

# Raiders News

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### What should we teach children about the Reformation?

Excerpts taken from <https://wels.net/heart-to-heart-parent-conversations-what-should-we-teach-children-about-the-reformation/>

There are times when things are so engrained in our life that we take them for granted and struggle to even explain them. I think being a Lutheran can be like that—especially for us “lifers.” That’s one of the reasons I love reading the “Confessions of faith” articles shared in the Forward In Christ magazine each month (p. 14). It’s refreshing to hear from those who are new to Lutheranism, to be reminded of the treasures that Martin Luther restored to the church. Reading the perspectives of the two Lutheran dads featured here helped me too.

Perhaps the greatest challenge in teaching our children about the Reformation are the truths themselves. Most of the key ideas are framed by Latin slogans or solas. Whoever decided to frame the Reformation in this way didn’t have children in mind. What is more, if someone

challenged us Lutherans to put the Reformation itself into a single sentence, we might say, "The Reformation was all about the Bible's teaching that we are justified by grace through faith by Christ alone." Try teaching that to your six-year-old!

**But what about the truths of the Reformation? How can we share abstract truths with them in meaningful ways? We will let Luther guide us with Scripture.** His first thesis, which guided the other 94 theses, stated, "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent' [Matthew 4:17] he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." This is where everything started. Luther wanted the world to know that the life of a believer has two parts: 1) contrition or sorrow over sin and 2) faith in the saving life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. These are actually pretty simple concepts to understand.

Teach them to apologize to each other and to their God. Hold his law in front of them and show them their sin. Then, show them their Savior who died for them. Speak to them of Jesus' love and grace and about how forgiven and washed and loved they really are. You probably won't even call it *repentance*. They will learn that word later, but they will learn about Jesus. That's really our number one goal.

**Being a parent means knowing sin and God's forgiveness.** That's a Reformation truth. There are times when we sin against our child by assuming the worst and thinking they had done the very thing we had warned them against, only to find out that we were wrong. Can you look your child in the eye and tell him you are sorry, explain that you have a sinful flesh too, and ask him to forgive you? There is no greater joy than to hear a representative of Christ, at the young age of seven, smile and forgive.

There's another side of that knowledge. Your child sins, and she is sitting on the couch in the basement in a timeout. After some screaming and crying there is silence, and then a very different voice rises up the stairs: "I'm sorry." Can you walk down the stairs and have the first words from your mouth be, "I forgive you, and Jesus forgives you too"? Yes, parents can offer guidelines and loving consequences after assuring their child of forgiveness, but we don't want the threats to replace forgiveness and only say, "Don't let that ever happen again." Those little souls can be tricked by the devil; they can be crushed when God's love is withheld. You don't want to do that. I don't want to do that. We know how precious God's love has been to us. Shower his grace on those you love.

**Being a parent means depending on someone else for your salvation and for every other challenge in life.** Can you humbly commiserate with your children? Can you agree with them that we are all weak and we do not have the power to obey as we want? Can you mourn with them over their wicked flesh, but then can you give them hope as you remind them that our peace when we disobey and our power finally to obey comes not from ourselves but from our God? We depend. We trust. By God's grace, we believe. Faith—that's a Reformation truth.

**Being a parent means listening with your children to words that come from a God whose word made the world and raised the dead.** Bible stories are powerful words. The truths of those stories are power to rebuke, to comfort, to guide. Read God's stories. Talk about God's stories. Have Scripture be a daily meal in your home—that's a Reformation truth.





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## CAMPUS IS CLOSED NOVEMBER 4,5 AND 6! DON'T FORGET

Please remember that the Reformation Campus will be closed next week Wednesday, 11/4, Thursday, 11/5 and Friday, 11/6. The Preschool and grades K to 8 will be closed and Shepherd's Care will not be available. Our teaching staff will be participating in trainings and in-service.

### Mr. Bohl's classroom update

The 7-8th graders have been working hard this school year. It has been an interesting year for sure, but we are all glad to be back to school together.

This year we have a few of our classmates learning from home, but thanks to the technology that we have at Reformation, we are still able to all learn together and even collaborate together!

Last week we posted a website that all of the students were able to work on together about [the Civil War](#). We have even been able to log in and still take Spanish class together! We are currently learning about the Reconstruction Era and how our country bounced back from the Civil War. We have also been talking about the election that is happening next week. The students even filled out a map predicting which presidential candidate would win each state and ultimately who might win the election.

In religion we started the year learning about where we find the truth and how we can share that with others. This week we began watching *The Chosen*, a tv series about the life of Jesus and his disciples. In science we have been talking about energy and forces. We even had Mr. Ross stop in and talk to us about some of his favorite technology! We have also been going over to the park during PE so the kids can spread out and run around a little more than on campus.

We are looking forward to the rest of the school year and what it holds!





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## Reformation School – Hot Lunch Interest Survey

Do you need a break from packing the lunchbox? Would you like the ability to order a school lunch for your student? Ki's School Lunches is a program we had available to families during the 2019-2020 school year and we have an opportunity to use their service again this year. The Ki's website has quite a bit of information at <https://kis.naturallunches.com/>, including daily menus to view. The daily menu includes hot and cold sandwiches, salads, rice bowls and wraps - along with hot lunch options that vary day to day. Lunches begin at about \$6 and are very flexible - you can add side items in addition to a main food.

Lunches are delivered to school and to your child's classroom. Ordering is completed online and can be cancelled early in the morning if your child will unexpectedly be absent from school. Service on Wednesdays and/or Fridays is available to our school, if we have enough interest from families to make it worthwhile.

Please click here (<https://forms.gle/bf9vqc8scejgCbm57>) to complete a short survey to indicate your interest. Please complete the survey by Friday, October 30.

Questions? Contact Sarah Rodrigues at [rodrigues@refsd.org](mailto:rodrigues@refsd.org).

Thank you!

## Tech Tip

Just a reminder that this weekend Daylight Saving Time ends. This means that on Sunday we will be setting our clocks back one hour. Here is a short video that explains a little history behind daylight saving time. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRQcW90DoP4>

## Announcement from the Preschool

Preschool has some exciting news to share. Mrs. Brennan is going to have a baby! Baby is due to arrive at the end of April. Mrs. Brennan and Ryan are excited for this new adventure the Lord has blessed them with. Please keep them in your prayer.





## Join the Reformation Team!

We are looking to add a Shepherd's Care staff member to our team. This position serves as an on-site supervisor in our before and after school K-8 child care program.

### **Primary Responsibilities:**

Provide a Christ-centered, safe and loving environment for a small group of students in grades K-8. On a daily basis, this includes supervising homework, answering homework questions, supervising play and providing other appropriate activities.

### **Hours:**

Monday through Friday, 7:00 am - 8:15 am AND 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm (Work days follow the Grade School calendar, available online. Shepherd's Care is open most days of the school year.)

The ideal candidate enjoys being around children. They should also be reliable, punctual, flexible, comfortable communicating with children and adults, and have a willingness to learn and grow. High school diploma is required.

If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact Brennan Buth at [bailesb@refsd.org](mailto:bailesb@refsd.org).





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Reformation Lutheran  
Preschool

**Year-Round Preschool  
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Visit TODAY!**

The graphic features a vibrant, multi-colored background. At the top, the words 'LEARN', 'PLAY', and 'GROW' are written in large, bold, sans-serif fonts, each inside a colored banner (yellow, blue, and green respectively). Below this, the text 'at Reformation Lutheran Preschool' is written in a smaller, orange font. The central part of the graphic contains four photographs of young children in a classroom setting. Two children are sitting on the floor, and two are sitting at a table. The text 'Year-Round Preschool Enrolling NOW! Space available for 2.5-3 year olds who are ready to learn, play and grow in a safe and loving environment. Visit TODAY!' is written in a large, bold, purple font on a white background.

## Preschool Offers Safe Space to Learn, Play and Grow

Reformation Lutheran Preschool has space available to care for little ones age 2.5-3 and potty trained. We provide a safe and caring environment for your child to play, learn and grow as they make friends and prepare for school success. Visit us online or in person today to learn more, and share this information with families who may be in need of care for their children. <http://reformationpreschoolsd.org/>



## Lost & Found Items

Along with current COVID-19 prevention efforts to reduce the number of additional people on campus comes a difficulty for parents trying to locate misplaced student belongings. We encourage all families to label all your student's items (sweatshirts/sweaters, lunch bags, water bottles, etc.) so they can be easily returned to your student when found on campus. If your student is missing an item, please contact his or her teacher for assistance in locating it.



Jewelry and other Items of substantial value will be in the office. Please check there as well. We have had odd items fall out of cars and backpacks in the morning. Thank you.

## Wednesday Chapel available on YouTube

Parents and families are invited to join us for our weekly chapel worship service, Wednesday mornings at 8:30am, using videos through YouTube. Chapel services, along with Reformation's weekly worship services, are available on our YouTube channel at



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0y6DBdor8AryGfhd2cfYA>.

Wednesday chapel services are streamed live at 8:30am and also posted online for viewing at your convenience. Please join your Reformation family for these worship opportunities. For more details about weekend worship at Reformation Lutheran Church (Saturdays at 6pm and Sundays at 8am), go to <http://www.reformationsandiego.org/worship-services/>

## Reformation Family Calendar

*Wednesdays at 8:30am - Live-Streamed Chapel Service - everyone is welcome!*



November 2 - School/Preschool Pictures - Makeup Day

November 4 - Campus closed - No preschool, grade school or Shepherd's Care.

November 5 - Campus closed - No preschool, grade school or Shepherd's Care.

November 6 - Campus closed - No preschool, grade school or Shepherd's Care.

A monthly calendar is updated on our website, and a full school year calendar is available also. Click here to review these calendars. (<http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/>).

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

**ON SATURDAYS AT 6:30 PM & SUNDAYS AT 8:00 AM**





## About Us



The eternal truths of God's Word are the foundation of our school, its curriculum, and all its activities. Our goal in Christian education is to provide each child with the maximum development of God-given spiritual, physical, and mental abilities. We offer Christian education in our Preschool (ages 2.5-5) and Grade School (K-8).

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