



Church of the Reformation – Lutheran
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
With Christ at the Heart

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Keeping the Feast

On the Sundays of April we will continue to ring out the *Good News* of our Lord's victory for us over sin, death, and the devil as the season of Easter unfolds. You are encouraged to bring or borrow (from the usher's table) a bell to ring with every "alleluia" this season. Chanting and the Gospel Procession will heighten our sense of rejoicing in this most festive of seasons.

You will also note the Baptismal Font will be moved to the front and center of the communion rail and filled with water each week. This is to encourage you to revisit your baptism (when you were joined to Jesus' death and resurrection) by dipping your fingers into the water and making the sign of Christ's cross from your forehead to your heart in token that you are one of Christ's redeemed.

Communion will proceed with the left and right tables dismissed separately to allow extra room for the font. After Pentecost the font will return to its place in the chancel and the gates of the communion rail will return.

This year we have three confirmands: Mary LaFlamme, Christian Liebmann, and Katie Meyer. Profession of faith is scheduled for April 21st during the Bible Study hour in church and Confirmation is on April 28th in the late service. Support these people with your prayers and encouragement.

In Christ, Pastor Pelsue



APRIL

NEWS & NOTES



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES UPDATE!

Comedy Movie Review: Sunday, April 14th is following late service. Christian Fellowship Committee members will be serving a Family Style luncheon for all ages while Dale shows clips of some classically funny comedy routines on the big screen in the Fellowship Hall. *We have donors that are picking up the cost, so the meal is gratis!* Sign up on the CF bulletin board outside the secretary's office. Open seating following late service. There are 2 more Sundays to sign up. Hope to see you there from noon to 2:00 p.m. the latest.

Special Ascension Day Service isn't until Thursday, May 9th which is usually followed by an ice cream social. Refreshment change: Christian Fellowship is asking members to consider bringing a homemade or bought ice cream cake at the time of worship service. A sign up sheet will be on the CF bulletin board in weeks to come.

Jill Pelsue, Director of Bd for Christian Fellowship,
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RETIREES MEETING

Please join the Retirees for lunch at Tsevis' Bar and Grill (Mackenzie and Heege) on Wednesday April 10th at 12 noon. After lunch, they will travel to the Weber Road Branch of the St. Louis County Library on Bayless Road to enjoy a free concert. The Starlight Singers (part of the Library's Spring Concert Series) will be performing at 2:00 pm. If you would like to carpool, meet at church at

11:45. Please sign up on the sign up sheet (by April 7th) on the CF bulletin board if interested. Please talk with Julie Graudin for more information.



THE JEHOIADA CHEST OFFERING

Each year, traditionally on the Sunday nearest the April 29, 1954 organizational date of our congregation, the Church of the Reformation gathers a special offering named after the priest who was summoned by King Jehoash of Judah to take a chest and raise money to repair the Lord's House. The temple of Jerusalem had been allowed to fall into disrepair. **This year the collection will be on Sunday, April 28th.** Read 2 Kings 12:7-12 for the story.

Please note that a special Jehoiada Offering envelope will be enclosed in the Sunday bulletin on April 21st. There will also be envelopes available in church on April 28th, the morning we gather the offering. That morning the special Jehoiada Chest will be placed at the front of the church, and during the offering or during communion distribution, a representative of your family may come forward with your gift.

This gift is our way of giving glory to God through maintaining the beauty and use of this place of worship. It is also an expression of our gratitude to God for His maintaining His Word in its purity and the right use of His Sacrament among us. We give this offering to assure future generations these blessings of His.



CELEBRATING 59 YEARS IN CHRIST

Reformation will be the church of the week on KFUV 850AM the week of **April 28th** in celebration of our 59th anniversary. We'll be featured with a 30 second spot 5 times a day each day of the week. Pastor will be the guest on the 8:05 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Randy Asbury. It's likely we may have visitors following this spotlight on KFUV, so please introduce yourself and make any guests feel welcome and at home at COR. *Jim Fink*, Board of Evangelism

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all items/articles for the May newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, April 15th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.



CARE & SHARE

The Care Bears will meet on **Thursday, April 25th at 9:30 a.m.** for the assembling of quilts, layettes, laprobes, etc.

They would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated material for their quilting efforts. They are always looking for **cotton material and thread**. *Knits, silks, wools and other heavy fabrics are nice but cannot be used for their quilting efforts.* Please let Lois Schoech or Marion Lewis know if you drop off fabric.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY CALL NIGHT



Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, cordially invites the public to share in the joy of Call Day on **Wednesday, May 1st**.

Students who will serve as vicars (a one-year internship) next year will receive their assignments during a 3:00 p.m. worship service. COR's 2nd year field worker, Matt (Kathleen) Resner will receive his assignment at this service.

During a 7:00 p.m. worship service, candidates for the pastoral ministry will receive their first calls to serve as pastors, missionaries, and chaplains in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). COR's 4th year field worker's Justin (Jennifer) Pahl and Aaron (Kim) Meyer along with former vicar Brett (Carrie) Hartwig will receive calls during this service. Both services will be held in the Seminary's Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus.

AFFTON FOOD PANTRY NEWS



Those who utilize food pantries are cooking on a budget. We all know herbs, spices and condiments are useful to have but they can be luxury items too!

Continuing thru the month of April, we are collecting those not always thought of but useful items:

cooking oils, herbs, spices, salt, pepper, minced onion or garlic, seasoning packets (i.e. taco, chili, gravy, spaghetti) and condiments

Please bring the suggested items and place in the grocery cart in the parish hall or the hamper in the narthex. The food will be taken to the Affton Food Pantry. Thanks for your help!

Reformation Ladies Club

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Reformation members generously support the efforts of the Affton Food Pantry by donating all food collection items to the Pantry. **But a different kind of support is needed too!** They need volunteers on Tuesday, Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings to help sort, shelve and package food for the needy. If you would like to volunteer your time and effort, please contact Deaconess Kristina Paul at Salem Lutheran Church, 314-352-4454.



From the Stewardship Board

The 31st day of March—Easter Sunday—will put a "spring into our steps." As we join with other Christians in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, we know that the best is yet to come. Because Jesus lives, we too shall live. Like the rest of nature in the springtime we will also produce Christian fruits. That is what Christian stewardship is all about—responding to God's love in Christ and bringing forth the fruits of faith.

What an encouragement for us! Our lives do make a difference! We are also instruments in the hands of Jesus to touch the lives of others in a way that makes an eternal difference. Since we have the sure hope in the resurrection of the body unto life everlasting we know that while the best is yet to come, we must also remember that what we do here and now is important.

God blesses us so that we might bring glory to Him and good things for others. As we manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes we demonstrate that we are fruitful stewards. When we freely and generously give of our time, money and talents we show that our life is about more than having—it is about giving!

May the joy and victory of Easter be reflected in your stewardship!

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THANK YOU

A special thank you to everyone who hosted and worked our Lenten Suppers. A lot of work and effort went into the preparation and hosting of these dinners - KUDOS to: Jill Pelsue and the Board of Christian Fellowship; Men's Club, Youth /Catechism Group and their Parents; Hung Family, Ladies Club and Bliese Family.

Also, a special thank you to our readers during the Palm Sunday service, our ushers and acolytes who worked



overtime during Lent and Holy Week, our field workers, instrumentalist and choirs for all their hard work during this busy season. Our services would not have been as special without all of you! God Bless! *Pastor Pelsue*

Dear Reformation Members,

Thank you so very much for your generous donation to Emmaus Lutheran Church (Gifts for the King Offering). What a joy it is to know that others are praying for us and see our mission as worthy of support. Please continue to pray and ask the Lord to bless our efforts so that we may continue sharing Christ's love in the city.

Rebecca Mayes, Secretary
Emmaus Lutheran Church



LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

It is easy to assume that today's young people are the leaders of tomorrow. In reality, many young people are eager to serve and lead today LCEF is always seeking to share its story of support of congregations and schools with young people. For this reason, LCEF is a regular contributor to social media and would welcome the opportunity to tell its story to a new generation of investors. In addition to social media, LCEF is also available on the web. Visit lcef.org for more information or visit us on Facebook and Twitter.

CONCORDIA NY CHOIR CONCERT

The renowned Tour and Chamber Choirs of Concordia College-New York will be embarking on their 2013 Heartland Tour and will be performing a concert at The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens on Monday night, **May 20th, at 7:00 p.m.**

Under the direction of Dr. Jason Thoms, the Tour Choir is a 24-voice choir singing music from a wide spectrum of cultures, eras, and styles. The Chamber Choir is a highly selective ensemble of 6-8 students who read music and have a high-level of music experience. Dr. Thoms states that the goal of the Tour Choir is to "perform beautiful and challenging music with a strong message of faith and hope, and travel to communities around the US sharing this message with schools and congregations."

So please join us Monday night, May 20th, at 7:00pm for an evening of choral worship. It will be an evening of worship you won't want to miss! If you have any questions please contact [The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens, 8749 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO.](http://www.lutheran-church-of-webster-gardens.org)



UN-APPROVED MINUTES for CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION-LUTHERAN
Church Council Meeting, March 14, 2013

PRESENT: Mark Bliese, Jim Fink, Brenda Hargett, John Hargett, Jack Jeffcott, Dan Kamp, Linda LaFlamme, Dale Thielker, Hal Uthoff, Pastor Pelsue. Jill Pelsue, Dan Reimler and Derek Hotzel were absent but excused.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m by the Vice-president, Hal Uthoff. A quorum was present. Hal Uthoff read a Lutheran Hour Ministries devotion entitled, "The Book", which was about the Bible. Dan Kamp has the devotion for April.

The minutes of the February 14, 2013 Church Council meeting were reviewed. A correction to the President's report, in the fourth sentence, which reads, "Mark and Julie Graudin have informed Derek that they do not want to continue as the congregational representatives, so Derek will attend." This was referring to the previous sentence where Lutheran Senior Services was referenced. The fourth sentence should be, "Mark and Julie Graudin have informed Derek that they do not want to continue as the congregational representatives for The Lutheran Foundation, so Derek will attend." Under the Board of Fellowship report, Dale Thielker's name was misspelled, and the second sentence which reads, "Any other members who would like to join the committee are welcome" should read, "The Fellowship Committee is full but we will be asking for assistance from time to time of other members to volunteer per event. Clean up is always welcome!" Pastor moved that we accept the minutes as amended. Dale Thielker seconded his motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Derek Hotzel was absent but excused. He provided no report.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Hal distributed a revision to the proposed Ongoing Resolution #10, which was discussed last month. It will be discussed under old business.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: John Hargett read Dan Kamp's report on the monthly income summary for February 2013. A sub-total income toward budgeted expenses of \$15,158.67 was collected, with interest on checking and savings of \$0.52 and \$372.18 in Thrivent Foundation and eScrip electronic funds transfer, for a combined sub-total budgeted income of \$15,531.37. Income toward non-budgeted designated funds was \$645, with \$387.71 in pass-thru funds, for a sub-total non-budgeted income of \$1,032.71. The total income for February was \$16,546.08. The full reports can be viewed on the bulletin board near the nursery.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dan Kamp presented John Hargett's report. He noted that we are current on all obligations. We had \$17,012 in expenses for February, with \$1,849 in non-budgeted expenses. Notable items in the these expenses include \$203 to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Evansville, IN and \$203 for University Lutheran Chapel. These were our designated Gifts for the King for 2011, which were inadvertently overlooked. \$1,052 was paid to Emmaus Lutheran Church as Gifts for the King for 2012.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor reported he attended the visitation for Sue Hedrick's father. He has made numerous homebound visits. Pastor is conducting an adult instruction class with Matt LaFlamme using the book, "Lutheranism 101". There are three catechumens who will be confirmed; Mary LaFlamme, Christian Liebmann and Katie Meyer. Profession of Faith is April 21 with Confirmation April 28. Wednesday morning Bible study has finished Luther's Large Catechism and is moving on to the Augsburg Confession. Pastor was on KFUE AM on March 7 with Pastor Randy Asbury for 40 minutes. Pastor has a challenge to the congregation to read Luke and Isaiah during Lent, in which some have taken him up on his challenge. Pastor sent in the field education forms to Concordia Seminary. The theme for Lent, "God's Good and Gracious Gifts" will be running through to Easter Sunday. Peace Lutheran Church on Barracksview will be holding a groundbreaking for their new church on April 7.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Linda LaFlamme reported she has received letters from eScrip on our amounts earned. She has made a large "thank you" for congregational members to sign (the council signed it during the meeting), and it will be presented to the manager of the Schnuck's Affton at a later date. (Secretary's note: her report of February, which she sent in and Brenda Hargett read, was inadvertently omitted from the minutes of last month. In it she reported the amount of eScrip as of February 14 was \$341.92 for the past ten months. She will consult with the Board of Education and the Sunday school superintendent about an appropriate time for the Sunday school children to present a "thank you card" to the manager of Schnuck's, Affton. The secretary apologizes for the error). Linda would like the StewardCAST newsletter linked to the website. Linda has been using the LCMS Stewardship website, and will include their column in the church newsletter.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM: Jim Fink stated the "evangelism corner" is in the newsletter. He read a letter from KFUE, stating The Church of the Reformation-Lutheran will be the church of the week April 28 to May 4. We will have 35 30 second spots broadcast, as well as a 5 minute mini-sermon. Jim is checking into Laclede Groves transportation to church. He is hoping to have a Mackenzie Place hymn sing and Bible study once a month. He currently has no volunteers for these projects. He is checking on advertising with the Affton Chamber of Commerce. Dan Kamp stated he will check with our insurance carrier on the transportation issue as a precaution.

BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP: Jill Pelsue was absent, but she sent in her report, which Pastor read. Photos of the Super Bowl party have been posted in the parish hall. The soup making and Random Acts of Kindness photos still need to be posted. An unannounced RAK in the form of freshly baked chocolate cookies were passed out after church on February 17 by Diana Meyer. Jill stated that because the kitchen ovens are temperamental with their heating, she suggests we might want to look into a free standing over/under convection oven. The next RAK is March 17, honoring St. Patrick Hamilton of Scotland. The Road to Easter Lenten Suppers are

continuing. Thank you to the Men's Club and Youth families for their sponsorship. A special thank you to Lynn and John Borchelt for the coffee cakes and the Men's Club for the extra sandwiches. The Baptismal Birthday Banquet was on March 3, with eleven members attending. The winning table was a combination of various baptismal birthdays, but the theme of the table, "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red a crimson, they shall be like wool." Is. 1:18 was reflected in the red and white table setting and decorations. The winning members were Joyce Schubert-Johnson, Tabitha Schubert, the Bliese family and Pastor Pelsue. A plaque will be made in honor of the occasion. Have meal, will travel is going well as a social ministry. Mildred Wotli and Laverne Downs have benefited from these meals. The board purchased a Panera Bread Co. card to give to the Hedricks after the passing of Sue's father. The comedy review and lunch is April 14. A family-style dinner theater is being planned. The meal is gratis thanks to the Adams' and Dale Thielker. April 21 is the RAK celebrating the real earth day set in motion by our Creator.

BOARD OF ELDERS: Dan Reimler was absent but excused. Pastor reported that the board approved the transfer out of Lindsay Miller to Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee Mission, KS. The elders are continuing to make contacts via phone and letters with delinquent members.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES: Jack Jeffcott reported he is creating a list of all combinations and keys. All the keys, identified and unidentified, are in the lock box. He is trying to identify the ones currently unidentified. The glass display case door is being replaced by Chippewa Glass. Some of the lights in the nave are being replaced with a brighter, possibly floodlight CFL.

BOARD OF FINANCE: Dale Thielker stated that for February we had a deficit of \$1,481, which combined with January gives us a deficit of \$3,104. Our attendance was slightly down in February, with some Sundays of bad weather, so he is hopeful March will be better (he stated early indications are positive). We are running slightly ahead on our expenses, about a half a percent. We also have \$152,479 total cash available for budgeted expenses and the vicarage fund balance is \$9,182.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Brenda Hargett reported the Sunday school will sing with the choir on Palm/Passion Sunday. They will be singing "Hosanna!" They will also be singing with the Handbell Choir in April. Plans for summer Sunday school are being discussed with the teachers. Sunday school will start at 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday to allow time for the breakfast sponsored by the Handbell Choir. Brenda has received word and forms from all students in the Elementary Education Tuition Program and Lutheran High School Association. Dan asked for clarification on the number of students for the Fall of 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Hal Uthoff submitted a substitute ongoing resolution to replace Ongoing Resolution 10, "Front Door Combination Lock". It is entitled, "Church Keys and Combinations". Mark Bliese read the resolution out loud, and some changes in wording and additions were suggested. After Mark read the resolution in total, Hal asked for a motion to adopt the substitute resolution. Brenda Hargett moved we adopt the substitute resolution. John Hargett seconded her motion. The motion carried unanimously. The secretary stated he would include the new resolution alongside the old resolution for the council to review at the next meeting for ratification.
- Pastor contacted Price Technology Group about copier and lease options. Dan Kamp, Pastor and Sheri will look over the options and come up with a proposal, to be presented at a future date.
- Dan Kamp stated he will distribute our policy on envelopes and contribution statements.
- Dan Kamp also stated he has sent letters to all parents of students in our Elementary Education Tuition Program, informing them of the tuition supplement mentioned in last month's Treasurer's report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dan Kamp moved that we make the following changes to our checking account: Remove the names of Frank Matta and Karen Liebmann as signatories and add Dale Thielker and Mark Bliese. Our checking account will then have as signatories Dan Kamp, Dale Thielker and Mark Bliese. Dan Kamp also moved that we make the following changes to our safe deposit account: Remove the names of Frank Matta and Karen Liebmann as access agents and add the names of Dale Thielker and Mark Bliese. Our safety deposit account will then have as access agents Pastor David C. Pelsue, Dan Kamp, Dale Thielker and Mark Bliese. John Hargett seconded Dan Kamp's motions. There was no discussion, and the motions carried unanimously.
- With Mark and Julie Graudin stepping down as congregational representatives of The Lutheran Foundation, the issue of congregational representatives for both The Lutheran Foundation and Lutheran Senior Services was discussed. Mark Bliese read letters from both organizations, mentioning upcoming meetings in April for both these organizations. In the interest of having a congregational member attend these meetings, Hal Uthoff volunteered to attend the Lutheran Senior Services meeting at Meramec Bluffs and Linda LaFlamme volunteered to attend The Lutheran Foundation meeting. Hal will inform Derek Hotzel he needs to seek permanent congregational representatives, which will require a congregational vote.
- Pastor suggested creating an ad hoc anniversary committee for our 60th anniversary next year. The council agreed and Pastor will inform Derek of the need.

ADJOURNMENT: Dale Thielker moved to adjourn. Linda LaFlamme seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m., closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mark J. Bliese, Secretary

April Birthdays



4th Betty Jo Jeter
Rev. David Lewis
Brody Kubasta
5th Elizabeth Eigel
Mark Graudin
6th Laverne Downs
10th Bev Heermann

10th Lucas Kamp
Abigail Alonzo
11th Bryan Jones
13th Yvonne Spitz
Ruth Lowe
Adam Jansen
19th John Borchelt

19th Haven Liebmann
25th Faye Pfeil
27th Eren Tugluer
28th Joseph Rowland II

**God's Blessings to
You!**



Altar Guild Schedule:

April 7th
April 14th
April 21st
April 28th

Greeter Schedule:

April 7th
April 14th
April 21st
April 28th

Usher Schedule:

Acolyte Schedule:

April 7th
April 14th
April 21st
April 28th

April Schedule

8:15 Service

Mary Jane Autry

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Shirley Ciegel
Anne Greb
Sandy Townsend
Rick & Ann Miller

Daniel Bliese
Chia Hung
Mike Klemme
Ron Paul
Robert Klemme

Katie Meyer
John Larson
Philip Bliese
Katie Meyer

10:45 Service

Mary Lou Tucker

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Carol Geiser
Marilyn Jones
Mary Lou Tucker
Hal & Lois Uthoff

Mark Graudin
Bev Heermann

John Schilling
Micah Hung
Mary LaFlamme
Lucas Hung

