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Sunday worship services with communion: 9:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

for week of 2-21-2016

Lenten services every Wednesday  
until March 16

5:30 p.m.- soup, bread and water supper  
(reservations not required)

6:30 p.m.- Lenten Vespers

MINISTERS:  
+ ALL THE BAPTIZED +

OUR STAFF

Rev. Robert L. Cosmas, pastor  
vacancy, music director  
Linda Greer, administrative assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL+

Shay Harold, president  
Pam Ridgeway, vice president  
Brenda Erwin, secretary  
Steve Hilgen  
Bill Parker  
Mary Reis

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+ If you have an idea or concern, please  
contact Pr. Rob, Shay Harold, or another  
council member.

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Pastor Rob is available Sunday through  
Thursday. If you have an emergency  
on a Friday or Saturday, please call the  
church office at 407.425.7771.

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To submit articles for consideration in  
this weekly newsletter, send to  
ReformationLutheran@hotmail.com,  
subject line: to Herald editor, by **Tues-  
day noon** each week.

The purpose of this newsletter is *to  
inform*. All articles will be edited, but  
please check your spelling of proper  
nouns and verify your facts before  
submitting.

Greetings, dear friends,

Linda and I have been working diligently to provide you with  
an enlarged bulletin format that would be easier to read. This  
format will be 8½ by 11 allowing an increase in the size of the  
music graphics and font. It has the added advantage of enhanc-  
ing the flow. The readings will be in their proper liturgical place  
rather than on the back cover. We will also be able to include  
staff/leadership listings and all of our contact information. Fi-  
nally, we will be able to include a little devotional from Sundays  
& Seasons called the Word in Season. This is a brief reflection  
on the lessons to inspire you during the week. These have been  
well received in "The Herald." They make our Bulletin especially  
meaningful in distribution to shut-ins or the hospitalized.

Please know that this is a work in progress. Integrating our  
many resources would be a special challenge for professional  
desk top publishers. Linda has done a fine job. Together we  
have much to learn but remain excited about the possibilities for  
this experiment. We plan to run it through the Easter Season  
and then perform a formal assessment. Your council was very  
supportive in our mission to enhance the worship experience  
and make it more accessible for guests, visitors and "those with  
weakening eyes."

I am thankful to our recent visitors who pointed out the absence  
of some much needed bulletin information. It is easy to grow too  
comfortable in the way things are. I hope this experiment en-  
hances everyone's worship experience.

By the way, Pam, Tom and I are headed to "The 7 Habits of  
Jesus Discipleship," an evangelism conference, on Saturday in

Second Sunday in Lent  
color of the day: purple

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**Readings for 2-21-2016**

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3.17--4.1  
Luke 13.31-35

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**Servers for 2-21-2016**

Greeters - John & Chris Robinson  
Ushers - David Denholm,  
Bill Parker  
Acolyte/Crucifer - Tim Kaiser  
Lector - John Robinson  
Altar - Chris Robinson,  
Kathy Bogan  
Server - Linda Greer  
Teller - Bob Greer, Jr.  
Snacks - Debby Karnes; lunch  
provided by Thrivent  
Flowers - no sponsor

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**Attendance last four Sundays  
and Lenten Vespers**

	a.m.	+	p.m.	=	total
1/24	49	+	8	=	57
1/31	69	+	4	=	73
2/07	67	+	7	=	74
2/10			35		
2/14	72	+	9	=	81
2/17			20		

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**Offering from January:**

\$16,951

income needed each month to  
make budget: \$15,750

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**February birthdays**

02- Theresa Nguyen  
04- Linda Greer  
05- Delanee Bogan  
08- Emily Ryan  
10- Velma Dillion  
17- Angie Gonzalez  
26- Lori Schildwachter

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Kissimmee. Keep us in your prayers as we explore enhancements to our outreach on Michigan Street. I wonder if they might suggest dispensing ashes from a street corner. The Ash Wednesday sign would read, "**Need Ashes – Flash your lights!**" I wonder if anyone has thought of such a thing. Just sayin! ;-)

Many blessings to you this week. I'll see you in church!

Faithfully,  
Pastor Rob

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THRIVENT SUNDAY is February 21 right after morning service

This Sunday, Feb. 21, we will have a Thrivent celebration after the 9:30 a.m. service. Come and partake of some soup, salad, bread and drink. Pastor will explain the meaning of our soup/bread/water meals that we have each Wednesday before the Lenten Vesper Service.

Rick Ackerman from Thrivent Financial will be here to tell about the services/products that Thrivent offers. Any of us can become Thrivent members at any time. As a Thrivent member, you also have the opportunity to designate 'choice dollars' to the church. This will be explained at the meeting.

The reason for this event is because we met a challenge that Thrivent presented to all the churches. We needed to complete four Action Team Projects during a specific timeframe. If this was accomplished, we could have a celebration and Thrivent would pay for it. Guess what? We did it! Thrivent members of Reformation would like to tell you about their projects and invite you to have some soup and salad.

If you are interested in attending, please talk to Linda or call the church office immediately. We are trying to get an idea of how many folks will attend so that we have enough soup.

We hope you will celebrate with us.

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**Fire, Food and Fun!**

Enjoy a night of great fellowship on Sunday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m., at the home of Mark and Darlene Kaiser, 4972 Southfork Ranch Dr. Bring a dish to share for dinner. There will be a bonfire, yard games and s'mores for everyone!

All are welcome to join in the fun! Call Darlene Kaiser at 407.382.0871.

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**Quilting Group needs help**

The next workday will be 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Come for all or part of the workday. You are welcome to drop in and help for whatever time you can devote. All work contributions (and supplies--thread, sheets, fabric, etc.) are greatly appreciated.

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**calendar events**

Feb. 20, 6 p.m. - monthly pot luck, contact: Tom Bessa;

7 p.m. - concert at St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo

Feb. 21, ~ 11 a.m. - Thrivent-sponsored soup and salad lunch

Feb. 24, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - quilting workday, contact: Joan Brown Williams;

5:30 p.m. - soup, bread, water supper in social hall;

6:30 p.m. - Lenten vespers

Feb. 28, 6 p.m.- pot luck at the Kaiser's house

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**Hand Bell practices after morning worship service**

The hand bell choir has resumed practices. They meet after the 9:30 service in the adult Sunday school room. Practices are 30-45 minutes.

We are recruiting new members. If you can count, you can play hand bells. Please consider this service opportunity.

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**FRESH CUT FLOWERS FOR EASTER MORNING**

Please remember to bring fresh cut flowers to either the sunrise service or 9:30 a.m. service on Easter. During the sunrise service, attendees can adorn the cross with the flowers. After this service, the cross will be taken to the sanctuary. If you will attend the 9:30 a.m. service, please place your flowers on the cross before the service. This is a wonderful addition to both of our services.

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**Another way to help with the Big Hunt**

Would you like to help with the Big Hunt but are unable to attend the day of the event? Don't worry. Please consider donating a bag of candy.

We need individually wrapped, hard candy for goody bags for all the kids after they have hunted for Easter eggs. Please do not bring chocolate candy because it could melt.

Candy donations are needed until March 5. On that Sunday, we will ask everyone's help in making the bags after the 9:30 a.m. service.

Thank you from the Big Hunt Committee

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**THANK YOU**

We received a thank you from Blanche Stamper's family. They write:

We wish to thank all the members who attended Mom's service and for all the wonderful food and drink everyone provided for the reception. We know Mom might not have wanted a lot of fuss over her, but she would have truly appreciated the outpouring of love and generosity. Thanks again to you, Pastor and the lovely congregation.

Sincerely,  
The Chris Stamper Family

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