



“SON”SHINE Newsletter

Reformation Lutheran Church
633 S. New York Road, Galloway, NJ 08205
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8:30 & 10:00 am Worship Church Service
Sunday School 10 am
Rev. Heidi Link, Pastor
Brian Conover, Music Director
Stacie Krouse, Church Secretary

Summer 2023

Note the weekly Sunday one service time at 9:00a.m.!

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:...

Ecclesiastes 3:1

It's June, which means its Summertime!!! For the next three short months we will practice the 3 R's of summer: **Rest, Recharge, and Rekindle**. We will **Rest** our bodies sunbathing on the beach with a good book, sitting on the porch with family and friends enjoying a pitcher of Iced Tea or Lemonade, or lying on the lawn enjoying a concert in the park or gazing up at blue skies imaging all kinds of animals in the puffy clouds. We will **Recharge** our souls with fun and fellowship engaging in outdoor activities like swimming, kayaking, biking, hiking, golf, gardening, or casual strolls in nearby parks or on the beach. As the long summer days end, we will enjoy glorious sunsets, chasing fireflies, and gazing up at the stars. We will **Rekindle** our relationships with one another and with our Triune God as we enjoy God's glorious creation, reminding us that God also reveals God's amazing self in the beauty and wonders of creation.

My hope and prayer for you all is that this is a memorable summer full of resting, recharging, and rekindling!

And now a Summer Blessing:

“May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation.

Take time to claim your strength; they are gifts of God.

Take time to have fun; it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.
Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you...
Take time to share with others; they will bless you, and you will bless them.
Take time to have hope, you are a beloved child of God.

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace, and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind, body, and soul. We ask this through Christ our Lord.”

As always, be ... a blessing,
Pastor Heidi

Reminders

Summer worship time is 9:00, one service only.

Shop-Rite Certificates/Gift Cards are available to buy from Stacie or Pastor Heidi before the service. Our church earns 5% of what we sell. The cards are given to shut-ins and needy families.

Food Pantry items are collected in the Narthex for the Pleasantville Oasis Methodist Church Food Pantry, among others. No glass containers, please!

Prayer List sign-up sheet is posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board at the beginning of each month. To add or remove a name put your requests on the sheet, or contact Stacie, or Pastor Heidi.

Joyful Noise offerings are received on the last Sunday of every month. Charities are posted in the bulletin Family Notes.

Streaming continues online for our 9:00 AM worship summertime service. Find it on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ReformationLutheranNJ>

Upcoming Events

Scholarship Sunday will be July 30th (which also will be our annual **“Christmas in July”** service.) Students who applied this year for Blanche Harffey Higher Education Awards will gather with us to worship and to share some insights of their student life. Each of 13 students this academic year will be granted \$3400. This was a wonderful and rewarding event last summer. Plan to attend, and stay after church for a time of fellowship and food.

This summer we will celebrate **Brian Conover’s 30th Anniversary** as our beloved and favorite church musician! Congratulations, Brian! Watch the bulletin for date and time. Brian is truly a blessing for us at RLC.

Youth Room renovations continue through the summer months. Watch the bulletin for announcements on projects **you** can help with. A ping-pong table has been set up, and Pastor Heidi has many good ideas to share. We hope to have it all ready for **Rally Day in September**.

Recent Events

Pastor Heidi, Lori, “Mimi” Phyllis Phelps, Clare Brick, and Vicky Costello recently attended the **Shore Memorial Nurses NICU** event at Grace Lutheran. This is an annual gathering and a ministry for helping needy Moms and their newborns with clothing and supplies.



Easter Season Altar
(Thanks, Cindy & Nina!)



**Easter Sunday we celebrated Ella's
First Holy Communion!**



RLC's Garden was the focus of attention on Earth Day this Spring. Pastor and Ruth Bye coordinated the workers, including Ginny and Jeff, Nina with Matthew and Michael, Kirk, Dee and Jesse, Curtis & Neil outside and the workers who cleaned all the pews, kneelers, and altar were Cindy, Lori, Marion, Ali and Diane. Murphy's oil was the fragrance of the day!

