? Go to relcmedia.org/virtualchurch and scroll down to “Recorded Worship Services” to view just about any service you would like!
- Did you want to check out the Worship Team schedule, submit a Prayer Request or view the most recent Newsletter? You can find all of this and more at: relcmedia.org/resources.
- Did you want to double check the start time and/or location of an event? Or maybe you wanted to see if Creighton Hall was available on a particular date to rent for a family celebration? Visit relcmedia.org/calendar for a current look at everything happening at Reformation!
- You can also donate online at relcmedia.org/giving.
- Would you like to know more about what Reformation School has to offer? Go to: relcmedia.org/school.

All of this and so much more is available on the Reformation website at relcmedia.org!



Aging Grace-fully Author Series II

Thanks once again to a generous grant from the Lutheran Foundation for Long Term Living, we are able to bring eight more authors to our campuses to examine what happens when we grow older and/or care for our aging loved ones. Join us, in person or virtually, to seek understanding and acceptance of these challenges in our ongoing series featuring leading authors who share their knowledge and experiences about aging including suffering, love and loss.

Aging Grace-fully with Rozella Haydée White July 30, 1:30 pm Gettysburg Campus or Livestream

Rozella Haydée White is an author, public theologian, and executive leadership coach whose work invites leaders to live and lead with courage, wholeness, and a deep love ethic. She is the founder of RHW Consulting LLC and The Waymaker Agency, where she partners with mission-driven organizations and faith leaders navigating change, conflict, and growth.



Rozella is the author of *Love Big: The Power of Revolutionary Relationships to Heal the World* and a contributor to multiple publications exploring leadership, justice, womanist theology, intergenerational wisdom, and embodied faith. Her writing weaves personal story, theological reflection, and practical application, helping readers reconnect to their beloved-ness while doing demanding public work.

With more than two decades of experience in nonprofit and church leadership, Rozella brings both pastoral depth and strategic clarity to conversations about faith in wilderness seasons. She writes and teaches about spirituality that sustains leaders over the long haul — spirituality rooted not in performance, but in presence.

To register, go to:
kindlingfaith.com/kindling-faith-events.



Seen Around Reformation

There is always so much to see at Reformation. We thank you for sharing your photos with us! Please remember to send your photos of recent events to: newsletter@relcmedia.org.



Phyllis Brady and Edna Bogert dropped off donations collected at the monthly “Lunch “bunch” gathering on April 14.



Reformation members Sarah Berkey and Marilyn Berberich unexpectedly met up at Tyler Arboretum where Marilyn was the tour guide for Sarah and her students!



Reformation youth Lindsay and Kaylee had their artwork displayed at the Chester County High School Art Exhibition & PA 6th District Congressional Art Competition on April 15. Congrats!



Fun was had by all ages at the Bear Creek Camp “Fun-raiser” that was held at Reformation on April 18.



Ellen and Tom Conroy joined Pastor Alina to represent Reformation at Lutheran Day at the Capitol on April 20.



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Sunday Worship: 8:30 am Indoor & Online Worship

10:00 am Indoor & Online Worship

Worship services are livestreamed to our virtual church page.

Pastors

The Rev. Dr. Alina S. Gayeuski

The Rev. Eileen Ruppel-Doan



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MISSION: Called by Christ, we **INVITE** all people, **SERVE** our neighbors, and **BUILD** a living faith.

WELCOME: Called by Christ we invite all people, celebrating the diversity of God's creation. Reformation is an affirming congregation for all: rejoicing with the young and old, welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, working to cultivate an accessible and inclusive community for all abilities, and embracing all races, cultures, and faith traditions.

We serve our neighbors following the teachings of Christ. Reformation responds to the needs of the most vulnerable - providing nourishment and comfort, supporting the work of the local and global church, and protecting God's creation for future generations.

We build a living faith emboldened by the Holy Spirit. Reformation embodies the unconditional love of God through worshiping and learning together and valuing the gifts of everyone. To create the fullness of our community of faith, we nurture relationships, pursue racial equity and gender justice, and advocate for the wellbeing of the marginalized.

Friday June 5

Toll the Bell, 1:00 pm

Saturday, June 6

Media Pride Parade

Sunday, June 7

Council Installation

Bear Creek Camper Blessing

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Delco Pride Festival

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day

Sunday, June 28

ASP Trip Commissioning