

<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
June 5	Ben DeAcosta	Emily Moser
June 12	Elina Fantilli	Scott Galbraith
June 19	Neal Donovan	

<b>Torch Bearers</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
June 12	M. Kern & K. Haag	N. & A. DeRenzi

<b>Readers</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
June 5	Meghan Austin	Michael Fost
June 12	Greg Stoddard	David Russell
June 19	Ruth Blatt	
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	
June 26	Ron Hartzell	

**Communion Assistant or Assisting Minister**

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
June 5	Carol Kohler	Brenda Haag
June 12	Teri Stoddard	Carole Miller
June 19	Ruth Blatt	-----
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	
June 26	Deb Dombroski	

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
June 5	Diane & Kierstin Helm	Chrystal & Maddie Fost
June 12	Muffy Reinecker	Wendy & Chris Richards
June 19	Mary & Jenny Ryder	Exeter Community Park
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	
June 26	Sarah Galbraith & Maddie Fost	

**CD Recording Assistants**

<u>June 5</u>	Scott Galbraith	<u>June 12</u>	Tim Austin
<u>June 19</u>	Jerry Centofanti	<u>June 26</u>	Eric Blackburn

**Counters** for June are Joanne Scattergood, Gerry Wegman & Jane Farrell

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**West Berks Mission District**  
 www.westberksmissiondistrict.org  
**NEPS Website:** www.godslove.org  
**ELCA Website:** www.elca.org



# A Very Special Thank You

April 16, 2011

Dear Steven,

What a wonderful Sunday morning for Linda and me at Reformation! The hospitality extended to us was exceptional. We felt very much at home. Thank you for all that you did to make our visit so pleasant.

Please convey to the members of Reformation our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of welcome. We were impressed by their friendliness and warmth. There is a great spirit in the congregation!

I was honored to preach and preside at the assembly, and I consider the worship space to be exceptional for its interactive capacities.

With sincere gratitude,

Bishop Sam Zeiser



## JUNE SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

June 19th—10:45 service at Exeter Community Park, followed by the picnic.

<b><u>Altar Guild</u></b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Cheryl Hadley Deb Dombroski	<b>10:45 a.m.</b> Judy Plica Bonnie Claycomb
<b><u>Bulletin Helpers the week of:</u></b>		
June 5	Jane Farrell	(Thursday, June 9)
June 12	Jane Humbert	(Thursday, June 16)
June 19	Richard & Dolores Noble	(Thursday, June 23)
June 26	Patty Matijasich	(Thursday, June 30)
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
June 5	Greg & Teri Stoddard	Rich & Patty Matijasich
June 12	Chris & Michelle Karasek	Bob & Kathy Galbraith
June 19	Rod & Patti Kline	Exeter Community Park
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	
June 26	Heather Hinnershitz & Melissa Howell-Clarke	
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
June 5	Rod & Patti Kline	Richard & Dolores Noble
June 12	K. Kohler & S. Barnett	Randy & Elyse Miller
June 19	Kathy Miller & Jen Weaver	Exeter Community Park
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	
June 26	Matt & Alison Reinsel	
<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
June 5	Michael Kern	Michael Fost
June 12	Bruno Fantilli	Sarah Galbraith
June 19	Cade DiGuardi	Exeter Community Park
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	
June 26	Nathan Reinhart	

## Opportunity House—June 16th

**Food Preparers:** Please meet at the church by 2:00 pm -- JoAnn Smith, Bonnie Claycomb, Ted Wickert and Gloria Gerhart.

Substitute: Linda Centofanti

**Servers:** Please meet 6:30 pm at church or 6:45 pm at the shelter--Jerry Centofanti, Alison Reinsel, Steve Barnett, Tina Stanton and Mike Kern.

Substitute: Rod Kline

**Bakers:** Patty Matijasich, Gloria Gerhart, Val Wickert and Jeanne Gochnauer.

Substitute: Harriet Clauser

**Volunteers, please call JoAnn Smith at 610-779-4031 whether you can or cannot serve.**

### Pineapple Cake

#### MIX TOGETHER:

2 Cups sugar                      2 t baking soda  
2 Cups flour

#### ADD:

2 eggs                              1 can 20 oz. crushed pineapple (and juice)

Bake at 325 degrees for 45-50 minutes in a 9 X 13 ungreased disposable pan. When cool, dust with 10X sugar.

### Church Directory Additions:

**Fitzgerald, Stacy & Brooke,** 610-779-9717, 8 Elliot Drive, Reading, PA 19606

**Francis, Eugene & Darlene,** 610-582-4169, 443 Cedar Lane, Birdsboro, PA 19508

**Rawson, Charles, Heather, Jacob & Nathan,** 610-404-2482, 6105 Pondview Drive, Birdsboro, PA 19508

**Weaver, Carl & Lynn,** 610-779-0106, 4009 Crestline Drive, Reading, PA 19606

**Zink, Scott, Svetlana, Peter & Julie,** 1-914-497-3041, 75-1 Azalea Way, Reading, PA 19606



*The Youth Ministry Committee is very pleased to share exciting news about a new fundraising program for our youth call 'Scrip'. It is a fundraising program that works while you shop!*

#### **What Is Scrip?**

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our Reformation's youth!

#### **How scrip generates revenue for Reformation's Youth**

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. While the certificates are sold to Reformation families at full face value, Great Lake Scrips sells the cards to our youth group at a discount from two to fifteen percent or more!

Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything. You will help produce revenue by making regular household purchases you would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

#### **Find Out More**

Order forms with the latest participating retailer list are available in the narthex. Simply complete the form and return it with payment to the church office, the offering plates at worship or a member of the Youth Ministry Committee following worship on June 26th. Your cards will be available for pick-up the following Sunday.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Richards at 610-779-2507.

Thank you for putting your shopping dollars to work for Reformation's Youth!



**RENEW, RESPOND, REJOICE!** is the theme of the Triennial Convention to be held in Spokane, WA, July 12-14. Women of the ELCA have more than 7,000 congregational units but only about 400 delegates go to the convention.

Here at Reformation, women can join in a summer Bible Study that mirrors this same theme. Our summer Bible Study dates have been scheduled as follows:

Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The June study will focus on RENEW and the verses of Psalm 51:10-12. The business meeting will precede the Bible Study times of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Please plan to join us.

**WELCA EVENTS:**

**June 6, 2011—7:00 p.m. Bible Study**

**June 14, 2011—9:30 a.m. LRW Quilt Tying**

**July 9, 2011—10:00 a.m. Bible Study**

To all High School and Colleges Graduates for 2011!

**Congratulations!!!!**

Learning well done!

From your Family here at Reformation.

**Prayer List for June**

Please keep the following in your prayers for the coming month. If you would like to place a name on the prayer list, please call the information to Pam Schneeberger or e-mail her at Lpm33@verizon.net. To place someone's name on the list, please be sure you have their permission to do so. We will keep their name on the list for one month. If the name needs to remain on the list for the next month, just call Pam with an update.



**Reformation Family:** Patti Kline, Jayne Phillips, Marion Henne, Dorothy Oswald, Skyler Reed, Dorothy Arndt, Genevie Cloak, Joyce & Jay Yerger, Mae Hall, Helen Luckenbach, Catharine Reed, Jean Ross, Joan Bitting, Barbara Regar, Zeke Murray, George Stamm and the family of Matthew Vardjan.

**Friends of Reformation:** Ann Schaeffer, Dolores Hilbert, Michael Yeager, Matthew Tobias, Rita McHale, Bob Korn, Krista Stone, Terry Keiser, Elvia Cataldo, Kate Schimmel, Karen Heck, Melissa Bennett, Maureen Manzella, Andrea Bolger, David, Jean Brodt, Stephanie Ernst, Sharon Bingamon, Dale Reinecker, Shirley Scheinhart, Toung Phung, Denise, Nancy McDermott, Mary Morici, Cody Stephens, Karen Slyman, John Himmelreich Jr., Sophie Gray, Cindy Wright, Judi Stuffed, Diane Naugle, Clarke Larson, Jenny, Dave Grisemer, Jim Allen, Charles, Tim Clemmer, Albert & Theresa Steuer, Ann & Eric, Carl Harter, Molly Vonfeldt, Jeff Downey, Doris Antonacci, Alyssa Bray, Monika, Carl Harter, Judy Walger, Cyndi Algiero, Pok Strause, Joan Hinkle, Woodrow Warren, Margaret Lawrence, Sgt. Zachary Kline, Sandy Eschelbach, Erika Wattrich, Cherly Reinsel, Tucker Irwin, Caden & Mason Beisker, Carol Richards Lorraine Blanski, Joan DeBlasi, Cook Schrafer, Jane Alena, Joe Matthews, Karen Young, Mary Tagger, David Hafer, Megan Paparella, James, Pastor Susan Flicher and Marlene Claycomb

The Prayer List Coordinator is Pam Schneeberger. Please call the church office at 610-779-0534 or Pam at 610-370-0790 for prayer requests.



## Sunday School News

### From My Heart to Yours

Recently I read a small booklet about God's Promises. As I read and reflected, it occurred to me that I take His promises very much for granted! Perhaps, if you think about it, you do too!

St. Paul in his second letter to the Corinthian Church had some pretty sobering advice on how to think about God's promises and how to live in response to them. The New International Version (NIV) Bible states II Corinthians 7:1 this way: "Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God."

That is quite a "goal" to strive for as Christians is it not? Have you ever thought about "perfecting holiness" in yourself? The devotional suggests two steps to help us along. **Step one:** We have "these promises" (all of the pictures recorded in Scripture!) to cheer us on. These include His promise of forgiveness and salvation! **Step two:** Our "reverence for God" strengthens our resolve. The Holy Spirit nudges us along on our journey toward "perfect holiness" which the author of the devotional realizes will elude us this side of Heaven.

Hopefully, that isn't discouraging to you but encouraging! As we journey along on our Faith Walk our Lord and Savior is right there beside us step by step! Thanks be to God!

Serving Jesus,

Judy Plica

Here's a few Promises you might want to consider making your own!

John 6:47

John 10: 27-28

John 15: 5

John 11:25

Deuteronomy 31:8



It is hard to believe we are coming to an end of another Sunday school year. We had a wonderful year full of many great activities. The last day of Sunday school will be on June 5<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank all of our teachers and helpers for a wonderful year. We would like to thank all the parents and students for supporting the Sunday school program at Reformation.

On Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>, we invite the entire congregation to a reception between the two church services to honor our confirmation students. The students will affirm their baptism during the late service on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The confirmands are **Andrew Claycomb, Nathan Kimmel, Bethany Miller, Brian Rothbard, Nathan Reinhart, Annie Ryder, and Karlie Werner.**

Have a wonderful summer. We hope to see everyone at VBS!

Blessings, Sara Lambert and Brenda Haag

### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be held this summer the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>. Any adults or teenagers interested in volunteering to support the program should reach out to Wendy Richards at 610-779-2507.

### Annual Church Picnic

**Annual Reformation Church Picnic – Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Exeter Community Park

Please plan on joining us for our outdoor Worship Service at 10:45 AM, followed by a delicious picnic lunch. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. You are asked to bring a snack, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex. There will be games and lots of fun, including a concert by the Exeter Band. Hope to see you in the park!

## WEGMAN Memorial Library:

You all know we have a small, but extensive, library here at Reformation. However, have you visited it? Have you taken out any books? Basically, the library is divided into two distinct areas: adult and youth. In the adult area, you can find books on the following subjects: the Bible, History of religion, Devotional literature, Martin Luther histories and biographies, Religious histories [other], and much more. In the Youth section we have Videos and DVDs for young adults, Children's books on religion and the Bible, and much more for the young adult or child. Take the time to stop by and "check-out" the books.



Book Review: **KNOW DOUBT** : Author John Ortberg – Have you ever “stumbled” in your faith? Wrestled with uncertainty? Wondered if you are a true believer? If the answer to any of these questions is yes.....and it probably is.....you have reason to celebrate. In this down-to-earth book, based on his own struggles with doubt, the author traces the line between belief and unbelief and finds that it's less a dividing line between hostile camps than a razor's edge that runs through the very soul. His conclusions point toward the relief of being totally honest.

**Doubt**  
**Questions**  
**Honest Faith**  
**Outrageous Hope**



It's a chain reaction that can actually strengthen our relationship with  
*God.*

***“Faith is the free surrender and joyous wager on the unseen,  
unknown, untested goodness of God.”***

**Martin Luther**

***“When doubts are gone, you do not need faith anymore. Knowledge  
has come!”***

**John Orton**

## Childlike Faith



O, Lord, bring back my childhood  
The happy times and joy  
The peace I felt whene'er I prayed  
“Lord keep me safe today”;  
And when I said my good night prayer  
I asked then my soul to keep,  
But if I died, - my soul to take.  
Alas secure, I fell asleep

Make me Lord, a little child  
With faith to trust you all the day.  
And when I go to bed at night  
Show me, Lord, I should pray  
Let me forget all worldly cares  
Trusting thee my soul to keep;  
And so with childlike simpleness  
May I enjoy a good nights sleep.

By Catharine Reed

## Newsletter

**The July and August Newsletters will be combined into one newsletter this summer.**

**July/August Newsletter Deadline is June 19th, 2011.**

### **For handwritten and E-Mail Articles**

Please use the green forms for newsletter and bulletin articles.

They are available in the narthex and library or e-mail us:

**mail@reformationlutheran.org.** Articles received after the due date will not be able to be included in that newsletter.

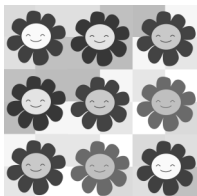
Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Deadline for bulletin announcements is Tuesdays at 12:00 noon.**

**Deadline for Council reports is Tuesday, June 14th.**

## **THANK YOU...**

From the Property Committee



Sincere thanks to the group of hardworking people who met to help with Property Clean-Up on Saturday, May 7th. Our landscaping is looking fantastic.

**Your help is very much appreciated!**

### **ADOPT-A-FLOWERBED:**

Thanks to those who have volunteered to help maintain flowerbeds over the summer. The sign-up is posted on the kiosk for anyone who can share this chore.

When you see the following people, please share our gratitude:

~ To **Bob Rutherford & Mike Schneeberger** for their continuous hard work on our church property.

~ To **Margie McDevitt** for the wonderful job she does cleaning our building.

Thanks to everyone who helps with the GREEN efforts here at church. We appreciate your ongoing recycling efforts!

With heartfelt appreciation, The Property Committee

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## **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

### Questions and Answers

**Question:** Where or how can **8 people donate \$1138** to Reformation and not have it cost them one cent out of their pocket?

**Answer:** These 8 people designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars be given to Reformation for calendar year 2011.

**Question:** What are Thrivent Choice dollars?

**Answer:** They are funds, equal to the amount of taxes Thrivent [a non-profit fraternal organization] would normally pay on investment profits. They were formerly distributed to organizations on request or as matching funds.

**Question:** How are Thrivent Choice Dollars distributed now?

**Answer:** Qualifying Thrivent members must register on the Thrivent Choice Dollars website. Once registered, they can direct their portion of the funds to a qualified group or organization, such as Reformation.

**Question:** How do I know if I qualify for this program?

**Answer:** You should have received a letter from Thrivent advising you of your eligibility. However, if you cannot remember if you received the letter, contact your Thrivent representative or check their website for eligibility requirements [see below].

**Question:** If I qualify for the program, how do I enroll in it?

**Answer:** There are several ways to enroll in the program:

Contact your Thrivent representative

Visit the Thrivent website; <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/>

Contact the Church Treasurer for assistance; or

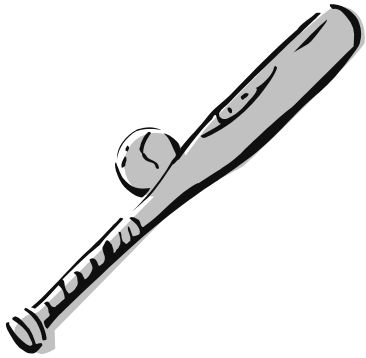
Contact Mr. Kurt Kohler a member of Reformation.

**Question:** Once I designate my Thrivent Choice Dollars to an organization, do I have to assign them every year?

**Answer:** No, you can assign them to your chosen organization on a recurring basis. However, you may evaluate and change them as often as you want.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars are an easy, cost free way to support your Church and its programs. We encourage you to sign up today and directly participate in supporting our missions.**

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## **A Night Out at the Reading Phillies**

**August 18th, 2011**

**Game Time—7:05 p.m.**

**Enjoy a baseball game with your church family  
and friends!**

**A block of seats have been reserved for this  
night. Fireworks will conclude the game.**

**The cost is \$9.00 per ticket; however, if you want  
a voucher that will include the All-You-Can-Eat  
Buffet, the cost is \$21.00.**

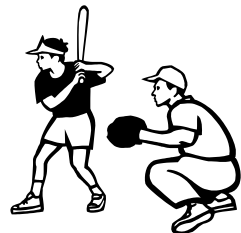
**A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.**

**Money needs to be in by July 1st.**

**Make check payable to Reformation Lutheran.**

**Give your payment to Jane Humbert or Pam in  
the church office. Any questions contact Jane  
Humbert (610-478-4030).**

**Carpooling from the church  
parking lot will be available.**



## **Highlights from the Congregation Council Meeting—May 17, 2011**

The search committee for the Director of Youth Ministries recommended Matthew Odenwelder (Ody) to fill the position, and the council approved the recommendation. Ody is a graduate from Lancaster Bible College and has worked with several churches in the area of Youth Ministry. He and his wife Angela visited Reformation on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>, and met with some of the Sunday School classes as well as attended worship. We look forward to him starting shortly.

After 20 years as the Secretary of Congregation Council, Jane Humbert announced that she will end her service after the Annual Meeting in January 2012. Jane was recognized and thanked for all her years of service; she has been the continuity that provides a strong base for every new council and council president. Council hopes that a replacement can be found by the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter so that there can be some overlap time to ease the transition. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Steve and Elisha Barnett are Reformation's delegates to synod assembly. The LIFT (Lutherans in Faith Together) event is occurring concurrently with synod assembly this year and features Marty Haugen – the creator of the Holden Evening Prayer service, liturgical music and many hymns. Registration is online through the Northeast Pennsylvania Synod web site and is open to all.

The Worship and Music Committee recommended and council approved that the informal worship service begin again on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.. Elisha Barnett has agreed to coordinate the volunteers for the service. The Worship and Music Committee also has recommended that communion be administered at all Sunday services beginning in the fall. There was discussion and it will be addressed next month since Pastor was not in attendance.

The Local Community Task Force reported that the Exeter Area Food Pantry (EAFFP) will start in August. They are looking for someone to serve as the Volunteer Coordinator. It will occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month and no food will be stored at Reformation between distribution days.

## Reformation's Notes of Thanks

Dear Reformation Lutheran Church Family, Thank you so much for the really great finals package! After receiving a finals package last year, I was definitely looking forward to getting more yummy snacks and helpful study tools this year. It is so nice to know that you're thinking of me! Thank you again. I really appreciate it! Sincerely, Paige Brizek

Dear Reformation Family, Thank you for the great finals package and kind words! It is always so nice to know you're thinking of us in these stressful times in the semester. I feel blessed to have such a caring church family at Reformation. Thanks again, and I hope to see you all soon! In Christ, Kristian Kohler

Dear Reformation Family, Jay and I want to thank you for remembering us with a tasty Easter Box and lovely plant on our church's most important day of the year. Friends always mean so much. God Bless. Joyce Yerger

Dear Friends, Thank you for the Easter nest. The cookies were delicious. The pansies have been planted and each time I bring a few blooms into my small vase on the kitchen table, we think of our Reformation Family. Sincerely, Matt & Elaine Vardjan

To the Reformation Family; We were so pleased with the decorated Easter box with all the good things inside. We are sure it must have taken a lot of thought and time to put them all together. The eatables were delicious and the plants look quite perky on our kitchen window sill in their cute pots. The angels are adorable and perfect (as angels should be). Thanks for being so thoughtful, God's Blessings to each one of you. Ed & Margaret Kliensmith

Dear Reformation Family; Thanks a lot for the Beautiful plant and Easter box. That was so thoughtful of you to think of us. You all certainly touched our hearts and made our day! Thanks again, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Murray

Dear Reformation Family, What a lovely surprise, the Easter basket with the dear angel and the goodies and the pansy plant with its decorated pot. It was a most delightful, thoughtful kindness. I thank you and appreciate it. Mrs. Erika Waldman

Dear Pastor Steve, We just wanted to say thanks for the thoughtful recognition of Neal by you and council on Sunday. It was truly a special day for Neal. We are sorry you couldn't be with us but know you were there in spirit—Eagle Scout spirit! Sincerely, Renee, John & Neal

Thanks, the birthday card shower was really great. I'm trying for 100. Thanks to all my little friends from Sunday School. It's great to hear from all 29 of you. Bless all of you, Catharine Reed

**Join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Reformation Lutheran Miniature Golf Tournament** being held at Evergreen Miniature Golf (next to Blackwood Public Golf Course) on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex. There will be low score age group prizes and time for Fellowship and Ice Cream afterward. Directions will be posted and available on a hand-out. (It's off Rt. 724 just east of Birdsboro). Any questions see or call Rich Hawk.



## Synod News

**Muhlenberg, Malls and Mission**

**June 17-18, 2011**

**Muhlenberg College**

**LIFT (Lutherans In Faith Together)**

and

**The 2011 Northeastern**

**Pennsylvania Synod Assembly**

Join Lutherans from across northeastern Pennsylvania for the 2011 LIFT event, the 2011 synod assembly and the LYF assembly.

Register now! The absolute deadline for registration for all three events is June 3.

Go to [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org) to register.

## **WBMD Calendar of Events...**

June 2 – WBMD Ascension Day Service at Bern

June 4 – Pantry Coordinators meeting at Christ

June 12 – Installation of Pastor June Bair at Zion, Womelsdorf at 4:00 PM

June 17-18 – Synod Assembly and LIFT event at Muhlenberg College

June 20 – First week of Day Camp

## GriefShare

### New Staff at Reformation

We want to welcome Matthew (Ody) Odenwelder as our new Director of Youth Ministries

Ody graduated from Lancaster Bible College with a dual degree in youth ministry and Bible. Before coming to us he worked as a youth pastor in Parkesburg, PA. He currently lives in Lititz with his wife Angela, and among his many interests, he enjoys reading, music and learning how to do new things.



**June 4th, 2011**

**7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual YARD Sale will be held rain or shine in the Fellowship Hall as we did last year. The proceeds will be used for Local Outreach.**

There are some important things that we will need.

#### **STUFF FOR SALE**

**VOLUNTEERS TO HELP COLLECT AND MARK ITEMS BEFORE THE DAY OF THE SALE.**

**VOLUNTEERS TO HELP THE DAY OF THE SALE STARTING AT 6a.m.**

**ITEMS FOR THE BAKE SALE**

Please call the office at 610-779-0534 or Rod Kline at 610-621-2270 if you would like to volunteer or if you have items for the sale and want to make arrangements to drop them off at the church or need them picked up.

GriefShare is a support group for people who are grieving the loss of someone close to them. The loss may be fairly recent or one happened several years ago. Each week we watch a DVD together. Topics covered are wide ranging from lowliness to anger or guilt to asking the difficult question "why?"

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, I encourage and invite you to come to GriefShare for comfort and support during this difficult time of life.

There are now TWO opportunities for GriefShare! We will meet on Thursdays in the Rehearsal hall. Please enter from the rear parking lot.

Afternoon session meets 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

And

Evening session meets 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 610-775-0524 (home) or 610-914-9021.

Come and journey with us from mourning to joy.

Serving Jesus

Judy Plica

**Hack Away At Hunger** – A golf tournament will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Reading Country Club with the proceeds going to Exeter Area Food Pantry. Registration forms and sponsors forms can be picked up in the narthex. Any questions call Melissa Howell-Clarke at 610-779-7999. Deadline for forms is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Movie Night

Come out and enjoy a movie, share in fellowship and good conversation. June's movie "The Strawberry Blonde", starts at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor on Friday, the 19th. The movie is a comedy about a guy and his pal who both fall in love with the same woman, Virginia Brush. They learn that having what one wants and wanting what one has can be two very different things. Starring in the movie are James Cagney, Olivia de Havilland and Rita Hayward.





**MUSICIANS NEEDED!** We need singers, all types of guitarists, keyboardists, percussionists, string and wind players of all ages this summer at the 9:00 a.m. summer church service or for the informal 5:00 p.m. church service starting on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Some

possibilities might be a percussion ensemble to accompany the choir(s); solos, duets, and ensembles playing for the offertory or prelude; accompanying or performing at the informal service. There are many possibilities and combinations. If you would be willing to share your talent, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the music office or talk to Julie Seiz at 610-370-1235.

### Music Practice Information

#### **Junior Choir**

June 2nd—practice at 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

June 8th—practice with Senior Choir at 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

June 15th—practice with Senior Choir at 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### **All Handbells**

June 1st—practice at 6:15 p.m.

June 22nd—practice at 6:15 p.m.

### **Change in Sunday Service Times:**

Starting **June 26th**, we will have one Sunday morning service at 9:00 a.m. and an Informal service at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

## THRIVENT BUILDS/HABITAT NEWS

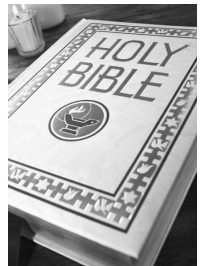
ONCE AGAIN THIS SUMMER, REFORMATION'S MEN'S GROUP IS PARTNERING WITH OUR JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH TO BUILD A SHED FOR A THRIVENT BUILDS HOUSE. THE KIT WILL BE DELIVERED TO OUR PROPERTY EARLY IN SUMMER, AND WE WILL HAVE UNTIL THE FALL TO GET IT BUILT AND TO RAISE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR IT. PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN AND THE YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT! ASK ANY OF THE YOUTH WHO HELPED LAST TIME HOW MUCH FUN IT WAS ON THE ROOF! THIS IS A GREAT PARENT-CHILD PROJECT! CONTACT JEANNE GOCHNAUER (610-582-1602) IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



### **Fun & Fellowship in June**

Please consider coming to our Fun & Fellowship card club, for all ages, on June 12th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bring your favorite card game and a snack to share. Any questions call Ruth Blatt (610-777-3928) or Jane Humbert (610-478-4030).

**Bible Study** – A weekly Bible study will be on Wednesdays at noon in the parlor. The Bible study will be focusing on the coming Sunday's Gospel. Bring your Bible and your lunch (if you wish) and join us.



### **Family Promise comes June 5th**

Please consider helping out with Family Promise. It's not hard; it could be a couple of hours in the evening with the families, cooking dinner for them, or staying over night. Give the office a call 610-779-0534 if you can help