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www.westberksmissiondistrict.org

NEPS Website: www.godslove.org

ELCA Website: www.elca.org



Our New Director of Music

Joshua Glasner



Joshua started with us in August and was installed as our new Director of Music last Sunday, September 25th. He is originally from Boyertown, and graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Music in Applied Voice.

He is currently working towards a Master of Music in Voice Performance and Pedagogy with Westminster Choir College in New Jersey. Previously, Josh served as Music Director and Worship Leader at Bethesda UMC, Middletown, Delaware.

All are welcome to choir practice.

Junior Choir is on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. for grades 2 through 6.

Senior Choir is on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. for everyone else.



Crucifers **8:00 a.m.**
 Oct. 2 Cade DiGuardi
 Oct. 9 Jimmy Mertz
 Oct. 16 - - - -
 Oct. 23 Bruno Fantilli
 Oct. 30 Cade DiGuardi

10:45 a.m.
 - - - -
 Todd Fiucci
 Miranda Miller
 Chris Rothbard
 Jimmy Mertz

Torch Bearers: **8:00 a.m.**
 Oct. 30 A. Dombroskey & M. Kern

10:45 a.m.
 S. Galbraith & E. Fantilli

Reader **8:00 a.m.**
 Oct. 2 Teri Stoddard
 Oct. 9 Brenda Haag
 Oct. 16 Kathy Austin
 Oct. 23 Elina Fantilli
 Oct. 30 Greg Stoddard

10:45 a.m.
 Andrew Dobroskey
 Tina Stanton
 Don Smith
 Michael Fost
 Ron Hartzell

Assisting Minister/Communion Assistant

8:00 a.m.
 Oct. 2 - - - -
 Oct. 9 Ruth Blatt
 Oct. 16 - - - -
 Oct. 23 Kathy Miller
 Oct. 30 Audrey DiGuardi

10:45 a.m.
 Alan Blackburn
 - - - -
 Lisa Sokoloff
 - - - -
 Bonnie Claycomb

Nursery **8:00 a.m.**
 Oct. 2 Muffy Reinecker
 Oct. 9 Mary & Jenny Ryder
 Oct. 16 D. & K. Helm
 Oct. 23 Muffy Reinecker
 Oct. 30 A. & E. Fantilli

10:45 a.m.
 Huber Family
 Robyn Shaffer
 Tammy Moser
 Patty Matijasich
 Chris Rothbard

CD Recording Assistants

Oct. 2 Scott Galbraith
Oct. 16 Andrew Claycomb
Oct. 30 Scott Galbraith

Oct. 9 Mike Kern
Oct. 23 Brian Blackburn

Counters for October are Russ Clauser, JoAnn Smith and Jane Hinkle.

OCTOBER SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

<u>Altar Guild</u>	8:00 a.m. Judy Dorner Joyce Osborne	10:45 a.m. Jane Farrell Pam Schneeberger
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Bulletin Helpers the week of:

Oct. 2	Jane Farrell	(Thursday, Oct. 6)
Oct. 9	Patty Matijasich	(Thursday, Oct. 13)
Oct. 16	Ruth Blatt	(Thursday, Oct. 20)
Oct. 23	Evelyn Keller	(Thursday, Oct. 27)
Oct. 30	Joyce Osborne	(Thursday, Nov.3)

<u>Greeters</u>	8:00 a.m. Oct. 2 Jeff & Lynn DeAcosta Oct. 9 K. Miller & D. Helm Oct. 16 M. & B. Schaeffer Oct. 23 Greg & Teri Stoddard Oct. 30 Scott & Brenda Haag	10:45 a.m. Tony & Sara Lambert J. Farrell & L. Sokoloff T. Huber & N. Koesterer Randy & Elyse Miller Tina Stanton & Barbara Weir
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<u>Ushers</u>	8:00 a.m. Oct. 2 R. Donachie & A Fonte Oct. 9 Scott & Brenda Haag Oct. 16 K. Kohler & B. Reichelt Oct. 23 Kathy Miller & Rod Kline Oct. 30 Greg & Teri Stoddard	10:45 a.m. Charles & Jen Weaver Randy & Elyse Miller Richard & Dolores Noble N. Koesterer & J. & N. Rhoads Matt & Alison Reinsel
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<u>Acolytes</u>	8:00 a.m. Oct. 2 Ben DeAcosta Oct. 9 Mike Kern Oct. 16 Luke Hoffman Oct. 23 Elina Fantilli Oct. 30 Kolby Haag	10:45 a.m. Tyler Lambert Adam Gochnauer Maddie Miller Michael Fost Andrew Claycomb
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Volunteer needed: Council Secretary

After 20 years, Jane Humbert has announced that she will no longer be able to serve as Council Secretary with transition occurring after the annual meeting in January. Time commitment required is 5-6 hours a month which involves two meetings and preparation of the Council minutes. Please prayerfully consider whether you would be able to serve in this important position. Contact Pastor Steve or Teri Stoddard if you are willing to volunteer or if you have questions.

Picture Directory

Time flies! It's been 4 years since the last picture directory was done for Reformation. Would you volunteer to help organize it? Today is the day of Shutterfly and Snapfish, so an option would be to create our own, instead of having a photography company create the directory. Contact the office if you are willing to help with a new picture directory.



Fun & Fellowship in October

Please consider coming to our Fun & Fellowship card club, for all ages, on October 9th, 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).

Jumping Juniors Fall Schedule (Grades 3-6)

September –

- Rock Climbing!

September 25th, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. @ Reading Rocks

October –

- Corn Maze - Cherry Crest Farms, Strasburg, PA

Friday, October 14th – 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.?

Meet at Reformation Cost -\$10 (W/ Youth Group)

- “The Great Fall De-Leafing”

Info TBA

November –

- Thanksgiving Baskets

November 20th @ Reformation

December –

- Christmas Movie Extravaganza!

Sunday, December 18th, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

@ Reformation (w/Youth Group)

Talk to Carole Miller or Ody for more information!



Attention all College Students:

Please send your current address and email address to Sarah Hawk at sarah.beth06@gmail.com. This will help us to keep in touch and send you goodies while you are away at school. Thank you, Parish Outreach Committee

Opportunity House—October 20th

Food Preparers: Please meet at the church by 2:00 pm -- JoAnn Smith, Bonnie Claycomb, Shirley Focht, Beth Brizek and Sara Lambert.

Substitute: Harriet Clauser

Servers: Please meet 6:30 pm at church or 6:45 pm at the shelter--Jerry Centofanti, Deb Dombroski, Cathy Sarra, Jane Farrell and Steve Barnett.

Substitute: Tina Stanton

Bakers: Beth Brizek, Sara Lambert, Cheryl Hadley, Nadine Blackburn and Judy Plica.

Substitute: Linda Centofanti

Please continue baking the pineapple cake for shelter. Refer to the recipe below. Note the change in the length of time in the baking time.

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.

Prayer List for October

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, Barbara Regar, Zeke Murray, Kallie Karafel, Ralph DiGuardi, Erika Waldman and the family of George Stamm.

Friends of Reformation: Ann Schaeffer, Dolores Hilbert, Michael Yeager, Matthew Tobias, Rita McHale, Bob Korn, Terry Keiser, Kate Schimmel, Karen Heck, Melissa Bennett, Maureen Manzella, Andrea Bolger, David, Jean Brodt, Stephanie Ernst, Sharon Bingamon, Dale Reinecker, Shirley Scheinhartz, Toung Phung, Denise, Nancy McDermott, Mary Morici, Karen Slyman, Sophie Gray, Cindy Wright, Judi Stufflet, Diane Naugle, Clarke Larson, Jenny, Dave Grisemer, Jim Allen, Charles, Tim Clemmer, Albert & Theresa Steuer, Ann & Eric, Carl Harter, Jeff Downey, Doris Antonacci, Alyssa Bray, Monika, Carl Harter, Judy Walger, Cyndi Algiero, Pok Strause, Joan Hinkle, Woodrow Warren, Margaret Lawrence, Sandy Eschelbach, Erika Wattrich, Cheryl Reinsel, Tucker Irwin, Caden & Mason Beisker, Cook Schrafer, Jane Alena, Joe Matthews, Karen Young, Mary Tagger, David Hafer, Megan Paparella, James, Pastor Susan Flicher, Marlene Claycomb, Larry Claycomb, Barbara Casey, Paul H. Anne Smith, Lynn Weis, Bill, John Haag, Bryant Domina, Reverend Rodger A. Krause, Elizabeth Adukaitis, Lois Binder and the family of Elvia Cataldo

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.



Youth Group Fall Schedule (Grades 7-12)

October –

Exeter Scavenger Hunt—Day & Time Change

Sunday, October 2– 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Meet at Reformation – No Cost.

October –

Youth Gathering Sign Up – Sunday, October 2nd

Corn Maze - Cherry Crest Farms, Strasburg, PA

Friday, October 14th – 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.?

Meet at Reformation – Cost -\$10

“The Great Fall De-Leafing”- Info TBA

November –

LYF Assembly – Grades 9-12

November 12-13th. At Pinebrook Bible Camp, East Stroudsburg, PA. more info TBA

December –

Christmas Movie Extravaganza!

Sunday, December 18th, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

@ Reformation

Talk to Ody or Terry Trumbauer for more information!

The Scavenger Hunt

Has had a time change!

From September 30th to October 2nd

At 5:30 p.m.

We will meet for Bible Study on Monday October 3rd. Our business meeting is 6:30 p.m. and Bible Study from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will no longer be a Saturday meeting. If you need transportation to any of our meetings, please let the church office know, and we will arrange to pick you up.

October's Bible Study continues in the Gospel of Mark. This month's theme is entitled, "The Gospel of Mark: Mother and Brothers". The *Gather* magazine theme is, All in the Family. There are copies of the Bible Study available at the meeting if you do not receive the magazine.

We hope you visited us at the Ministry Faire and found at least one of our ministries that you would like to become involved in. We look forward to seeing all the women of Reformation at one of our meetings! Don't forget to check out the Women of the ELCA website. Go to the ELCA website and scroll to the bottom to click on Women of the ELCA. There are wonderful resources, a link to *Gather* magazine and a link to *Café*, the online magazine for young women.

Reformation Writers will continue to meet Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., except when there is Bible Study. We will meet in the Church parlor.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Tanzania Scholarship fund. We met the goal of 15 scholarships for this year!

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts continues every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. October's date is October 11th. We are in need of completed quilt tops. These can be completed at home and brought to the church for the quilters. Please ask for the specific instructions if you do not have them.

The Woolly Knit-Wits are busy knitting the red scarves for orphans. You can join them at their meetings or knit at home. See Patti Kline with questions. Also, keep knitting those prayer shawls!

From My Heart to Yours

Do you like to receive an invitation? I've been thinking about this lately, and these days I would probably have to give a "qualified yes" to that question. The reason for that being that I get bombarded by a lot of "junk mail" invitations to things I'm not the least bit interested in. Then there are other invitations that I am delighted to receive that make me feel honored and special to be included—especially when it is an invitation to celebrate with someone who is not family. We pretty much expect to be included in those family celebrations, don't we?

Recently I was reading in my Jesus Calling devotional book about the awesome invitation of Jesus to each and everyone of us! "Come to Me. Come to Me. Come to Me." Jesus says! The deep desire if HIS heart is to be in relationship with us! How mind boggling is that?? The "King of Kings" and "Lord of Lords" INVITES us to come! I don't know about you, but that's one Invitation I will definitely not turn down.

Serving Jesus,

Judy Plica

Check it out for yourself! Scriptures to meditate on:

John 6: 35-40

Matthew 11: 28-30

Revelation 3: 20

Revelation 22: 17

Ephesians 3: 14-21





What Matters?

Has anyone ever asked you or maybe you asked yourself, “Why do I need communion?” and then you add, “And every Sunday?” Sure I know the benefits: love, forgiveness, wisdom, eternal life, remembering what God did for me, fuel for my faith, etc.

Last week at home, during my devotional time, I stumbled across Ephesians 2:13, “But now in Christ Jesus, you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ”. Yes, this is definitely why I need to take communion. This is our time, Christ’s and mine, together time. I am brought nearer to Him every time I take communion. I feel closest to Him when His body given for me and His blood shed for me seeps into my body. Thank you Jesus for coming to me. I do not want you far off; I want you as close to me as often as possible. Every Sunday??? Yes! Every day!

A Reformation Writer

Dinner out

October’s dinner out is Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. This month’s dinner will be at Stoppers. Please call the office, 610-779-0534, with your reservations.

The November Bible Study will have an early start time. The date is November 8th, and we’ll be gathering for a salad party. Watch for more details in the bulletin, but get it on your calendar now!

WELCA EVENTS:

October 3, 2011—6:30 p.m. Bible Study

October 11, 2011—9:30 a.m. LWR Quilting

Movie Night

Come out and enjoy a movie, share in fellowship and good conversation. There will be two movies in October, “Let’s Dance” (1950) on October 7th, and “Shepherd of the Hills” (1941) on October 21st. Movies start at 6:30 p.m. and will be in the church parlor, unless it’s very cold and then the movie will be in the classroom next to the parlor.



Newsletter

November Newsletter Deadline is October 16th, 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, October 11th.

WEGMAN Memorial Library : Reformation Lutheran has a library with a wide variety of Christian books and videos for use. The library was dedicated in loving memory of Daniel Wegman on All Saints Sunday of 2007.



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 and Devotional Literature. In the Youth section there are videos and DVDs for young adults, children's books on religion and the Bible and much more.

All materials are available to be borrowed. Fill out the card associated with each item and file it in the box on the table. Take the time to stop by.

Book Review: **Luther's Small Catechism** I know this is not the typical book someone takes out of the library, but somehow it called to me. After all it has probably been 40-45 years since I picked it up and seriously looked at it. However, I am glad I took the time to first page through and then carefully read the individual sections. Now you are probably wondering what can be said for this short little missive? In reality, what can't be said about it from a Lutheran perspective? If you want to understand Martin Luther's reformation, this is obviously a must read, probably several times in your lifetime. This is not meant to insult anyone's understanding or devotion to their religion, but to give you a resource for a renewed perspective and firmer base upon which to continue the practice of your faith journey. Take a short time to read the three parts of this paperback. It is not the reading that will consume you; it is the meaning and understanding you will gain that will revitalize and move you forward with new purpose and energy.

"Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly."

"The fewer the words, the better the prayer."

"No great saint lived without errors."

Martin Luther



A proposal from the Youth Committee was approved to provide limited financial assistance so that youth who are not members of Reformation can participate in the National Youth Gathering. They will be required to participate in the fundraising events in the same way that Reformation Youth are. We consider it a part of local community outreach to facilitate this participation.

WBMD Reformation Service

Sunday, October 30th at 4:00 PM

Hosted by St. Daniel's Lutheran Church

480 Big Spring Road, Robesonia

Invite a friend to worship!

This service of worship will be casual and designed to be welcoming for people for whom church is not familiar. Please take this opportunity to invite a friend or a neighbor to come with you to worship as we celebrate the gift of God's grace. Our guest preacher will be Pastor Bruce Osterhout from the Christ/St. Luke's Partnership Parish in Reading. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the worship service.

WBMD Fall Assembly - Thursday, November 3, 2011

Hosted by **Trinity Lutheran Church**, 108 South Robeson Street,
Robesonia

Registration – 6:30 PM Call to order – 7:00 PM

Highlights from the Congregation Council Meeting—September 20, 2011

Due to the recent rains, several areas of the interior church experienced water problems. An estimate was received to address the problems with the roof. Members from the Property Committee are working with the contractor to do the necessary repairs.

Rod Kline and Charles Miller will be our synod delegates to the special synod assembly on October 22.

There is a Via de Cristo Coed weekend planned for November 10th – 13th. It is a retreat opportunity to experience a renewal of faith. It is a different experience for each person who participates – but spiritually rich and challenging. If you are interested – there are brochures in the narthex or you can talk to Steve Barnett.

The first “give” for the Exeter Area Food Pantry occurred Friday September 16. There had been no advertising / promotion of the distribution and yet 10 families were served. Training had been held the previous evening and over 60 people attended. The volunteers were enthusiastic, and the pantry is off to a good start.

Signage is being created to put on our main doors with the phone number for Food Pantry registration to provide a way that families can obtain that contact information easily.

A discussion was held regarding the current status of the informal service. Attendance has been consistently very low. Note: This topic was subsequently discussed by the Worship and Music Committee, and they decided to suspend the Informal service starting Oct 2.

Council liaisons will be filling in to coordinate committee meetings for the Parish Outreach and Property Committees – committees without chairpersons - to ensure coordination and communications, especially as the budget is put together in the 4th quarter.

The Future Starts Now!

Did you ever think of it that way? No matter what has happened before, we have a great opportunity to start our new journey – **right now!!**

The Northeast Pennsylvania Synod is encouraging congregations to begin planning their future with the help of an organization called A Renewable Enterprise (www.arenewalenterprise.com) They advise that we do the following:

Be who you are –

Who are we as Reformation? What are some ways that you would describe your church to someone new to the area? At the Ministry Faire, people wrote: Awesome people, A group of great people, Musical, Friends, One people under God, Exeter Township located, Kind people, A welcoming group, A family of Believers, Many families / multiple generations, A family of Faith.

See what you have –

What are our assets and strengths? What is happening at Reformation today? Where do you see God at work today through Reformation? At the Ministry Faire, people wrote: Location, Community, Each other, The Youth, Friendships, Gift of Song, People -- Ministry oriented, Gift of Fellowship.

Do What Matters –

Try new ministries! Make a difference in your workplace - or neighborhood – or to individuals in need. At the Ministry Faire, people identified these areas of ministry that matter: Shelter, Family Promise, Sunday School, Bible Study, Love one another, Shelter for others, Being Kind, VBS, Exeter Area Food Pantry. People identified these as unmet needs: Dance parties, Animal Shelter, Feed the hungry, Sunday school and church services every Saturday night.

On Sunday, September 18th, the Social Hall was filled with people sharing information about the ministries going on at Reformation and identifying small groups that they would like to be part of. It was a fun event. If you want to talk further about small group ministries, please see a member of the Discipleship Oversight Team: Elisha Barnett, Ruth Blatt, Lisa Sokoloff, Carole Miller, Gerry Wegman or Teri Stoddard.



Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Funds



The Endowment Fund

Established in 2011, this Fund [previously known as the Memorial Fund], was created to receive gifts to enhance the mission, outreach and special needs of the congregation, apart from general contributions. Income generated by the Fund can be distributed upon the approval of the Congregation Council.

Miriam R. Lessig Outdoor Announcement Board Fund

This Fund, established by William Lessig, Jr. in 2005, is for the maintenance and replacement of the Church outdoor announcement board. Net income is available for use.

William C. & Anna A. Fry Fund

A Fund established in 1983 for the purchase of capital items for the Church. Net income is available.

Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reiffton Scholarship Fund

This Fund was established in 2005, by James Fegley in memory of his wife Pat. The Fund provides yearly award[s] to Reformation members attending an institution of higher learning. Net income from the Fund is available for distribution. A committee oversees selection of award recipients. Scholarship applications are available on the Church website.

General Information

Church members may contribute to any of the Funds. Bequests made through wills, should be made in accordance with all requirements of the Commonwealth of PA. All donations to Funds will be recorded by the Endowment Committee, reviewed by the Congregation Council and invested immediately in the appropriate Fund. All questions concerning any Fund should be directed to the Endowment Committee or Church Treasurer.

Endowment Committee

An Endowment Committee is entrusted with administration of all the Funds. The Committee reports to the Congregation Council on at least a quarterly basis.

Reformation's Notes of Thanks

I would like to sincerely thank the church and the congregation as a whole for the scholarship I was awarded which has proven to be very helpful. I am currently a sophomore at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where I am studying Music Education with a concentration in Voice. I am also pursuing a minor in piano as well as cello. I am enjoying school and am very gracious and honored for receiving this generous scholarship.

Thank you, Tate Dewalt

Dear Reformation Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, notes, thoughts and well wishes during my recent surgery and recovery.

Thank you, Richard Noble

All Saints Sunday, November 6th

If you have lost a loved one during the past year, please let the office know. You will be invited to light a candle in their memory during the Sunday service. Also, if you have a picture of your loved one that you would like to share, we will have a table out in the narthex for that purpose.

Calling All Veterans

If you have served in the armed services, give the office a call at 610-779-0534. We would like to list all our service people at the Sunday services on Veteran's Day, November 13th.



We will not be continuing the Informal Services on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. this fall.

GriefShare

The eleventh cycle of GriefShare has begun! If you were considering attending, you still CAN because each session stands alone, so you would not be behind. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one recently or even quite some time ago, I encourage you to come to GriefShare to learn how to cope with “life after loss”. The sessions offer comfort, encouragement, and HOPE for healing. If you know someone who could use this kind of help, invite and bring them to the rehearsal hall. You are welcome to stay and provide support. I’d be happy to answer any questions you may have. Call me at 610-775-05243/

Serving Jesus,
Judy Plica

2012 Youth Gathering

The 2012 National Youth Gathering is less than a year away. The Gathering will be held July 18-22, 2012. However, registration for the gathering is just one month away. Registration opens on October 9th. There will be a meeting of youth attending the gathering and their parents on Sunday, October 2, at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. At that time we will be collecting registration forms and the registration fees. We will also update you on cost estimates for the trip and fundraising.

If there are any youth in grades 8-12 who have not yet signed up to attend the Gathering but would like to join the twelve youth who are going you still have time to do so. Just contact Terry Trumbauer (610-582-5950) to get the information and a registration form for the Gathering. Come join us and be one of the “Citizens with the Saints” in New Orleans.

Spiritual Renewal & Retreat

November 10 - 13

Are you looking for spiritual refreshment and an opportunity to grow in your faith? Are you looking for time apart with God? Come join several members of our Reformation community as we intentionally gather in order to help our faith grow.

Several of our members have attended a previous Via de Cristo weekend and will be in attendance helping out with this one: Pastor Greg Stoddard, Steve and Elisha Barnett, and Rod Kline. If you have any questions or would like to register for this retreat, feel free to talk to them.

It is truly something you have to experience, and we believe you will find it to be a blessing to you and to Christ’s Church! Oh, by the way there’s no cost for the event – transportation, meals and lodging are all included. The retreat runs from Thursday night through Sunday afternoon.

Both men and women are invited. Accommodations are separate – this is not a “couples” weekend, however couples are welcome to attend as well as individuals.

Talks are given by lay persons and clergy throughout the weekend and time is set apart for daily worship. Many have found the retreat has given them a deeper understanding of their faith, even more than one might get through regular worship and Bible study.

This renewal movement called Via de Cristo or ‘the way of Christ’ exists in many denominations besides the Lutheran Church. In the Roman Catholic and Episcopal Churches is it still known as *Cursillo*. In the Methodist Church, it is called “Walk to Emmaus.” The movement also exists in several other denominations.



Via de Cristo