



## Camp Tomah Shinga Staff Sponsorship

Camp Tomah Shinga continues to be such a gift to our youth and families. Many “mountain-top” experiences there have strengthened the faith of each one who attends. We now have the chance to show our appreciation.

This summer we are sponsoring one of the staff members who shepherds our youth. With the help of the Reformation Endowment Fund, we are paying the stipend for one staff member. In addition to that, we want to show summer-long appreciation.

Our sponsored staff member is Kate! She is from Salina and attends Fort Hays State University, studying Elementary Education. Here is a little more about Kate in her own words (taken from the Tomah Shinga Facebook page):

Why did you choose Tomah Shinga this summer?

*There are so many reasons why I chose to come back to camp this summer. The atmosphere at camp radiates positivity and understanding for one another and you can feel God at work. It is amazing to see how people that don't know each other on Sunday will be such good friends by Friday. Another reason I came back was because of how well Vicky, the most amazing cook, was with my food allergies last year.*

What are you looking forward to for the summer?

*I am so excited to see all the returning campers and to get the chance to meet all the new campers! Sharing camp with more people is always an amazing treat because there is so much to explore and learn about.*

What goals do you have this summer?

*This summer I want to push kids to step out of their comfort zone more often, whether it is trying to do the zip line, making a bracelet, or playing with snails. I personally want to try to stay in the moment and take in every song, joke, and story shared.*

The Service Board will provide various opportunities each week for you to join in showing support—from cards of encouragement to goodie bags to other surprises that our dedicated Tomah Shinga staff member, Kate, will enjoy. Watch for the weekly opportunities and help us show a her how important she and all the staff are to our youth!



**Beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend,  
our summer worship times will be:**

Saturday Worship at 5:30 p.m.

Rise Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship at 10:00 a.m.

# I Just Wanna Be a Sheep



*Pastor Kristin Woelk  
Associate Pastor*

*For the LORD  
is our God,  
and we are the people  
of God's pasture  
and the sheep  
of God's hand.*

Psalm 95:7

We had a great celebration of our 2018-2019 year of learning here at Reformation a couple of weeks ago. We gave thanks for our dedicated teachers, for our students – without whom there would be no need for Sunday School – and, since it was Good Shepherd Sunday, we talked about what it means to be sheep with Jesus as our Good Shepherd.

We have been singing “I Just Wanna Be A Sheep” during our Sunday School opening this spring, and a few weeks ago, there was a bit of a revolt. None of the Sunday School students wanted to be sheep. They insisted that they were humans and wanted to be humans. So, on Good Shepherd Sunday, we looked at Psalm 23 to think about what it means to be sheep of our Good Shepherd...

God provides for us.  
God encourages us to rest.  
God gives us strength.  
God guides us.  
God is with us.  
God protects and comforts us.  
God honors us.  
God showers us with  
    overflowing blessings.  
God will always love us.  
God gives us a forever home.

When we got done with that list, everyone agreed that being a sheep wasn't such a bad deal. It actually sounded pretty great. So, we sang again:

*I just wanna be a sheep!  
Baa, baa, baa, baa.  
I just wanna be a sheep!  
Baa, baa, baa, baa.  
And I pray the Lord  
my soul to keep,  
I just wanna be a sheep!  
Baa, baa, baa, baa!*

We then shared in a game, crafts, and a snack, all focused on being sheep. Our craft was making our own sheep masks (see my picture to the left). As Psalm 95 reminds us, “We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.”

Now that we are all on the same page about how great it is to be God's sheep, we thought it would be fun to look like them!

And...while we take a break from Sunday School for the summer, we still want to know what God's sheep are up to and where they are going this summer. So we are encouraging everyone to take pictures of themselves with their sheep masks and post them on social media with hashtag, #refsheeponthego!

Did you miss your chance to make a sheep mask? No worries! You can make one at home and still participate! It is super easy! A paper plate, some cotton balls, a pair of scissors and some glue is all you need!

Prizes (movie tickets!) will be awarded when we gather back together on Rally Day in the fall for the most posts, the most unusual post, and the post from the furthest away.

Keep an eye out for our Ref Sheep on the Go on social media, and remember that wherever we go, our Good Shepherd is with us – loving us, guiding us, protecting us and giving us strength!

Baa, baa, baa, baa,

Pastor Kristin

## Open Door Food Pantry



All the parents out there are well aware that school is out for the year. As a result, lots of kids who counted on getting food at school might struggle during the summer. Easy breakfast and lunch foods are our focus this month. Please try to think of things that are easy for younger children to safely prepare and eat on their own.

Don't forget we ALWAYS have a need for canned meat and canned vegetables, dried beans, cereal and oatmeal, sugar and flour, soup and crackers.

Place your items in the grocery cart located by the door in Parish Hall. Thanks for remembering to add these items on your shopping trips.



## Best Times of Life Monday, June 10 12:00 p.m.

The June guest for BTOL is Andrew Beers. He is a long distance seminary student. He is also a member of our church, although his time is spent as a "LEADER" at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He will discuss the pastorate as a second career, how he is able to go to seminary, and his function at St. Paul. Andrew is a great reminder to us that there is no longer a "typical" seminary student. Andrew's distance- and collaborative-learning are among the new norms in candidacy for ministry in the ELCA.

Please bring a covered dish to share and your own table service. You can make reservations with Jolene Dougherty (776-2068) or Judy Carlson (733-0809). Anyone 55 or older is invited to join us.

## Women of Reformation Calendar

June 3	Blanket Makers, 9:00 a.m.
June 17	Blanket Makers, 9:00 a.m.
June 19	Dorcas Circle, 1:30 p.m. Leader - Eva Whetstone Hosted by Lotus Gerards



## Women's Night Out Tuesday, June 25 6:30 p.m.

All women are welcome to join us for an evening of good conversation and food at **N&J Cafe**, 5600 E. Lincoln, just east of Oliver St. on June 25 at 6:30 p.m. We would love to see you there!

If you plan to attend, please contact Martha Deines at 214-4414 by Monday, June 24.

## Sunday Morning Treats

During the summer months we like to take a break from our traditional doughnuts. The Fellowship board invites you to bring your favorite tasty treats to share on Sunday morning during fellowship time. Look for the sign up sheet on the treat table to pick your date this summer!



## Wear Red for Pentecost June 8-9

Help the sanctuary come alive by wearing the color of the day—red—to worship on Pentecost weekend, June 8-9, 2019.

## Do You Have an Article for the July Ref Life?

Please e-mail us  
Deadline for the July *Ref Life* is June 15.



## Stephen Ministry

People sometimes may ask or think, why do we need Stephen Ministers? Don't we have pastors to provide caring ministry? The simple answer is that our pastors cannot possibly provide the entire caring ministry. Our pastors are like firefighters when a crisis happens. They rush to the scene to put out the fire. Shortly after that, another fire will break out in our congregation and they will rush to that scene. They provide initial care to the victims of the fire (crisis) but their time quickly becomes consumed by the second, third, and fourth fires. All this is in addition to their other duties as pastors.

This is where Stephen Ministers come in. The pastors will always be our firefighters, but our Stephen Ministers come in, after the fire is extinguished (and sometimes before), to help those trying to sort through debris and rebuild. Stephen Ministers and our pastors continue to give care as long as needed during the rebuilding process: one month, two months, six months, possibly a year or more. The gift of Stephen Ministers is the steady, confidential, consistent one-to-one care they provide after the initial crisis.

If you need help, support to rebuild, or would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please call Lotus Gerards at 683-8602.

## Fifth Saturday Potluck



after the 5:30 p.m. service. Hope to see you later this month!

Join us for great food and fellowship each 5th Saturday of the month throughout the year. Our next 5th Saturday is this month on June 29. Bring your favorite dish to share at a potluck dinner immediately



## Camp Tomah Shinga

It's not too late to sign up for a week of camp at Tomah Shinga this summer! Confirmation students will be attending July 14-19, and there are camps for all ages that week. If that week doesn't work, there are

lots of other opportunities to experience a joy-filled, fun, faith-forming week at camp. See the Tomah Shinga website for more information: [www.tomahshinga.com](http://www.tomahshinga.com)

## Recent Pastoral Acts

### Holy Baptism

*Savannah Violet Smith* was baptized on Saturday, May 11. Her parents are Andrew and Kirsten Smith. Alyssa Golz and Adam DeSplinter are her baptismal sponsors.

*Kelly Jones McKay, Mavis James McKay, and Kirk Allen McKay* will be baptized on Sunday, May 26. Their parents are James and Krista McKay. Ty & Jammie Rothchild are sponsors for all three children. Rebecca Roberts & Jesse McKay are also Kelly's sponsors, Amanda & Alex Risenweber are Mavis's sponsors, and Calvin & Brenda Dodd are Kirk's sponsors. Welcome!



### Funeral

Jack Metz's memorial service was held at Reformation on May 11. Pastor Kristin preached and Pastor Mari presided.

## Games Grub & God



## Games, Grub & God Family Faith Experience Sunday, June 23, 5:00 p.m.

Our first Family Faith Experience of the summer will be Sunday, June 23 – an evening full of games, grub and God! You won't want to miss it! We'll start the evening with a picnic – hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, and you are invited to bring a dish to share. After enjoying some yummy grub, we'll enjoy all kinds of outdoor games - corn hole, giant jenga, pickle ball, water balloons, and sidewalk chalk, just to name a few. Families of all ages are invited to be a part of this fun evening as we gather together as children of God!



## How Was It?

### a.k.a. the three words all YAGM now fear...

*(an excerpt from Eric Jensen's most recent newsletter, chronicling his year as a Young Adult in Global Mission in Argentina)*

As my YAGM year of service enters its final weeks, an anxiety has begun to grow in my heart, and I know also in the hearts of many of my peers. When, in 7 short weeks, we leave our country of service, and board an airplane bound for the United States, a question will be waiting for us: How was it? We know it's coming, because it's already been asked many times, by friends, family, and the rest of our host communities. Until now, we've been living in this experience, sheltered by thousands of miles and patchy internet connections, but in short order the flood-gates will open and the questions will pour forth, "how was it" riding atop the rest.

The scarier reality is, this is when the real work begins. For nine months now we've been striving to live in accompaniment of our global communities. We've broken bread, shared mate, and shed tears with these families, these nations, our new homes. But the beauty, and the pain, of YAGM is then to leave these roots of love and accompaniment which we have so carefully nourished, to share what we have learned with those who supported and sent us on this incredible journey. Yet, I find the question in my heart to be: How can I explain? How do I share the ways I have been broken open? How do I share the beauty and the heartbreak, the joy and the sadness, the love and the isolation? How do I explain that I feel now more myself than I ever have before, and in the same moment express that I am forever changed, forever different than when I left last August?

These are questions that we are challenged, no, that we are called to answer. However, that will take time, and patience from you beautiful brothers and sisters who still look forward to read these words, though the sound of my voice may have fallen faint or unfamiliar to your ears. We cannot answer your question: How was it? Because we do not yet know it in ourselves, and I think it will be many years, if ever, before we have a complete answer.

The way I will begin to describe it, is this: when I walked onto the seminary campus for orientation last August, a process of removal began. Month by month, week by week, day by day, lens after lens has been lifted from my eyes, and what vision was once darkened by a life immersed in white supremacy, patriarchy, "American Exceptionalism", privilege, and youth has begun to see the world's colors for the first time. What I see now is often not a comforting image, but it is a true-er picture. One I love, and hope to change for the better.



### **Take Me Out to the Ball Game!** **Saturday, June 8, Game time is 1:15 p.m.**



It's time for a Reformation Road Trip to Kansas City to see the Royals play some baseball! What could be better than a fun day at the ballpark? Well...a day at the ballpark where you might see someone you know on the field!

Evan Marshall, husband of Allison (Wegner) Marshall, pitches for the Chicago White Sox, who just happen to be playing the Royals that day, so there is a chance that we might get to see him in action! If you would like to join in the fun, sign up on the poster in the narthex. We will be purchasing group tickets if we reach the minimum of 20 people (\$20 each for seats in the yellow section in the 400 level/view box) no later than June 1. If you don't get in on that, but still want to join us for the game and carpool from the church, or if you have any other questions, check in with Pastor Kristin or Cam Wilson 316-518-9908).



Overflowing With Thanks

♡Thank you for the continuing support, prayers, calls & visits during this trying time. What a wonderful church family! God's blessings to all.  
~Keith & Susan Martin

♡A special thanks to all the Reformation ladies who helped furnish and set up refreshments when Reformation hosted Church Women United on May 4 - these ladies know how to entertain! Also much appreciation and thanks to Nancy who selected and played the perfect music for the program. The day was enjoyed by all. Thank you! ~Kathy Drake

♡A HUGE thank you to those who have stepped in to coordinate the community breakfast in my absence. What a great bunch of helpers and friends! You are all greatly appreciated. ~Susan Martin



Thank you to all who , participated, donated, attended and/or won auction items at our Funraiser on Friday evening, May 17. Money was raised to support our needed HVAC purchase and to help our friends in the Southeast High School band who are traveling to Normandy, France, in 2020. The current total is \$3191, and more

donations continue to come in. (all proceeds will be split 50/50).



### A Friendly Reminder from Our Church Council

Enjoy your summer vacation time, but please don't forget your church.

During these summer months, offerings tend to decrease and those who regularly volunteer are often absent from worship. We need you! If you're going to be away, we invite you to use bill pay or send your offering to the church office. If you can serve as a Communion Assistant or Sound Technician once or more regularly, please contact the church office. We will train you and even offer you free refreshments after the worship service!



Just a recycling reminder--This summer as you are enjoying your canned beverages and other canned products, please remember to save those pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. They help them save on their expenses. There is a drop off in the kitchen (the house on the counter by the phone). The kids really appreciate your support! Thanks.

### "Everything Changes" Community Breakfast Volunteer Meeting Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.



If you and/or your family would like to become part of a rewarding ministry, this is for you! All are welcome to serve: young, old, male, female, child, parent, grandparent, or single. Come and "brainstorm" with us after the RISE service on Sunday, June 23 @ 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be looking to the future and making some necessary adjustments in this ministry, so we can continue to serve those in need of a hot meal, a helping hand, or a friendly smile in our community.

All are welcome to serve with us on the third Saturday of each month at 7:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 9<sup>th</sup> & Waco. It's a heartwarming experience for all!

## JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26 7:30 AM Rise Rehearsal 8:30 AM Rise Worship with Holy Baptism 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM McKay Family - Parish Hall 10:00 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>27 Church Office CLOSED <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 6:00 PM Rise Team 7:00 PM Back to Basics</p>	<p>28 Church Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>29 Church Office Open 9am-3pm 11:30 AM ROMEOs 6:00 PM Youth Picnic &amp; Park Clean-Up</p>	<p>30 Church Office Open 9am-3pm 6:45 PM New Hope Alateen</p>	<p>31 Church Office Open 9am-12pm</p>	<p>1 5:30 PM Worship with Prayers for Healing</p>
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<p>9 PENTECOST SUNDAY 7:30 AM Rise Rehearsal 8:30 AM Rise Worship 9:30 AM Fellowship 10:00 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>10 Church Office Open 9am-3pm 12:00 PM BTOL Polluck 6:00 PM Back to Basics 7:00 PM Back to Basics 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>11 Church Office Open 9am-3pm</p>	<p>12 Church Office Open 9am-3pm 11:30 AM ROMEOs</p>	<p>13 Church Office Open 9am-3pm 6:45 PM New Hope Alateen 7:00 PM Service Board</p>	<p>14 Church Office Open 9am-12pm</p>	<p>15 <i>Ref Life Deadline</i> 7:00 AM St. Paul's Community Breakfast 5:30 PM Worship - Holden Evening Prayer</p>
<p>16 7:30 AM Rise Rehearsal 8:30 AM Rise Worship 9:30 AM Fellowship 10:00 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>17 Church Office Open 9am-3pm 9:00 AM Blanket Makers 6:00 PM Rise Team 7:00 PM Back to Basics</p>	<p>18 Church Office Open 9am-3pm 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>19 Church Office Open 9am-3pm 11:30 AM ROMEOs 1:30 PM Dorcas Circle</p>	<p>20 Church Office Open 9am-3pm 6:45 PM New Hope Alateen</p>	<p>21 Church Office Open 9am-12pm</p>	<p>22 5:30 PM Worship</p>
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