



# 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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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



**“Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.” (Luke 18:1)**

As I write this, I am working with a ReCreation Design Team to prepare the final ReCreation event of the program year, completing our theme, “Teach Us to Pray.” I hope you have had the chance to participate in at least some of our events this year. These (mostly) monthly lunch and intergenerational faith-formation events truly are the heart and soul of what the Holy Spirit is up to at Reformation. People of all ages coming together for a meal, fellowship, and deepening of faith is an incredibly powerful experience.

As we end this year-long focus on growing in our life of prayer, I want to emphasize the church’s deep need for prayer. Not just our church, but the whole Church on earth, every Christian, needs the power of prayer to an extent I don’t think most of us grasp. I remember one of my seminary professors telling us, “Some of you will go out from here and have amazing first calls, where the church will grow, faith will deepen, needs will be met, and the lost will come to believe. If that happens to you, you need to go around your church and thank the people who have been praying, because I guarantee you, you’ve got some prayer warriors in a church like that.” The life of a church is, obviously, spiritual. Churches exist so that people can grow in faith, hope, and love, so that spiritually immature people can become transformed in Christ, so that communities in need can be served, and so those who do not yet know Jesus can experience his saving power. How can any of this happen, except by the power of the Holy Spirit? And prayer is precisely the way we rely on the Holy Spirit’s power.

And so, Pastor Paige and I are calling our whole congregation to a short-term covenant of prayer. On Sunday, June 10, we will be asking all of our members to make a 6-week prayer

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### Pastor's Message Continues

commitment. We ask you first of all to pray for our VBS, which will happen June 25-29, and then when it is over, to pray that the kids who came would carry the experience of God's love with them. We hope that everything they learn at VBS about Jesus will take root deep in their souls, and your prayers can help that to happen. We also hope you will add at least one other area of prayer. We'll ask you to pray that visitors will come and find the love of Jesus at Reformation. We'll ask you to pray for the opportunity to share God's love and goodness with someone. Another option is for you to pray for our church's ways of helping our community (through the Christian Service Committee and the Pastors' Discretionary Fund). Finally, you'll have the choice to pray for the spiritual growth of our members through Bible study and prayer. You can find a commitment card in this issue of the Reporter, and we'll have them in our Sunday bulletins as well. One half is for you to keep as a reminder; the other half will be offered in church on June 10. If you can't be there on the 10th, you can either drop it in the offering plate any other Sunday or mail it to the church. If you choose to sign the card, then one of the pastors will regularly pray for you and your commitment. Otherwise, it is completely anonymous.

I think most of us intend to pray daily, but keeping that habit can be challenging. This commitment is not meant to be legalistic, but rather a tool to help you form and keep the pattern of regularly praying for Reformation's spiritual growth and witness. Without those prayers, we cannot grow in the Spirit's power. And so, Pastor Paige and I ask you to devote 6 weeks this summer to praying for Reformation's spiritual life. We believe you, our church, and our community will be blessed.

*Yours in Christ,*  
Pastor Eric

### 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)

Follow Reformation on **Instagram** with our church's profile:  
[@rlcmilford](https://www.instagram.com/rlcmilford)

Check **Twitter** for tweets about what's going on with the hashtag #RLCMilford, or post on Facebook and tag  
*Reformation Lutheran Church*

## The Numbers!

### Birthdays and Anniversaries, June 2018\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Brooke Holston	2 Jake McDuff Jeanne Coherd
3 Alex Ortiz	4 Eleanor Gregory Tyler Twilley Dresden Miller	5 Beth Gannon Kurt Sohn	6	7 Dottie Lofland Gabrielle Johnson	8 <i>Kevin &amp; Pam Gruwell</i> <i>Robert &amp; Doris Adams</i>	9 Lexi Caccamise
10 Linda Caccamise	11	12 Tracey Lewis	13 Dan McGinnis	14	15 Alice Daino Karen Oldland Kim Huey Pat Kost <i>Ralph &amp; Dot Willis</i>	16
17 Denise Whitman <i>Bill &amp; Joyce Beiler</i>	18 Bill Donlin <i>John &amp; Lezlie Eustis</i>	19 Charles Scotton Jenna McDuff Bill Vendetti	20	21 Pat Wolfgang Paul Hayes <i>Bob &amp; Patti Hermann</i>	22	23 Andrea Pike Taylor Burkett <i>Kirby &amp; Heather Fitzgerald</i>
24 Michael Quattrociocchi	25 Judith Sharp <i>Kerwin &amp; Jean Boyer</i>	26 Marv Navarro Tristan Tucker	27 Deborah Johnson <i>Jim &amp; Diane Fleming</i>	28	29 <i>Kevin &amp; Joanna Loneragan</i>	30 Ed Daino

\*Birthdays are in plain text, *Anniversaries are bold, centered, italic and red.*

### From the Church Financial Desk:

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 136 (128 last year)

Average Weekly Faith Connections 34 ( 25 last year)

*Our Sunday worship and Faith Connections attendance continues to be strong this year. We did not see a significant post-Easter "drop", which is very encouraging!*

#### Financial Report (as of 4/30/18):

**Total Operating Income:** \$160,296.17

**Total Operating Expense:** \$142,175.44

**Income – Expense:** \$ 18,120.73

**Benevolence Sent:** \$ 3,250.00

*These are tremendous numbers! We have much to be thankful for. Our offerings to the regular budget, not including the Capital Campaign, are up almost 15% compared to last year! Kids, Inc.'s income vs. expenses are very healthy as well. We will be using some of their excess income to pay down a significant portion of our Line of Credit over the next several months. You may notice that we are reporting "operating" income and expense numbers. These include regular offerings, regular expenses, and Kids, Inc. income and expenses. They do not include income or expenses from the Capital Campaign or other memorial funds. We are also now reporting "Benevolence sent," which is what we have sent to the DE-MD Synod so far this year (we usually send it quarterly) as mission support. This funds the vital work of our synod and is very important to our life as part of something bigger than just our local church. Every gift marked as "benevolence" is passed on to the DE-MD Synod. Thank you for your generous support!*

## Church Ministries

### WELCA NEWS

#### WELCA Mission Statement:

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

#### Mark your Calendar for our Last official WELCA Monthly Meeting of this year!

June 7, 2018

Dottie Lofland ~ Noon. Covered dish. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board across from kitchen

Please join us for our last meeting of the year, a pot luck lunch at the home of Dottie Lofland.

Wondering what you can contribute? Check out the sign-up sheets across from the kitchen. We would love to have you come and celebrate another successful WELCA year!

#### Milford Community Pantry Appeal

While school is not in session, some children in our community don't have the means to purchase nutritional meals.

**To assist the Milford Community Pantry** in offsetting this deficit, The Christian Service Committee is collecting donations in the months of **June, July and August.**

#### June Requests for the Pantry:

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Fruit/Jell-O/Pudding Cups

**(non-refrigerated varieties, please).**

*A receptacle will be located in the Narthex for the Food donations.*

*Let Reformation Lutheran Church be a Blessing to Children by helping to provide nutritional foods during their Summer months!*

**Matthew: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me".**

#### Forever Angel Tree Cards

Our Forever Angel Tree concept is simple - making sure that disadvantaged folks in our community are able to get some of the items that their fixed incomes don't allow them to purchase.

Some of the items are not covered by their insurance, such as adult diapers, etc. We have asked for donations in the past, through our Forever Angel Tree on a limited basis, but sometimes it is a "forgotten" campaign, so one of our members decided to put up a small **Christmas Tree** in the Narthex with Angel Cards hung on the tree as a gentle and constant reminder. Just take the "**angel**" that calls to your heart, fulfill the angel request and **return your card and angel** to the box on the table with the Angel Tree.

The CSC (Christian Service Committee) will take care of the rest by helping disability candidates by placing the cards in the hands of those in the greatest need.

Thank You!



#### Milford School Districts Homeless Children's Update

The Christian Service Committee would like to **Thank** Reformation Lutheran Church's congregation for your continued donations for the Milford School Districts Homeless Children!

**Care items still needed** are Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Chapstick, and Wipes. Children who are homeless sometimes have no running water at their disposal, so the **wipes are extremely important for sanitary purposes.** Food, **especially non-perishable food**, is needed, such as nutritional Breakfast Bars, Pop Tarts and Sandwich Crackers.

You can place your items in the tote marked **Donations for Milford School District Homeless Children** located in the Narthex.

**Thank You!**

## Church Ministries (continued)

### Senior Quilts ~ A Labor of God's Love



Every Spring, quilts are presented to members of Reformation Lutheran Church who are graduating from high school. This tradition was started more than 12 years ago and continues to be a wonderful ministry of the church. This year, Lida Gannon was the only senior in the congregation. It was a joy to prepare a quilt for her and present it to her at the 11 am service on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Our hope is that she will always feel wrapped in God's love and remember that Reformation is a place to "come home to" in the years ahead.

Lida's mother chose Ecclesiastes 3:1 to be embroidered on the quilt. Mrs. Gannon said "*Ecclesiastes 3:1 is a perfect verse for Lida. Also, she is involved in the color guard of her High School band, president of the drama club (which includes the play this year), president of our Peach Blossom 4-H club, Junior board member of the Delaware State Fair. She loves sculpting, especially the potter's wheel and drawing and painting, pretty much all things involved with the arts. She has always liked purple and as of late bright, hot colors, such as red and orange. She is extremely fond of animals, but especially dogs. Ever since she read the Harry Potter books, starting at age 8, she has been a huge fan. Lida is a compassionate young lady and when it comes to injustice, a great advocate for the underdog.*"

Lida plans to attend Delaware Technical and Community College, and transfer to a 4-year college or university after she completes her Associates degree. She hopes to major in Art Therapy.

Thanks also to all the members of the congregation who took time to write notes of encouragement and blessings on the quilt in the last few weeks. I'm sure over time, those notes will be read again and again, and bless the reader.

The making of the Senior Quilts was made possible with the help of willing volunteers. Many thanks to Karen Oldland, Mary Lu Wilson, Karolyn Hayes and Joann Cotton. Special thanks to Lydia Petersen for her generous donation of fabrics. Many prayers were said with the making of the quilt. If you would like to become part of the Senior Quilters team, working on next year's quilts, send an email to Mary Deeter at [maryrdeeter@comcast.net](mailto:maryrdeeter@comcast.net)

### Spouses Without Partners

A new social group forming for people who have lost a spouse. We routinely meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday every month after the 11:00 am service (10:00 am in the Summer) at [The Palace Restaurant](#) to have lunch together and socialize. Due to the Memorial Day holiday in May, we will have our initial meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you're interested, please contact either Bill Vendetti at [wavend1@verizon.net](mailto:wavend1@verizon.net) or Sherry Titherington at [pegasus67912@gmail.com](mailto:pegasus67912@gmail.com).

## Church Ministries (continued)

### Fellowship Opportunities for All Ages!

The **Christian Service Committee** has “**dug up**” a new way to partner with the **Food Bank of Milford**, to distribute nutritious foods to Delawareans in need. The Food Bank accepts produce grown from produce growers, farmers and even **backyard gardener enthusiasts!**

Backyard gardening does not have to be difficult! Experienced growers can plant large in-ground gardens and raised gardens, while **newcomers can start with small container gardens**. To learn more about gardening, please visit the Cooperative Extension’s website.

**So, how will this new program work?** It’s simple. Let’s say you have extra zucchini growing in your garden this summer. You had great plans to make zucchini bread every week and freeze it so you could enjoy it every week for the whole winter. Well, how much zucchini bread can your freezer hold? You have given oodles of it to your neighbors, even those who really didn’t want it but didn’t want to disappoint you by saying “**No thanks, I’m not a fan!**” You are heartsick that you have produced this wonderful gift from God and now have no way of using His bounty.

### Bring your excess produce bounty to church!

Yes, that is what I said, “**Bring your excess produce bounty to church!**” We will have a bin in the Narthex labeled **Milford Food Bank Produce**. Gently drop your produce in the bin and one of RLC’s Angels (**Al Osterholm**, in fact) will carefully deliver the produce to the Food Bank early that week.

So, no more anxiety if you have too many tomatoes this week, the needy in the community will reap from your harvest. Forgot to bring your excess produce to church this week?

**Surplus** produce can be donated directly to Delawareans in need. Donations can be dropped off to the **Food Bank’s warehouse** in **Milford, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

### Wondering what to grow or donate? The Food Bank suggests these foods:

Peppers (banana, bell, sweet, etc.)	Kale
Eggplant	Spinach
Swiss Chard	Lettuce
Cucumbers	Cabbage
Green Beans	Radishes
Squash/Zucchini	Turnip
Tomatoes	Arugula
Okra	Mustard Green
Brussel Sprouts	Collard Greens
Beets	Carrots
Herbs (Rosemary, Basil, Parsley, Cilantro, Thyme, etc.)	Kohlrabi
Melons	Bok Choy
Strawberries	Peas
Blueberries	Cauliflower
Raspberries	Potatoes
Blackberries	

## Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord

### *From the choir loft...*

As another choir 'season' ends, we look to **June 17th for our 'Church Music Sunday'**. The choir members choose anthems that have spoken to them during the year and that they want to share again with the congregation. The bells, under the direction of Neal Richard, will also present a couple of anthems. We do enjoy this celebration of music!!

## Summer

**Keep an eye out** for dates and times for our *summer choir*. Some of the choir members would like to get a little band together and sing more contemporary songs. Interested?? Please let me know!

Blessings!

Gail

### *Every Penny Counts*

The **Christian Service Committee** will be collecting **spare change!**

Every Sunday this June, the Service Committee is asking you to consider leaving the spare change that builds up in your pocket or purse in a glass container we will have set up in the Narthex. At the end of the month all the change collected will be **donated** to the **Milford Peoples Place**. The money we raise will go towards **sheltering** and **counseling** for woman and children escaping domestic violence, transportation for local Veterans to the VA hospital and meals for families at the local shelters.

**With your change, we are hoping to make a change for others in need!**

**Great family project! Get your kids involved in this easy service project for helping others!**

### *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.

Kerwin and Jean Boyer

June Breitfeller

Linda Caccamise

Ruth Callaway

Eric Coverdale

David

Deborah

Cheryl DeLuca

Madi Dodge

Zach Emory

Patty Eustis

Ray Gannon

Kevin Gruwell

Pam Gruwell

Jill

Kathy

Morris Little

Rose Nailor

The Family of Becky Reed

Faith Navarro

**Pastor John Ranney**

Heidy Ritter

Bonnie Russell

Suzanne

Lisa Tisch

Pat Venett

Jessica Waddington

Lillian Willey



## Thank you for supporting *ReCreation* this year!

The May *ReCreation* event on “Prayer on the Go” was a fitting wrap-up of this year’s overall theme, “**Teach Us to Pray.**” The eight lunch and faith learning events from September-May helped people of all ages learn about and experience different ways of praying. Over the year, we also discussed the role of prayer in our relationships with God and with other people.

At the May *ReCreation* event, we enjoyed a lunch of fried chicken, macaroni salad, green salad, antipasti, cookies and cake. The hearty meal, hosted and served primarily by *Maynard and Eleanor Gregory*, was enjoyed by all. There was a lot of animated conversation at each table. The Fellowship Hall was set up for *ReCreation* by this month’s Move Team leader: *Gary Johnson*. Many participants helped clean up and put tables and chairs away after the event.

Each *ReCreation* event involves a lot of servants, who take turns behind the scenes or leading the learning session. It is truly a congregation-wide effort to plan and host *ReCreation*. The participants are grateful for the work that goes on to provide a meaningful and enriching faith formation experience for all ages.

The May Design Team of *Trish Boyer, Joan VanGorder, Marv Navarro, and Pastor Eric* all shared stories of different times, places, and styles of prayer from their own lives. Trish taught people how to send out quick bursts of prayer, or “*Javelin Prayers*” as needs arise for yourself or others throughout the day. Joan gave helpful advice for visiting people in the hospital, especially when you’re not sure what you’re walking into as a visitor and friend. Marv shared stories of praying in difficult situations at work, and how God can help us get through times when we don’t understand the behavior of others. There was a lot of participation from the group as well. Many people shared their own prayer experiences, and ways they pray when they are “on the go.”

Now that our year focusing on “**Teach Us to Pray**” is complete, the *ReCreation Core Team* will be working to plan next year’s theme and eight faith formation events in 2018-2019. If you have feedback or questions about *ReCreation*, or would like to get involved, please contact one of the following Core Team members: **Karen Oldland—Leader**, Mary Currie, Linda Helm, Pat Kost, Marv Navarro, Kristin Schlegel, Pastor Paige, or Pastor Eric.

We are already excited about next year’s *ReCreation* lunch and learning events! *ReCreation* is for families and singles, kids, young adults, and seniors. It is for first-time worship guests and for life-long congregation members. Lunch is provided. Everyone enjoys fellowship as they sit and eat with friends, old and new. We look forward to seeing you at *ReCreation*. Watch the Reporter, the Bulletin, and church Webpage, and Reformation’s Facebook page for next year’s dates, and plan to come to *ReCreation*!

## Fellowship Opportunities for Children and Youth!



### You are Invited to Coffee & Crawlers on June 9th at the Playground!

Parents with children in preschool and younger are invited to come and play at "Coffee & Crawlers" on **Saturday, June 9th at 8:30 a.m.** Usually we meet at church, but in June we will meet outside at the **Can Do Playground** (at the Boys & Girls' Club). The playground address is 101 Delaware Veterans Blvd., Milford. This is our last gathering for this school year. 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!

### Register Soon for June 25 to 29 Vacation Bible School



Reformation is excited to host Vacation Bible School from June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon. This year's theme is "**Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus.**" We will experience God's love at VBS and have fun exploring the Bible together. Invite friends, neighbors, and grandchildren to attend! The age range for VBS is from children who are entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2018, through children who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration is available online through our website: <http://reformation-lutheran.net/vbsreg/>.

There will be a **meeting for VBS volunteers on Sunday, June 3 after the 10 a.m. worship service.** Pastor Paige and Mary Lu Wilson, Kids' Inc. Director, are coordinating VBS for Reformation members, Kids' Inc. students, and children from the community. Please contact Pastor Paige Evers if you have any questions about VBS or want to find out how to serve ([pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net](mailto:pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net)).

### Youth & Family Ministry Condensed Calendar for June

June 3 at 11:15 a.m. Vacation Bible School Meeting

June 9 at 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Crawlers at **Can Do Playground**

June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Vacation Bible School

