

Raiders News

May 7, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: GIVERS GET!

Every farmer agrees with Paul's famous words: **"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously"** (2 Corinthians 9:6). You reap what you sow. You get out of the ground what you first put into it.

Every generous giver agrees. While the world might assume givers give away their happiness, God promises otherwise. And some of you have experienced it. You've been there when the church you supported baptized a woman in Jesus' name. You've seen the preschoolers with their oversized backpacks singing "Jesus Loves Me" at the school you supported generously. You've heard stories of missionaries you supported bringing the gospel, bringing hope, bringing the forgiveness of sins. You've reaped a harvest of joy!

And most of the stories you haven't heard. When the pastor you paid to serve full time helped that family hang on after the affair. When the staff you supported was there at the hospital or in the funeral home to give the hope of heaven in Jesus. When the teenager who felt such shame over his sin texted your pastor, desperately needing grace, and he gave it. You were a part of that. Do you believe that? You were there. Your gifts made that possible.

To quote Paul, "Remember." Remember the impact of your generosity, and soon you will find Jesus' words ringing true: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Pastor Mike Novotny

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Tech Tip

Looking for a fun and easy way to introduce your child to coding? There is a new website out there that helps walk students through the basics of writing code in JavaScript. This website is called Blackbird (www.blackbirdcode.com.) There are a handful of lessons that are free to get your started or you can pay monthly for even more access!

Connect with Missions: Vicar Choi's Farewell

Reformation Lutheran Church & School has the awesome privilege to partner with Lutheran groups in our fellowship around the world in bringing the Good News of Jesus to many nations. On the evening of Wednesday May 12th, you are invited to come and learn about some of the work our partners in ministry are carrying out in our Savior's name.



Doors will open at 6:15pm and the presentations will begin at 6:30pm. Those in attendance will have the chance to hear about the exciting work Vicar David Choi will be doing next year in Asia. David will take us back to a time in his life when he didn't know about God or the Bible. It will be a wonderful reminder of how God calls us out of darkness into his glorious light, then calls each of us to reflect the light of God's love to others!

The evening's gathering will also include a presentation from Mark Jiang, a new member to our Reformation family. Mark grew up in East Asia and is now studying for the pastoral ministry through our WELS seminary in Mequon, WI while continuing to reside in San Diego. Come hear about the ways our synod is able to educate seminary students around the world while also encouraging the mission efforts of these seminary students in the places they call home.

The evening's presentation will conclude with an overview of the various mission efforts the WELS is doing outside of North America. Pastor Birkholz will give us a better understanding of how God is using our synod offerings to reach souls that we may never meet in this life, but with whom we will spend eternity in heaven. The evening will conclude with light refreshments and an opportunity for everyone to wish Vicar David Choi well as he prepares to leave San Diego. This will be your last chance to see Vicar David Choi, so come on out and let our brother in the faith know we support him and will pray for him even while he is serving on the other side of the Pacific Ocean.

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday May 12th 6:30pm in the sanctuary at Reformation.

Letter from Pastor Neil Birkholz

Dear Reformation Members and School families,

At 6:30 PM, Wednesday May 12th we will gather to bid farewell and give thanks for the faithful Christian ministry of David Choi, our interim pastor (Vicar) during the 2020-2021 school year. The farewell will include presentations on our synod's current mission opportunities around the world, including the work that David will begin doing this summer in South Korea. Following the presentations, refreshments will be provided and everyone will have a chance to visit with David.

Our church and school have been blessed to have Vicar David Choi at Reformation. David will be selling most of his possessions and taking only a few suitcases with him as he moves to South Korea. It would be most appropriate that our church & school bless him with a monetary gift due to his limited luggage space.

If you would like to give a gift, please enclose your gift in an envelope and drop it in the offering box at church or in the safe in the office. You can also use any of your offering envelopes, just write Vicar Farewell Gift on the front. If giving by check, please make it payable to: Reformation Lutheran Church and write Vicar Farewell Gift in the memo section. Or, if you would like to make a gift online, go to our webpage, www.refsd.org, click on "Give," and then use the "Called Workers Gift" line and put Vicar Farewell Gift in the box for instructions.

We request that gifts are received by Friday, May 14th.

I look forward to seeing you at the Farewell fellowship at 6:30pm on May 12th.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Neil Birkholz

Connect with Missions

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## Farewell for Vicar Choi



**Speakers:**  
**Vicar David Choi**  
*God's Work in David's Life*  
**Mr. Mark Jiang**  
*Seminary Training with*  
*WELS Pastor Studies Institute*  
**Rev. Neil Birkholz**  
*WELS World Missions*  
**\*\*Special Appreciation & Farewell to David\*\***

**Wednesday, May 12**  
**6:30-7:30pm**  
at Reformation Lutheran Church  
Refreshments will follow.

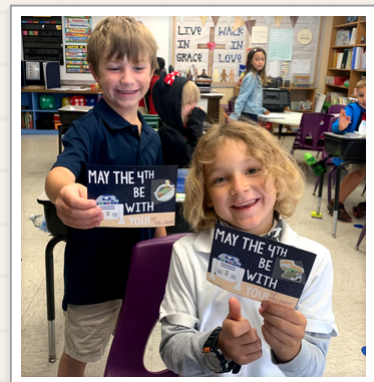




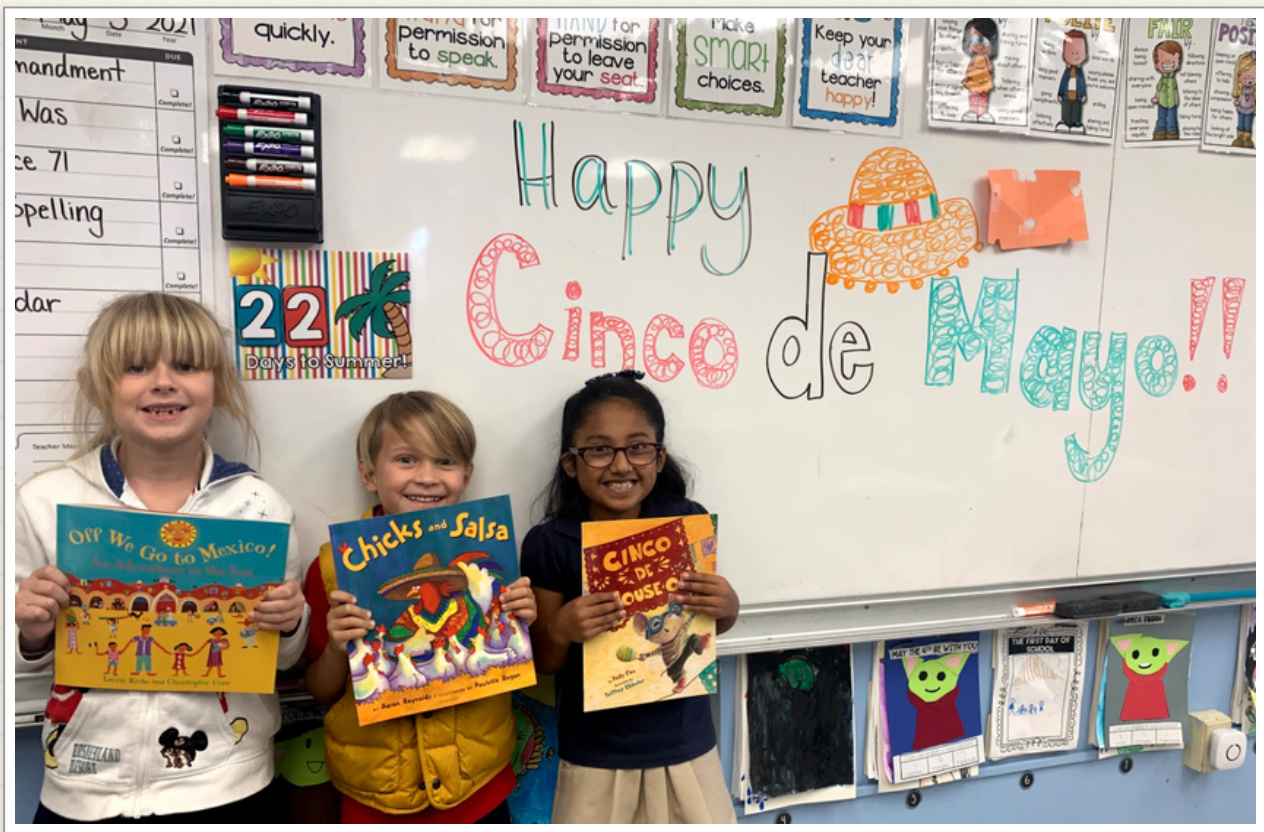


## Ms. Flores' Classroom Update

Over the last few weeks in first grade, we have enjoyed getting into the spring spirit by reviewing the seasons of the year, hearing the good news of the Easter story, and painting flowers! This week we had fun celebrating the informal "Stars Wars Day" on May 4th! The students enjoyed receiving baby Yoda stickers and saying "May the 4th be with you!" all day! Throughout this past week, we also took time to study Hispanic culture and Mexico in honor of Cinco De Mayo. Living so close to Mexico, the students learned how Cinco De Mayo is celebrated in Mexico and southwestern cities like San Diego! The students' favorite aspect of learning about Cinco De Mayo was learning how to say their numbers, days of the week, and other common phrases in Spanish! As we close out the school year, these bright scholars look forward to sharing their book report projects at the end of the month!







## Reformation is Hiring!

Join our **Summer Camp team**! Our Summer Camp program cares for children in grades 1-7 throughout the summer with fun activities, opportunities to learn new skills and make new friends—all while staying focused on the love of Jesus. Summer Camp staff members lead and actively participate in daily activities, monitor behavior, and ensure a safe and clean program site. Staff members work together to establish a positive relationship with all program participants and their families. Requirements include: 18 years of age or older; available Monday through Friday, 6:45am-5:30pm, June through August; Enthusiasm and love for working with children; self-directed and responsible. Interested? Contact the Summer Camp team at [summercamp@refsd.org](mailto:summercamp@refsd.org).

**Reformation Lutheran Preschool** is in need of excellent caregivers to add to their **substitute teacher roster**. For various reasons, we need to call upon substitute or on-call staff persons to fill staffing needs due to illness, vacation or other personal time away from the classroom. Persons who can fill this role must meet the following qualifications: 18 years of age or older; high school diploma and completed 6-9 units of Early Childhood Education coursework; desire to provide loving care to children and willingness to work in a diverse multi-cultural setting; work together as a supportive team member with staff and parents; desire to actively support the ministerial objectives of Reformation Lutheran Preschool. Interested in learning more? Contact Lynelle Schleusener at [MissS@refsd.org](mailto:MissS@refsd.org) or Mike Ross at [principal@refsd.org](mailto:principal@refsd.org).

## Coming Soon! Reformation Summer Camp June 7–August 20.

Registration is now open online.



A colorful poster for Reformation Summer Camp. The background features a green grassy field with a blue sky and sun rays at the top. The title 'REFORMATION SUMMER CAMP' is written in large, bold letters on a red, yellow, and blue banner. To the right, the dates 'June 7 - August 20' and the hours 'Open From 7:00 am - 5:00 pm' are listed. Below the title, four colored boxes contain pricing information: a blue box for '2nd child discount of \$50 per 4 weeks', a red box for '\$210 per week 8am - 3pm' and '\$260 per week 7am - 5pm', a yellow box for '\$800 when signing up for any 4 weeks', and a blue box for 'Boys & Girls 1st - 7th Grade'. At the bottom right, a section titled 'ACTIVITIES' lists 'Crafts & Science', 'Water games and fun', 'Games & Wilderness Survival', 'Singing & Dancing', and 'Cooking'. At the bottom left, contact information is provided: 'For Details: summercamp@refsd.org' and the website 'http://reformationschoolsd.org/school-information/summer-camp-2021/'.

**REFORMATION  
SUMMER  
CAMP**

**ABOUT US**  
Reformation Summer Camp is all about strengthening your faith in Jesus, building friendships, and making memories to last a lifetime.

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**Open From 7:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**2nd child discount of \$50 per 4 weeks**

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## PARENT BOOK CLUB UPDATE!

All parents are invited to join us for the book club

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# PARENT BOOK CLUB

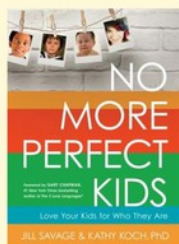
## "NO MORE PERFECT KIDS"

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Read or listen (Audible) ahead of book club.

**6:00 Monday, May 3 & May 17**

We will meet in the courtyard at school. We will cover chapter 1-6 on May 3 and chapter 7-end of the book on May 17



One of the best gifts we as parents can give our children is to set them free to be all that God has created them to be—not forcing them to live out our dreams or comparing them to our friend's kid.

In *No More Perfect Kids*, Jill Savage and Kathy Koch equip us with the tools and perspective to:

- Identify and remove the Perfection Infection from our parenting.
- Really know each child so we can fully embrace their unique design.
- Release our children from unrealistic expectations.
- Answer the questions our kids are silently asking in a way that gives them the courage and freedom to be themselves.

## New Sunday School for Children Starting!

Kids4Christ (Sunday School) is back in person beginning May 2. Children of all ages will meet in the gym for a fun, interactive series of Bible lessons.

**When:** Every Sunday 9:30 - 10:15am.

**Where:** PreK-K and Grades 1-5 in the gym

Grades 1-4 meet in Room 15

**Administrator:** Barbette Lowndes

[BHLowndes@att.net](mailto:BHLowndes@att.net)





## VBS Planning has begun!

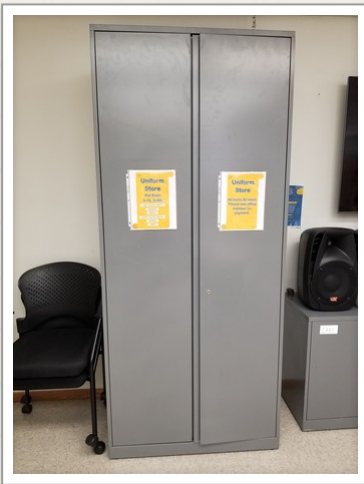
Each summer, we typically are blessed to host as many as 200 children in our Vacation Bible School activities. Like with so many things in 2020, we had to take a departure from our typical VBS efforts, and we offered an online VBS program that families used in their homes. We believe that the Lord's plans will allow us to return to our typical in-person VBS program this summer, or something very close to it. When we host 200 children, we assemble a team of 75 volunteers to make it all happen! What can we accomplish together this summer with VBS to carry out the Lord's work to 'go and make disciples' here in our neighborhood?

In order to plan accordingly, we're asking you to tell us whether you can join our VBS team later this summer (July 26-30, 2021). Individuals age 14 and older can join the volunteer team, leading small groups of kids, leading activities, preparing supplies or taking on a variety of other roles. We plan to prepare a VBS program that adjusts according to the available volunteers, in order for everything to run smoothly and successfully. Please complete this survey in the next week to help us plan: <https://forms.gle/KsWWbyEsokPfRCVS9>.

And yes, families, you can pencil VBS into your calendar for July 26-30! We'll keep you informed with details as they are confirmed. If you have any questions about VBS, please contact Sarah Rodrigues ([rodrigues@refsd.org](mailto:rodrigues@refsd.org)) or Pastor Neil Birkholz.

God's blessings to you today!





## Used Uniform Store

Have your kids experienced a growth spurt? We have a used uniform store! It is located in the library. We have shirts, shorts, pants, skirts, and dresses in all sizes. We also have preschool sizes. All items are \$2 each and will be billed through FACTS. Proceeds from the Uniform Store benefit 7th and 8th grade class trips.

## 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!*

### May

Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30pm Farewell for Vicar Choi

Monday, May 17 at 6:30pm Parent Book Club



*Worship Service - Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am*

*Foundations 101 - Sundays at 9:30 am*

*Men's Bible Study - Last Saturday of the month 9:00 am*

*Women's Life Group - Tuesdays starting February 9 at 6:00 pm*

*Parenting Book Club - May 3 & 17 at 6:30 pm*

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/>).





## 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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