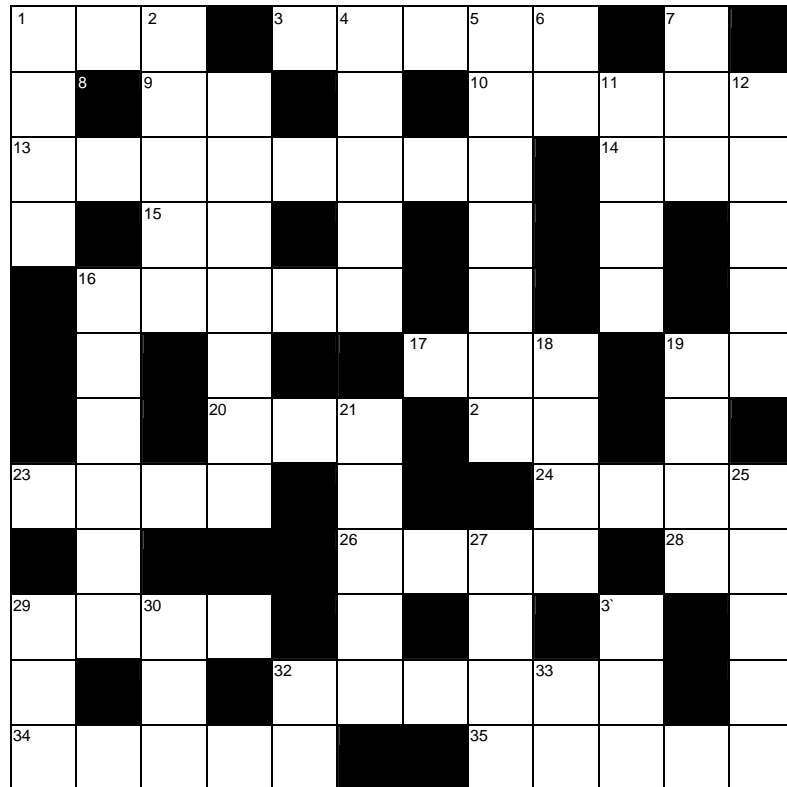


Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1) Solemn promise
- 3) Frequently
- 8) Either
- 10) Oral
- 13) Propose for election
- 14) Trouble
- 15) One
- 16) A guiding spirit
- 17) An insect
- 19) Belonging to me
- 20) At this time
- 22) Soldier
- 23) Tight
- 24) God
- 26) Stood

29) Liquefy

- 32) Before Christmas
 - 34) Head bent
 - 35) Groups of verses
- Down**
- 1) Plant with a long stem
 - 2) Adult female
 - 4) Delicate
 - 5) Close of day
 - 6) Not really
 - 7) Not good
 - 9) Peeling
 - 11) Summer day care
 - 12) Meek and _____
 - 16) Wide street

18) Piece of flooring

- 19) Mother of Jesus
- 21) The Earth
- 25) Obligations
- 27) Stair
- 29) Rowdy Crowd
- 30) Not High
- 31) Consumed
- 32) Notice in Newspaper
- 33) Word of Denial

THE WORD

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED
FOR THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2007

Our partner Tanzanian church is opening a new university to train teachers. March 11 is set aside to raise awareness, funds for the project

In the U.S., laws ensure that children with special needs receive services they need in order to get an education. In northeastern Tanzania, special education teachers are few, and only 1 percent of children with special needs receive schooling. The rest are kept home to be cared for by their families. The Lutheran Church in that region is working to change that picture by opening a new university to train special education teachers and specialists in other needed professions. And they are doing it by mobilizing a global web of experts and supporters that includes Southeastern Pennsylvania Lutherans and educators from local institutions.

[The Sebastian Kolowa University College, or SEKUCo](#), is on track to open this October in Magamba, a village north of Lushoto. The campus's programs will help to alleviate a shortage of professionals in special education and law and educate specialists in eco-tourism. It is the vision of the Rev. Dr. Anneth Munga, SEKUCo's acting provost and wife of the bishop of Tanzania's North Eastern Diocese, and builds on the diocese's experience at its two-year-old Irente Rainbow School for mentally handicapped children.

March 11 has been designated SEKUCo Sunday in the [Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod](#), an event designed to increase awareness and raise support for the university project. With just months left before the campus opens, there is great need for funds to help make Dr. Munga's vision a reality.

From the Interim Pastor

We are quickly approaching the one year mark of my arrival here at Reformation. For some the year has gone quickly, for others slowly. For some there is concern that a new pastor has not yet been called, for others the grief of Pastor Simmons' departure is still very real. With such a vast array of thoughts and feelings, it can be difficult to "get on the same page".

It is my hope that the coming weeks can offer opportunities to come together as God's people, seek that which God offers to us in Christ.

Focus on Healing during Lent

During the season of Lent, our mid-week worship opportunities will be services of prayer and healing. Wednesday services will focus on stories of healing from Luke and Acts -- healing for self and others (February 28), healing for relationships and community (March 7), and healing for creation and between peoples (March 14). These services will include reflections on Scripture, testimonies from members, anointing for healing and forgiveness, and opportunities for prayer as individuals and as a community. As has been our practice, there will be a light dinner at 6:30 pm preceding our Wednesday services.

On March 21, 22, and 23 we will host a Family Revival that will continue to focus on the transition from mourning to dance, from healing to wholeness, and from grief to glory. Please join us this week to be inspired by God's Holy Word, which comes to us in preaching and song through a variety of people.

Our service on Wednesday, March 28, will be an opportunity to reflect on our experiences of the season as we prepare ourselves for the journey through Holy Week.

Please join us for these worship opportunities as we journey through this season together.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeff

Reformation Welcomes Pastor Buba

On Sunday, March 11, we will welcome **The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba**, *Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Outreach*. Dr. Buba works with new mission congregations as the deployed Mission Director for our synod, as well as redevelopment and congregational revitalization, evangelism, and transformational ministry. He also relates to the **Central Philadelphia, Northeast Philadelphia, and Northwest/Olney conferences**. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Buba to our pulpit.

COUNCIL CORNER

ACTIONS FROM JANUARY 16TH COUNCIL MEETING

Pastor Jeff reported the Mission Profile Committee has begun work on the church profile.

Pastor Jeff's contract was extended for four months until June 2007.

The submitted 2007 budget reflects \$51,000 more expenses than anticipated income. This is in addition to the already \$27,000 deficit for 2006. It was proposed and approved that the budget be passed for three months while the council explores ways of increasing income. A congregational meeting has been scheduled for April 21, 2007 to review the budget for the rest of the year. Suggested ways of increasing income are:

- * after school program
- * an increase in facilities usage fees
- * grant writing
- * fund raising
- * possible staff consolidation

The Property Committee reported completion of repairs on the men's bathroom, old choir room, sink in the get-set bathroom and the platform between get-set and the sanctuary.

Council thanked outgoing members and officers for their service. Gwen Redmond, President; Tom Salber, Vice President; Cynthia Crenshaw, Secretary; Jatynus Alston-Davis, Assistant Secretary; Alex Jenkins, Youth at Large; Doris Edwards, Donald Poindexter, Arthur Muir; and the late Leonard Harmon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
HAPPENS EVERY
WEEK AT 9:45.
Ages 3 and up

Reminder:
Reformation has
returned to
TWO services,
at **9:00** and **11:00** a.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2. Minnie Davis,
3. Alexis Henry, Sonia Jones-Wyatt
4. Carolyn Choates, David Tucker
5. Isaiah Green, Melvin Jenkins, John McCalla,
6. Gregory Robinson
7. Ruth Lucas
9. Mary Johnson, Linda Walker
11. Shirley Carter, Jareina Choates, Taylor Marshall, Brittany Tucker Travis Washington
12. Johnny Butler, William Jones
13. Aldora Harmon. Carolyn Joseph
14. Sarah Franklin, Shareese Hackney
15. Christian Hicks
16. Terry Hicks, Adam Rice
17. Ella Fowler
18. Tammy Archie,
20. Nicole Washington
21. Phyllis Williams,
22. Jalen Boone-Burke, Lynda Dennis, Stewart Scott
23. Adena Campbell, Ryan Rutherford
24. Daniel Foster
25. Johari Lindsey,
27. Adohn McNeil
28. James Gillespie

31. Donnell Adams,
Barbara Broadnax



SAVE this DATE
March 31.2007



On Saturday, March 31, Thrivent will host our annual Pantry Party in Spirit Hall. Come and buy Chances for grocery items, or a gift card to a local supermarket. The proceeds will go towards helping to erase our budget deficit. Come out and have a fun filled afternoon, knowing that you are not just enjoying yourself, but that you are also helping Reformation in a very important way

Lost and Found Concert

LOST AND FOUND will be in concert at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 25, 2007. The music of LOST AND FOUND is not easy to describe. Their music is unlike any style widely heard in Christian music – perhaps any music – today. If you like unique, this is for you.

Basically, LOST AND FOUND is two guys playing acoustic instruments as hard and fast as they can and occasionally singing a ballad. Whatever the musical style, through LOST AND FOUND'S words, stories and concert, the message of God's love in Christ is easy to discern.

If you have any questions, would like to buy tickets (\$12), or want to help publicize the concert, please call me at 215-646-7999 ext.109 or e-mail raymondhopkinks@comcast.net.

Tickets are on sale now and selling fast!

Profile Almost Complete

The Profile Task Group has been working hard over the past six weeks to pull together the information needed for the Congregational Mission Profile. This is a document that will introduce Reformation to any pastoral candidate. Soon the Task Group will be passing it on to the Congregational Council for their review.

The next step in the Call Process will be for the Congregation Council to appoint a Call Committee. This is the group who will identify a candidate to recommend to the Council, who will then make a recommendation to the whole congregation. Please continue to keep the congregation and its leadership in your prayers.



Prayer Concerns

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Pat Washington and her family, Marion Lampkin, Kathy Mattis, Gladys Holder, Ruth Robinson, William Jones, Bernard Dawson, Gwen Riddick, Herbert Bomar, Patsy Smith, George & Sophie Edwards, Dee Payne, Dorothy Wilson, Mary & Francis Stewart, Matt Williams, David Jenkins, Essie Jenkins & Family, Aldora Harmon & Family, Mary Johnson and Jim Gant.