

Church Property Work Day April 28, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



ALL HANDS ON DECK

The Property Board has a list of large and small projects to be done inside and outside the building, and they need your help. If you can use a paintbrush, rake, or screwdriver, you're hired! If you are not scared to climb a ladder, you're hired! If you have a familiarity with

painter's tape, you're hired! There is no minimum or maximum age for this day of projects; all are welcome to help, and lunch is provided!

Craft Fair & Bake Sale for the New Sign May 19-20

Is a loved one having a birthday or marking a milestone in the near future? Here's an opportunity to buy one-of-a-kind craft items or homemade baked goods on Saturday, May 19, and Sunday, May 20, before and after worship in the Parish Hall. All proceeds will go toward the new church sign (often referred to as EMS). Yes, there will be an oak Noah's Ark for sale along with many other great craft items.



Calling All Crafters! You are invited to donate one or more of your hand crafted items for this special craft fair. Thrivent has approved this as an Action Team project and has given us T-shirts and up to \$250 to

provide craft materials for those who participate. If you need yarn, wood, paper, paint, canvas, etc., please let Gary Werbowski know the specifics. He will use the Thrivent debit card to provide materials for you. If you have questions, please contact Gary: 928-254-7531.

Sunday School Celebration May 13, 9:45 a.m.

On Sunday, May 13, we will celebrate another great year of learning here at Reformation. Our time together will center around being anchored in faith – including an introduction to some of the songs that we'll learn at Vacation Bible School, as well as crafts and fun activities. Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for both the teachers and students who made this another incredible year!



In addition to celebrating another great year of learning, we also celebrate the generosity of these young people and their families. An offering is collected in each class each week, and over the past year we have gathered books for ChildStart, raised funds to gift families in need with animals through God's Global Barnyard, and are currently continuing to sprinkle kindness by collecting money to help provide items necessary for children's education in less fortunate parts of the world. Thank you for your generosity and for sprinkling kindness around the world!



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

Transitions



*Rev. Dr. Mari Larson
Senior Pastor*

“See, I am making all things new.”

Revelation 21:5

May is usually a month of transitions. After the very strange weather we had last month, I’m hoping May will bring the characteristic consistency of warmer temperatures (though I do remember snow on Mother’s Day weekend in Minnesota). It is a month of gardening for some, allergies for others, and both for many. Gary will be growing tomatoes again this year, and we’ll be trying to grow some other edibles as well. Warmer weather means most pools are open and usable, including the Y’s Lazy Rivers which open at the end of May, to the delight of people of all ages.

In the Church most years, May also brings the transition from Resurrection to Ascension (always a Thursday; this year it is May 10) to Pentecost (this year it is May 20). The resurrected Jesus appears at the tomb, in Galilee, in the upper room, on the road to Emmaus, on the beach of the Sea of Tiberias and continues to teach his followers until he ascends. After the ascension, Scripture tells us that there are 120 in the group, and Matthias is prayerfully chosen to replace Judas Iscariot. The Holy Spirit descends ten days after Jesus ascends with tongues as of fire and wind (inside the house) and a miracle of language that allows everyone who as in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival to understand the connections between the writings in Joel and

the Psalms and Jesus. In spite of the skepticism (thinking the disciples were drunk at 9:00am), by the end of Peter’s speech, we are told that 3,000 people became followers of Jesus that day! Think of the humungous transition that was; there is no way that all three thousand people fit in the house, much less the upper room. The early church continued to grow by leaps and bounds as they met for teaching, fellowship, prayer, and communion. And, just as that gets comfortable, transitions continue as a beggar is healed and Peter and John end up in prison, and released, and back in prison again.

Memorial weekend also marks the transition from school year to summer. This usually means vacations and other activities of stress reduction. As you come and go this summer, remember that we are a congregation of three weekly worship services. Maybe there are weeks that Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. work better for you. And don’t forget that, beginning on May 27 (Memorial Day weekend), we transition to Sunday worship times of 8:30 a.m. (Rise) and 10:00 a.m. (Traditional).

We are “Reformed and Reforming,” always in transition, whether or not we realize it. And God is with us through it all, making all things new!

Pr. Mari

Yellow Bag Challenge



Open Door Pantry Focus for May Canned Fruit & Fruit Snacks

Spring is finally here, so let's celebrate by helping to feed hungry kids and families with canned fruit and fruit snacks. Peaches, pears, applesauce, mixed fruits- doesn't matter what kind- all will be appreciated.

Don't forget we *always* have a need for canned vegetables and fruit, boxed macaroni and cheese, dried beans, cereal and oatmeal, sugar and flour, soup and crackers, and canned meat. Place your items in the grocery cart located by the door in Parish Hall.

Thanks for remembering to add to the grocery cart.

Best Times of Life

Monday, May 14, 12:00 p.m.
Caldwell Elementary Music Group



Our program will be presented by the students of Caldwell Elementary School Music Group under the

direction of Jenni Wolke. The students will entertain us with singing and signing.

Because of the generosity of BTOL members, we are able to provide their transportation costs, as well as give an honorarium to their music department. Please come and join us for this delightful program and bring a friend,

Please bring a covered dish to share and your own table service. Also, please call Jolene Dougherty (776-2068) Or Doris Moden (213-2068) with your reservations.

Women of Reformation Calendar

May 7	Blanket Makers, 9 a.m.
May 10	Rebecca Circle, 9:30 a.m. Lesson Leader: Dallas Cronk Hostess: Vicki Dunham
May 16	Dorcas Circle, 1:30 p.m. Lesson Leader: Shirley Metz Hostess: Eva Whetstone
May 21	Blanket Makers, 9 a.m.

Women's Night Out



Please join us at *Taste of County* in the home of Charlene Towne on May 22. Enjoy this country home and tour her beautiful gardens. We are always served great food that includes pie and her famous rolls. The time is 6:30 p.m., but if you want to carpool from church, please be there by 6:00 p.m.

Please let Martha Deines know by Monday, May 21 (214-4414) so she can let Charlene know the number attending.

Recognizing Years of Ministry

Several Area Ministry 5 pastors will be honored at the 2018 Synod Assembly for their ordination anniversaries, including our very own Pastor Cheryl Hoops who marked 10 Years as an ordained pastor in January. Join us on Sunday, June 3 between services for a reception to thank and celebrate Pastor Cheryl.



Wear Red for Pentecost May 19-20



Help the sanctuary come alive by wearing the color of the day—red—to worship on Pentecost weekend, May 19-20, 2018.

Do You Have an Article for *Ref Life*?

Please e-mail to Debbie.
Deadline for the June *Ref Life* is May 15.

Stephen Ministry

Thoughts to share from
Stephen Ministry . . .

Our wish for you,
Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Hugs when spirits sag,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Confidence when you doubt,
Faith so you can believe,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
Love to complete your life.

- Author, unknown

If you or someone you know could benefit from Stephen Ministry, a confidential one-to-one Ministry for people who are lonely, grieving, ill or stressed, call one of the following Stephen Leaders for information:

Anita Dorf (210-9124), David Dorf (208-4064), Lotus Gerards (283-8602), Marsha Sears (634-6101).



+ Thanks to those who have generously given to the Community Breakfast fund! Your kind support is greatly appreciated.

~Susan Martin, Breakfast Coordinator

+ The service board as well as the people of Mision San Juan de Dios wish to thank the congregation for their generous support during the Lenten season. Many of you willingly shared resources with Pastor Ivan and his congregation. These funds will be of great help to the people of Planeview as they continue on their journey of faith. The people of Reformation have always been so willing to be of help to not only the residents of Wichita but to people worldwide.

While I am here, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the community breakfast, not only through your donations for food, but for your steady commitment in bringing clean appropriate clothing for the breakfast guests. Every month when I load up the car, I marvel at the willingness of the congregation to support this very worthwhile effort.

~Suzanne Koch, Service Board

+ On a cool, cloudy Saturday morning 13 workers joined in revitalizing the gardens around the church. They spread 75 bags of Cyprus mulch, creating a more inviting atmosphere around our building. It is possible that we will sponsor another Mulch Work Day in several months. For now, thank you to the following people who took time out of their Saturday morning to serve Reformation Lutheran Church: Gary Werbowski, Gary Hoepner, Raymond Drake, James Drake, Greg Keith, Jon Bruntz, Jack Bruntz, Susan Backman, Diana Maier, Cameron Morgan, Ron Blum, Pr. Mari Larson, Gene Bowers. Servants of God, guided by the Spirit to make Christ known.

+ Mac & cheese, stuffed shells, pizza, tacos, salad, fruit, and too many yummy desserts to mention. All of these and more have been a part of the delicious meals that have been served on Wednesday nights as we gathered for our weekly Soul Food meal. As we wrap up for this school year on Wednesday, May 9, a huge thank you goes out to all who have provided meals as a part of this ministry, and especially to Anjanette Allbritten and Andrea Fuller, who coordinated the meals, making sure that we were all fed well throughout the year. Thank you!

Listening for Peace coming up June 7

The third Listening for Peace worship service will be hosted by Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Parish, 861 N. Socora, Wichita, on Thursday, June 7.



Synod Assembly is June 7-9 at Bethany College

Reformation's voting members are: Melissa Rindt, Tara Rindt, Dalton Winters, Kevin Winters, Cheryl Hoops, Pastor Kristin, and Pastor Mari.

Harp Concert Coming to Reformation June 14

Watch for more information

You're Invited



Who: MS and HS Youth
Date: Wednesday, May 30
Time: 7p.m. -11p.m.
Where: Starlite Drive-in
RSVP: Pastor Kristin by May 28
Details: We'll meet at church and return there after the movie. We are watching the 1st movie of

the double feature. Bring \$4 for admission, snacks or money for food, and a lawn chair or blanket.

ELCA Youth Gathering June 25-July 1



Before we know it, the eight youth and two adults from Reformation will be boarding a bus, along with friends from other area churches, to meet up with about 30,000 of our closest friends for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. We will have the opportunity to serve, learn, worship and play together during our week in Texas. One of the goals of the Gathering is to collect 100,000 books to help promote

literacy in Houston. If you would like to help toward that goal, there is a list of the requested books available on Amazon. You can find it by searching for "ELCA Youth Gathering" in the wish lists. Please note—you do not need to buy from Amazon, it is simply the easiest way to share the list. However, the books on the list are the only ones they can accept. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

First Communion

On Easter Sunday this year, five young people joined us at the Lord's table as they received their first communion. During the class on Palm Sunday, they learned more about this special meal and baked the communion bread that was used on Easter Sunday. Welcome to the table, Cora Hicks, Eli Hicks, Greyson Jowdy, Amanda Larson, and Cole Torgerson!



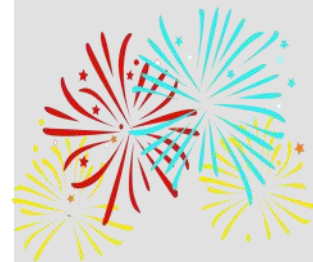
Easy Way to Help the Homeless



Do you have books you don't need but don't want to send to the landfill? Donate them to New Leaf Book Mercantile, a division of Union Rescue Mission.

They take new and used books, DVD's and CD's. They even take tattered or water-damaged volumes. They sell some on line, repurpose some and recycle others. This endeavor turns books, CD's & DVD's into jobs for the unemployed, meals for the hungry and money to supply needed services such as mental health and educational opportunities for homeless men. The Rebecca Circle has arranged to have a marked collection bin in the Parish hall to make it easy for you to donate. This collection started in April and will end May 15, so get your books together and bring them in soon.

July 4th Celebration



Join us for fun, food and games on Wednesday, July 4, then stay to watch the Wichita Country Club fireworks from

our parking lot. This fun, family-friendly event is still in the planning stage but we are thinking about a 6:30 p.m. starting time. More details to follow in the June newsletter.

For now, please be sure to...





Vacation Bible School 2018

Reformation Lutheran invites children to
"Shipwrecked VBS: Rescued by Jesus"

July 23 – July 27
5:45p.m. – 8:15p.m.

Shipwrecked is for kids ages 3 years old (that are potty trained) to those that are starting 6th grade.

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

We will once again offer a kid friendly meal, beginning at 5:00pm. Please note: children coming before 5:45 need to be accompanied by an adult as we will not have enough staff on hand to be able to adequately supervise children before 5:45p.m.

Reformation has a Facebook page for VBS (Reformation Lutheran Church, ELCA – VBS). If you have a Facebook account, please come join us and be our friend. You will be able to see what we are planning this year, check out the decorations, find items that we need donated, and volunteer to help. It will also be a place that if you have an idea or something that you want to share with the VBS staff, you can get in touch with us.

You can register online (<https://vbspro.events/p/events/reformationwichitaks>) and/or paper registration, starting May 1. A \$5 per child (max \$20 per family) fee is due prior to or on the first night of VBS.

There are many opportunities for volunteering for VBS. Watch your bulletin in May for the VBS volunteering sheet. You can complete this form and place it in the offering plates. If you would like to help with donations, please see the donation boards for those items.

Contact Tina Alstrom with general VBS questions or to volunteer (316-650-4126).

VBS Decorating Party!

Last but not least, if you have any interest in helping with decorations, we are having a VBS decorating party on Sunday, June 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. (following Rise worship). All skill levels are welcome, as we will be doing everything from creating tissue paper flowers to cutting out leaves. Looking to make some donations? We could use canvas drop cloths, green plastic table cloths, and umbrellas with straight handles (broken or not – and can be returned after VBS). For more information about decorating, contact Meegan Jowdy at 770-876-7254.



MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 AM Rise Worship 9:45 AM Learning for all Ages 11:00 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM Blanket Makers 6:30 PM Rise Team 7:00 PM Back to Basics 7:00 PM Endowment & Memorial Committee Meeting</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:30 AM ROMEOS 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Soul Food Meal 6:45 PM Adult Study 6:45 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Parish Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Ministry Team 7:00 PM Ministry Boards</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship - with prayers for Healing</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:30 AM Rise Worship 9:45 AM Learning for all Ages 11:00 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Blanket Makers 11:30 AM Safe Haven Task Force 6:30 PM Rise Team 7:00 PM Back to Basics</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM LSS 11:30 AM ROMEOS 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Soul Food Meal 6:45 PM Adult Study 6:45 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Handbells</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 AM Rebecca Circle</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:30 AM Rise Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School Celebration 11:00 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 PM Rise Team 7:00 PM Back to Basics 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Ref Life Deadline 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 AM Coleman 8th Grade Breakfast 11:30 AM ROMEOS 12:00 PM Bible Study 1:30 PM Dorcas Circle 6:45 PM Adult Study 7:00 PM Parish Choir and Handbells</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Operation School Bell</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:00 PM Craft Show & Bake Sale in Parish Hall 5:30 PM Worship - Holden Evening Prayer</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:30 AM Rise Worship 9:45 AM Craft Show in Parish Hall 11:00 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM Blanket Makers 6:30 PM Rise Team 7:00 PM Back to Basics</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 PM Women's Night Out</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:30 AM ROMEOS</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:00 PM Blood Drive- Honor Your Hero</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:30 AM Rise Worship 10:00 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Memorial Day - Office Closed 6:30 PM Rise Team 7:00 PM Back to Basics 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:30 AM ROMEOS 7:00 PM Youth Drive-in Movie</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship - with prayers for Healing</p>

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Electronic Message Sign Update

Transformation of our sign at 13th and Broadmoor will cost \$35,273.47. As of April 15, we have raised \$17,485.83.

We have a goal of ordering the sign by June 1.

