

REFORMATION TIMES

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ALL MINISTRY NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 8 AT 7:00 PM

Save the date for our All Ministry Night! We will gather on Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary to begin another year of ministry together. If you are already a member of a ministry team or are interested in learning more about our ministry here at Reformation please plan to attend. All are welcome!

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO BILL LAFTY

On Sunday, September 4, Bill Lafty will conclude nine years of service as our Director of Contemporary Music. We are very sad to say goodbye to Bill but we wish him the very best in the future. Please join us for a Reception to honor Bill following the 10:00 service on Sunday, September 4, in the Gathering Space (narthex).

HOMECOMING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Join us on Sunday, September 25, as we welcome home all members of Reformation – past and present!

During worship we will recognize our "Heritage Members" – those who have been members of Reformation for 50 or more years.

We will also recognize members of Confirmation Classes from years ending in "1" and "6." A list of names from these classes is printed in this newsletter. Please help us locate those people by providing the church office with contact information you may have for them and be sure to extend an invitation to all members to join us for this celebration.

RALLY DAY – SEPTEMBER 11

Rally Day is Sunday, September 11! Our regular worship schedule resumes that morning with worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages starts at 9:45 that morning. Please plan to join us that morning as we start another great year of life here at Reformation!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – SEPTEMBER 11

Bring your backpacks to worship on September 11 for a special blessing as we celebrate the start of another school year and God's blessings in our lives every day!

PANGANI PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY – OCTOBER 2

Three members from Reformation, **Jennifer Breen, Connie Richardson, and John Chesters**, traveled to Tanzania along with representatives from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America churchwide office. You are also to learn about their experience and celebrate our relationship with our friends in Tanzania during our Pennsylvania-Pangani Partnership Sunday on October 2.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 18

The fourth annual God's Work, Our Hands Sunday will be held on September 18. Non-perishable food items will be collected at church and at Trader Joe's at State and Church Streets in Media. Some volunteers are needed to help with setup, receiving food donations, and delivering the food items to the Media Food Bank at Media Methodist Church on State Street. Please contact Karen Chorney to volunteer or with any questions. 610-405-1659 or karenchorney1621@gmail.com

C H U R C H L I F E



Music Notes...

Valerie Rozek, Director of Music

DESPERATELY SEEKING CHOIR MEMBERS!

Hello everyone,

As the summer draws to a close, it's time to think about the fall schedule and the return of the Chancel Choir to Reformation's 8:30 am worship. This summer, we will be saying good bye to Michael Byler (tenor) and Kathy Schmick (soprano) as their life adventure takes them to the Lititz area. Two very loyal and long-standing altos retired at the end of spring. Although we do have new Choral Scholars coming in September, our regular choir members are now four less!

Chancel choir meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the choir room, beginning this year on August 31st. Our rehearsals run approximately an hour and a half. If the time is an issue for you, rehearsal could begin earlier and last an hour or so. We do sing in parts but there are always several weeks of preparation before we sing an anthem on Sunday. I try to lead a rehearsal that is efficient and without pressure. You will not feel uncomfortable. Above all, we have fun!

Please consider joining the Chancel Choir. I am available after the 8:30 service to hear your comments or concerns. If you are interested but something doesn't work for you—please let me know. Perhaps a change can be made to allow you to join us. Won't you add your voice to the choir and praise the Lord through song?

New Choral Scholars are on their way! Watch for more information introducing our newest students.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Valerie Rozek

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UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

In August and September, Reformation Lutheran will once again team with the Needlework Guild of America (NGA) to collect NEW underwear and socks. NGA is a grassroots charity dedicated to providing NEW toiletries, linens, and clothing (that's TLC) for new tomorrows. These items will be distributed to 10 agencies on Oct. 6th. If you would like to come out on Wed., Oct. 5th to help haul bags of clothing, sort, separate for the agencies, and count, your help would be greatly appreciated. For further information, please contact Sally Burkam, 610-566-8737, or e-mail spburkam@yahoo.com.



Life Together

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. – 1 Corinthians 12:26

Torbjorn Hans Scherer was baptized at Reformation on Sunday, July 31, 2016.

Know Your Church Council

President: Dick Hughey Secretary: Andrew Marcus
V. President: Kate Fernandez Treasurer: Tom Conroy
Members:

Alexis Bingeman, Ron Bingeman, Keith Bocian, Emily Black, John Chesters, Karen Chorney, Kate Fernandez, Marian Filtz, Matt Gane, Kristin Gress, Dick Hughey, Andrew Marcus, Uli Neubert, Walt Woerheide, Pastor Alina Gayeuski, Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

Newsletter Submission

Articles for the Reformation Times should be emailed to Sandy Niss at reformationnews@gmail.com by the second Friday of each month.

C H U R C H L I F E

PARISH NURSE



Pat Woerheide

Fall is just around the corner and people are returning to school. Students have already completed physicals and immunizations. However, remember children and students are not the only people needing vaccines. Immunity to many vaccine preventable diseases may need boosters to keep immunity intact. Tetanus is one disease that needs a booster immunization every 8-10 years. If you are taking Care of babies younger than six months or are pregnant you can protect your unborn child or infant by immunizing yourself. Special immunity may be needed if you travel. Almost everyone needs a seasonal flu vaccine. You may not have been fully vaccinated as a child. Did you know that it was reported in 2014, that more than a dozen NFL players were infected by mumps, causing lost playing time. Remember communicable diseases are more prevalent in highly populated areas like university classes and dorms. Check with your parent or MD for your immunization records and put them in a special location, so if you need it, it's available. Immunizations can be repeated without complication, but it is timely and costly to do this, so guard your health records. If you are sexually active with a number of partners not only HIV can be transmitted, Hepatitis B is sexually transmitted. Members with chronic disease like asthma, diabetes, heart and lung disease or cancer and smokers need additional immunizations.

Here is a list to consider:

Seasonal influenza (flu)

Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) for those who have not previously received a Tdap vaccine
Shingles for those 60 years and older

Pneumococcal for adults 65 years and older and adults with high risk conditions

Hepatitis B for adults who have diabetes or are at risk

Other vaccinations you may need include those that

FALL ROAD CLEAN UP SEPTEMBER 17

Join us for our fall clean up of Rose Tree Road. We will gather at the church at 10:00 on Saturday, September 17. Help us to continue our stewardship of God's creation together.



OWLS

OUTSTANDING, WISER, LUTHERANS

The OWLs are Back!

On September 12 Reformation's senior group, the OWLs will return from their summer hiatus with a wonderful program by songstress, Patricia Garver. Patti, who among her many other activities sings with Media Chamber Chorale and the Philly Pops, may be remembered by members for two previous programs that she did for us. This time she will speak about four ground-breaking Broadway musicals: Oklahoma; West Side Story; Cabaret; and Company. She will also sing one song from each of these shows. Invite your friends and don't miss this half-hour musical program!

Hoagies, salad, drinks, and desserts will be available following the devotion. A free-will offering covers expenses. The meeting begins at 12:30 in Creighton Hall. All are welcome!

protect against HPV (human papillomavirus, which can cause certain cancers), hepatitis A, meningococcal disease, chickenpox (varicella), and measles, mumps, and rubella.

There is a free immunization quiz available at the US Center for Communicable Disease web- site. This can inform you of your vaccine needs. The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases web- site, has a free Vaccine finder map. Your health care provider can give information and vaccines. There are free clinics available, call me for details.



When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. (Luke 4:16)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the final days of summer give way to the rapidly advancing activities of autumn the tempo of life begins to quicken. With September comes the excitement of a new beginning of the school and "program" year. Many people return to a routine from which they had taken a summer hiatus.

Customs, habits, and routines may seem dull, boring, and unexciting. But if they are consistent with their original purposes they can serve a very important and useful function. They can help us order our lives around the things that are of value to us.

The gospel of Luke tells us that Jesus had the custom of attending synagogue each week on the Sabbath. This was a custom, a habit, a routine which had value because it helped keep him centered and focused on his identity and his purpose.

As you resume the routines of life, take this opportunity to review your customs and habits. Do they reflect what is important in your life – your identity as a child of God and your purpose to serve God and God's people in your daily life?

Consider renewing (or beginning anew) daily and weekly routines which help enrich and give meaning to life – things like daily Bible reading and prayer, mealtime prayers, regular worship with the community of faith. Take at least a few minutes every day to "practice the presence of God." Focus on your breathing and remind yourself that God's Holy Spirit dwells in you with each breath you inhale and exhale. Be reminded that there is nothing that can separate you from the love of God.

As you invest in meaningful customs and habits, you will find yourself more deeply centered on the mission of your life as Jesus did that day in Nazareth when he read from the prophet Isaiah and proclaimed his mission: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* (Luke 4:18-19)

Seeking Holy Habits with you,

Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

Called by Christ, we INVITE all people, SERVE our neighbors, BUILD a living Faith



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No Sunday School until Sept. 11.

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Fall Schedule Resumes

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Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 18

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Sunday, September 25

Homecoming Sunday

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Dance Lessons 8:00 pm Men's AA	5 Labor Day Office Closed 1:30 pm FA Group 7:00 pm Alanon 8:00 pm Alanon/Alateen	6 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:00 pm Youth Ministry 8:00 pm Women's AA	7 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Nursery School Back to School Night	8 6:30 pm Zumba Class 7:00 pm All Ministry Night 7:30 pm Library Committee	9	10 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm AA
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