

# THE REFORMER

## “A Family of Grace...Growing in Faith...Sharing God’s Love”

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July, 2021

### JULY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Sunday, July 4: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God’s word and relieve affliction (Mark 6:1-13). Todd Rauscher will lead worship and bring the message.

#### **Sunday, July 11: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist’s martyrdom (Mark 6:14-29). Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation. Holy Communion will be received.

#### **Sunday, July 18: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal (Mark 6:30-34, 53-56), they ministered among large numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ’s desire to be among those in need.

#### **Sunday, July 25: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

In John’s gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called “signs,” because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control. In the gospel reading for the day (John 6:1-21), Jesus feeds the 5,000 and walks on water.

*If you are unable to be with us for worship, either in person or on-line,  
sermon manuscripts are available on our church website.*

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## NEWS AND NOTES

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### **JULY BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAYS IN JULY**

Pastor Craig will offer a four-week Bible study each Wednesday in July. The study will be held at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom and will last about 30 minutes. The focus of the study is Daniel: A Call to Faithfulness. Please contact Pastor Craig for the link if you wish to participate.

### **MOBILE CAFÉ – THURSDAY, JULY 8**

We will be preparing and distributing meals at the Hiddenite Food Pantry. Please contact Dianne Gwaltney if you can provide individually wrapped desserts or help with the distribution.

**COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will not be held this summer. In the early spring, when planning should have begun, church leaders were unsure of what pandemic restrictions might still be in place, so the decision was made to forego VBS again this year. Friendship Lutheran, originally planning to host VBS for its own young people, has now opened its VBS to the public. It will be held Tuesday, July 27, through Friday, July 30, from 6:00 – 8:00. All are welcomed to attend.

### **SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 4 & 5, 2022**

Reformation will again host the Mobile Dental Bus Ministry and volunteers will be needed.

### **THANK YOU**

- ▶ to those who helped with the Mobile Café in June
- ▶ to Dianne Gwaltney for leading the service on June 20

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## GIFTS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND

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### **In memory of Stephanie Schultz**

Virgil Schultz

### **In memory of Colleen Hammer**

Mickie Teague, Bill & Jeanette Johnson

### **In memory of Elinor Miller**

Bill & Jeanette Johnson

### **In memory of Jean Fox**

Bill & Jeanette Johnson

### **In memory of Patti Little**

Bill & Jeanette Johnson

### **In memory of Richard White**

Bill & Jeanette Johnson

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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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The Congregation Council met on Sunday, June 13, 2021, via Zoom with nine members were present. Kenneth Warren led devotions followed by President Dana calling the meeting to order. Minutes were reviewed. With two corrections, they were accepted. Treasurer's report was approved and the Pastor's report given.

Ministry Team reports were given:

Facility Use – Dana reported repairs were made following an event. Changes to the Rental form were discussed.

Property – Leslie reported he had not been contacted by company regarding pricing and installing keypad for outside door.

Christian Education – Pastor Craig reported Children's Sunday school should resume in September, along with choir, WELCA, Men in Mission, etc. Leslie reminded us that we are currently having an adult Sunday school class each Sunday in Reformation Hall. No plans were made for VBS this year.

Old Business:

Dana Yoder took money collected for Habitat for Humanity lunch to Matt Cooksey. Grant application to the NC Synod for our video equipment is still pending. Doug Fox met with several volunteers to go over the video streaming equipment operation.

New Business:

Todd Rauscher will lead a fall Bible study.  
Council will not meet in July. A Zoom meeting may be called if business arises.



**PRAYER CONCERNS** : Barbara White, Evelyn Hammer, Rachel Shook, Dave Ridenhour, Richard Puett, Mary Wike, Richard Byrd, Carmen Cline, Kimberly Croteau, Louise Watts, and Helen Rauscher.

	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
FLOWERS	Tamera Price	Amelia Watts	Nancy Austin	Jan Austin
ACOLYTE	Tristan Moore	Anna Ventura	Bryant Fox	Leighton Bingham
LAY READERS	Joanne Chase	Brandy Honeycutt	Susan Sigmon	Janet Mitchell

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES TO CELEBRATE



- 2 Bill Johnson
- 4 Larkin Bingham
- 10 Greyson Nestor
- 10 Heather Rhodes
- 10 Amelia Watts
- 13 Carolyn Bowman
- 15 Mary Wike
- 17 Laura Wagoner
- 18 Amanda Ventura
- 24 John Smith
- 25 Allen Fox
- 25 Kenan Honeycutt
- 26 Judy Fay
- 26 Bethany Jernigan
- 26 Kathy Roseman
- 27 Michelle Scott
- 28 Amy Austin
- 31 Beverly Smith
  
- 2 Becky & Tony Gaines
- 11 Brandy & David Honeycutt
- 22 Paula & Darren Price
- 26 Michelle & Ron Scott
- 30 Janet & Donald Mitchell