

# The Reformation Scoop!

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Lutheran Church  
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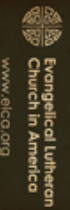
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## **SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Worship 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.**

**Sunday School 9:30 a.m.**

**Reformation's Staff**

**Pastor: The Rev. Steven C. Claycomb**  
 revclay1@verizon.net (new e-mail address)  
**Parish Administrator: Cindy Shirey**  
 mail@reformationlutheran.org  
**Minister of Music: Kathryn Fellman**  
 reformationmusic@msn.com  
**Organist: Donald Hinkle**  
**Sexton: Mike Schneeberger**  
**Custodian: Margaret McDevitt**  
**Part-Time Secretary: Pam Schneeberger**  
**Treasurer: Rod Kline**

**Church Office Hours-9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
 610-779-0534  
 mail@reformationlutheran.org  
 www.reformationlutheran.org

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

**Congregation Church Council Members**

**President: Steve Barnett**  
**Vice President: Tony Lambert**  
**Secretary: Jane Humbert**

<b>Alan Blackburn</b>	<b>Wendy Richards</b>
<b>Robert Galbraith</b>	<b>Shelby Rutherford</b>
<b>Ron Hartzell</b>	<b>Becky Schaeffer</b>
<b>Kurt Kohler</b>	<b>Donald Smith</b>
<b>K.C. Kohler</b>	<b>Herb Zettlemoyer</b>

**REMINDER: Together @ nine will continue the first Sunday of each month . Join us for good food and fellowship. Meet and greet your Reformation church family.**



**OCTOBER SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
October 4	Randy & Muffy Reinecker	Ted & Val Wickert
October 11	Jim & Nadine Pizzola	Nancy & Jim Rhoads
October 18	John & Renee Donovan	R. Hawk & B. Rutherford
October 25	Steve & Elisha Barnett	Tony & Sara Lambert
<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
October 4	Ben DeAcosta	Derek Werner
October 11	Ben DeAcosta	Adam Dobroskey
October 18	Andrew Claycomb	Christopher Rothbard
October 25	Michael Fost	Adam Gochnauer
<b><u>Crucifers</u></b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
October 4	Tim Austin	Jenny Ryder
October 11	Tim Austin	Tyler Lambert
October 18	Neal Donovan	Brian Rothbard
October 25	Emily Larson	Tyler Huber
<b><u>CD Recording Assistants</u></b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b><u>CD Delivery Volunteers</u></b>
October 4	Andrew Claycomb	P. Schneeberger
October 11	Tim Austin	Jane Farrell
October 18	Eric Blackburn	Blanche Link
October 25	Jerry Centofanti	P. Schneeberger
<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
October 4	Kathy Austin	Renee Donovan
October 11	Elisha Barnett	Richard Noble
October 18	Ruth Blatt	Nan Lewis
October 25	Brenda Haag	Don Smith
<b><u>Communion Assistants</u></b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
October 4		Kathy Galbraith
October 11	Judy Plica	
October 18		Alan Blackburn
October 25	Kathy Miller	Cal Booser
<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
October 4	Larson Family	Chrystal & Maddie Fost
October 11	Sue Kern & A. Fantilli	Sara Lambert
October 18	Mary & Jenny Ryder	Nadine Blackburn
October 25	Kaja O' Leary	Huber Family
<b><u>Counters</u></b>	Harriet Clauser, Jerry Centofanti, & Cal Booser	

## Office Help Needed

Please consider using your gifts to volunteer time in our church office. We need help in all areas. Some examples are answering phones, filing, typing newsletter articles, folding bulletins, putting together the newsletter for mailing, calling weekly service participants and doing general office duties. We also need help with our website. Call the church office with any times that you can help.

(610-779-0534)

*Save the Date...*

**Saturday, October 24 from 9AM - 4PM**

**Thrivent Worship & Music Ministries Day** at Calvary Lutheran Church. The Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble will be our guest musicians and will be offering several workshops during the day as well as playing for the afternoon worship. Watch for more details!

**Friday - Sunday, February 19 – 21, 2010**

**WBMD Youth Event with CAPTIVE FREE** at Grace Lutheran Church, Shillington!

## OCTOBER SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

### Altar Guild

**8:00 a.m.**

Joyce Osborne, & Cindy Shirey

**10:45 a.m.**

Judy Zettlemoyer & JoAnn Smith

### Greeters

**8:00 a.m.**

October 4 Rich Hawk, & Brian Mishler

October 11 Rod & Patti Kline

October 18 Mickey & Becky Schaeffer

October 25 H. Hinnershitz & M. Howell Clarke A. & J. Gochnauer

**10:45 a.m.**

Jane Farrell & P. Schneeberger

Jim & Nancy Rhoads

Bob & Blanche Link

### Bulletin Helpers the week of

October 4 Jane Humbert (Friday, Oct. 9)

October 11 Evelyn Keller (Friday, Oct.16)

October 18 Russ & Harriet Clauser (Friday, Oct 23)

October 25 Cheryl Hadley (Friday, October 30)

## PARISH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Parish Outreach Committee shall stimulate and lead all members of the congregation in continuous and, from time to time, concerted endeavors to reawaken inactive members of the congregation to the joys of a living commitment to Christ's church and to reach the unchurched with the message of the Gospel. To this end, the committee shall devote itself to deepening the spiritual life of Reformation and shall periodically study the congregation and its community context.

The Outreach Committee has undertaken a number of initiatives to respond to this directive, including:

Developing a "brand" for our church – an identifiable and distinctive "look" that has been applied to church stationery, T-shirts, business cards, pew cards, new bulletin and newsletter covers, etc.

Reaching out to members of our congregation who are temporarily removed from our community, primarily college students and military personnel. We have begun sending cards and care packages, and established an annual breakfast for college students, military personnel, and their families during the Christmas holidays. We are also engaged in finding ways to involve these absent members in worship services when they are at home for a visit.

Providing press releases to local papers regarding events at Reformation and securing ads in local programs.

Establishing a greeters program to provide a friendly handshake and a warm greeting at the two main entrances to the church building.

Developing a follow-up program for visitors to our worship services. The program includes a letter from the pastor and a phone call from a committee member.

We are continuing to discuss ways we can have a positive and noticeable impact on the surrounding community.

### Church Website

Visit our new and more user friendly site at [www.reformationlutheran.org](http://www.reformationlutheran.org). You can find up-to-date information about the church. There are many things that can be downloaded and printed right from your computer including all newsletters, Scholarship applications and building usage forms, to name a few. Check out all the great pictures.



## Blood Drive

**Saturday, November 14-- 8:30 a.m.--12:30 p.m.**

It will soon be that time again! Mark your calendars and plan to come out and support Miller-Keystone with a blood donation. If you have **any** questions about donating, please do not hesitate to call Nadine Blackburn at 610-582-9897.

### Jumping Juniors – 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade

Please come out and join us for our first meeting of the new year. We will be meeting October 4<sup>th</sup> at approximately 12:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall to have lunch and make plans for the upcoming year. I'm looking for any input from you guys as to what projects or outings you want to do to have a good time and also help others.

October 25<sup>th</sup> we are planning on a night of bowling at Bowl-a-Rama. Tentative time will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will firm this up at our first meeting.

Hope to see a bunch of you on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Friends are always welcome.

Any help from any parent would be greatly appreciated.

Contact me at [dcarole@ktdmold.com](mailto:dcarole@ktdmold.com) or (484) 824-1425. Carole Miller

### Reformation – Hope Partnership Committee

We are seeking to revive the Hope Lutheran Church Partnership committee. Anyone who may be interested in and feels called to serve in this ministry can call Steve Barnett, Council President, at 610-301-9900. We particularly need help on October 3 to assist with Hope's Community Days event.

### PEW BIBLES

There are Bibles in the sanctuary, and you are welcome to open them and follow along with the reading of God's Word during the service. If you need a Bible or know someone in need of one, please take one from where you are sitting. Consider it a gift from this community of faith and the memorial fund.



## Boy Scout Holiday Pie Sale

Boy Scout Troop 315 is conducting its annual Pie Sale. Pies are from Weaver's Orchards, 9" in diameter and frozen - just follow the baking instructions. Cost is \$ 9.50/pie. Sale runs from October 18 to November 15th. Payment is required at time of order. An order form and large white envelope for payment will be placed on the kiosk in the narthex. Pie pickup is November 24 from 7 - 7:30 PM at the church. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 315.

Pies for sale - Pumpkin, Lattice Top Apple, Apple with caramel walnut topping, Cherry Crumb, Southern Pecan, and Lattice top Blackberry. Thank you for your support.

**Scout Recruitment** -Cub Scouts are for boys entering first grade this September, and Boy Scouts are for boys at least 11 yrs. old or entering 6th grade. Any questions, please contact any of these people.

Cub Scouts	Committee Chair	Chris Richards	610 -779- 2507
	Cubmaster	George Quirple	610- 406 -0661
	Asst. Cubmaster	Dave Mills	610 -779 -8259
Boy Scouts	Scoutmaster	Lily Werley	610 -779 -1683
	Asst. Scoutmaster	Chad Matthews	610 -404 -2409

### DEBTORS ANONYMOUS

The Saturday morning Debtors Anonymous is based on the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

What is DA? Here is a description from the DA Preamble:

Debtors Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from compulsive debt. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop incurring unsecured debt. There are no dues or fees for D.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

D.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stop debting one day at a time and to help other compulsive debtors to stop incurring unsecured debt."

## Surviving The Holidays

“Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays” is a helpful,encourging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one’s death.

The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one’s death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance.

You’ll discover

- What emotions to expect during the coming days,
- How to prepare for the holidays,
- How to manage relationships and holiday socials, and
- How the holidays can help you heal.

Those who attend will receive a free book with over 30 daily readings providing additional insights and ideas on holiday survival.

For more information, call Reformation Lutheran Church at 610-779-0534 or email [mail@reformationlutheran.org](mailto:mail@reformationlutheran.org) or contact West Lawn UMC at 610-678-5611 or email [pat@westlawnumc.org](mailto:pat@westlawnumc.org).

**WHEN: Saturday, November 21 st, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Reformation Lutheran Church**

**3670 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, PA 19606**

**Fellowship Hall**



## Opportunity House October 15th

Food Preparers: Please meet at the church by 2:00 p.m.

JoAnn Smith, Bonnie Claycomb, Sue Kern, Joanne Scattergood,  
and Shirley Harner.

Shopping Duty: Renee Donovan

Substitute: Audrey DiGuardi

Servers: 6:30 p.m.at church or 6:45 p.m.at the shelter

Jerry Centofanti, Kathryn Fellman, Steve Fellman & the Lambert Family

Substitute: Jane Hinkle

Bakers: Nadine Blackburn, Harriet Clauser, Renee Donovan, Karen Hawk  
and Blanche Link

Substitute: Barb Mishler



To All Volunteers:

**Please call the Church Office if you can or cannot prepare, serve, or bake on the designated date. (610) 779-0534.**

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We would like to lift up the names who joined the church triumphant in the past year. If you would like a loved one remembered who has died in the last year, contact the church office by October 25, 2009.





**WELCA Bible Study** – We will continue our study of Romans. Come and join us; you need not attend all the Bible studies to participate. We start at 7:00 p.m. and close our session at around 9:00 p.m. with light refreshments. The Bible study is found in Lutheran Woman Today magazine, but you need not have one to come. We will gladly share ours with you. The study can also be found online at <http://lutheranwomantoday.org>.

**LWR Quilt Tying** – Lutheran World Relief Quilt tying is assembling quilts to be used for humanitarian needs in Africa, Latin America and Asia. We actually do not quilt, but rather tie the quilts together. If you can thread a large eyed needle, tie a knot, and cut, you can help. Please come out on the second Tuesday morning of the month at 9:30 am and join us.

**Prayer Shawls**— This is a time to come together to knit or crochet, and work on our prayer shawls. Or if you would like, to make some hats and mittens for our friends at Hope (before the cold weather flies). It is very informal, and relaxing time. Come join us on a second Monday of the month, for knitting, praying and conversation.

**WELCA EVENTS:**

**October 5th - Fall Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.**

**October 12th –Prayer Shawls at 2:00 p.m.**

**October 13th-LWR at 9:30 a.m.**

**Attention!** It’s time for Church Women United meetings to start! We hope to see you Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1:00 PMM at West Lawn United Methodist Church, Penn and Woodside Avenues. The program is “Building a Kid’s World”. The speaker is Lorri Oziri, The Vice President for Development at Opportunity House. We will be looking for you at the new location.

Yours in Christ,  
Rhoda Lyons, Registrar



Mary Jackson (not her real name) sat in the church pew feeling alone and isolated, although her husband, Jim, sits right next to her. She suspects that Jim has been having an affair, although he denies it, and their lives are growing further and further apart. Even worse, she has discovered a growing attraction to a co-worker...”What’s the point anymore?” she thinks.

Now is the time. The time to get help. Before it’s too late to overcome broken trust. Call Diakon Family Life Services for information on counseling, whether you come as a couple, or need to work through some things on your own. It’s affordable, confidential, and may help to save your family, and your own self respect. 610.682.1337 or 1.888.499.2699 (toll free), or visit [www.diakon.org/fls](http://www.diakon.org/fls).

**FALL CLOTHING DRIVE**

The people of Reformation have always been so generous with our Clothing Drives in the past. The need for your donations this Fall is especially great.

Please sort your clothing items into men’s, women’s and children’s and bring your labeled bags to church on Sundays, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>, or actually anytime between those dates. Everything will be delivered to our partner congregation, Hope Lutheran Church in Reading, during the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>. Our friends at Hope will see that the clothing is shared with members of their congregation and community. Please take the time to check through your closets, drawers and storage tubs for outgrown and no longer needed pieces of clothing. Thank you for your continuing support of this project.

**Used Furniture Needed**

A request has been made for used furniture (kitchen table and chairs, living room furniture) and baby furniture and supplies? It can be dropped off at the church and it will be delivered. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Gochner at 610-582-1602.

## FAMILY PROMISE

### OCTOBER 18 –25 FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Please help us welcome the families into our church family. There are many opportunities that are part of this ministry. Please visit the table in the narthex and consider what you can do to support the families.

Things that we are in need of for the families include men's and women's deodorants, chapstick, hair combs in individual pkgs, small tissue packs, feminine hygiene articles. We are in need of size 3 and size 4 diapers. We make up hospital-ity baskets for each bedroom with toiletries for the families. We also need single sheet sets with pillow cases and mattress pads.

If you are able to bring any of these items, please sign the list on the table in the narthex. These are some of the foods needed for the week for breakfast and lunch

Individual yogurts	Baby food ( Stage 2)
Individual juice boxes	Bread
Lunchbox snacks (individual)	Butter
Orange juice	Cream Cheese
Fresh fruit	Milk
Individual fruits or applesauce	Lunch meat
English muffins	Paper Products
Cereal	Pudding cups
Cheese singles	Popcorn

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

#### **Taste of Hope-Night of Promise**

Thank you to all the members of Reformation who attended the Taste of Hope-Night of Promise event or contributed to the event. It was a night of celebration for the Program and the families it serves. We are so fortunate to be part of such an outreach to our needy families in our own community. Thanks again for your support. Cindy Shirey, Coordinator

## Education Ministry News

Sunday School has gotten off to a great start! All the students picked their favorite Bible verse and wrote it on a strip of paper. Watch our paper chain grow throughout the building this **fall as we learn how we are all linked together by the Word of God. You may add to our chain by writing a Bible verse that you find meaningful on one of the paper strips in the narthex.**

We would like to introduce our staff for the year. We ask you to keep our staff and students in your prayers this year.

Preschool: Wendy Richards, Robin Shaffer, Tim Austin  
Kindergarten-Grade 1: Brenda and Scott Haag  
Grades 2-4: Nadine Blackburn, Pam Hoffman, Jen Hunsberger, Alison Reinsel  
Grades 5-6: Audrey and Cory DiGuardi, Allison and Luke Larson  
Grades 7-8: Tony and Sara Lambert, Randy Miller, Melissa Howell-Clake  
Grade 9: Pat and Kathy Austin  
Teens: Rich Hawk, Alan Blackburn

Our confirmation program for levels 1 and 2 began September 20<sup>th</sup> with a parents/students meeting.

#### **Upcoming dates in October are:**

Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm Level 3 confirmation Mentor Kickoff  
Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 7:00 pm Level 2 Retreat – Life of Martin Luther which will be led by Pastor Steve

Our adult class meets each Sunday as well for a group discussion using the Daily Disciple Bible study. **A special study on Martin Luther will be offered beginning October 25, led by Don Smith. All are welcome!**

## 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 Cheryl Hadley at 610-779-7901 or email her at chrylhdlly@yahoo.com. 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 Cheryl with an update.

**Reformation Family:** Jayne Phillips, Reynold Miller, Mildred Arner, Marion Henne, Dorothy Oswald, Grace Sanna, Marguerite Scholl, Pearl Gerth, Skyler Reed, Dorothy Arndt, Barney Bombay, Genevive Cloak, Hazel Cosentino, Sue Wood, Jay Yerger, Barbara Weir, May Hall and Carolyn Royer.

**Friends of Reformation:** Lori Koehler, Ann Schaeffer, Dolores Hilbert, Ryan Weber, Paul O'Leary, Patricia Pillion, Daniel Heffner, Michael, Matthew Tobias, Ronald Roland, Rita McHale, Bob Korn, Joe Gargiulo, Krista Stone, Tori Jones and family, Terry Keiser, Elvia Cataldo, Kate Schimmel, Connor McKemey, Woodrow Warren, Liz Rothermel, Karen Heck, Melissa Bennett, Joan Hinkle, Michael Swartz, Maureen Manzella, Miriam Nein, Andrea Bolger, Alyssa Bray, Doris Antonacci, Leo Kuhns, Dennis Herwerden, Steven Child, Natalie Reinford, Justin Scarleand Pastor Sue Flicker.

Please contact Cheryl Hadley if you are interested in helping with this ministry. Please call the church office at 610-779-0534 or Cheryl at 610-779-7901.



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 LUNCHEON for our TANZANIAN TRAVELERS

Join us in the fellowship hall immediately after the late service on Sunday, the 11th, to welcome home Teri Stoddard and Pastor Steve from their two-week journey to our partner congregation in Utanziwa, Tanzania. They will have some wonderful memories to share with us about the days they spent getting to know our brothers and sisters in Utanziwa Parish.

Look for the SIGN-UP SHEET on the utility door in the narthex next to Teri's calendar of their travel itinerary. By signing up, you will be helping us plan for this exciting time of fellowship.

The Tanzanian Committee



### October Newsletter Deadline — October 18, 2009

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](mailto: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 Wednesday at 12:00 noon.**

**Deadline for committee reports for council is October 14th.**





## Via de Cristo

(Way of Christ)

Special Opportunities for better understanding the Christian Faith

*Via de Cristo* (Spanish for “The Way of Christ”) is a unique program within the Church, developed in the 1940’s and known first as “*Cursillo*,” a Spanish word meaning “short course” in Christianity. The movement came to the U.S. in the 1950’s.

Originating in Spain in the Spanish Catholic church, it is intended to be a step-by-step structured weekend in a “classroom” setting with several talks given by lay persons and a few talks given by clergy. It can give Christians a deeper understanding of their faith, even more than one might get with regular worship and Bible study participation. It has proven to be of great benefit to individuals who attend a weekend, and in congregations where several have participated.

This renewal movement 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.

Some of our members, Judy Plica, Steve and Elisha Barnett, Pastor Steve and Bonnie Claycomb and others have already attended a retreat of this type (some “Walk to Emmaus”, some *Via de Cristo*).

We bring this opportunity to our members, as it is spiritually helpful and makes a difference in the life of people personally, as well as in the Church. 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!

### Fall *Via de Cristo* weekends

*Weekends begin Thurs. night, conclude Sunday afternoon*

Men’s weekend – Oct. 29 (Thurs. night) – Nov. 1 (Sun. afternoon)

Women’s weekend – Nov. 12 (Thurs. night) – 15 (Sun. afternoon)

Cost is covered. Transportation provided.

For more information or an application, see any of the people listed above or attend the Adult Sunday School Class on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> when Doug LaFauci will be at Reformation to discuss the Retreat.

## PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Parish Outreach Committee is requesting all parents of our college students to please provide us with your student’s information so that he/she is included on our list.

This information is used to send the invitation to the Christmas Break Breakfast, for informational e-mails and most important the Finals Survivor Kit which all the students love to receive. This is a box filled with treats and stationery supplies used to get them through a very stressful week of finals preparation. We wouldn’t want to miss sending one to your student because we don’t have the information. If your student was on last year’s list and hasn’t graduated, please verify with us the information we have on file so that we can be sure it is correct. We do not want to assume our list is complete. The information needed is the name, school address, e-mail address, anticipated month and year of graduation and the birthday. Please call Judy Zettlemoyer (610)921-0521 or e-mail her [jrmiss@lusa.com](mailto:jrmiss@lusa.com) with the information. Once all the information is complete a duplicate copy will be given to the church office for their records.

**The next meeting of the Parish Outreach is October 13 at 7:00 p.m.**

## Property Committee



### The shed is now Complete!

Thank You!! To all the members who helped build the shed for Habitat for Humanity. Everyone has done a great project at Reformation; be proud of what has been built for the Habitat Ministry.

### Summer Over!!

The Property Committee would like to thank everyone for helping to make our yard look so well taken care of. Spreading mulch and pulling weeds is not always fun, but the results have been great for all your hard work. Thanks again.

**Darren Remlinger, property chairman**

## Movie Night

Friday, October 16th, 2009 is the movie night at 6:30 p.m.

Ages 8-108 are invited to join us for an evening out. Feel free to invite family, friends or neighbors who might enjoy this event. Come out and enjoy a movie, share in fellowship and good conversation, and maybe even bring a box of popcorn.

The feature this month is October Sky. This movie is set in Coalwood, W.V. in 1957 and tells the story of how Homer Hickman Jr. and his three friends try to escape life in the coal mines. The movie is based on an incredible true story. Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Laura Dern, and Chris Cooper.

There is a list of features for the year in the narthex. Pick one up and mark your calendar for the coming year.



### Worship Leadership and Church Volunteer Booklet

**The new booklet has been completed. Please pick up your new copy in the narthex or the church office. Thank you** for your willingness to serve God through the giving of your time and talents. We have created this pamphlet so that you may be more informed as to when you are scheduled. If you cannot serve when scheduled, let the office know **by noon on Wednesday** who will be replacing you. Check the back of this pamphlet for a list of others you could call for replacements. We intend to publish this schedule every six months. If you no longer wish to serve in these ways, please let the office know so that we may remove your name from the next publication; please remember to find someone to take your place and call the office with that information.

## From My Heart to Yours

Do you ever get weary?? You're probably wondering how I can even **THINK ABOUT** asking that "no brainer" question! In our fast-paced-we're-all-too-busy-and-overcommitted lives, **OF COURSE** we get weary!

I'm specifically thinking about weariness of mind and spirit that comes from doing "behind the scenes" tasks at home, work, church or wherever you happen to do them. We get discouraged, don't we? They may be very important tasks that would really be noticed if we didn't do them—but it appears that no one **CARES** that we do them!

Sometimes I read a little devotional booklet called Our Daily Bread, and recently there was a message entitled "Behind the Building" which got me thinking about this topic. A group of young adults were on a mission trip. Their assignment on this particularly hot day was to paint the back exterior wall of a classroom in a school for the deaf. This was definitely a "behind the scenes" assignment as these volunteers realized that the only people who would see the results of their labor would be the person who cuts the grass and any "unfortunate person who would have the work on the septic pit." It seems to me it was the perfect task for breeding weariness and discouragement!

As the group worked on their project, one of the girls put it in perspective when she said, "Nobody will ever come back here to see this, but God will see it. So let's make it look nice." **What a Great God Glorifying Attitude!**

We all do a lot of these kinds of tasks "behind the scenes" and when weariness or discouragement starts to set in, let's remember that God sees everything we do—and one joyful attitude brings Glory to Him and also dispels the weariness and discouragement at the same time! Scripture tells us that the Joy of the Lord is our Strength and we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us !

I hope you are encouraged by these words.

*Serving Jesus,*

*Judy Plica*

See: Peter 4:8-11  
Nehemiah 8:10  
Philippians 4:13



# LUTHERAN YOUTH ASSEMBLY

The Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Assembly for youth in Grades 9-12 will be held the weekend of November 13-15 at the Pinebrook Bible Conference and Retreat Center in East Stroudsburg, PA. The weekend includes workshops, creative worship experiences, engaging presentations, election of LYF Officers and much more. For further information and a registration form contact Terry Trumbauer (610-582-5950).



One of the descriptions of grief in GriefShare is that it is like an “unwelcome houseguest.” The more I think about that, the more I agree with that! Ever had one? An unwelcome houseguest, I mean, you know that grumpy and difficult relative, that you really can’t say no to, but wish would decide to leave early or, better yet, never come at all! Grief is that way! It is very difficult, disruptive, definitely unpleasant, but it is NOT to leave early or never “visit” at all.

Come to GriefShare where we look to God for comfort and help in living with this unwelcomed “guest.” Sharing and praying together and helping each other has AMAZING BENEFITS! Be assured that whatever we share in the Rehearsal Hall on Thursday evenings is confidential.

God is at work through GriefShare! Come and join us on the “Journey from Mourning to Joy.”

Serving Jesus,

Judy Plica



## Youth Ministry

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE FIRST BACK DOOR OF THE YEAR IS SATURDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>.**

### **BACK DOOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Youth Ministry Committee is seeking members for its Back Door volunteer list. The Back Door is an opportunity for high school youth in our community to showcase their musical talents by offering our church as a venue for their bands to play in front of an audience of their peers. They are held on Saturday nights from 7-10 PM. There are no set dates. Our youth liaison coordinates a date that suits all of the participating bands, and then we supply the all purpose room and the chaperones. Chaperones collect money at the door, sell snacks and keep an eye on the crowd. The time commitment is approximately 6:45 PM to 10:30 PM the night of the event. You will receive a call the week before to see if you are available. We already have our first event booked for Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit our Thrivent Builds/Habitat shed project. Please consider adding your name to the list to help provide our youth with a safe venue in which to pursue their musical talents. Usually you will be called no more than 2-3 times per school year. Please see Jeanne Gochbauer or call the church office if you are interested in this important youth ministry.

### **JR./SR. HIGH YOUTH FALL KICK-OFF EVENT**

WHEN: SATURDAY OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

WHERE: START AT REFORMATION PARKING LOT

WHAT: SERVICE PROJECT: SHED PAINTING PARTY FROM 2-4 PM

PIZZA PARTY: APPROX. 4-5 PM (NO CHARGE)

LANCASTER CO. CORN MAZE: APPROX. 5-10 PM (\$15 ENTRY FEE)

WHO: 7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

HOW: SIGN UP FOR ALL OR PART OF THE DAY ON THE YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE THE 7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASSROOM.

QUESTIONS?? SEE MRS. GOCHBAUER OR PASTOR STEVE.

### **IMPACT 2009**

RBCC & Ozzy's Family Fun Center Have Teamed up to bring IMPACT 2009 to life. This youth event will be held on October 10th from 2-10 p.m. **FEATURING JEREMY BAKER AND WILLIE RAINES FORMERLY OF THE POWER TEAM....BRINGING FEATS OF STRENGTH AND A GOSPEL MESSAGE.**

### Altar Guild

Our worship space is enhanced and beautified by altar paraments, banners, torches, candles, flowers, etc., etc., etc. As the various seasons of the church year come and go, the colors as well as other decorations change.

One of the responsibilities of the Altar Guild volunteers is to take care of this “work” as well as setup and cleanup for Holy Communion, baptisms, and other special services such as funerals, memorial services and weddings.

As you can imagine, this takes lots of time and effort and coordination! We have a great resource book in the sacristy to use for guidance and direction.

Because we have two services each Sunday, it takes a team of volunteers to make this work! Except for the summer months, two people are scheduled for each month. An opportunity is given for requesting certain months for serving, and substitutes are available to give flexibility to our schedules and busy lives.

We can really use more helpers! Some of us have to serve several months each year because we don't have enough help!

Would YOU consider becoming an Altar Guild member? I will be in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> after BOTH services if you would like to come and learn more. Men, women, teens, family groups are most welcome.

Serving Jesus, Judy Plica

### **FLOWERS**

On Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, the altar flowers will now be provided by Carol Shoppes Florist, 320 Neversink Rd, Reading, PA. The price will drop to \$25.00 per vase. The same procedure will remain to pay for the flowers. Please use a pew envelope and mark it flowers for the Sunday you have chosen to decorate our church with fresh flowers in honor of or in memory of someone or to the Glory of God. The new chart will be available in the narthex in November for the year 2010.



Last September the Burger-A-Month Campaign returned to Reformation. Since that time, through the generosity of our families and individual members, close to \$3000 has been raised and donated to World Hunger through our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. If you were part of that effort, we thank you! Envelopes for the new year of Burger-A-Month (September 2009 – August 2010) are available in the narthex. We hope you will want to continue making a difference in the lives of people around the world. Thank you again!

If Burger-A-Month is new to you, please read on to see how it works, and consider becoming a part of it in the months ahead. There is no question that the need to do something about world hunger is greater than ever!

Would you and/or the members of your family be willing to do without a burger once a month to help? A Quarter Pounder is \$3, a Happy Meal \$4, and a Big Mac with fries and a soda costs about \$5. If you choose to “Super-Size” your donation, that’s even better! We are asking you to forego your favorite fast food sandwich just once a month and donate the money saved to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

For this purpose, packs of 12 Burger-A-Month envelopes will be available – one for each month, now through August 2010. Please pick up a pack of envelopes and make a commitment to do what you can to help slow the spread of hunger throughout our world.

Joanne Scattergood, Social Ministry Committee



## “Small Things”

Thank you Lord for little things  
That happen through the day  
Things that make us laugh or smile  
Or drive away a tear.

Thank You Lord for birds that sing  
So early in the morn  
Thank You Lord for pussycats  
So cuddly, soft and warm.

Thank You for the mailman’s whistle  
For the letters that he brings  
Thank You for a small child’s giggle  
Thank You for just everything.

For a smile and cheerful wave  
Of a neighbor passing by  
For an arm around the shoulder  
When you feel you want to cry.

These are blessings that You send  
As we stroll upon this earth  
Keep us from passing by Your small gifts  
For they are gifts of priceless worth.

By Catharine Reed



## Make a joyful sound!

Everyone is invited to participate in Reformation’s music.

### SENIOR CHOIR – Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM

Directed by Kathryn Fellman (610) 777-4894

Starts Wednesday, September 9 -Grade nine through adult

### YOUTH CHOIR – Sundays 9:00-9:30 AM

Directed by Kathryn Fellman (610) 777-4894

Starts Sunday, September 20- Grades 7 through 12

### JUNIOR CHOIR – Thursdays 4:30-5:15 PM

Directed by Kathryn Fellman (610) 777-4894

Starts Thursday, September 17- Grades 2 through 6



### CHERUB CHOIR – Mondays 6:15-6:45 PM

Directed by Julie Seiz (610) 370-1235

New members start Monday, September 14-Returning members start Monday, September 21-Age four through grade one.

### HANDBELLS & HAND CHIMES

Directed by Julie Seiz (610) 370-1235

### Reformation Ringers - Wednesdays 6:15 -7:15 PM

Starts Wednesday, September 9-For those who read music or have played before-All ages welcome.

### Beginning Ringers – Day and time to be determined

All ages welcome.

### BRASS ENSEMBLE

Directed by Gary Mishler (610) 777-0509

Call to participate or to learn more.

### INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL SPECIAL MUSIC

Speak with Kathryn Fellman (610) 777-4894 if you would like to offer your gift of music or have any questions or suggestions.

“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and **comfort** of the Scriptures might have **hope**.” Romans 15:4 NKJV

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the U.S., aside from skin cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 192,370 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among women in the U.S. this year. Today, there are about 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. If you are worried about developing breast cancer, or if you know someone who has been diagnosed with the disease, one way to deal with your concern is to get as much information as possible.

Mammography screening remains the best available method to detect breast cancer early. However, no medical test is always 100 percent accurate, and mammography is no exception. Research is under way to improve the technology to lead to better accuracy and to create new technologies.

One of the earliest signs of breast cancer can be an abnormality that shows up on a mammogram before it can be felt. The most common signs of breast cancer are a lump in the breast; abnormal thickening of the breast; or a change in the shape or color of the breast. Finding a lump or change in your breast does not necessarily mean you have breast cancer. Additional changes that may also be signs of breast cancer include:

- Any new, hard lump or thickening in any part of the breast
- Change in breast size or shape
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Swelling, redness or warmth that does not go away
- Pain in one spot that does not vary with your monthly cycle
- Pulling in of the nipple
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly and appears only in one breast
- An itchy, sore or scaling area on one nipple
- It is important for women to practice the elements of good breast health. It is suggested women:
- Obtain regular mammography screening starting at the age of 40
- Obtain annual clinical breast exams
- Perform monthly breast self-exams
- Obtain a risk assessment from a physician

Medicare will pay for a screening mammogram every year. For information about Medicare coverage, contact 1 800 MEDICARE. For information on low or no cost mammography screening, contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at 888 842-6355. To help prevent breast cancer adopt a healthy lifestyle: limit alcohol, exercise regularly, maintain a healthy weight, choose to breast feed, do not use post-menopausal hormone replacement therapy (HRT), and avoid some plastic bottles, cosmetics or personal care products.

Information from [www.nbcam.org](http://www.nbcam.org) and American Cancer Society

Compiled by Judy Laubenstein RN,BSN,CDE

It's a dirty little secret - one that needs to be brought to the light if we can ever hope to have peace in this world. It causes shame in the hearts and minds of those who are being oppressed – women, men and children alike. It is in our congregations, our communities, and shows no preference to education level, economic situation or marital status. It is estimated that three women and one man will lose their lives to it every day\*. It's not just a “family matter”; let's call it what it is – domestic violence - and it is a crime! No matter what problems arise in a relationship, any type of violence is unacceptable! If you or someone you know is the victim of violence, let it be said ... very clearly ... that she/he cannot possibly say or do anything to warrant this treatment from someone they thought they could trust. No matter what the abused has been told, it is not the life that God wishes for them – he sent his own flesh and blood to “proclaim release to the captives ... to let the oppressed go free.”

Jesus was also sent to bring “recovery of sight to the blind” – people like you and I who may have turned a blind eye toward abuse/suspected abuse in our families, workplaces or congregations. It is time to stop! “Of all the health and human service challenges we face, perhaps the most devastating, and ironically, the most preventable, is the epidemic of violence sweeping across the nation. Violence is not some mysterious bacterial infection or inexplicable new disease, rather it is a phenomenon for which we are responsible, and we can prevent it. It is time we stopped the denial and claimed our power to halt the bloodshed and save lives.” (former US Secretary of Health & Human Services, Donna Shalala) Let's take off the blinders, and look at ways our congregations and its leaders can be sources of compassion and comfort for the abused. If someone shares that she/he is being abused, believe them.

Discuss a safety plan – make it the top priority. Provide him/her with the number of the local shelter for the abused, and/or the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline: **1-800-799-SAFE(7233) 1-800-787-3224 (for the hearing impaired)** In addition, post the numbers where an abused individual can discreetly pick up the information. (Ex. on toilet tank covers, or the back of bathroom/stall doors)

Maintain confidentiality. Do not share her/his whereabouts, particularly with the abuser.

Support and respect their choices – even if that means returning to the unhealthy situation. They are the best judge of how to survive, and it may take several cycles of the abuse until she/he is ready to get out of the relationship. This is a complex issue, particularly when children are involved.

Pray with her/him. Assure them of God's love and presence, amidst the devastation.

In an acute situation, do not recommend couples counseling, marriage enrichment, or a workshop on communications. This may seem counter-intuitive however, none of these actions will address the immediate problem, and in instances of physical violence, may actually make the situation worse. Put them in touch with local resources who are trained to work with victims.

Speak out – in print, from the pulpit, by sponsoring community education; partner with local resources; make education a part of pre-marital counseling; prepare to be a resource.

Let us open our eyes and act! For a list of resources geared toward faith communities, feel free to contact me at [bestd@diakon.org](mailto:bestd@diakon.org). Debbie Best, Program Coordinator