



**Reformation Lutheran School Newsletter**  
**Week 36 – 06/02/2017**

**Message from the Principal: What Makes You Happy?**

I think if you ask the students today what makes them happy, many may respond with the answer "summer vacation". What makes you happy? Is it a vacation? Is it watching a sunset at the ocean? Is it a special meal? Is it a certain friend or family member? There are many answers to what can make us happy. What about pain and suffering?

Hard to believe that pain and suffering would make us happy; however, take a look at the words of Peter:

*Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. 1 Peter 4:12-16*

I am sure that this summer, some children will suffer scrapes and bruises, possibly the loss of a loved one, or a prolonged sickness. I am sure that some adults may suffer some financial hardship, a strained relationship, or some other tragedy that hits close to home. Rejoice? As a sinful human being that is sure hard to do.

Yet, these hardships point us toward the cross. There, we see a Jesus that lived the perfect life that we couldn't, died on the cross for all of our sins, and rose again to give eternal life to this sinful human being. Someday, we will join our Savior in heaven; until then, may we rejoice in the tribulations of this life because it points us to the next.

It is my prayer that you all have a great summer and that any sufferings that take place points you and I to the cross!

## **Update from Ceci Diaz**

The four year old class has been having a busy end of the year. We have been working on beginning reading and writing since kindergarten is coming quickly! We've also been learning about the great things in our beautiful planet and how to properly take care of it.

We had the chance to go on a field trip to Sea World on May 30th and learn about the ocean and sea animals. We had a great time with our families and friends!

We are singing with our kindergarten friends on Sunday, June 4th, at the 8:00am service for their graduation. We hope you can come join us!

We've had a great year making memories with each other and growing in God's word; as well as, using the talents he's given us to learn more and more and to give him glory. We're excited for an awesome summer!

## **From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Parents and Families,

I wanted to let you know how we are doing at meeting our mission statement:

- Educate with excellence
  - Again this year, our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders scored an average of three grade levels above norm on our Terra Nova Tests
  - We have started departmentalization in the upper grades to fit teachers' strengths and education
  - This summer we will be making some changes to the curriculum that came out of the faculty study this school year
- Encourage Growth in God's Word
  - We have weekly chapels at 8:30 am, which families are invited to attend
  - We have daily religion classes that derives from studying the Bible
  - Daily prayers in the classroom
  - Memory work to carry out God's command of putting His Word to memory
  - Singing in classrooms and in church
- Equip for Christian Living
  - We have the older students model Christian behavior through our chapel buddy system
  - We have students do simple tasks to practice good stewardship of what He has given us
  - Students help other students in need
  - Next year, all classrooms will be encouraged to carry out an activity that will benefit the community at large
  - The pastor is looking into and encouraging Bible studies for the whole family for next school year

All of the classes are taught in the light of God's Word at Reformation which makes us provide an education that lasts more than a lifetime.

## Over the summer there are a few dates to be aware of:

- In early July, required supply lists will be sent to families via email.
- Registration Day, is Saturday, August 19, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please attend to receive important paperwork, sign up and pay for various activities and supplies and review your tuition and payment plan. Also, information will be presented about our school, church and other programs of interest to you. Students are invited to this day as well.
- On Monday, August 21, 2017, please plan to join us for Meet the Teacher Night at starting at 6:30 p.m. This is opportunity to meet the teacher of your student(s). Teachers will review the daily schedule, outline expectations, and share other important classroom materials.

Also, over the summer we offer a wonderful and fun Summer Camp for children in 1-8 grades; for more information please check the following [link](#) or pick up a Summer Camp flyer and registration form in the office.

Feel free to contact the office if you have any more questions. You may do so by calling:

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In Christ,  
Mike Homan  
Principal

## Upcoming events:

### Sunday, June 4

8:00am Worship (kindergarten promotion)

10:30am Worship (8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation)

### Monday, June 5

Summer Camp Begins

### Sunday, June 11

8:00am Worship

10:30am Worship (confirmation)

### Monday, July 31

9:00am Vacation Bible School

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