



# Reformation Lutheran Church

“Come and See, Learn and Rejoice, Go and Tell!”

**May, 2019**

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This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

When you hear those words from the Psalm, does your mind immediately start to sing the old children’s song (music here: <https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/c/4>), “This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made. I will rejoice, I will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it! This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it! This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord... has... made.” (You’re welcome for that little tune! Because if you didn’t have it stuck in your head before, I’m sure you do now.)

But seriously, THIS is THE day! Yes, the Lord makes each day new for us as the sun rises and sets and rises again. We can count on that, and we give thanks for every day we have on this earth. But Easter is the day that changed everything for humanity, for the world! Easter is the day on which Jesus, who was placed in a cold tomb on Friday, destroyed the bonds of death, the enslavement of our sins. This is the day when the Savior of the world put an end to death’s hold on us as he threw off his grave clothes and walked out of the tomb on his own two feet.

The good news is that we get to share in that new life — not because we are good or righteous or deserve to, but because of our baptism, our belief in Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior. As St. Paul said, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his” (Romans 6:3-5).

It’s easy to say, “This is the day!” on Easter morning when we put on our new dress or shirt and tie, when we see little children looking beautiful in their brand-new Easter outfits. But we can say, “This is the day!” every day because of what Christ has done for us. Through his life, death, and resurrection, he has made each of us a new creation, a new creature. Daily he works in our lives to form and shape us according to his will. Daily we get the tremendous opportunity to share the joy of his love with the world.

So, rejoice and be glad, because today and every day we are created anew by the power of Christ’s sacrificial love. Amen.

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*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

Think about our church family. Family is truly what we are! We have prayed with each other over our children, aging parents, extended family members and friends. We’ve shared burdens and lifted up one another. So many shared joys and heartaches. As in any family, we don’t always agree on things. But boy, when we work together, especially in HIS name, we can do awesome things! My prayer is that as we move along this year, we will continue to encourage and uplift each other. Let’s ask the Lord’s guidance as we seek to strengthen our bonds with each other, and make connections to share the Lord’s love and blessings in the community.

Peace be with you, Gabi

**Treasurer's Report** – Thanks to everyone for being faithful with your tithing! We've come out a little ahead each month so far. Thanks also to those who are participating in the "+10" for the first Sunday of each month. It's making a difference in our building fund!

Yours in Christ  
Matthew DeWinter

**Fellowship:** Thanks to everyone who provided meals during our Lenten suppers and to those who contributed to our Easter breakfast. A great time was had by all! Look for another fun fellowship activity coming soon.

**Property:** We had the carpet cleaned and a roof leak repaired in April. Work day for May will be Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship and Music:** We continue with Pastor Jon picking the songs, and we continue to do Sunday services at Thrive and River Place. All is going well!

**Parish Education** – Look for information on VBS coming soon!

**Mission and Ministry:** Our Thrivent grant card projects are finished and what a success they were! The children at Damascus way were overjoyed with their Easter baskets delivered by none other than the Easter bunny himself! Our friends at Riverplace and Thrive were very pleased and surprised by their Easter goodies as well. Smiles and happy hearts all around!

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## May Birthdays

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sondra Coulter
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Mel Hanson
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Linda Adams
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Samuel DeWinter
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Ariana Jones



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the birthday of the world,  
When earth was born in bloom;  
The light is made of many dyes,  
The air is all perfume:  
There's crimson buds, and white and blue,  
The very rainbow showers  
Have turned to blossoms where they fell,  
And sown the earth with flowers."

- Thomas Hood



**Wednesday – May 1<sup>st</sup> – Bible Study – 7:00**

**Thursday – May 2 – Executive council – 6:00**

**Wednesday – May 8<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study – 7:00**

**Saturday – May 11<sup>th</sup> – Wedding of Amy Jones and Troy Landers – 3:00**

**Sunday – May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day – council meeting**

**Sunday – May 19<sup>th</sup> – council lunch retreat – following service**

**Wednesday – May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bible Study – 7:00**

**Friday – May 24<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive – 10:00 – 3:00**

**Saturday – May 25<sup>th</sup> – Clean up day beginning at 9:00**

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	<u>May 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>May 12<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>May 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>May 26<sup>th</sup></u>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Junior	Linda	Wayne	Carolyn
<b>Worship Asst.</b>	Chuck	Amy	Chuck	Tea`
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Matthew	Mel	Junior	Chuck
<b>Usher</b>	Carolyn	Judy	Wayne	Junior
<b>Lector</b>	Lynne	Matthew	Mel	Amy
<b>Children’s Sermon</b>	x	Wayne	x	Wayne
<b>Sermon</b>	Pastor	Pastor	Gabi	Pastor
<b>Riverplace</b>	Pastor	Gabi	Tea`	Wayne
<b>Thrive</b>	Tea`	Pastor	Chuck	Pastor

