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The Beacon

We are a Christ-centered community; a light to the world through our response to God's Word.

Happy Anniversary, Pastor Brad!

**Thank You for TEN wonderful years.
Reformation is blessed with your leadership.
What's that you said? "It's all about Jesus!"**

Pastor Brad preached his first sermon as our Pastor on May 22, 2005. We offer praise and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ for blessing us with such a caring and Christ-centered spiritual leader.

During the Reverend Bradley J. Hales' ten years with us, Reformation has grown to 278 Baptized members. When Pastor Brad arrived, we averaged 32 people in one Worship service. We now welcome over 200 people to three Worship services each weekend.

Pastor Brad led us to a larger Worship space in 2010, and we now look forward to moving into another newly renovated building in 2016. Remember some of the many ways that Pastor Brad has led us to expand our Ministry for our Lord Jesus Christ:

- Increased Worship to 3 regular weekly services; Praise Worship 6 pm Saturday, Sunday 8 & 11 am, plus special Senior Worship.
- Teaches numerous weekly Bible Studies
- Active Youth and Children's Ministry
- Exciting Senior Ministry and "The PLACE"
- New caring Stephen Ministry
- Monthly Prayer & Healing Service
- Numerous Community Outreach events
- VBS welcoming over 100 kids a day

Fun Fact:
Pastor



Installation Service, May 2005

Brad will celebrate the 21st anniversary of his Ordination on June 26, 2015.

You know that Pastor Brad is always there for us - rain or shine, nights and weekends. Did you know that during Holy Week this year, he preached **11** Worship services in a row, some two or three per day. Easter weekend, he led four Worship services in less than 24 hours

So, the next time you see Pastor Brad cheerfully dashing off to meet another parishioner, heading for the hospital in the middle of the night to comfort a family, or offering prayers for a departed hero at the National Cemetery, thank him for his selfless love and care for the people in our church. Please pray for him and his family - wife Lisa, daughters Lydia and Abigail,

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and protect you always, Pastor Brad!



THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

In Psalm 107:1 it is written, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever."

I want to personally give thanks to the Lord God for letting me be your pastor over the last ten years.



On May 22, 2005, I started doing ministry with you here at Reformation Lutheran Church, and oh how God has blessed our time together!

I give thanks to God for letting us share His eternal and power filled Word. I give thanks to God for letting us preach, teach and share Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I give thanks to God for allowing us to have several worship

services to evangelize our neighbors. I give thanks to God for manifesting his power through healings and deliverances. I give thanks to God for our opportunity to pray, knowing that the Lord hears and responds. I give thanks to God for providing us the financial resources, buildings, and programs to share Christ with this community. And most importantly, I give thanks to God for all of you. If it wasn't for you, the Body of Christ, sharing your faith, inviting others to Worship, and unselfishly using your gifts and talents, this church would absolutely not be where it is today, Thank you!

When I started ten years ago, we were worshiping in the Old Clore Funeral Home Building, right across the street from our present location. On my first few days there, the Spirit led me outside to start waving at the cars which passed by. Only 30+ people were Worshiping

at one Worship service. But over the years, look how the Lord has changed that! Here is the bottom line. Any numerical, spiritual, or discipleship growth which has and will occur is ONLY through the blessings of God. That's why we need to give thanks!

Over the last ten years, I have walked with, visited with and shared with many of you. I've had the privilege to be with you through the joys of weddings, births, baptisms, and healings. But I've also been with you through heartache, sorrow, sickness, loss, break up and even death. But through all these things, we've never walked alone, have we? We have the promise of Jesus to be



*Pastor
Brad's
Page*

with us always until the age, and His love which will endure forever.

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I don't know of any other way to say it, but THANK YOU! Thank you to the Lord for blessing this Christ-centered ministry at Reformation Lutheran Church. Thank you to each and everyone of you for your support and openness to my ministry. And thank you for the blessings of Jesus in the years to come.

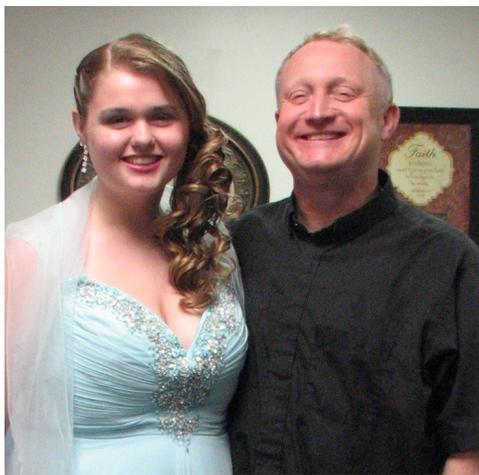
When individuals visit Reformation, most feel the Lord's presence, love, and warmth.

May we continue to be the Church where it's "All about Jesus," as people encounter the hope-filled Christ and His saving love.

Again, as the Psalmist says, "Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever."

***Being eternally grateful to God
and all of you,***

Pastor Brad



**Lydia & Abigail Hales,
then and now!**
**Lydia is almost 18, ready
for her Senior Prom.**
**Abigail, age 4 in 2005,
is now a grown-up 14.**



Pastor Brad's Prayer for the House of Representatives



Pastor Brad offered the opening prayer in the U.S. House of Representatives in D.C. Tuesday, June 20, 2013. Majority Leader Eric Cantor, left, Culpeper's Congressman, invited Hales to be guest chaplain for the day. At right is the Rev. Patrick Conroy, chaplain of the U.S. House. Photo courtesy Rep. Eric Cantor.

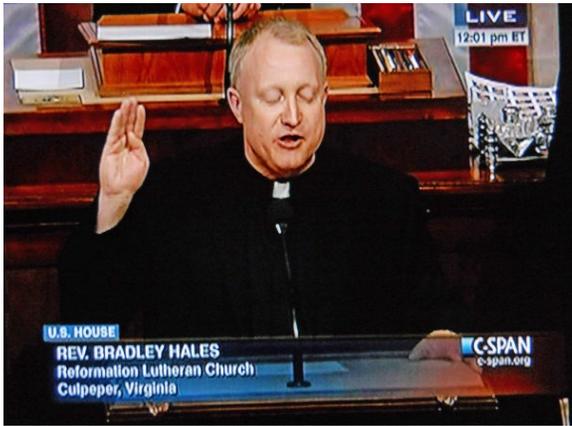
Lord God, maker of heaven and earth -

I thank you and praise you for the blessing of this day. I thank you for our country. I thank you for the laws and government which you instituted for order and honor. And I thank you for our active military and veterans who have sacrificed over and over to make us free.

Father, as a nation, as individuals, and as a government, we must repent, and always come back to you for truth, wisdom, forgiveness and hope. Let us follow your words from the Prophet Joel, "Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

I pray all these things in the powerful and the authority filled name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Amen.

10 Exciting Years of Ministry with Pastor Brad



**Praying for the U.S. Congress
June 20, 2013**



**Reformation
Lutheran Church**

First Worship at 509 S. Main, May 2010



**Surprise 40th
Birthday Party
October 2006**



**Culpeper Times
2012 Citizen of the Year**



Marching in Firemen's Parade 2008



First Advent 2005



**Pastor Brad's wife
Lisa Hales is his partner in
ministry for 22 years,
gifted educator, faithful
support and encourager at
home, and loving mother
to their daughters Lydia
and Abigail.**



**Israel trip February 2012,
Baptized in Jordan River**



It's all about Jesus

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FLASHBACK

This is a reprint from The Beacon, May 2005 when Pastor Brad first came to Reformation

Excerpts from an article sent to us by Pastor Brad in May 2005, introducing himself & his family to Reformation Lutheran Church.

It's all about Jesus of Nazareth, isn't it? Jesus is the Lord and Savior of our lives. Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. And Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. All love, hope, forgiveness, and life comes in the name of Christ. It's all about Jesus.

And the Hales Family looks forward to worshiping the living Lord with all of you! I cannot tell you how excited we are to be coming to Reformation Lutheran Church in Culpeper. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 22, 2005. But before we become a part of your lives, I would like to share a little bit about our family.

I grew up in a little town in Northwestern Ohio called Delta. My late father, Dennis, was a school superintendent, and my mother, Janice, was a children's librarian in our town library. My sister Kelly is married to Jon, and she is presently a public health educator in Brooklyn, New York.

After graduating from The Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio, with a B.S. Degree in Secondary Education-Comprehensive Social Studies, I trained with the ELCA as a Youth Ministry Intern. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we were able to help three small Lutheran congregations in Northeastern Pennsylvania establish a joint church/community youth ministry program.

As a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, I did CPE-student chaplaincy (Clinical Pastoral Education) at a mental health facility in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. In my 3rd year of Seminary, I completed my pastoral internship in Upstate New York. And it was there that I met and married by wife Lisa!

My first Call was Associate Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Maryland. With preaching, visiting, and teaching, my main areas of emphasis

were evangelism, adult education, leadership development, and starting a contemporary worship service. I was at St. John's 3 1/2 years.

Following the birth of our first daughter, Lydia, I received a Call to become the pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Verona, New York. During my 7 1/2 years of ministry there, Jesus blessed us with both spiritual and numerical growth.

My wife Lisa and I will celebrate our Anniversary on June 26. When I met Lisa, she was an administrative assistant for the Director of Nursing at a large nursing home in Albany, New York. Lisa is a wonderful wife, and a fantastic mother. She is of great support to my ministry.

Lisa teaches at Culpeper Christian School. The Hales will be married 22 years in June.

Lydia, who will be 8 years old on June 10, is a second grader. She loves to sing and dance. Abigail, who is 4 years old, is in preschool. She enjoys life to its fullest.



Lydia is almost 18 now, and is looking forward to college in the fall. Abigail is 14 years old.

During my pastorate at Reformation, I look forward to working with all of you to make the loving Jesus known in this community through prayer, Bible study, Outreach, Worship, and Fellowship. Many people are hungry to know the Lord in their lives, and what a privilege we have to share the "Good News." Through the Holy Spirit, thank-you for calling me to be your next pastor. What an honor and opportunity!

Indeed, whether it is yesterday, today, or tomorrow, it will always be all about Jesus Christ! See you in a few weeks.

Reprinted from 2005

***In Jesus' love,
Pastor Brad***

Ministry & Small Groups: Meetings & Happenings

Administration -

Finance - Stewardship - Property

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 12. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6 pm. Contact Pat Wittich (540) 718-1193.

Currently seeking new Chair!

Christian Education - Next meeting to be announced. Contact Becky Stewart (540) 775-9818. *Looking ahead to VBS 6/22 - 6/26! New time 9 am - 12:30 pm*

Council - Next meeting is Tuesday, May 26 @ 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month. Contact Diane Kelly (540) 348-1580.

Evangelism - Next meeting is Saturday, May 9 @ 4 pm. Contact Lilja Powell (540) 825-3347. *Training for the Family Fun Fair on Sat 5/16! Come join us!*

Men's Ministry - Next meeting is Saturday, May 9 @ 8 am @ Country Cookin'. Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month. Contact Wayne Baker (540) 825-2966.

Prayer Ministry - Next meeting is Saturday, May 30 @ 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Meets every other month, on the "even number" months. Contact Nancy Crow (540) 825-2642. *Prayer changes lives!*

Fellowship - Next meeting to be announced. Contact Barbara Rhodes (540) 727-8989.

Senior Ministry - Next meeting is Friday, May 8 @ 8 am @ The Place. Meets the 2nd Friday of the month. Contact Ingrid Gormley @ The Place (540) 727-8989.

Social Ministry - Next meeting to be announced. Contact Mickey Miller at (540) 972-3375 or (540) 538-1232.

Women's Ministry - Next meeting is Saturday, May 30 @ 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month. Contact Amy Harwood (540) 341-7084. *A "How-to" make your own Floral Arrangements from our own Harriett Hickman Sat. 5/30! See ad on page 8 for details!*

Worship & Music - Next meeting is Wednesday, May 13 @ 3:45 pm. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Contact Janet McDonnell (540) 272-4395.

Youth Ministry - Meets with students grades 5 - 12 every Wednesday night from 6 - 8 pm @ church. Contact Lorraine Carter (540) 827/-7168 or Pastor Brad. *Announcing Summer of Service 2015! Youth in service and on-call for your odd jobs! Watch for more info coming soon!*



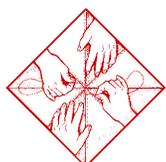
Reformation's Mother Group –
*New day/time - 2nd & 4th Sundays
10 - 10:50 am at Church!*

Carrie Waltz, (540) 827-4845
Joyce Cohoon, (540) 317-5279



Prayer Shawl Group –
*Meets Mondays 10 am - Noon
at The PLACE*

Dianne Vanderhoof, (540) 604-0068
Barbara Tomayko (540) 972-6497



PieceMakers Quilting Group –
*Meets *Saturdays 9:30 am - Noon
at The PLACE *not the 3rd Saturday*

Dianne Vanderhoof, (540) 604-0068

MENS BIBLE STUDY

A new Men's Bible Study will be held each Friday Morning at 8 am. We will be studying differing books of the Bible.

Our first group meets Friday, June 5. There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table. Please consider coming and bringing a friend! *Questions? Ask Pastor Brad.*



**The Widow's Ministry meets
Tuesday, May 5 at 11 am.**

**The Men's Bible Study/Dinner Group
meets Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 pm.**

Questions? Ask Pastor Brad.

During the month of May, we will be celebrating two very important festivals in the life of the Church - Ascension and Pentecost.

40 days after His resurrection from the dead on the Mount of Olives (Acts 1: 6-8). But before he ascended, Jesus called the Church to be

day! Ten days later, we then celebrate the Festival of Pentecost. Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4), which is the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the believers, will be recognized on May 24. It is always 50 days after the Lord's resurrection. The Pentecost is also known as the birth/birthday of the Church.

Celebrating Church Festivals

The Ascension, which will be observed on May 14, is when Jesus ascended into heaven

His witnesses locally, nationally, globally and regionally. The Lord will return one

Dreyer and Wood Memorial Services Planned

In May, we will be celebrating the lives of two very important people in the life of Reformation Lutheran Church -

Valerie "Oma" Dreyer and Willis Wood.

Both these individuals were very active in the Senior Ministry of our church. Oma was a long time member of Reformation. She was also active in the Altar Guild and Fellowship Ministries. We loved her great smile and dry sense of humor. Her ashes will be buried at the Fairview Cemetery here in Culpeper on Friday, May 8. A Wake in her honor will be held at the Northern Community Fauquier

Park, 4155 Monroe Parkway, Marshall, Virginia, Saturday, May 9 beginning at 1:00pm There will be a cook out. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be supplied, please bring a dish to pass. All are welcome! If you would like to attend, please call Heidi at (540) 326-2736.

Willis Wood was a great friend to Reformation. Along with being active in the Senior Ministry, he was a regular at "The Place" and the mid-week Worship services. His Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 9, 10 am at the Church. All are invited. A time of fellowship will follow.

April Showers Bring May Flowers . . .

Come & Learn "The Art of Floral Design"

Saturday, May 30 @ 10 am ~ Fellowship Hall

Presented by Harriett Hickman, Member of RLC & Calfee Garden Club

Flowers provided

Please bring your own:

- small vase or container (anything can be a vase!)
- pair of plant snips or scissors to cut stems



**Women
Join the Fun**

It's really important to get connected in a church group.

When you're part of our Women's Group, you can develop the kind of close, Godly friendships that we all need to survive, thrive, and grow continually closer to Jesus.

[Take a look at the exciting plans still to come in 2015.](#)

Come on! Join in the fun!

It's all for you. And it's All About Jesus!

Schedule for remainder of 2015 ...

- May 30 Calfee Garden Club Activity - See above advertisement!
- June & July Fun outings - Dates/venues TBD* - Watch for details!
- August 15 Finalize details for retreat
- September 19 Women's Retreat at Shenandoah Springs, Madison
- October 17 Faithbook & Scrapbook Crop, 9 am - 5 pm ... Reserve a seat early!
Bake Sale - TBD*
- November 21 2016 Planning Session
- December 5 Cookie Walk
- December 20 Riverside Dinner Theatre, Fredericksburg
The celebrated classic musical ...
The Broadway Show, MAME!

* TBD - To Be Determined



Join us Saturday, May 9th @ 8 am
at Country Cookin'! Breakfast, Bible
Study, Business and Brotherhood!

**Church
YARD
SALE**

Friday, May 1, we are meeting at church at 5:30 pm to prepare/set-up tables in the Narthex with Yard Sale items and

hopefully get some pricing done too. We would appreciate anyone stopping by to help. We should be done by 7 pm or so.

Let's make sure we are ready at 5:30 am on Saturday, May 2 to meet again at church in order to take the Yard Sale tables outside & organize items in front of the church. We would definitely appreciate all the members of Men's Ministry showing up to work this one early day event our group is involved in

MEN'S MINISTRY

for the whole year.

The sale will probably start at 7:30 am even tho the advertising is from 8 am - 2 pm. We also hope there will be enough help during the sale to assist buying customers and also to handle the food set-up that we will have.

Looks like we are going to have a really good day and hope our customers and vendors have a lot of smiles!

Many thanks to the great congregation of Reformation for donating your items to the Men's Yard Sale. We appreciate your time and your generosity to help us be successful.

*Thanks a lot,
Jerry K*



A few photos from the Men's Ministry Yard Sale last year. There are so many great items from which to choose again this year! Come on out and help or if you're looking for a certain item we may just have it! See you Saturday, May 2 at 8 am!





Final Fun Fair Meeting

4 pm Saturday, May 9

Come and see what to do at the Fair!

Contact Lorraine Carter:
(540) 827-7168; lorribug2001@gmail.com

Imagine... greeting 500 people in one day, and sharing the Good News of Jesus' love! That's the Family Fun Fair on May 16th. Focus is on FUN for the whole family, in a loving, welcoming Christian atmosphere.

Did you know - some visitors from last year now come to church and small groups?

Did you know - we prayed for many people?

Did you know - our Missionaries gained support and encouragement?
and

Did you know - that YOU can help!

Set up Friday, May 15 - All day!
Decorate the parking lot!

Set up early Saturday Morning
Brian Wortman, (540) 222-1489

You can be a -

Greeter! Welcome visitors at entrances.
Call Robin DeJarnette, 727-0072

Moon Bounce Sheriff! A real 'bouncer'!
Call Brent Keith, (540) 229-2114.

A Clown! Give Balloons to all the Kids!
Call Lilja Powell 829-3206.

Story Teller - Tell Bible Stories to kids!
Call Jennifer Wilson, (540) 219-5008.

Games Wrangler: Run Carnival Games
George & Lois Brobst, 829-0585

Frisbee Golfer - Dennis Lutero, 829-5699.

Break Room Helper- Lorraine, 827-7168

Site Security - Protect and Serve, keep things running smooth & safe.

Musicians - Contact Mark Ward (540) 661-8417; theblusman@yahoo.com,
or Becky Stewart, (540) 287-3722; beckyt@crosslink.net





Help us *Run the FUN!*

**Lots of things to do at the Family Fun Fair-
some standing, some seated, and all Fun!**

There's something special just for YOU



Friday May 15- help us string pennant flags, decorate tents, and prep furniture.

Saturday Morning Set Up: Come early to set up tents & tables. Brian W. 222-1489

Greeters! Teams of two Greeters meet Visitors at each front entrance. Sit at a table in the shade, Smile, and give everyone a Program & Gift Bag. Robin DeJarnette 727-0072

Reformation Info Booth - Wear the famous Reformation T-Shirt and tell visitors why you're excited about our church! See Pastor Brad or Lilja Powell, 829-3206.

Live Music - Becky Stewart & Mark Ward planning all-day music. *Joyful Noise - Music from Reformation Friends*. Church members are invited to share their musical gifts during the set. Want to sing? Contact Becky at (540) 287-3722; beekyt@crosslink.net.

First Aid - Nurses and EMTs please sign up for a couple of hours to man the main Reformation Info booth, and be available to patch up skinned knees & sunburn. Contact Marty Schwenzer, 825-9637.

Moon Bounce: Check in and watch the kids as they Bounce. Brent Keith, (540) 229-2114.

Clowns! Wear Glad Rags and hand out Balloons to all the Kids! Call Lilja 829-3206.

Story Telling - Share Bible Stories for kids. Jennifer Wilson 827-7168

Arcade Games: Run popular Carnival-style

games like Ring Toss, Beanbag Throw, etc... Games are Free - everyone wins a Prize. Games Masters George & Lois, 829-0585.

The Amazing Race - Run kids through a fun obstacle course! Call Lorraine 827-7158.

Disc Golf - Fond of Frisbees? Team up with Dennis Lutero at the Disc Golf Course- Call Dennis learn to pitch like a pro! 829-5699.

Sno-Cones & Popcorn - Sell these Fair Favorites to fund the Youth Ministry. See Lisa Hales or Melissa Keith.

Lunch Room - Folks working the Fair can take a break in the Fellowship Hall, so we need volunteers to mind the snacks & coffee. Call Lorraine 827-7168

Clean Up Saturday afternoon - Come after 3 pm and take down tents & tables, to get us ready for Worship at 6 pm.

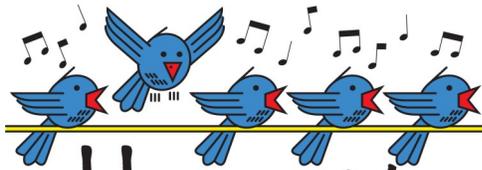
Can't come but want to help?

- Donate bottled water, cookies, fruit or chips, and prizes for Games.
- Loan us your Pop-up Tent Canopies!
- Loan us Patio Umbrellas & stands
- Loan us kid-sized tables & chairs
- Loan straw bales for seating
- Loan us your Drink & Ice Coolers!
- Offer a donation to defray expenses

Sign up on the back table!

Call Lorraine 825-4647

or Lilja 829-3206



Add your voice to the

Joyful Noise Choir

Please mark your calendar for our next choir anthem that we will sing at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, May 17.

We will be singing "You Are Worthy of My Praise", a simple, yet powerful call-and-response praise song that Mark Ward and I will lead.

You may practice at home by listening and singing along with the following YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEcWkt7rxrg>



The video is rather long, so we will only sing the first 3 minutes 40 seconds of this video as indicated in the attached lyric sheet.

I was very uplifted to see all of you to sing our last month's anthem. Thank you all for sharing your gifts!

See you all at 10 am on Sunday, May 17 to rehearse just before the 11 am Worship service.

Becky Stewart

(540) 775-9818



Pastor Brad and joyful Easter Sunday Worship



Ms Lilja shares her love of music with the young people of Saturday evening Worship



Pastor Brad leads the Children's Talk Easter Sunday 11 am

First Communion

Congratulations to everyone who chose to make
Easter his/her First Communion.



*First Communion Easter Saturday with Mary Julia,
Micah, Hannah, and Warren.*



*Miss Kynzie makes her First
Communion Easter Sunday at 11 am*



*Miss Lily was acolyte during the 8 am
Worship service Easter Morning where
she also received her First Communion*

- ⇒ New Members were approved: Trina and Kara Hadden (in March)
- ⇒ 2015 Benevolence allocations were approved for the following organizations: NALC, Omega, Matthew Riak, Sow in Love, Jerry Cooper, Transport for Christ. Lutheran World Relief, RLC Mission Endowment, Warming Shelter & Pregnancy Crisis Center
- ⇒ Strategic planning was conducted and priorities are identified as new member training and assimilation of new folks into our church family and growing the youth programs for children in 5th grade and below this fall. Stay tuned for details!
- ⇒ Council is pleased with the growth of Reformation's Youth In Christ group – up to 12 to 15 members continue to meet each Wednesday!
- ⇒ Policies were approved for the Parish Assistance Fund and for Meeting Minutes

Council Corner



Please contact Council President Diane Kelly if you have any questions or concerns regarding these or other Council highlights or matters at (540) 348-1580.

**We Give -
because HE gave**

John 3:16

Consecration Weekend Event Report

Consecration is 'to sanctify' - to set apart and dedicate ourselves, our time, and our possessions to the service of God.

We joyfully gathered to renew our Commitment to support the ministry of Reformation Lutheran on Consecration Weekend April 18 & 19th. Reformation's annual opportunity to offer our pledges of financial and volunteer support was a wonderful weekend!

Worship featured three powerful Stewardship videos, and joyful Praise music from the Youth Encounter group "Captive Free".

Our selected Stewardship scriptures are *Ephesians 1:3-12; Psalm 95; Philippians 4:10-20; and Matthew 25:31-46*

Special thanks to our Elders - they presented the Consecration message so beautifully at each Worship service. Each Homily was different, and very personal. Together, the three talks created a complete and inspiring vision

of this year's Consecration focus -

"We give - because HE gave!"

Financial Secretary Brenda Barb reports that we received **76** pledges so far. Attendance was approx. 220 for the weekend: 74 Saturday, 67/ 8 am & 79 / 11 am Sunday. Members who could not attend Worship may still make a financial pledge for this year.

Examine your heart. If the Holy Spirit leads, we invite you to fill out a Faith Promise card for your planned giving in 2015. Your gifts keep Reformation reaching out with the Good News and saving love of Jesus Christ.

If you would like a CD recording of the Elders' Consecration messages, or if you need a Faith Promise card, contact Patricia Wittich, (540) 718-1193, dpwittich@comcast.net.



"Lord, I lift Your Name on High" - Praise Worship on Consecration Sunday



Our Elders gave their gift of a special Stewardship message at each of our Worship services: Brent Keith Saturday at 6 pm, Dewey McDonnell Sunday at 11 am, Ada Foster Sunday at 8 am.



The Music Ministry team **Captive Free** singing with the kids *"I just wanna be a Sheep..."* Our Stewardship Gospel lesson from Matthew 25:31 taught compassion and generosity, and showed how the Lord will separate the sheep from the goats. The Puppet Show told us that we should use our own special gifts to serve Jesus - and not to feel "blue"! 😊

Our Stewardship Team, led by Patricia Wittich, provided a special Fellowship meal after each Worship service. Catered by Shawn's BBQ, everyone could relax as we celebrated renewing our Commitment to support Reformation's ministries.



Article & photos by Lilja Powell

Sunday School Schedule Cooperative Teaching

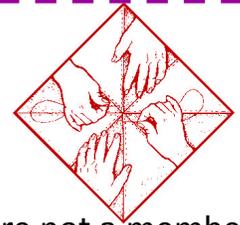


Sunday School

If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please contact Jennifer Wilson @ (540) 937-5699

Date	Lesson	Teacher	Phone No.
5/3	10	Joyce Cohoon	540-827-4845
5/10	11	Carrie Waltz	540-317-5279
5/17	12	Tish Smyth	540-717-5144
5/25	13	Gretchen Franti	540-937-3844

PieceMakers Learn New Skills



The Quilting Ministry has been working on a quilt for "Relay for Life" this past month. We have been working on a quilt with squares and sashing and have learned many new skills while working on this quilt such as how to cut sashing, how important it is to be exact in our measurements, and how to attach a binding.

Beginning in June, we are going to learn how to make a Memory Quilt. Memory

Quilts are made with different mediums. You can use fabric squares from a person's clothing, T-shirts, strips of fabrics from other items of clothing such as a pocket from a pair of jeans. You can also transfer pictures to muslin squares to create a picture quilt. Another way to preserve a memory is painting a picture on cotton fabric with fabric paint. You can also embroider or cross-stitch a memory.

Even if you are not a member of our quilting group and would like to learn how to do this, please come. Everyone is welcome. We are all learning this together. We meet at the Place on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Saturdays of each month.

Look for us at the Family Fun Fair on Saturday, May 16!

Contact Dianne Vanderhoof (540) 604-0068.



Dianne Vanderhoof tells of the PieceMakers and the congregation witness the dedication of the many beautiful quilts the group has made.



Quilters put the finishing touches on another project



The World Mission Prayer League, the International Missionary arm of the North American Lutheran Church, is having the Mid-Atlantic Gathering here at Reformation. **Join us Sunday, May 17 from 3 - 4:30 pm. We would like any members and friends of Reformation to join.** This meeting will include; a video welcome from the Executive Director, Charles Lindquist, a presentation from our missionary in Ecuador, and other missionary updates and opportunities.

Look for a sign-up sheet on the back table in the church. Come for this unique opportunity.

The family of Karen Bendeson, Judy Brennan, Brenda Breneman, Chris Greene, Mackenzie Greene Amy Harwood, Pete Harwood, Doris Luniewski, Maggie Martinez, Ann & Paul Melisurgo, Daniel & Paloma Mills, Calvin Pettie, Barbara Rhodes, Mary Ann Rinker, Wayne Rinker, Gramma Glo, Lisa Solomon, Rodger Walcker, Alda Ward, and all others in need of healing.



Dear Lord, please hear our prayers.

Reformation's Prayer List



New Prayer Time

Beginning May 3,
each Sunday morning there will be
prayer in the Chapel
from 10:15 - 10:45 am

Congregational Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, May 19
(every third Tuesday of the month)
at 7 pm at Church



Drive-thru Prayer

Wednesday, May 20
from 5:30 - 7 pm

Come and beckon people or pray
with those who "drive through"
our church parking lot!

Healing Service

Saturday, May 23
(every 4th Saturday of the month)
at the Saturday Worship service

Everyone is invited to join and
participate. If you are interested in
becoming a Prayer Ministry member,
contact Nancy Crow at (540) 825-2642



Pastor Brad welcomes Karen, Alyssa and Madisyn Corron.



Trina and Kara Hadden (John and Diane Vanderhoof's daughter and granddaughter) are welcomed to Reformation by Pastor Brad.

Youth announces "Summer of Service"!

Reformation's Youth is planning to serve our congregation this Summer!

In May, be on the lookout for sign-up sheets at church. Do you need help with yard work? Car washing? Babysitting? Pet sitting? Almost any odd jobs our able-bodied youth can handle! We plan to have youth giving their time, and sweat to our congregation and friends of RLC *all summer!*



In addition, we plan to have some fun summer activities! A pool party! Backyard BBQs! Movie nights! We're gearing up for a crazy busy summer!

If you are in grades 5 - 12, join us on Wednesday nights from 6 - 8 pm through May 27th for our regular meetings. After May 27th, we will be meeting for our fun summer outings each month during summer vacation!

We can't wait! Can you?!

Any questions, please contact our Youth Director, Lorraine Carter (540) 827-7168.



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April

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May

Morris & Ada Foster
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 Philip & Kimberly Parker
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 John & Dianne Vanderhoof
 Brian & Susan Wortman



- 1 Jeannette Gaddy
- 4 Levi Rinker
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- 9 Brenda Barb
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- 10 Alyssa Briceno
- 11 Jack Shuey
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- 23 Janet McDonnell
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- 11 Helena Bernache
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- 12 Jane McKnight
- Rebekah Waltz
- 13 Arlene Bogert
- Harlan Gaddy
- 15 Sandy Sigmon
- 16 Dawn Harwood
- Ken Schwenzer
- 23 Alex Casanova
- Dawn Lutero
- 27 Jason Greene
- 29 Giovanni Briceno
- Nancy Crow

Did we miss your big day? Please let us know.

Email the church office at:

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Thank you, Miss Lydia, for help with the Nursery!



From the Editor

The deadline for submissions to the Beacon newsletter is always the 15th of the month. If you have an urgent issue beyond that date, please contact Amy Harwood at (540) 341-7084. Please submit text

and photos (in JPG format) via email to: Newsletter@CulpeperLutherans.org.

Many thanks for your continued support!

Amy xx

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Saturdays at 6 pm
**Praise & Prayer Worship
with Children's Church**
Spirit-filled, Casual dress

Prayer & Healing Service
4th Saturdays

Sundays at 8 & 11 am
Spirited Traditional Worship
Sunday School at 10 am



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