
REFORMATION TIMES

August 2020

Art in August



Join Deacon Beth for Art in August! Everyone is invited to participate online in these interactive sessions (one, two, or all of them) on **Mondays, August 3, 10, and 17**, at 7:00 pm.

Gather your favorite markers, paint sets, pens, pencils, paper or canvas and join Reformation friends for fun art engagement. Each evening, Deacon Beth will introduce a world-renowned artist and highlight features of their work. Participants will then have time to create their own image based on the style of the artist. All members and friends of all ages are welcome to participate in these fun, colorful evenings. Art in August is a great opportunity to connect and create, all while building a living faith.

Sign up at relcmedia.org/2020/07/art-in-august.
Questions? Contact deaconbeth@relcmedia.org.

Meet Online for Book Club

Read along with the Reformation Book Club and join in the conversation! The upcoming titles and dates are:

August 18: *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger
September 15: *Small Great Things* by
Jodi Piccolt

You are invited to participate in the discussion whether you have finished the book or not!
Contact Laura Reiter (longreiter@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link for 7:00 pm on those dates.

A Blessing for Times When Life Seems Out of Balance

For Equilibrium

Like the joy of the sea coming home to shore,
May the relief of laughter rinse through your soul.

As the wind loves to call things to dance,
May your gravity be lightened by grace.

Like the dignity of moonlight restoring the earth,
May your thoughts incline with reverence and respect.

As water takes whatever shape it is in,
So free may you be about who you become.

As silence smiles on the other side of what's said,
May your sense of irony bring perspective.

As time remains free of all that it frames,
May your mind stay clear of all its names.

May your prayer of listening deepen enough
To hear in the depths the laughter of God.

John O'Donohue
To Bless the Space Between Us

Davis Scholarship Recipients

The Mark E. Davis Scholarship is a one-year scholarship to a four-year college or university awarded to a member of Reformation Lutheran Church. The ELCA Foundation administers the scholarship fund with a variable award based on the fund's yearly performance.

The Rev. and Mrs. William Davis established this scholarship in memory of their son, Mark. Mark died in December 1961 after surgery to remove a brain tumor. This scholarship honors the memory of Mark—a good student, active church participant and friend to all animals and people in the community. Mark loved God's creation. For the six years Mark lived on this earth, he made a positive impact on those around him.

To reflect Mark's love of God and learning, awards will be based upon the demonstration of academic, religious and community-oriented commitment and achievement. These values and criteria honor Mark's attributes and memory. The 2020-2021 scholarship recipients are:

Alexis Bingeman, West Chester University,
junior
Brett Conley, LaSalle University, sophomore
Clark Davis, Rochester Institute of Technology,
junior
Lindsay Gamlin, College of Charleston,
freshman
Anna-Olivia Machado, Gustavus Adolphus
College, junior
Miranda Polito, Marywood University, freshman

Read TFH Online

Taking Faith Home, the yellow sheet that is typically found in your bulletin, is available online at relcmedia.org/takingfaithhome/

Be A Reformation Scribe



Reformation Scribes: The Gospel of Mark Project is a new faith engagement project coming to our church.

Participants of all ages will create a handwritten NRSV copy of Mark's Gospel. The scribed gospel will be used each week in worship beginning in December 2020.

How can you participate? Watch for special Reformation Scribes - The Gospel of Mark Constant Contact announcements in your email inbox for the link to sign up to contribute to this new fun faith engagement project. When you register you will be asked to choose one of the 90 scripture sections to scribe. Perfect handwriting is far from required. All that is needed to participate is a willing spirit and your favorite pen or pencil.

To learn more or have questions answered, email Deacon Beth. Let's get ready to create something wonderful, together!

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Join the Second Sunday Social



Following worship on the second Sunday of August, we will host a "Second Sunday Social," an opportunity for conversation and fellowship in a Zoom

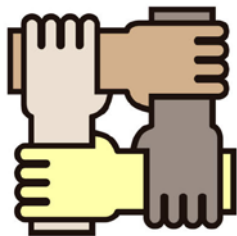
meeting. Look for the link in the Sunday emails and on the Virtual Church page.

Prayer Walk for the World

In these times as our world hurts, we invite our neighbors and friends to join Reformation in our first Prayer Walk for the World. It will be held **Sunday, September 13** (rain date Sunday, September 20), from 11 am to 4 pm. Each participant will walk the beautiful perimeter of the church grounds stopping at significant points to pray for important issues and people in our world, and engage in creative activities.

Everyone will practice social distancing and wear masks. If you would like to assist with a prayer station or have questions contact Karen Chorney (karenchorney1621@gmail.com), coordinator for Prayer Walk for the World.

Work For Racial Justice



Working for racial justice involves learning, praying, and acting. At relcmedia.org/racialjustice, you will find many resources which can help us become educated on

the issues of racial injustice and learn ways we can be allies working to break down the things that divide us and oppress others. One of those resources is the ELCA Anti-Racism Pledge which has been signed by more than 3,000 ELCA members to date who have pledged to study, pray, and act to be an anti-racist individual in an anti-racist church.

Dear Reformation Family,

I cannot begin to thank you all enough for helping me through these past several months! The prayers, phone calls, emails, Facebook messages, and cards brought unending encouragement, love, and support. You brightened many days with your kind and uplifting words! I am humbled by your gracious and generous monetary gifts through my GoFundMe page and personally. As the medical bills mounted from a very unexpected diagnosis, surgery, and chemotherapy, my Reformation family carried me through to make sure I would not fall. It isn't usually in my nature to ask for help, much less accept it when offered. I think God had different plans when I found myself recovering from a broken ankle – unable to drive and using a wheelchair – almost immediately followed by a breast cancer diagnosis. There was no more room for pride or hesitation, I needed to rely fully on God and the help of others in order to make it through. The words "thank you" seem so small, but please know that I am absolutely filled with gratitude for every way you have supported both myself and Xavier! I will never forget "ringing the bell" on my last day of chemo with Xavier and a multitude of socially-distanced/masked Reformation members surrounding us! I truly feel like we belong among our Reformation family! As I move into the next chapter of my journey, I will daily look for ways that I can pay your love, kindness, support, and generosity forward! I will close with a quote from the beloved Fred Rogers.

"All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors—in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver."

Very gratefully, Sarah Berkey



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Sunday Worship: 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 am
Summer Worship: 8:30 am & 10:00 am

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The Rev. Wayne A. Matthias-Long
The Rev. Alina S. Gayeuski

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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 and welcome all people. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, age, abilities, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or employment status. We welcome all without regard to religious belief or identity, citizenship, political views, or anything that might divide us. Our unity is in Christ.

**Join us for worship and other
faith building resources at
relcmedia.org/virtualchurch**

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vimeo.com/relcmedia**