



## Try Something New in May

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May sneaks in with that soft, steady rain, making the earth a little squishy under our feet, stirring up what's been quiet for too long, nudging new life to the surface. I'm reminded how Scripture says God's word falls like rain and dew, soaking in, watering us, feeding what's ready to break through. Maybe that's our invitation this month, to let ourselves grow in ways we hadn't planned. Or even in ways we least expected. After all, May's rain isn't just water, it can be possibility. So maybe this is our cue to shake things up this season. Not to just coast, be stagnant, or get too comfortable, but to be a little braver, a little bolder, and try something out of the ordinary. Try something new in May.

“Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.” –Deuteronomy 32:2

As we stand between the joy of Easter and the fire of Pentecost, when we come together as one, we know the Spirit is already moving, nudging us toward what's next, if we're paying attention. So, look around. Pay attention to where God is calling you. How is God watering, us and nourishing us? Explore something new and it just might surprise you. Maybe it's engaging in summer service differently or lingering in conversation a few extra minutes. Maybe it's jumping into something new, signing up to volunteer, or just saying hi to someone you haven't met yet. Or maybe it's as simple as taking five quiet minutes with God in the morning or stepping outside to really notice what's blooming around you both physically and mentally.

Be a little daring. Faith's never really been about playing it safe. It's about moving forward, even when we don't have it all figured out. Even when we don't want to. Trusting God meets us not just in what we know, but in what we don't.

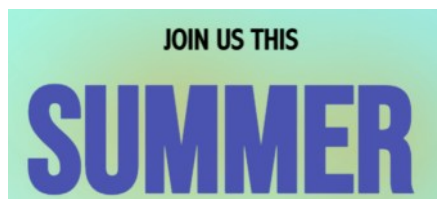
Be bold, in whichever shape or form that looks like for you. It doesn't have to be in big, flashy ways, but in the quiet courage it takes just to show up. To stay in the room. In reaching out, in choosing relationship, in trusting that growing is still possible, no matter where we are or what season we're in.

And as you do, look around. Actually, look around. Feel the warmth, see what blooms in the background, notice the green coming back. Creation is preaching resurrection right in front of our eyes, what looked dead is alive again, it has risen. What we thought would never come back is here, flourishing. And honestly, so are we. You are not the same person you were a season ago. So, as we settle into May, let's trust God's still at work, like rain on new grass, bringing something new to life in us. Here's to being willing to grow. Hares to trying something new this season.

# upcoming events

## Notable Church Events

|                  |            |                          |
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| Tuesday's in May | 9:00 a.m.  | Blanket Makers           |
| Tuesday's in May | 6:00 p.m.  | Bell Choir Practice      |
| May 8            | 10:30 a.m. | InReach Board Meeting    |
| May 9            | 10:00 a.m. | Rebecca Circle           |
| May 12           | 9:45 a.m.  | Fellowship Board Meeting |
| May 13           | 6:00 p.m.  | Youth Group              |
| May 13           | 6:30 p.m.  | Ladies Night Out         |
| May 15           | 1:00 p.m.  | Dorcus Circle            |
| May 20           | Noon       | BTOL                     |
| May 21           | 7:00 p.m.  | Church Council Meeting   |



Beginning **Pentecost Sunday, May 24, at 9:30 AM**, we gather as one to hear the story of Acts. Co-leading with Pastor Ralen, Assistant to the Bishop Chad Langdon joins us to proclaim this story of community, connection, and the Spirit at work among us for a new season of summer worship.

Throughout the summer, we'll explore the bonds of faith and friendship through Ruth and Esther, the guidance of 1 & 2 Timothy, and the wisdom of the Ten Commandments, stories that reveal courageous leadership, meaningful relationships, and a faith that carries us forward. Each Sunday at 9:30am, we will gather in worship, grounded in these stories and strengthened in community.



**May 13th**                      **6.p.m.**  
**Multi-Church Event—Capture the Flag!**

## Summer Coffee Hour

Summer is here, and we'd love your help making Coffee Hour a warm and welcoming time for all. Hosting is easy—just brew some coffee, bring a few treats, and tidy up afterward. You can sign up at the coffee table to take part in our Summer Coffee Hour, beginning May 24. Don't forget to stop by the doughnut table too!



**Interested in becoming a member, or know someone who is?**  
If you want more information about membership at Reformation, contact Rev. Ralen Robinson at [revralen@gmail.com](mailto:revralen@gmail.com) or [info@refluthks.org](mailto:info@refluthks.org)

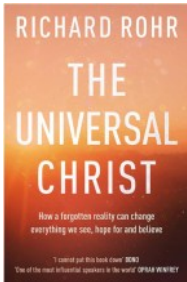


## Ladies Night Out

Mark your calendars for Monday  
**May 11th at 6:30 p.m.**

This month we will be venturing to the Delano district and dine at The Monarch, 579 W. Douglas. Join us on Monday, May 11th for a fun evening of fellowship and food!

To RSVP, please contact Carol or Melissa **by Sunday, May 10th**



### ***The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe* by Richard Rohr**

This contemplative book invites readers into a fresh understanding of Christ's presence in all of life, not just in Jesus of Nazareth, but in all creation. Rohr explores how Christ is present in every person and every part of the world, challenging us to see God's movement everywhere we look.

## Dillons Food Stores Donations



**Thank you** to everyone who's contributed to the church at Dillon's! Families have donated \$138.71 from January to March 2026

How to contribute: Create/log into a Dillons account, link your Shopper's Card to a nonprofit organization, then just shop normally and Dillons donates a portion of your spending to that organization at no extra cost to you.

## March 2026 Council Recap

As we wrap up the first quarter of 2026 we focus on looking forward as we carry out the mission of Reformation Lutheran Church.

### Financial Snapshot:

We have started off the year strong in giving, we are profoundly grateful for your continued generosity and support. On the expense side we are managing things well and keeping expenses in line with the budget.

### Property:

We continue to work on little project around the building. We've had a plumber into repair some bathroom leak issues and working with an electrical contractor to replace some sensors for our outdoor lighting. Warmer weather brings more outdoor work, with a successful work day in March we were able to make headway on our landscape beds, which will need continuous upkeep now - Susan Bachman is always looking for a few helpful hands to keep up with weeding our beds.

Council agreed to a Nursery remodel with funding from a special benefactor.

## Growing in Faith & Fellowship

### Food Cart



The Food Cart in the Narthex is hungry for **boxed dinners** in May. Every family has their favorite boxed dinner: macaroni and cheese, hamburger helper, and many others. While you are grocery shopping this month, buy a box or two or three to share with a family in need. Your donation will be delivered to the United Methodist Urban Ministries Food Pantry at the end of the month! Thank you so very much for your donations.

### Community Outreach—Coleman Middle School

Lynette Wetta, while attending a teachers' meeting at Coleman Middle School, talked with teachers about what the students needed. The overwhelming response was school uniforms. Therefore, we have purchased and sent to them more school uniforms for students, even though it is the end of the school year. This need is essential to the student's wellbeing and learning. The Service Board will schedule times throughout the year to collect money to purchase these uniforms. Watch for these opportunities to help a student in need.

### Collecting Clothing for the Homeless

Boxes remain outside the office window for your donations of items of clothing for the homeless. The items may be gently used or new. We make the items donated available at the community breakfast. We thank you for your generosity in providing much needed clothing for men and women.

### Collecting for Family Promise

While we are not providing meals and sleeping services right now for Family Promise, we continue to be part of the overall program by providing needed home-settling items that you donate. You will find a container on the floor next to the Food Cart for any items you contribute. Think about what you would need as you settle in to a home after not having a home for a period of time. Any items you may be downsizing, such as sheets, towels, bedspreads, kitchen ware, etc., are welcome. We deliver the items you donate to Family Promise headquarters in downtown Wichita. Thank you for thinking of this incredible service opportunity.

### Stephen Ministry: The Courage to Receive Care



Sometimes we need someone to talk to in confidence. Stephen Ministry provides the listener, not problem solver, when it seems no one is hearing your needs. We are well-prepared through 50 hours plus of training to listen with Christian love and care. We await hearing from you so that a qualified Stephen Minister may be assigned and your Christian Caregiving experience may begin. Let **Anita** know if a confidential assignment may be made.