



## **Anchored in Faith, Guided by Grace**

Rev. Dr. Ralen M. Robinson

*You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." -Psalm 91:1-2*

When I first started to navigate life in Wichita, I often felt overwhelmed by the unfamiliar streets, new routines, and the quiet ache that comes with transition. But in the midst of all the uncertainty, I clung to one simple truth: if I could find my way to church, I could find my way home. And that home became Reformation.

Reformation Lutheran was more than just a point on the map, it became my anchor. In its sanctuary, I found peace. In its people, I found warmth and welcome. In its rhythm of worship, prayer, and service, I found grounding. It was here that my heart found rest and my spirit found renewal. It was here that the body of Christ looked like neighbors who became friends and friends who became family.

The people of Reformation have a quiet way of making life better, not with grand gestures, but with small, consistent acts of love. Whether it's a smile at the door, a meal prepared for someone in need, a kind note, or a prayer spoken at the right moment, God's grace lives and breathes through each of you.

Now, as we step into the slower rhythms of summer, we are reminded again of how God is present in the relationships we build. This summer, we will worship together as one body, gathered in unity and shared faith. And in doing so, we will continue to see how God unfolds in our midst, not only through Scripture and song, but through shared moments, growing friendships, and renewed purpose.

Let this be a season of connection. Let us gather not just out of routine, but out of joy. Let us greet one another with open hearts, care for one another with open hands, and listen for God's whisper in the warmth of community. There is something sacred in simply showing up, for worship, for service, for one another.

So, whether you've been here for years or are finding your way like I once did, know that you belong here. Know that this is a place where God's love is made visible through people who gather, serve, and grow together. And just as Reformation once helped me find my way home, I believe it will continue to be that kind of place for many others, because of you.

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# GETTING TO KNOW YOU



**Laurel and Angela Davis**

- Laurel and Angela joined Reformation for a very brief time in 1990 then moved to South Carolina in 1991. They eventually found their way back to Reformation around 1998 or 1999.
- They have been Married for 38 years.
- Angela grew up in Coffeyville, Kansas. Laurel grew up in several small Kansas towns but spent his middle and high school years in Pittsburg, Kansas.
- They both went to college at K-State. Laurel majored in Electrical Engineering. Angela majored in Consumer and Family Economics. They were married in the chapel on campus.
- Laurel is a Manufacturing Test Engineer at NetApp. Angela is retired but did spend 15 years working in special education at an elementary school in Andover.
- They have three children; Joe and Jess live near Des Moines; Katy and Tyler live in Topeka; Abby lives in Florida. Their children are way too spread out in their opinion.
- They have an American Eskimo named Simon.
- Angela likes to go to the Y, read, listen to audio books, help with events at the Andover Public Library and loves playing American Mahjong with several groups around town. Her favorite food is pizza or chicken enchiladas. Laurel likes to golf, cycle, and read. His favorite food is a Rueben sandwich.
- Laurel's least favorite activity is cleaning the gutters on the house. Angela doesn't like housework of any kind.
- They prefer the traditional service because they like the traditional songs.
- They love going to Colorado, especially in the fall. They also enjoy kayaking and stand up paddle boarding at Santa Fe Lake.



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## May 2025 Council Recap

Thank you to the Property group for continuing to address issues around the church and working on sprucing up our many landscape areas. Many thanks to our Family Promise volunteers and especially David Jowdy and Dulcinea Rakestraw for the extra coordination it takes to make each host week happen. Although the year started off a little rough financially we have continued to make progress on the gap between income and expenses, over the last month we saw a \$5,000 improvement. We anticipate seeing more advancement over the next few months. Thank you all for your continued prayerful consideration with regard to financial support for our church as we progress during the year and continue to carry out the mission of Reformation Lutheran Church.



## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible Study (Noon)

Session 1      Session 2  
July 9th-30th    August 6th-27th

You're invited to our Summer Noon Bible Study! Join us for a time of reflection, discussion, and fellowship over lunch as we dive into Scripture together. We'll gather during two sessions, July and August this summer, at noon, offering two enriching sessions designed to nourish both body and spirit. Bring your lunch, bring friend, and come ready to grow in faith and community. All are welcome!



Pastor will be on vacation from June 11th to 20th. In her absence, PMA Dallas Rakestraw will lead worship. If you have any pastoral emergencies, please reach out to the office and contact him at 316.737.9776.

## Blessed Father's Day



On June 16, we will express our gratitude to God for fathers and father figures who embody Christ's love through their nurturing, strength, and presence. We pray that God continues to bless and guide them. We also hold in our hearts those who now rest in God's eternal care.

## upcoming events

June 1	9:30 a.m.	Summer Schedule begins
June 5-9		Synod Assembly
June 11-21		Pastor vacation
June 8	9:30 a.m.	Pentecost
June 14		Flag Day
June 15	9:30 a.m.	Trinity Sunday
		Father's Day
June 16	Noon	B.T.O.L.
June 19		Juneteenth—Office Closed
June 20		1st day of summer
June 20-22		ELCA Women's Convention
June 28	6:05 p.m.	Wind Surge Game



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KS 67226

**CHANGE:** Jessica Coleman address to  
5429 S. Mead Wichita, KS 67216

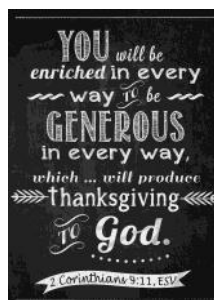


## Wind Surge Baseball Game

Make plans now to attend the Wichita Wind Surge baseball game with Reformation on **Saturday, June 28th at 6:05 p.m.** Tickets are \$15 per person. See the poster in the narthex for more information

and to sign up. Contact Carol Weaver or Angela Davis if you have any questions. **The deadline to sign up is Sunday, June 15th.** Come cheer on the Wind Surge with your friends at Reformation!

## The joy of generosity



He who has received much should also give much. It is essential to give a goodly part of what God has allowed us to accumulate. Otherwise greed and miserliness will seize our hearts and minds. Furthermore, by not giving generously, we will miss the many joys that generosity brings to us. Let us not cheat ourselves of those blessings.





This month we hope to gather lots and lots of **canned vegetables** for the Food Cart in the Narthex. Our collection will be delivered to United Methodist Urban Ministries' food pantry so that those with food insecurity may have access to plenty of choices. Pick up lots of canned vegetables when you are shopping and know that you make a huge difference in the lives of those who are struggling. Thank you so much for your generosity.



## Community Garden

Thanks to our indefatigable leader, Susan Bachman, our gardens are thriving! Yes, there are plenty of weeds, but the Garden Dream Team is on it. And now, there's an exciting opportunity for you to get involved: Susan has prepared eight 12" x 12" plots in the raised bed, ready for planting flowers or veggies. Susan has all the supplies you need to stop by, pick a plot, and have a chat with her. Enjoy the gift of planting, growing, and harvesting together!



## B.T.O.L. will be meeting on Monday June 16th at noon.

Ben Herzog, Master Gardener, is our BTOL speaker for June. In his youth, Ben was active in 4-H and developed a love for forestry. He is retired from Koch Industries. His gardening interests include vegetables and roses. New interests include native grasses and flower gardening. Ben will discuss the Master Gardener Program available through Sedgwick County Extension and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. Please join us on **Monday, June 16th**.



## Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out will be at Red Bird, 6440 E Central on **June 10th at 6:30 pm**. Please contact Kalynn Blum at 316-213-6626 for phone call or text to make a reservation.



## Summer Coffee Hour

**Summer Coffee Hour** is back and we need you to help make it happen. Hosting is simple: brew some coffee, bring a few goodies and clean up afterwards. Sign up at the coffee table to be part of our Summer Coffee Hour crew!



**Summer Worship Hours begin June 1st.**  
Join us on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



## Wherever You Are This Summer—Stay Connected

- When you're on vacation, be with us in spirit.
- When you're in town, be with us in person. We look forward to sharing these summer mornings with you.



Your Stephen Ministers are ready and waiting to bring Christian Caregiving to you and/or others you know who are going through a time in which they need a confidential listener. Please let Lotus Gerards know of your wish for a Stephen Minister. You may contact Lotus at 316-683-8602. We thank you for your continued support of Stephen Ministry.



Tanya Flores	6/2
Chris Wendt	6/4
Ryan Hoepner	6/6
Emily Weaver	6/6
Clement Mtawali	6/8
Karen Pfeiffer	6/14
Theodor Walter	6/14
Anita Dorf	6/17
Justin Schrader	6/18
David Day	6/19
Emma Wendt	6/21
John Camenzind	6/22
Brian Johnson	6/23
Liz Rindt	6/23
Jeanne Tiller	6/24
Kenneth Hobart	6/26
Sally Livingston	6/26
David Lee	6/30



**Dear Reformation Family,**  
I want to extend my deepest thanks for the incredible love and support you've shown me as I completed my degree. Your kind words, thoughtful cards, generous gifts, and delicious cake made me feel truly celebrated and deeply cared for. This milestone means so much more because I've been able to share it with you. I'm grateful not only for your encouragement along the way, but also for the community we continue to build together. Thank you for walking with me on this journey — your presence and prayers have lifted me more than you know. With a full heart, Rev. Dr. Ralen



**Endowment Fund Awards**  
Congratulations to the recipients of Spring 2025 Grants from the Reformation Endowment Fund.

- St. John Lutheran Church (Pittsburgh, KS)
- Camp Tomah Shinga
- Family Promise

Office will be closed June 19th.

**Please join us in welcoming Steven Cowden, our newest custodian at Reformation!**

Steven is from Haysville. He has a heart for service and a strong work ethic. We're grateful to have him on board and look forward to the care and attention he'll bring to our spaces. If you see Steven around the building, be sure to introduce yourself and give him a warm Reformation welcome!



**Interested in becoming a member, or know someone who is?**  
If you want more information about membership at Reformation, contact Rev. Ralen Robinson

**IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers**

**In Our Prayers**

Pray for healing and safe recovery of the sick, the suffering, those defending our right to freedom of religion, our siblings in Christ and the following


Kourtney Franke	Robert Pfeiffer
Sheila Carlson	Annette Carson
Kenn Woodard	Shirley Metz
Marcia Werts	Tom McFarlane
Ed Wilks	Larry Allbritten
Mark Hobart	Paul Reimers
Carole Lyons-Osborne	
Marilyn Allbritten	

**Additional prayer requests may be written in the book at the back of the sanctuary before each worship service.**



**36th Annual Convention**  
**Center States Synodical Woman's Organization**  
**June 20th-22nd**  
**Hilton Garden Inn**  
**Independence, Missouri**  
**Sign up sheets are in the church office.**

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# REFORMATION YOUTH IN THE Spotlight

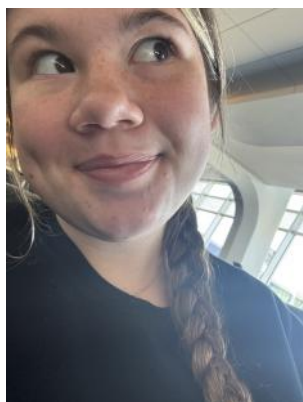
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As summer unfolds, we're celebrating a season of renewal, leadership, and connection here at Reformation. This month's stories shine a light on the energy, faith, and gifts of our youth and the ways they're making a difference in our church and beyond.

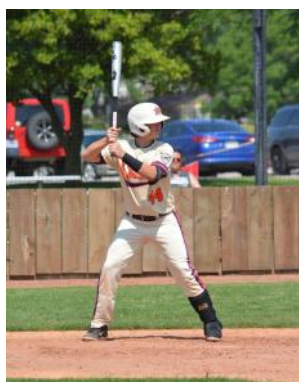
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**Thatcher Rakestraw** began his summer job at the law offices of McDonald Tinker, gaining valuable experience in a professional legal environment. At the same time, he advanced to the rank of Life Scout in Boy Scouts, the final step before achieving the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, demonstrating his commitment to leadership, service, and personal growth.



**Brynn Rakestraw** is headed off for a 10-day European adventure with Maize South High School. They are exploring Italy, Austria, Germany, and the Czech Republic.



**Greyson Jowdy** is starting the summer with a home run literally and figuratively. He'll be hitting the road with the Kansas Curve baseball club, competing across the tri-state area in pursuit of victory. Greyson brings his defensive talent to both first base and catcher, contributing skill and versatility to the team.





June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 a.m. Summer Service	2 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	3 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 9 a.m. Blanket Makers 9 a.m. Pastor Office Hours	4 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 12:30 a.m. Assistance League	5 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Synod Assembly 7 p.m. Fellowship	6 Church Office Closed Synod Assembly	7 Synod Assembly
8 9:30 a.m. Summer Service 11:30 a.m. Worship Board	9 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 7 p.m. Back to Basics	10 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 9 a.m. Blanket Makers 9 a.m. Pastor Office Hours 6:30m p.m. Ladies Night Out	11 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pastor on vacation	12 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pastor on vacation	13 Church Office Closed Pastor on vacation	14 Pastor on vacation
Pentecost Sunday						Flag Day
15 Pastor on vacation <i>Ref Life Deadline</i> 9:30 a.m. Summer Service Father's Day Trinity Sunday	16 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pastor on vacation Noon B.T.O.L 7 p.m. Back to Basics	17 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pastor on vacation 9 a.m. Blanket Makers	18 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pastor on vacation	19 Office Closed	20 Church Office Closed Pastor on vacation	21 7 a.m. St. Paul's Community Breakfast
22 9:30 a.m. Summer Service ELCA Women's Conference	23 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 11 a.m. Assistance League 7 p.m. Back to Basics	24 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 9 a.m. Blanket Makers 9 a.m. Pastor Office Hours	25 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 10 a.m. Pastor Office Hours	26 Office open 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	27 Church Office Closed	28 6:05 p.m. Wind Surge
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