

Raiders News

February 25, 2022



Preschool and Kindergarten sing at 8:00am on Sunday, Feb. 27!

Our preschool through kindergarten students are assisting in our worship service on Sunday and will be singing at 8:00am. Families, you may sit together during the worship service. Students will come forward at the point in the service when they sing. We look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday!

NO SCHOOL- Friday, March 4th - Campus Closed!


Due to a teachers' conference on Friday, March 4th, there will be NO preschool, grade school, or Shepherd's Care. The teachers will be heading over to La Mesa to hear and participate in a presentation on curriculum: formative assessments, curriculum targets, assessment with data, and standards-based grading.

The Call Process in the WELS

Thank you to everyone that has spoken to me about my call to Green Bay, WI. I appreciate your comments about how my gifts and abilities either do or do not fit into the ministry here at Reformation.

I'd like to share a bit more about the call process. Our synod, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), has a process through which teachers and pastors are provided for vacant positions in our schools and churches. When a school or church anticipates or currently has a vacancy, they will reach out to the Commission on Lutheran Schools. The CLS operates from our synod headquarters in Milwaukee, WI, and assists WELS schools by providing resources, training, and personal assistance. Part of this assistance is to help prepare a "call list" for congregations seeking new called workers as teachers, pastors, or staff ministers.



The background of the page is a collage of school supplies. On the left, there is a yellow highlighter, a portion of a white computer keyboard, and a blue and white grid pattern. On the right, there are several colored pencils (yellow, green, blue, red) and a yellow paperclip. The text is centered on a light beige background.

Briefly stated, we entrust the task of filling vacancies among us to the 12 district presidents in our synod. Their task is to be familiar with the congregations and schools in their respective districts, so they know the challenges and opportunities that exist at a given place, and the desires and expectations of the calling group. They also have and keep informational records on all eligible called workers (pastors, teachers, staff ministers) so they have a good idea of the strengths and weaknesses, skills and aptitudes of these trained public ministers. And they provide a list of suitable people for the calling church or organization to consider as they strive to fill their vacancy. In the case of St. Paul in Green Bay, WI, my background, skills, experience, etc., were seen as a suitable match for the vacant principal position at their school; my name was placed on such a list by a district president, and the vacant church selected me from that list and extended a call to me. I must now prayerfully determine whether I can best serve where I currently am (here at Reformation) or at the other place at this particular time. I have been receiving counsel and input from a variety of sources as my wife and I have considered our two calls (the one, to our current schools and the other, to his potential future school in Green Bay).

My letter from last week's newsletter served as the announcement that I have "received a call" and that my wife and I are currently considering where to serve. There are many things that we consider...I grew up 30 minutes from Green Bay and my whole family lives in Wisconsin. My wife grew up in Los Angeles and her family is here in California. While the weather here in San Diego is indeed beautiful, the consideration of that is a little further down the list. My wife and I have discussed other items such as cultural differences, the size of our schools vs. St. Paul, the anticipated responsibilities of the positions at St. Pauls vs. the understood responsibilities of our current positions, the opportunity for outreach with the Gospel, the team atmosphere at our current schools vs. St. Paul, financial matters, family matters, personal and social matters, etc. This is not an exhaustive list as there are many more items brought up during the deliberation process.

Typically, a teacher can take 2-4 weeks to deliberate a call, but even that could vary by call. Finally, the main questions to answer are these: "Where can my talents and abilities best be used in God's kingdom?" and "Where will my weaknesses and limitations do the least harm?" These require me to take an honest and careful look at myself and how I will best serve God's people. Through many conversations and prayers, my wife and I will arrive at some answers to those questions. The last step will be to communicate our decision to all the schools and churches involved and ask the Lord to bless each church and school.

If you have any questions about this process or comments for me to consider, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I want to hear how you see my strengths and weaknesses playing into the church and school ministry here at Reformation.



Weekly Panera Bread Donations

Panera Bread graciously donates their leftover bread and pastries to Reformation Church and School twice a week. If you are interested, please stop by Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Donations will be on a table in front of the church until they are gone.

Save the Dates for Upcoming Events and Activities

EasterFest – Saturday, April 9, 2-4pm

Family fun including Easter crafts, petting zoo, bounce house and egg hunts!

Vacation Bible School – July 25-29

Summer fun learning about Jesus' love, with a science-y twist!

REFORMATION RUMMAGE SALE TOMORROW!



**BENEFITING HOME AND
WORLD MISSIONS**

REFORMATION RUMMAGE SALE

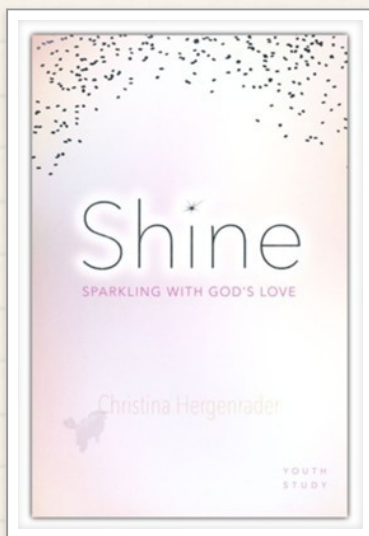
**Saturday, 2/26/2022
7:00 am - 12:00 pm**

To support the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS), Reformation will hold a garage sale in the front parking lot 7am-12pm on Saturday, February 26. Donations and shoppers are welcome. Drop off your donations at church 4pm-7pm on Friday, February 25. Someone from the Women's Life Group will be there to take your donations. Do not leave any donations at the church after 7pm. Questions or to make special arrangements, please contact Barbette Lowndes at 858-243-2142.

2021 Statement and Payment Summary

At times, families are looking for a statement of their payments for a calendar year, for childcare or other school expenses. FACTS can provide you this statement with a few clicks at any time. You can choose a calendar year or a specific time frame for a payment summary report. Click [here](#) (attached pdf file) to see how to navigate to this statement in your FACTS account.





New Teenage Girls' Life Group Starting on Monday, February 28!

Shine: Sparkling with God's Love. The world needs to hear about God's grace. He wants us to shine His brilliant love into the darkness of sin. He wants us to reflect His love like billions of pieces of bright, brilliant glitter to those who are hurting. We will dig into God's word and find out how we can shine the Gospel of Jesus to His people. This after school study is for girls grades 5 – 8. We will meet on the back patio at 3:20 on Mondays. Books will be provided. A voluntary donation of \$5 is appreciated.

Re-enrollment Questionnaire for 2022–2023 School Year

Each year we try to best estimate our enrollment for the next school year so that we can plan our staffing and try to keep classroom sizes small. Please fill out this [form](#) to let us know whether your student(s) will be returning to Reformation for our 53rd year of Christian Education! If you have any questions about enrollment for next year, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Ross at principal@refsd.org or 858-279-3311. He would love to talk with you! Thank you for helping us plan for the next school year!

Please fill out this Google form to let us know: <https://forms.gle/LRJfZDHPCUKLv7ZV7>.

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Next Men's Bible Study Is – March 12, 2022

We always need God's guidance and the reassurance that He loves us, especially when we face difficult challenges. We also need to remember that God uses even our most difficult challenges to bless us. But sometimes obvious blessings cause us to stumble just as much as the challenges do. This Bible study leads us to think about how redeemed children of God respond to blessings and challenges in a way that glorifies our Lord.

Join Mr. Mike Ross on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00AM beginning November 13 for this five-week Bible study. If you have any questions, please contact Mike at rossm@refsd.org.





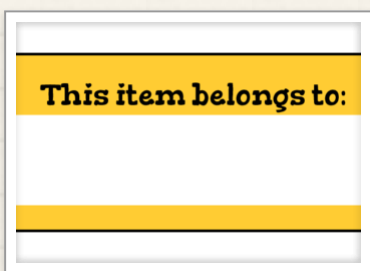
Face Masks

Some days our stock of masks is bountiful and some days we are very limited. Please make sure your child has a mask as they come into school each day. Bringing an extra doesn't hurt! Thank you!

NEW YEAR RE-BOOT REQUESTS

Pick Up Number Hang Tags

When you pick up your students after school, PLEASE be sure you display your pick up ID number in your vehicle. This is especially important for families of students in grades 1-8 picking up in the back parking lot. Sometimes it is difficult for our staff to see your friendly faces through the windows and sometimes we have other people helping out with identifying cars/parents picking up. Please help us out by displaying your number on your mirror or other prominent place. If you need a replacement hang tag, please request one from Sarah Rodrigues (rodrigues@refsd.org).



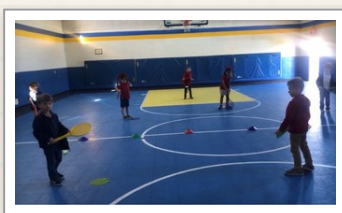
Student Belongings

Please label your student's belongings with their name. This includes water bottles, lunch boxes and clothing items such as jackets and sweatshirts. It's easy to find washable labels online or at stores like Walmart. Please also encourage your student to bring everything home each day. We know you invest your money in all of their items, and labeling them will help your items not be lost forever. Also, our campus will look great without a variety of things laying around at the end of each day. Thank you!



Update from TK

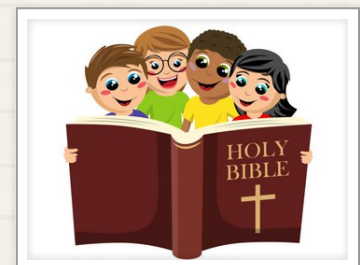
Hello and welcome back to Transitional Kindergarten. What have we been up to? We have been learning about the many miracles of Jesus; from the feeding of the 5,000 to calming the storm. Jesus uses his almighty power to show us that he is in control, and we can always call upon him. We continue to learn about the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. We are also learning about two dimensional and three dimensional shapes, along with different types of patterns. One of our most favorite activities is P.E. where we get to go into the gym and play a variety of games. Our favorite is dodgeball. Well that's all for now. Check back with us soon!





Bible Class for students in grades 5-8!

Mrs. Jessica Bohl has starting a new bible class for grades 5-8. This class will meet in the kindergarten room (room 6) from 9:30am to 10:15am and light snacks will be provided. We are looking forward to covering topical bible studies to help our students prepare to be the light in our broken world. See you there!



We are hiring! We need your help.

You can help us help you! Reformation Lutheran School is currently hiring (just like everyone else) for a few positions.

- Shepherd's Care Supervisor
- Preschool Classroom Aid

If you know of anyone who might have the time or qualifications, we would love to meet with them or spend some time talking with them about these open positions. Please refer anyone to principal@refsd.org. Thank you for helping us staff so that we can better serve the families of

Reformation!

GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE CAMP (GSBC) CONTEST

GSBC CONTEST DESIGN THE 2022 THEME!

EXTENDED!



We want YOU to design next year's theme!

- 3 Possible Winners!
 - Camper (4th-6th grade)*
 - Camper (7th-10th grade)*
 - Staff (11th grade+)*
- Prize for each winner:
 - A FREE week of camp!



*Grades based on 2022-2023 school year

Good Shepherd Bible Camp is hosting a contest, and we have extended our deadline! We want YOU to design our 2022 theme! What's the prize? A **FREE** week of camp for up to 3 individuals (two campers and one staff)! To enter, submit your name along with a theme, Bible verse, logo, and your name to gsbcmail@gmail.com by **February 11th** for a chance to win! For more information and to see past themes, head over to our Facebook page!

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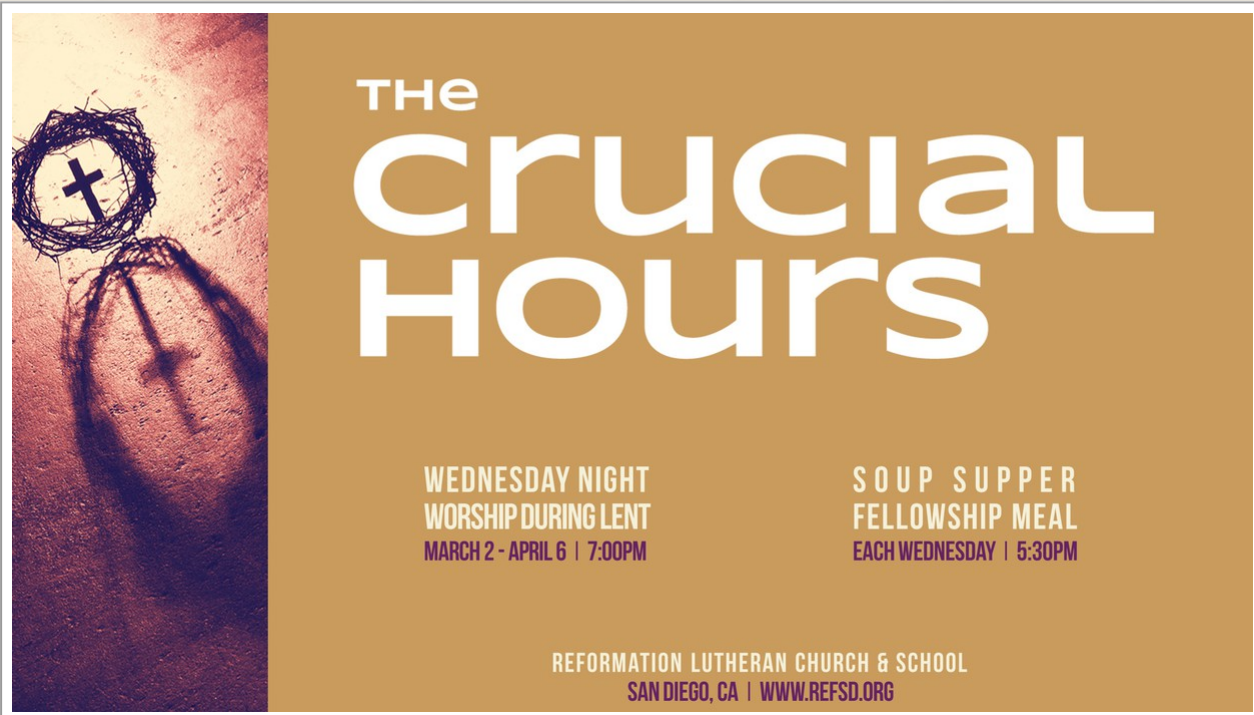
The Reformation basketball season came to an end this week. The boys' team placed 4th in the consolation bracket and the girls' team placed 2nd in the championship bracket in the CLHS basketball tournament. Thank you to our coaches Pastor Birkholz, Mike Ross, Sarah Rodrigues, Kevin Mangini, and Eric Matz! The teams really learned so much about the basketball fundamentals this season, and they learned how to work as a team! The players truly showed great improvement since the season started thanks to all our coaches!



Ki's School Lunches – Order Today!

You can take a break from packing a lunchbox on Mondays and Thursdays by ordering from Ki's School Lunches! With more than 35 entrée choices each day, there is bound to be something your student will enjoy. Place orders online and cancel (when necessary) up to 8am the same day. Go to www.kisschoollunches.com or <http://reformationsschoolsd.org/school-information/schoollunch-options/> for additional details and to create your account to place an order. The Ki's website has detailed information on the "How it Works" page. Orders must be placed by noon the day prior to lunch service. You can place orders for the entire month now.

There is an opportunity to volunteer to help with Ki's lunches distribution. Lunches are delivered to us shortly before lunchtime and volunteers distribute lunches to the students. Can you help with this? The time commitment is 11:30am-12:45pm on either Monday OR Thursday. We are asking for one adult volunteer for each day. Can you help? Contact Sarah Rodrigues at rodrigues@refsd.org or (858) 279-3311, ext. 1.



The Crucial Hours – Lent 2022 at Reformation

Decisive. Critical. Crucial. When we describe something as crucial, we are indicating that it is of great importance and the cost of failure is extremely high. For example, tense negotiations are often described as being “at a crucial stage.” A playoff football team’s coach may describe winning their next game as “crucial to our survival.”

The word crucial is derived from the Latin word for “cross.” In that sense, the events of Holy Week – especially Holy Thursday and Good Friday – were crucial because they all led to Jesus’ cross where the decisive, critical, crucial battle would be fought and won. Our weekly Wednesday worship during Lent will help us focus on those decisive events, those critical moments, those crucial hours, and how they were just that for Jesus, for those around him, and for us.

Join us this year for Lent, a special period of 40 days during which God’s people cleanse their hearts through repentance and prepare to celebrate the festival of Easter with joy. Lent is a time during which God renews his people’s zeal as we reflect on the breadth and depth of Christ’s love for us in willingly suffering and dying to redeem us from sin’s curse.

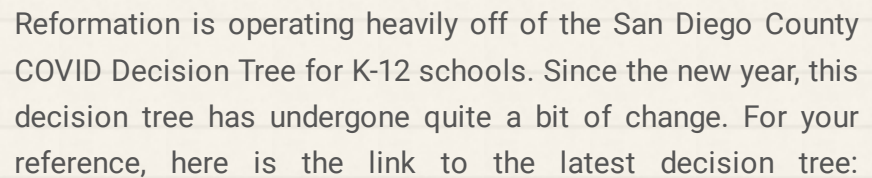
Join us at Reformation each Wednesday this Lent as we ponder and apply God’s Word to our lives today. We will also have soup suppers beforehand in the gym, beginning at 5:30pm. For more information, visit www.refsd.org or find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/ReformationSanDiego

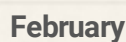
WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6
- Soup Supper: 5:30pm
- Choir Practice: 6:00pm
- Evening Worship: 7:00pm

COVID Decision Tree



Reformation Family Calendar



28 Teenage Girls' Life Group - 3:20pm

2 Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00pm

4 Campus Closed - No Grade School, Preschool or Shepherd's Care - Teacher's Conference

7 Teenage Girls' Life Group - 3:20pm

9 Lenten Worship Service 7:00pm

12 Men's Bible Study with Mike Ross at 9:00am

14 Teenage Girls' Life Group - 3:20pm

16 Lenten Worship Service 7:00pm

21 Teenage Girls' Life Group - 3:20pm

23 Lenten Worship Service 7:00pm

28-31 No Grade School - Spring Break (Preschool in session)

30 Lenten Worship Service 7:00pm

1 No Grade School - Spring Break (Preschool in session)

4 Teenage Girls' Life Group - 3:20pm

6 Lenten Worship Service 7:00pm

7 Spring Pictures

9 EasterFest 2:00-4:00pm

11 Teenage Girls' Life Group - 3:20pm

14 Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:00pm

15 Good Friday Worship Service 7:00pm

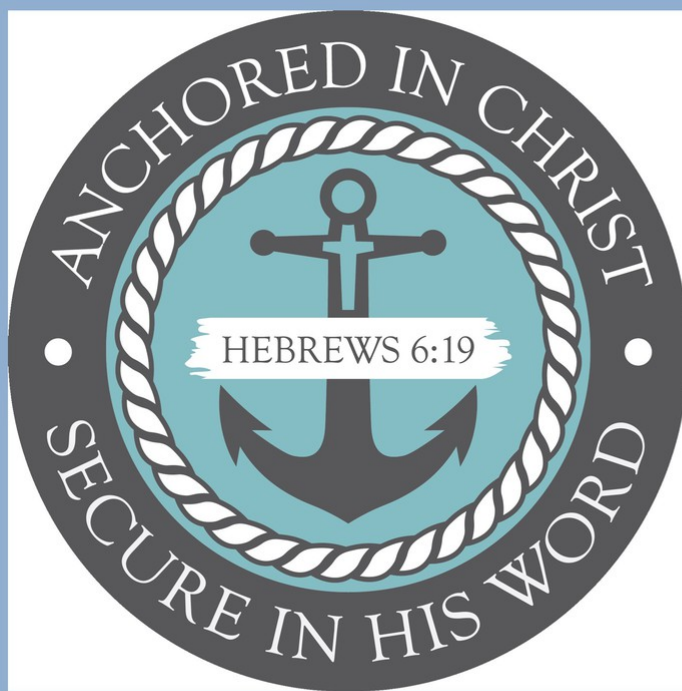
17 Easter Worship Services 8:00am and 10:30am

18 Campus Closed - No Grade School, Preschool or Shepherd's Care - Easter Monday

25 Teenage Girls' Life Group - 3:20pm

Teenage Girls' Life Group - Mondays at 3:20pm
Chapel Service - Wednesdays at 8:30am
Worship Service - Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am
Kids4Christ - Sundays at 9:30am
Foundations 101 - Sundays at 9:30 am

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/>).



*We have this hope
as an anchor
for the soul,
firm and secure.
Hebrews 6:19*



About Us


 Facebook

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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