



## **“SON”Shine Newsletter**

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**633 S. New York Road Galloway, NJ 08205 609-652-8431**  
**8:30 & 10 am Worship Church service**  
**Sunday School 10 am**  
**Pastor Heidi Link**  
**Music Director - Brian Conover**  
**Church Secretary - Stacie Krouse**  
**February 2022**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It has been a little over 2 years since I last wrote to you in our newsletter. Time passes too swiftly even though we have endured so many things during this pandemic but the one constant through it all is that God’s love remains steadfast and faithful, and for this I give thanks and praise. One of my favorite songs this past year, which has served as kind of a mantra for me, is called “God is Good” by Francesca Battistelli. The song talks about how we are not immune from experiencing difficulties and tragedies in life but the one constant that gets us through is the truth that God is good! The chorus to the song says “Joy comes, tears fall. I'm learning there is beauty in it all. It's not hard to find it, you just have to look. Oh, God is good.” Over the last two years, we have had much to be joyful about, such as the confirmation of our young disciples Hannah, Justin, Bryan and Brayden, the baptism of Sedona Mariana Layman and Ava Mae Ranshaw, returning to in-person worship, two successful Crab and Spaghetti dinners, celebrating Santa Lucia, welcoming our new members from Epiphany Lutheran Church along with all the things we inherited as part of the merger.

We have also had many things that we have shed tears over such as the passing of Edith Holroyd, Walter Valentine, Ed Conover, Richard Neumann, Beryl Neumann, Wayne Korte and Marge Hinmon, the closing of Epiphany Lutheran Church after 98 years of ministry serving the community of Pleasantville, the departure of Pastor Jose who we had many joint worship services with during the pandemic, friends and family illnesses, loss of employment and income, coping with the isolation of sheltering in place, and a difficult presidential election that caused fractures in many families and friends and divided us as a nation.

Yes, “joy comes” and “tears fall” but like the song says we have learned “there is beauty in it all! It's not hard to find it, you just have to look. Oh, God is good.” Let us pray, “Lord God, as we enter another year, we ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Be ... a blessing,  
Pastor Heidi Link

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”

We are happy to **WELCOME** our new members from Epiphany Church!

Curtis Hinmon

Richard & Robyn Hermansen

Nancy & Richard Tranovich

Kabbeh Kermon

Cordelia Suah

Deayon Burger

Shirley Kocher

Rev. Neil & Pat Jaggie

Karl & Luke Kroon

Katherine Macready

John Thomas

Louise McIntyre

William Thompson

Ruth & Kirk Bye

Bernard & Susan Somers

Jesse & Dee Denton

Our committees are open to **ALL** members & welcome all ideas;  
Assisting Minister/Lectors-Please contact Susan Charles or Pastor Heidi.  
Ushers-Please contact Diane Bianchini or Stacie Krouse.  
Kitchen Committee-Please contact Stacie Krouse.  
Property Committee-Looking for volunteers to restarts this committee.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Future welcome Potluck for our new Epiphany family.

Ash Wednesday service is March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **REMINDERS**

**SHOPRITE CERTIFICATES** Reformation is still selling Shoprite gift cards. Reformation gets 5% of what we sell. Just ask Pastor or Stacie before or after the service. Thank you!!

**FOOD PANTRY** We are collecting food donations for Oasis Methodist. Please no glass containers. They are having a diaper & wipes drive coming up. They are also in need of 2 lb. bags of rice, different bags of beans 😊

**PRAYER LIST** There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex at the beginning of each month. Please contact Stacie or Pastor Heidi to put on or remove an individual.

**JOYFUL NOISE** will be collected the last Sunday of each month. Charities are listed in the Family Notes.

**STREAMING** We are still streaming our 10 am Worship service on our Facebook page.

# St. Lucia Day Cookies



*Celebrate St. Lucia Day with these delicious traditional Christmas cookies.*

- **Author:** Kristin Schell

## INGREDIENTS

SCALE 1x2x3x

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg, separated
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2½ teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 cups flour
- 1 pinch salt
- ½ cup pecans, finely ground

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cream the butter and sugar until fluffy.
2. Add the egg yolk and vanilla. Continue to beat until well combined.
3. Add the flour, cinnamon and salt. Beat until combined.
4. Roll approximately a tablespoon of dough with the palm of your hands.
5. Press to flatten on a greased cookie sheet.
6. Brush each flattened cookie with egg white and sprinkle with pecans.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes, or until cookies begin to brown.

## Church Humor

I have gone to church my whole life, but there is one part about the Bible that really bothers me: Eve being tempted by an apple. Really? Chocolate I could believe, but an apple? Thanks a lot, Eve. All this trouble for an apple. ☺