



# The Reporter

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## Our Mission

**Invite, Engage, Equip,  
Embody**

*Invite* our neighbors as Jesus  
has invited us;

*Engage* in a community  
of graceful discipleship;

*Equip* our members for growth  
in faith and ministry;

*Embody* the love of Jesus for  
the world around us.



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9:30am-3:00pm

### Worship Services

Sept.-May  
8:30am & 11:00am

Memorial Day- Labor Day  
10:00am

### Faith Connections

for All Ages  
Sept-May  
9:45am-10:45am



## Our Pastors

Pastor Eric W. Evers

Pastor Paige G. Evers



## “The End Is Coming!” (Sometime)

**“Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour” (Matthew 25:13).**

As you’re probably aware, Lutherans follow a “liturgical calendar.” Christians keep time in a different way than the secular world does. Our “New Year’s Day” isn’t January 1<sup>st</sup>, but rather the first Sunday of Advent (which is December 3<sup>rd</sup> this year). The year begins with our preparation for Christ’s birth, and the liturgical calendar follows the sweep of Jesus’ life, ministry, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension. Observing this calendar is spiritually important because it helps us anchor our lives in the rhythms and priorities of the faith. During each year, the Sundays after Pentecost run until Christ the King Sunday, which is always the week before the first Sunday of Advent. So, Christ the King Sunday is the last day of the year for us.

This fall, with our “Foundations 500” series, we are not using the normally-assigned readings on Sunday mornings. There’s nothing wrong with that, but it is causing us to miss out on one important emphasis of the liturgical calendar. For the last Sundays of the church year, while we’re finishing “Foundations 500,” the normally-assigned Bible readings focus on the “End Times.” Now, Lutherans don’t talk about that very often. We confess in the Creeds that Jesus will return, but frankly, that’s pretty much all that gets said. You are probably familiar with preachers or churches that claim to know when Jesus will return (usually tied into U.S. politics). You’re probably also at least aware of books like the *Left Behind* series that paint a scary picture of the time around Christ’s return. What do Lutherans believe the Bible teaches about this?

First, we do believe Jesus is going to return bodily. At some point, the history of the world as it has been will come to an end. Jesus will return, the dead will be raised, and heaven and earth will be remade. Sin and death will finally be conquered and destroyed forever. Pain, suffering,



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### Pastor's Message Continues

and all forms of evil will be gone. Now, beyond that, the Bible teaches us to be very humble. Some people try to read parts of the Bible like the book of Revelation as a literal timeline, but amazingly, not one of those ways of reading it has ever worked out! This is probably because Jesus himself said that not even he knows what the timing will be, and only the Father does (see Matthew 24:36). If Jesus tells us we won't know, then we should be content with that. As far as what it will look like, again, we have to be humble. How can we wrap our minds around a world that is perfect, without any suffering, pain, or evil? How can we imagine perfect beauty and joy, with nothing to detract from it? We can't. But we can be confident that it's coming.

On top of that confidence, though, comes a word of warning. Matthew 25:1-13 is one of the passages normally assigned in November. In it, Jesus tells a parable of five wise bridesmaids and five foolish ones; the wise ones have oil for their lamps, the foolish do not. While the foolish ones are off getting oil, the bridegroom arrives, and the absent bridesmaids are shut out of the great feast. Jesus concludes the story with the warning, "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). Jesus knows how easy it is for us to get distracted from our heavenly goal. We get focused on things of this world instead of the matters of his will and his kingdom. And if you've ever seen someone trying to text while driving, you know what happens when we get distracted: we go off track. We endanger ourselves and others. That's true for driving, and it is true for the spiritual life as well.

The promise that Jesus will return can fill us with great hope. But it also gives us a reminder: it is easy for us to miss out on the blessings of the kingdom when we become distracted by the things of this world that seem too important but really don't matter. The end of the church calendar year calls us to focus and take stock: are we living each day in the light of Eternity, or are we going on like this world is the only one that matters? This kind of self-examination is important for the health of our faith. I encourage you to read Matthew 25:1-13, and then the two parables that follow it in Matthew 25, as a guide for your own reflection as the church year ends. Are you focused on the call of Jesus, or have you become distracted from the heavenly goal? Christ is always calling, and welcoming, us back to him.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Eric*

## The Numbers!

### Birthdays and Anniversaries, November 2017\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Sharon Donlin	<b>3</b> May Martin	<b>4</b> Fred Seth
5	6	7	<b>8</b> Ashley Webb	<b>9</b> Melody Olsen Emmett Venett	<b>10</b> Kerwin Boyer	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Fern Warner Wendy Dodge	<b>13</b> Don Abrutyn	<b>14</b> Beth Neeman Brock Huey <i>Ray &amp; Michele Engelsiepen</i>	<b>15</b> Ed Kost	<b>16</b> Nancy Yost	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Peggy Gallego Thomas Postles <i>Allen &amp; Sandy Kinnamon Paul &amp; Carolyn Hayes</i>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Erica Ortiz <i>Diana &amp; Deborah Young</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Paul Cole <i>Norm &amp; Kathy Hamstead</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Donn Steele <i>Ed &amp; Alice Daino Eric &amp; Kaye Norenberg</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Willow McPike Dakota Cousins	<b>29</b> Carol Troisi Shannon Moore Gini Widmer	<b>30</b>		

\*Birthdays are in plain text, *Anniversaries are bold, centered and in Italic*

### From the Church Financial Desk:

#### YTD Annual Attendance Numbers (through mid-September):

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 122 (121 last year)

#### Financial Report (as of 9/30/17):

**Total Income:** \$372,760.99

**Total Expense:** \$387,443.97

**Income – Expense:** **-\$14,667.98**

In September, our offerings did fall short of expenses, so while we were hoping to begin the “bounce back” from the summer, we did fall slightly farther behind. This is not a call for panic, but it is something for us to be aware of as a church family. The Finance Committee and Council are being extremely vigilant with spending, and Kids, Inc. is operating completely within its budget, with its expenses below income. While regular offerings (excluding Capital Campaign gifts) are up about 5% compared to this time last year, we do remain behind our expenses.

Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to give to close this gap before December comes. Between the success of the Capital Campaign, the excellent financial shape Kids, Inc. is in, and the growth in our regular giving, we are gaining tremendous momentum. We don't want to end the year “behind,” creating stress that will keep us from offering our best ministry for Christ's kingdom through Advent, Christmas, and into the new year! Thank you for your generous, sacrificial support of God's work at Reformation.

## Announcements

### Visitors are Invited to “New to Reformation” on November 26

Once a month, we are offering an informal conversation time for visitors to talk with one of the pastors and get to know more about Reformation Lutheran Church. If you are new to Reformation and would like to learn about our congregation, please plan to stay after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, November 26. We'd like to learn more about you as well! “New to Reformation” will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

#### Capital Ringers Holiday Concert at Reformation!

*Capital Ringers combines music on handbells, percussion instruments, movement, audience interaction, humor, visual technology, and an actor to create a “Holiday Classic” show that will appeal to all ages. This creative holiday performance will entertain and educate audiences with the timeless holiday songs you love.*

**What a great way to “ring” in the holiday season  
with family & friends alike!**

**Mark your calendars for Sunday,  
November 19, at 4 p.m.**

Silent Auction Included

For performance details, go to [www.capitalringers.org](http://www.capitalringers.org).

#### Scarf Making Event to Benefit Code Purple November 18<sup>th</sup> 2017, 10am to 12noon

The Christian Service Committee will be holding a Crafting Event to make **Fleece** Scarves for The Code Purple Guests at Avenue United Methodist Church and the Multi-Cultural Center located in Milford.

**Fleece** fabric will be provided for this fun project. If you have any of the following items at home, please bring them to use during the event: scissors, fabric mat, rotary cutters, pinking shears and yard sticks. Being able to cut with scissors is the only skill needed for this fun and heartwarming, **Scarf** event!

**Colossians 3:23-24:** *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”*

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social

On Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we continue our annual tradition of Thanksgiving Eve worship at 7:30pm followed by a Pie Social. Come and celebrate God's blessings with your church family, and stay to “get yourself ready” for the big dinner on Thanksgiving by having dessert first! We will need pies, of course, so if you've got a favorite pie to bake, we'd love for you to bring it!

### New Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

In response to changes in attendance patterns, we are making some changes in our Christmas Eve schedule. The Worship and Music Committee has seen attendance at the 11:00pm service decline steadily. We are also aware that we have families with younger children and older members who may not wish to be out driving after dark. And so, we are moving our three Christmas Eve services earlier in the day. We will start at **4:00pm** with a service featuring our **children's program**, and then have services at **7:00pm** (full choir and bells) and **9:00pm** (special music). We believe this will make our beautiful services accessible to more people, and we look forward to celebrating Christmas Eve with you and with our community!

### Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship

It is an unusual year, with Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday. We will have one service at 10:00am on December 24<sup>th</sup>, featuring our choir offering a special cantata. We will celebrate the morning as the Fourth Sunday of Advent. (We will not, however, be waiting until after this service to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve; look for more information about this in the December Reporter!)

## Church Ministries

### Mitten Tree

The Christian Service Committee is excited for our church family to express their blessings of love toward seniors, the disabled and families living below the poverty level in our community via **The Mitten Tree**. With your generosity and kindness, we can brighten the lives of others at Christmas who may not receive a gift otherwise. Requested **New Gifts**, World Hunger, Seminary and Discretionary Fund Mittens will be hanging on the Mitten Tree, located in the Narthex. **The Mitten Tree** will be displayed starting Thanksgiving weekend, Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup> 2017. Select a mitten set with information of requested gift. One mitten with your name and phone number to be placed in the box located at the tree and the additional mitten to be attached to the gift. If you take a World Hunger, Seminary or Discretionary Mitten, keep the two mittens together and place them in the box with a check made out to Reformation Lutheran Church. Please bring in all gifts by December 17, 2017

**Matthew 5:16** *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who took time to bring in items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. We were able to put together 15 boxes this year to donate to children. I would like to extend **a special thank you to WELCA**, who donated funds to help pay for postage. A big thank you to everyone who will be helping to pack the boxes on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Karen Oldland*

### Knitters, Crocheters, Weavers

The Christian Service Committee invites you to share your talents in creating hand crafted Christmas Scarves at your leisure. The lovingly Knitted, Crocheted or Weaved scarves created by You in holiday colors will be donated to the Women & Children guests of Code Purple at the Multi-Cultural Center and the Male guests of Code Purple at Avenue United Methodist Church located in Milford. The hand crafted unwrapped scarves may be banded with a strand of yarn or ribbon and placed in the Code Purple Donation Basket located at the parking lot entryway.

**First Timothy 4:14-15** *“Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.”*

### Teddy Bear Ministry

When you see the Teddy Bears sitting in the pews at Reformation it is hard to believe that a ‘stuffed animal’ can make a difference. Recently a friend of one of our congregational members called the church office and left a message. Our church secretary, Kathy, contacted me with the following message: “A recipient of one of the teddy bears left a message on my machine on Saturday thanking us for the teddy bear she received. She had not heard of such a thing before, but has found it to be immensely comforting. Several times, when she was feeling down, she hugged it and it gave her a great sense of comfort, something she does not understand but very much appreciates.” That ‘stuffed animal’ from our special Teddy Bear Ministry made a difference in someone’s life. Please consider sharing God’s love through one of the Reformation Lutheran Church Teddy Bear Ministry.

For more information please contact  
Karen Oldland at 752-7130

**(Note: At this time we do not need any donations of Teddy Bears; the suggested donation for the Teddy Bear Ministry is \$10.00 – note the donation on the memo line of your check. Thank you)**



## Church Ministries (continued)

### Do You Love to Bake? Do You Enjoy Meeting Your Milford Neighbors? Join our Reformation Cookie Table at the Santa House on December 3!

One of Milford's beloved Christmas traditions is the Santa House downtown, right over the river on Walnut Street. Reformation has an Evangelism opportunity to offer free cookies to families visiting the Santa House for one day only: Sunday, December 3 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Our cookie table was a big hit last year. Downtown Milford, Inc., who runs the Santa House, is very excited that we are coming back this year.

Can you bake a batch of cookies and/or hand out cookies for an hour at a Reformation table next to the Santa House on December 3? It's a fun time seeing kids and their excitement for Christmas. You are invited to attend 8:30 worship and then join Pastor Paige and other folks at the Reformation table!

All ages are invited to reach out to our community with Jesus' love through your delicious cookies. Please contact Pastor Paige with any questions or to sign up: [pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net](mailto:pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net). There will also be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

## Faith Connections Invites All Ages to Learn and Grow

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You are invited to attend Faith Connections, our Sunday morning learning hour, from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Stay after the 8:30 a.m. worship service, or come before the 11:00 a.m. service, for Christian growth and learning. The mission of Faith Connections is: ***Building and sustaining our faith community one relationship at a time.***

We offer coffee and refreshments every week at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Visit with your church family, welcome visitors, and enjoy catching up with each other. On the Sundays that we have **ReCreation** events at 12:15 p.m., Faith Connections *does not meet*. Everyone is encouraged to attend worship and the **ReCreation** lunch and learning event on **ReCreation** days. Since **ReCreation** is designed for the whole congregation, all ages, to come and learn together, we focus on worship and **ReCreation** on those Sundays.

**Beginning the first Sunday in November we will have a new opportunity for Sunday morning Bible Study during the Faith Connections hour. We will gather in the library to listen to and discuss short videos from the Living Proof Ministry app done by Beth Moore. If you are interested, please join us in the library at Church for fellowship and Bible study on November 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Karen Oldland at 752-7130.**

### Summary of Faith Connections Groups held from 9:45-10:45 a.m.:

***Everyone: Coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.***

***Infants:*** Play with Ms. Kristen in the Nursery

***Preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade,*** (Parents or caregivers with younger children are welcome to attend with their child): ***Faith Connections Kids*** with Ms. Jeanne in the large double classroom.

***4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades:*** ***Faith Connections Youth*** with Pastor Paige in the Classroom across from the Nursery.

***Adults:*** ***Adult Bible Study*** with Pastor Eric, Pastor Gordon, and Chris Antonik in the Fellowship Hall.

***Living Proof Ministry*** with Karen Oldland. Listen and discuss short videos: Beth Moore series. Meet in Library.

***Looking for Fellowship Opportunities for Children and Youth? See pages 9 and 10***

## Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord

### From the choir loft...

Here it is in the middle of October and we'd like to extend an invitation to anyone or everyone to join us as we prepare for our Christmas Cantata this holiday season! We will begin our cantata rehearsals on Thursday nights, beginning with October 26th from @8PM until @8:45PM. Certainly feel free to join us for our 'regular' rehearsal at 7:30PM as well! Our cantata this year is 'The Christmas Offering' which we will present to the glory of God at the 10AM worship service on Christmas Eve, Sunday December the 24th. Listen to that quiet inner voice that's saying..." Gee, back in the day, I used to love singing in the choir...maybe I'll give it a try for this holiday season!! Hope to see you there!

*Blessings,  
Gail*

### Your Capital Campaign Gifts at Work!

On Thursday, November 2, at the invitation of Pastor Richie Portalain, Pastor Eric and other leaders from Reformation will be presenting a \$2,500 check for the Multicultural Church's Code Purple shelter at their Thursday evening service. We have also recently given \$2,500 to Avenue Methodist's Code Purple shelter. In 7 months, our "A Place for All" campaign has received about \$50,000 of the over \$155,000 pledged over three years, and these gifts to Code Purple represent our commitment to give at least a tithe (10%) of the Campaign's income to provide for God's children who don't have a roof over their heads.

*Your generosity is making a real impact for the Kingdom in our community!*

Thank you for your giving, and as our members keep their gifts to the campaign coming in, we will see more amazing things happen!

*In Christ,  
Pastor Eric*

### Ways to Pray

**Prayer Chain:** Reformation has an email prayer chain group that will lift up specific requests in prayer throughout the week. This is separate from the Sunday prayers of the Church. If you have a request you would like on the email prayer chain, please contact the church office. If you would like to join the prayer chain group, please contact one of the pastors.

**Sunday Worship Prayer List:** The following prayer requests are from the most recent Sunday before the Reporter publication deadline. To add someone to the prayers of the Church in worship, please write their names on the list behind the altar.

Frank Adams

Les Armour

June Breitfeller

Linda Caccamise

Carlos and Family

Elyse Cillage

David

Madi Dodge

Zach Emory

Patty Eustis

Kimberly Finch

Ray Gannon

Kevin Gruwell

Pam Gruwell

Holly

Justin

Kris

AnnaMae Lehman

Kandy Lucas

Albert McAllister

Rose Nailor

Letecia Prophet

**Pastor John Ranney**

Robert & Becky Reed

Erin Richard

Bonnie Russell

Stephanie

June Steenland

Donald Surgens

Pat Venett

Ken West

Lillian Willey

Rex Willing

Adam Wilson

Deborah Young

Jill Young



## When Prayer Gets Hard: Honest Thoughts about Prayer on Nov. 19

Our first two *ReCreation* events have explored our year's theme, Teach Us to Pray, by examining Jesus' prayer life and the prayer life of Martin Luther. At our October event, we enjoyed a lunch of sub sandwiches, chips, and lots of delicious desserts! The majority of the learning time focused on Martin Luther's explanation of The Lord's Prayer in the Small

Catechism. Each table discussed a different part of the Lord's Prayer, a Bible passage, and Luther's thoughts on that section of the Lord's Prayer. Everyone went home with a devotion book that has a daily guide to praying the Lord's Prayer. Those booklets are available in the lobby outside the Fellowship Hall, if you'd like to take one home for your own growth in faith. Another highlight of the October event was hearing each table share the simple prayer they wrote together to sum up their section of The Lord's Prayer. The creativity and insight from all ages was astounding. The simple prayers gave everyone a lot to think about for their own prayer life.

Our November event will take the idea of prayer a bit further, as we explore how it feels when prayer gets hard. The Psalms are full of prayers with people asking, "How long, O Lord?" We all know what that feels like. We will look to Scripture to understand how God works through prayer, even in hard times. We will also discuss how to pray for our enemies and others who we don't naturally want to pray for. Please come and share your stories and struggles, so we can all grow in prayer together.

Our "Teach Us to Pray" *ReCreation* lunch and learning events are for everyone of all ages, families and singles, kids and young adults and seniors, and everyone in between! Families with young children may not be able to stay for the entire event, but they are welcome to come for lunch. By sitting at tables together, the youngest children in our church family will grow up having relationships with the adults at church who care about them. Following Jesus and shining his light in the world takes constant learning and growth. Prayer is a key part of that. We hope you will make a commitment to coming to *ReCreation* and growing in your prayer life alongside your friends in Christ.

The *ReCreation* Core Team members (Karen Oldland—Leader, Mary Currie, Linda Helm, Marv Navarro, Kristin Schlegel, Barbara Seth, Pastor Paige, and Pastor Eric) look forward to seeing you at the next ReCreation event on November 19. Please contact a Core Team member with any questions or to get involved with *ReCreation*.

### *ReCreation* 2017-2018 "Teach Us to Pray"

**November 19: When Prayer Gets Hard**

**January 21: Praying in the Pews**

**February 25: Prayer Binds Us Together**

**March 18: Listening to the Lord**

**April 22: Praying to Be Healed**

**May 20: Prayer on the Go**

## Fellowship Opportunities for Children and Youth!



### You are Invited to **Coffee & Crawlers on November 4 at 8:30!**

Parents with children in preschool and younger are invited to come and play at “Coffee & Crawlers” on **Saturday, November 4 at 8:30 a.m.** Coffee and snacks will be provided. The parents and kids meet in the Narthex one Saturday a month to play and talk about our life as parents. Please contact Pastor Paige with any questions ([pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net](mailto:pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net)). Guests and their little ones are welcome, so feel free to invite a friend! *Please save the dates for next month’s gathering: December 2 at 8:30 a.m.*

### Confirmation Lunch & Learning Event on November 5

**On Sunday, November 5**, our Confirmation-aged students and families will meet after the 11:00 worship service in the Fellowship Hall for a pizza lunch and learning time. Pastor Paige looks forward to talking and learning together about the Small Catechism, the Bible, and how we live out our faith in daily life. Families of Confirmation students also attend **ReCreation** events and participate in service projects as part of the Confirmation curriculum at Reformation Lutheran Church.

### Calling Young People for the Christmas Eve Children’s Play

A beloved tradition at Reformation is the Christmas Eve Children’s Play. All children are welcome to participate in the Christmas Eve play so they can learn the story of Jesus’ birth and help announce to the congregation that our Savior has come! This year, the Children’s Play will be offered during the new 4:00 p.m. worship service. We will have candlelight services with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Jeanne Coherd and Pastor Paige are working together on the planning for the play. They’d love to know if your children or grandchildren would like to take part. Please contact Pastor Paige ([pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net](mailto:pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net)) if you’d like to sign your child(ren) up for the play!

The practices will be held mostly during Faith Connections and also at a couple of additional times. Here is the practice schedule. We understand it is a busy time of year and hope that children will be able to attend as many practices as possible.

**Sunday, November 26 at 9:45 a.m.** practice begins during a portion of Faith Connections. *(If your children aren’t in the play, they will still gain from hearing the Christmas story told in play form as the rehearsals are happening. They will also be able to participate in the learning time. Please don’t hesitate to keep attending Faith Connections in the weeks leading to Christmas.)*

**Sunday, December 3 at 9:45 a.m.** practice during Faith Connections

**Saturday, December 9 from 10:00-12:00 p.m.** practice during Parents’ Day Out

**Sunday, December 17 at 9:45 a.m.** practice during Faith Connections

**Saturday, December 16 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Dress Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 23 from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.** last practice and run-through

**Sunday, December 24 at 3:30 p.m.** Arrive to prepare for the Christmas Eve Worship Service & Christmas Play

## **Fellowship Opportunities for Children and Youth!**

### **Youth & Family Ministry: Service Project Day**

We have made some changes in our Youth & Family Service Project schedule for the year, due to the Food Bank changing their volunteer openings. Instead of serving at the Food Bank in November as originally planned, we hope to serve there in early 2018. We have an exciting alternative for our November Youth & Family Event. Youth in grade 4 and older are invited to come to the Parsonage on **Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m.-noon for a couple of different service projects.**

Along with the Christian Service Committee (CSC), we will work on making scarves for guests at the Code Purple shelters in Milford. Please see the CSC article in this Reporter for more details. We will also have a station for youth to help assemble the Welcome Bags we give to first-time guests at our worship services. It's important to have a lot of those on hand for Advent and Christmas Eve visitors. There may be another station or two for the youth to use their gifts, skills, and time to help others.

Please RSVP to Pastor Paige ([pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net](mailto:pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net)) if you are planning to come on Nov. 18. Parents are welcome to stay if they'd like to serve as well, or youth can come on their own and get picked up at 12:00. We are excited to put our hands to work for God and for our neighbors on November 18!

#### **Spread the word!**

Please "Like" Reformation's [Facebook](#) page for news, announcements, and photos of church events! [www.facebook.com/RLCMilford](http://www.facebook.com/RLCMilford)  
 Reformation is now on [Instagram](#)! Please follow our church's profile: [@rlcmilford](#)  
 Check in and tweet or post about what's going on with the hashtag [#RLCMilford](#), or post on Facebook and tag [Reformation Lutheran Church](#).

### **Opportunities for Children and Youth Summary Calendar for November, 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Coffee & Crawlers, 8:30, @ Church
5 Confirmation Lunch & Learning Event, 12:15 pm	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Youth & Family Service Project Day
19 ReCreation Event	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		