

Reformation Reporter

The Monthly Newsletter of Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

www.reformation-lutheran.net

JUNE 2010



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
Greetings to you in the name of Jesus! I am delighted to be starting ministry among you very soon. I have spent the last several weeks mostly focused on saying goodbye to The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in a healthy, God-

honoring way, and then preparing to make the move away from what has been our home for more than ten years. These are emotional, but exciting times for the Evers family. While departing is never easy, looking forward to new beginnings, new relationships, and a new setting for ministry and life is exciting and energizing.

Paul's words to the church at Thessalonica have shaped the way I look at ministry: "We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us" (1 Thessalonians 2:8). Being a Christian community means sharing our lives with each other. I am eager to begin learning about your lives, as individuals and families, and as a congregation.

One of the things I hope to do early on in my time with you is to have a few events at the church with some creative ways of giving you the chance to tell me, and each other, the story of Reformation Lutheran Church. A phrase you will hear me use a lot is "connecting stories." I believe that faith is passed on and strengthened when peoples' stories connect with each other and with the story of Jesus Christ. This is how Christian community and the sharing of our lives happens. So, I look forward

to hearing your stories and discovering how they connect with "the big story" of what God is doing in and through Reformation.

I am also excited to begin telling the story of Jesus Christ. In preaching, offering Bible studies and other teaching opportunities, in small groups; with youth, with the homebound, with a person who hasn't yet crossed the threshold of the church; in moments of joy and seasons of sorrow; in all of these settings, I am eager to connect the story of God's love with your stories. Scripture tells of God's constant love for the world and how he has called the Church to live out that love, bringing the grace of Jesus to people in need. This is our calling as followers of Jesus. This is our mission as members of a church.

Together, I believe we will all learn how our stories find their true meaning in the story of Jesus Christ. I believe that as we share our lives with each other, the message of Jesus will take on flesh and blood in our community. As we hear the Gospel again, as we turn again to the Lord in response to his call, and as we reach out to others with the love of God, the story of Jesus will be extended.

Just a few short weeks after I write this, a new chapter in my life and in Reformation Lutheran Church's life will begin. May we all pray that most importantly, this will also be a new chapter added to the story of how Jesus reaches out with love for the world. With that expectation in mind, let us all look forward to sharing the story of the Gospel and the stories of our lives with each other and with the world around us, so that they may know the love of Jesus. Amen!

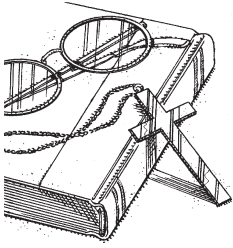
In Christ,
Pastor Evers



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES



Brothers & Sisters please join us on as we continue our six-session adventure on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. We are studying "God is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortberg. *Georgene Endy* is the facilitator. Please bring your own Bible.

WOMEN'S DEVOOTIONAL GROUP

The Women's Devootional Group will meet on the second Tuesday in June. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 8th**. We will meet at the church from **6:30pm - 7:30pm**. Come enjoy fellowship and a short devotional. Our group continues to expand and you are invited to join us when you can. You are also welcomed and encouraged to bring a friend. If you have any questions, please contact *Karen Oldland* (302) 752-7130.

YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT

I'm excited about these next two activities. First, in July we plan to spend the day at the Delaware State Fair. We have chosen Saturday, July 24th to visit the fair. The ministry will purchase entrance tickets and purchase wrist bands for midway rides. Each participant will have to supply his or her own lunch and snacks. Our plan is to leave the church parking lot around 8:30am and return around 9:00pm (times may change). Then in August we are going to spend a day at the beach. We need adults to chaperone and chauffeur the kids. Both projects have sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway between the social hall and narthex.



Movie Night for June 19th will be a double feature starting at 6:00pm with pizza; 6:30pm "The Spy Next door" will begin. There will be an intermission with ice cream for dessert. Then we will start "Avatar." This movie is rated PG-13 so if you're not PG-13 material let us know when you arrive and we will make sure that your ride is contacted at the end of first feature.

Movie Nights at Reformation:

- June 19th
- July 24th
- August 21st
- September 25th
- October 16th

Thanks so much,
Gary Johnson

TEEN BIBLE STUDY

The youth group continues to sponsor a Bible Study for those ages 14 - 18. It is held on every WEDNESDAY from 7:00pm - 8:00pm at the home of Neal Richard, 628 Beechwood Ave., Milford, DE. Light refreshments will be



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

provided. If anyone has any questions or needs directions, please contact Neal Richard: (302) 265-2115, or by e-mail, NAR1824@comcast.net. Feel free to bring a friend.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY TO CONTINUE FOLLOWING THE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES



The Adult Sunday School Class has decided to continue meeting through the summer months. The Spring, the Adult Class has been a Bible Study focused on

the Common Lectionary. Discussions have included reflections on the homilys presented during the worship services, and have been looking at the Scriptures of the day from a historical, devotional, and Lutheran perspective. EVERYONE is certainly welcome to stay following the 9:00am worship for 30-45 minutes and join in the discussion and fellowship!!

A LETTER FROM OUR MISSIONARY

May 22, 2010

Dear Friends at Reformation Lutheran Church:

A co-worker and I walked into the local corner store (a type of 7-11) and exclaimed aloud, causing everyone in the store to look at us! The cause of our excitement? Coke Zero is now sold in town. The first diet soda available in town!



Besides continuing to support the local managers of our maternal child health project,

I have some exciting new

responsibilities. Last summer the Chronic Disease Management Team started doing community-based stroke rehab following a summer project by a physical therapy intern. After seeing good results from the very basic rehab they have been doing, they have started training others. This summer the American physical therapist and recreational therapist will both finish full time language school and I have been asked to be their mentor as they start professional work. I am going to arrange internships at several rehabilitation departments so they can become familiar with the local rehabilitation methods and start learning the Chinese terms they will need for their work. As with the Chronic Disease Management, we are the first to do Rehab as part of the Community Health System and our work may help set the standard for the new system.

I am preparing several new lessons for the Visitation Team. They have asked for more information on how to help people with depression and anxiety, and serious mental illness. I am now preparing very simple lessons on the causes and symptoms, and self-help advice, but I also want to have a section on what to do if the problems are serious. I am trying to find out exactly who can we refer to as counseling is not common in China. Providentially, the Community Health System just published a guide for the community health stations on what to do when they need to refer for psychiatric care. It is not detailed enough, and I need to consult with a doctor who attends the Medical Fellowship to find out exactly how to refer people who need care.

Perhaps you have noticed that China has been very active in Africa recently. Last month the Ministry of Health asked if someone in Evergreen could give a talk in mid-June to 30 public health and hospital leaders visiting Shanxi from 14 African countries. Evergreen has 15 years of experience with rural health care and village doctor training. Dr. Alice Chen will do the session since she was the first doctor involved. Then she learned that the topic has expanded to include the Community Health System and since I have been involved in that since before it started in Yuci, Alice has asked me to help her. We have not gotten very clear details about what they want us to cover, except the three-hour session should be interactive and practical, drawing on the lessons we have learned over the years in rural work. We are thankful the talk is to be in English.

Please pray for us as we take advantage of these exciting opportunities, that the rehabilitation and other trainings will serve people and honor God.

Thank you for your continued support of the work in China. Please do keep me in your prayers!

Blessings,
Judy Perry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer is just around the corner, and here at Reformation, we're planning an exciting Vacation Bible School. *Renew: The Green VBS* will be held the week of **June 21st - 25th**. At *Renew*, kids explore the Bible with the *Parable of the Sower*, and discover ways to care for God's creation. We will have an amazing time growing in faith, having fun, and changing the world!



Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.

There are many opportunities to participate and many levels of participation. Volunteers will be needed to shepherd small groups to activities, "Gather/Send" Leaders and Assistants, Activity Site Leaders and Assistants (all or part of week), Preschool Site Leader and Assistants, Snacks Leader, Games Leader, material preparers and more. We will also be collecting the following recycled items:

- Seed packets with or without seeds
- Old seeds
- Wild seeds acorns maples, berries, etc.
- Large seed pits - avacados, peach, plum
- Gardening magazines and catalogs
- Maps, travel pictures, photos of farmers from other lands
- Cereal box cardboard fronts and backs
- 12 inch squares of plain colored fabric

For more info contact Karolyn Hayes at (302) 422-5096 or khayesus@yahoo.com.

Thanks in advance,
In Christ, Karolyn

KNIT & PRAY

The Knit n' Pray group continues to meet on Tuesdays at 11:00am. You are welcome to join them or pick up a pattern for the various projects and work on your own as your schedule allows.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Michael Callahan
- 2 Jake McDuff
- 2 Jeanne Coherd
- 3 Alex Ortiz
- 4 Billy Koch
- 4 Tyler Twilley
- 5 Beth Gannon
- 5 Kurt Sohn
- 7 Dottie Lofland
- 7 Gabrielle Johnson
- 7 Susie Burkett
- 7 Zachary Siok
- 10 Linda Caccamise
- 12 Tracey Lewis
- 13 Daniel Howell
- 13 Daniel McGinniss
- 14 Emily Hagert
- 14 Ted Ressler
- 15 Joe DeLuca
- 15 Alice Daino
- 15 Pat Kost
- 15 Karen Oldland
- 15 Kim Huey
- 17 Denise Whitman
- 17 William Wolter, Jr.
- 18 Gesine Abrutyn
- 19 Jenna McDuff
- 21 Paul Hayes
- 23 Andrea Fleming
- 25 Judy Sharp



- 26 Courtney Raihall
- 28 Sheree Warren
- 30 Edward Daino

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 5 Mr. & Mrs. David Dingess
- 8 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Adams
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Neal Richard
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Farlow
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Nilsson
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Russ Gemmill
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Willis
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wajda
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. John Eustis, Jr.
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. William Loderhose
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Ed Hermann
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Kirby Fitzgerald
- 24 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hayward
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Kerwin Boyer
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. James Fleming
- 28 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Walls

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 2010 Delaware-Maryland Synod ELCA Synod Assembly will be held at the Eisenhower Conference Center in Gettysburg, PA, June 10th-12th. Bethel Crockett & Kevin Oldland are our delegates this year. Please keep them and the entire delegation in your prayers as a new Bishop will be elected.



Reformation's Email Prayer Chain

is a group of people who have agreed to set aside prayer time for specific people as requested. These people are not necessarily on the public worship prayer list and remain on the network list for one month. If you wish to include someone on the prayer list or if you would like to be part of this vital ministry, please e-mail Sharon Trotman, our church administrative assistant, at rlcsecr19963@aol.com or call her at the church office at 422-9117. If you wish to participate in the prayer chain, you may contact coordinator Trish Boyer at 2trish@comcast.net or phone her at 422-3483.

The following list is used for public worship on Sunday Mornings. If you would like to add someone or there is someone on the current list whose condition indicates that we could remove his or her name, please call the church office.

David Snyder	Jim Reed	Joe Myers
Voshell Hutchins	Bill Loderhose	Donna Thurston
Susie Bennett	Ronnie Gibson	Linda Plummer
Bea Strahle	Jean Baker	Joe Ouge
Barbara Houser	Carol Hammond	Bonnie Russell
Harry Benham	Madi Dodge	Karen Oldland
Jo DuBois	Kim Smith	Jackie Kates
Don Abrutyn	Joan Fetterman	George Sharp
Sue Burkett	Tonya Hannah	Vera Gregg
Leo Grove	Helene Reed	Marybrook Brown
Marty Martell	Doris Bryant	Mary Belding
Bill Emory	Sam Brewer	Donna McAllister
David	Arlene	Charles Johnson
Kim	Sherry	Marge Ressler
Peachie Wachter	Lisa Thomas	Melissa
Maggie Haggerty	Robert Stout	Cathy Miller
Sonny Dorman	Elaine Polino	Kenny Heite
Steven	Nick	Alex Sammak
Gil Faber	Jo Lee Callaway	Sally Brown
Debbie	Joni	Cheryl Hodgman
Emily & Chris	Neal Richard	Ray Moxley
John Collison	Family of Joyce Emory Perry	



The Reporter

The Monthly Newsletter of
Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church

Organized February 5, 1956

Church Office: PH (302) 422-9117; FAX (302) 422-9184
KIDS, Inc.: (302) 422-9099

GOD'S MISSION FOR US

Through God's grace, we commit ourselves as disciples
to heal hurts, to teach God's word,
to discover God's joys, and share the light,
love, and peace of Jesus Christ.

JUNE 2010

OUR CHURCH LEADERS

Head of the Church: *Jesus, the Christ*

President: Neal Richard 265-2115
Vice President: Todd Hannah 284-0335
Secretary: Susan Emory 422-3115
Treasurer: Lisa Mallard 422-2844

Council Members:

Gary Johnson 398-4744
Dale Leyden 856-6404
Lezlie Eustis 422-3742
Joan VanGorder 422-9589
Jill Racz 645-0969
Chris Antonik 430-7616

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Eric Evers (begins 6/14)
Christian Education Coord: Sandra Wachter-Myers
(H) 629-3479
sacawamy@yahoo.com
Administrative Assistant/Office: Sharon Trotman
rlcsecr19963@aol.com
Director of Music & Organist: Starr Fioca
(H) 422-4169
fiocar1943@hotmail.com
Kids, Inc. Director: Mary Lu Wilson (C) 422-9099
kidsincrlc@hotmail.com
Newsletter Editor: Kevin Oldland (H) 752-7130
kboarch@mchsi.com
Webservant: Trish Boyer (H) 422-3483
2trish@comcast.net

Luke 7:36-50

