



The Reformation Herald

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

for week of 2-28-2016

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

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

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.

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.

Good Day, Friends,

I pray this finds you well. I write to you this week after pondering a recent conversation with Tom Bessa. A couple weeks ago he made the brilliant suggestion that we try to ascertain everyone's date and location of their baptism. Tom rightly suggested that it would be nice to commemorate each person's baptismal birthday in light of the importance we place upon the sacrament. What a great learning opportunity!

Now, while our church records contain the dates for everyone baptized here, they are not complete. I would love to create a register. Easter is not far off. That is the universal church's day for baptismal renewal. Our Lenten focus, Upon this Tree, has a strong baptismal emphasis as did the conference Tom, Pam and I just attended. "The New Man," my most recent read, drove the point home as well. Merton points out that Easter is of central import. We recall that we die and are raised to new life with Christ. To borrow from Jesus' exchange from Nicodemus, "we are born again," regenerated and spiritually, soulfully joined to the resurrection of our Lord.

So, let's make this an exercise in spring cleaning. Let's see if you can find your certificate or have the event recorded somewhere that is accessible. If so, read it. Reflect upon its importance. Then please answer these questions for us: When? Where? and By whom were you Baptized?

I will think about ways to lift up our baptismal birthdays. After all, on that day, you were made part of the living body of Christ, were cleansed from sin, received the Holy Spirit and the promise of everlasting life, and were joined to the communion of saints on earth and in heaven. While we celebrate this gift and nourish our souls every Sunday, it would be exciting to know when this occurred for each of us.

Third Sunday in Lent
color of the day: purple

Readings for 2-28-2016

Isaiah 55.1-9
Psalm 63.1-8
I Corinthians 10.1-13
Luke 13.1-9

Servers for 2-28-2016

Greeters - David & Deb Nalley
Ushers - Mark & Gloria Upperco
Acolyte/Crucifer - Jack Ryan
Lector - Sandy Bonser
Altar - Laura Ryan
Server - Donia Bessa
Teller - David Denholm
Snacks - Debby Karnes
Flowers - no sponsor

**Attendance last four Sundays
and Lenten Vespers**

	a.m.	+	p.m.	=	total
1/31	69	+	4	=	73
2/07	67	+	7	=	74
2/10			35		
2/14	72	+	9	=	81
2/17			20		
2/21	62	+	7	=	69
2/24			21		

Offering for January:

\$16,951

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

March birthdays

02- Julianne Meyer
04- Sarah Cosmas, Mike Bollinger
05- Savel Wise
07- Franklin Sharpe
10- Christy Colson, Cindy Griffin
11- Bob Greer, Jr.
13- Ruth Sharpe
16- Kim Bergstresser
17- Lindsay Greer
19- Deb Nalley
20- Tom Bessa
23- Jackson Upperco, John Bessa
30- David Stock

Answer the questions above and let us know. Send your reply via e-mail or in person to the church office. Thanks in advance for your participation. I'm sure that you will be blessed in your efforts.

Walking Wet with You,
Pastor Rob+

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. We will have a bonfire, yard games and s'mores for everyone!

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

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.

Lily dedications for Easter

The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Remember that you can dedicate your lily in honor of or in memory of someone. Cost is \$10 per plant. Please mark your envelope or indicate on your check that the funds are for the lilies.

Two ways to help with the Big Hunt

1. We still need volunteers to help with the events during the Big Hunt on Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Some of the duties are the following:

registration helper	bounce house monitor
activities supporter	candy & prize distributor
church coordinator	

If you can help, please call or e-mail the church or talk to Linda Greer on Sunday.

A volunteer event will be held March 6 after the 9:30 a.m. service to go over all the duties, assign specific activities and hand out an event t-shirt.

2. If you can't help during the Big Hunt, 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.

calendar events

Feb. 28, 6 p.m.- pot luck at the Kaiser's house
 Mar. 2, 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
 Mar. 6, after morning worship - assemble candy bags for the Big Hunt and volunteer meeting for the Big Hunt
 Mar. 9, 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
 Mar. 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - the Big Hunt;
 6 p.m. - monthly pot luck, contact: Tom Bessa
 Mar. 13, 2 a.m. - Set your clocks back an hour or you will be late to church.
 Mar. 16, 5:30 p.m. - soup, bread, water supper in social hall;
 6:30 p.m. - Lenten vespers
 Mar. 21, 6:30 p.m. - council meeting, contact: Shay Harold or Pr. Rob
 Mar. 24, Maundy Thursday
 Mar. 25, Good Friday
 Mar. 27, Easter
 Mar. 30, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - quilting workday, contact: Joan Brown Williams;

Candy donations are needed until March 6. 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

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. For more details, speak to Angie Gonzalez, director.

Quilting opportunity

If you would like to help with the quilting effort but cannot make the Wednesday morning workdays, would you be interested in meeting on the third Thursdays of the month, 5:45-8 p.m.? If so, please tell Joan Brown Williams, Brenda Erwin or any of the Material Girls. First work-night would be April 21 in the social hall.

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
