



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

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April Showers
Bring May Flowers

Yes, this April especially, God’s blessings are showered on us as we celebrate the Confirmation in the faith of John Schilling, and Micah, and Lucas Hung on Palm

Sunday. We’ll even celebrate it with pancakes from the Men’s Club. Palm and Passion Sunday ushers in the thunderstorm of blessings poured out in Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Jesus after washing His disciples’ feet instituted for us all the Sacrament of His Body and Blood for our forgiveness. Good Friday we ponder the ultimate sacrifice of the ages as the Lamb goes uncomplaining forth to the cross. There, from His riven side pours out the water and blood that gives us life. After Christ’s rest in the tomb, that sanctifies the graves of all believers, the storm of God’s grace culminates with the fire, water, and blast of light in the Easter Vigil and the blazing sunburst and rainbow of Christ’s Easter morning resurrection!

And . . . April showers bring May flowers – the 60th Anniversary of Church of the Reformation – Lutheran, Affton! We’ll celebrate the bouquet of blessings God has caused to bloom at 7910 Mackenzie Road in both services, and with a catered meal complete with souvenir cups to follow in the Parish Hall after the late service.

Wow! There’s a lot to reflect on, to be thankful for and to celebrate this April . . . and May! Don’t miss a single opportunity to relish God’s blessings toward us in Christ, the Savior of sinners – our Savior.

Serving Him, with you,
Pastor Pelsue



APRIL
NEWS & NOTES



SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES



“Who Wants Jesus to Die”

Wednesdays – 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

April 2nd - *“Pilate Wants Jesus to Die”*

April 9th - *“Judas Wants Jesus to Die”*

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Profession of Faith

Sunday, April 6th – 9:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday (Confirmation Sunday)

April 13th - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 17th - 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 18th - 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil

April 19th - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 20th - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Complimentary Easter Brunch – 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.



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 Jehoshaphat 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 27th.** 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 20th. There will also be envelopes available in church on April 27th, 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.

MEN'S CLUB PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!

Sunday, April 13th - 7:30 to 11:00 a.m.



The Men's Club would like to invite you to attend a Pancake Breakfast on **Palm Sunday, April 13th**. Menu is all you can eat pancakes, plus biscuits and gravy, sausages, applesauce, juice, coffee, and milk. Tickets are available to purchase every Sunday as well as the day of the breakfast.

Since this is confirmation day all confirmands will eat free of charge as we celebrate this day with you! Cost is \$6.00 for ages 14 and over and a "free will offering" for those under 14. Matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Proceeds from the breakfast will go to the purchase of new defibrillator electrodes that are close to expiration and a new exhaust fan switch so we can keep Pastor off the roof fixing it when using the kitchen stove. Please support our efforts!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP EVENTS!

Lenten Suppers

Thanks to the Men's Club, Stewardship, and the Hargett and Jeffcott families and Dale Thielker, for the last Lenten suppers.

Christian Fellowship is in need of a few more groups, families, or singles willing to host a supper. Please check the bulletin board for those opportunities.

Jonah Show in Branson

Christian Fellowship is still recruiting those interested in seeing the Jonah show in Branson, MO at the Sight and Sound Theater. We are hoping to get a reduced group rate. Anyone interested, please see Dale or Jill and submit your



names as we need to set a meeting to coordinate a show date.



***60 for 60 - Thrive's May 5K Event is focused to save 60 unborn babies:** There is only one Thrive in our country! Eyes around the country are focused on the extraordinary work being done through Thrive and their many volunteers to reduce Missouri's last infant death chamber (Planned Parenthood).

Only 5% of all Christian churches in the U.S. care enough to acknowledge and participate in discouraging abortion. COR is one of those few congregations! But through the Grace of God, Thrive is succeeding as evidenced with only one last abortion mill in Missouri, even as the Federal government dumps more and more money into the support of Planned Parenthood. We, like those in Hitler's Germany, have heard and still do hear the screams of those on their way to the death camp. Sadly, due to the failure of the Christian churches, many who walk through the doors of Planned Parenthood to have their child butchered call themselves Christian women. Obviously, 95% of the churches are still taking a *head in the sand approach!*

But, not COR! Thanks to our Care and Share hand-made baby blankets and knitted outfits, our Mother's Day diaper drives, and our Change for Life baby bottle drive, we've supported this ongoing mission of Thrive. And, don't forget how COR expedited the Vitae event in St. Charles which supported our local Thrive ministry.

This 5K paved trail event is a new opportunity for us. Thrive's May 5K will be one of the best events this year! Let's make COR's presence known at this event as we help Thrive snatch 60 more infants from slaughter.

What's the date? See the Christian Fellowship bulletin board for opportunities to walk, run, and/or sponsor those who will be in the May 5K's fund raiser. ***In honor of COR's 60th Anniversary, why not consider sponsoring someone in the May 5K Walk - 60 for 60!**

Now more than ever is the time to continue our on-going support of helping women overcome their ignorance about pregnancy. Let's give women the opportunity of seeing who is living inside of them (through ultrasound) in order to change their minds before they are encouraged to make the worst mistake of their lives. *Let's do this!*

Christian Fellowship



MACKENZIE PLACE EVENING WORSHIP

Please join Evangelism Members at Mackenzie Place for our next evening worship service on **Thursday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m.** We consistently have 28-32 people attend this service which consists of hymns, readings and prayer. Following the service, while enjoying refreshments, we have an opportunity to visit with residents of Mackenzie Place. We encourage all interested Reformation Members to join us in this community service. If you would like to help in this outreach, please contact Jim Fink at 636-692-1145. If you are unable to attend but would still like to help, we are always in need of baked goods to follow our worship services.

RETIRES OUTING

Retiree's will meet on Wednesday, **April 16th** for an outing to the Weber Road branch of the St. Louis County Library to listen to the bluegrass/traditional country music of Joe's Post Oak Band. The concert starts at 2 pm, and if interested, we can meet for lunch at Tsevis's Restaurant at Mackenzie and Heege before the concert. See Julie Graudin if interested.



SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

A Special Voter's Meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 18th, immediately following the late service.** At this meeting, Art Sommer, representative for The LCMS Foundation, will speak on the "Transfer the Blessings" Ministry. Because this meeting takes place after church, we are asking everyone to please bring a dish to share.



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 21st.** 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 24th 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 **Tuesday, April 29th.** 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, Adam (Laura) Matheny 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). 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



BACH AT THE SEM CONCERT



Bach at the Sem, presented by Concordia Seminary and the American Kantorei, is pleased to announce the program for their last performance of the season on **April 6th.** The concert features two complete cantatas by J. S. Bach. All concerts are at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St.

Titus on the campus of Concordia Seminary in Clayton, Mo. A free will offering is taken at the concert.

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.



ACOLYTES



ME AN ACOLYTE?

We are extending an invitation to the youth of Reformation in grades 5th thru 12th to become an acolyte. Acolytes are young ladies and gentlemen who serve the church approximately once a month by lighting candles at the beginning of the service and extinguishing them at the end of the service. Occasionally, they are called upon to carry the cross in procession and recession or during the Gospel processional.

It is our hope that the youth of Reformation be interested in serving Christ and His people in this way. Please give Mark Bliese a call at 314.729.1747 to schedule individual Saturday training sessions or if you have any additional questions.

JOIN US FOR THE 2014 LUTHERAN DAY AT BUSCH STADIUM!

Sunday, April 13 - 1:15 p.m.

St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs

Yadier Molina and Adam Wainwright Gold Glove Award for the first 25,000 fans 16 and older



Followed by the Varsity baseball game between Lutheran North and Lutheran South. Tickets are available for \$25 each from the baseball players or school offices at Lutheran South and Lutheran North on a first come/first serve basis. Quantities are limited. Questions? Contact Cheryl Ehrhard at the Lutheran High School Association, 314-382-6664, ext. 323 or cchrhard@lhsastl.org.

SHARATHON 2014 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Has KFUE touched your life with the good news message of Christ? Did you know that this year we celebrate 90 years of broadcasting our Christ centered message? Although technology has changed, our message of Jesus' love and mercy stays the same! The Lord has set in our hearts the dream of expansion, especially to the younger generation who will continue our legacy in the years to come. Help us grow by telling your friends and family about KFUE and by supporting us during Sharathon 2014 on April 24-26th. Be sure to listen! Follow us on facebook.com/KFUORadio. Streaming and archived at kfuo.org, and on the radio at AM 850.



LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION "A NIGHT FOR KIDS" DINNER AUCTION

April 5, 2014 ` 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Marriott St. Louis West

660 Maryville Centre Drive

Please join Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA) in celebrating their 10-year anniversary celebration. LESA is a resource to St. Louis metro area Lutheran elementary schools and is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. As a support organization to their 30+ member Lutheran elementary schools, they provide professional development for administrators and teachers, and need-based tuition assistance through the Building Blocks Scholarship Fund.

One way to support LESA's mission is by attending "A Night for Kids" Dinner Auction. Proceeds from the event benefit children attending LESA-member schools through LESA's education resources and the Building Blocks Scholarship Fund. All proceeds will benefit from a dollar-to-dollar match from the Lutheran Foundation as part of their \$2 million challenge grant. Tickets (\$60 each and includes dinner and drinks) can be purchased online at www.lesastl.org.esetc.org

Faith Comes By Hearing

We've all heard the prayer called the Collect for the Word. It goes like this, "Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

But how does a service member hear the Word of God? There are Chaplains serving all branches of the U.S. Military, including Chaplains from our own Synod who preach, catechize, and administer the Sacraments. It would be difficult for a soldier to bring their Lutheran Study Bible overseas. Some people aren't much for reading either and the Bible can be an imposing book because of its size. What other options are there for soldiers serving our nation? How do they hear the Word of God and inwardly digest it?

Along with the preaching and teaching of faithful Chaplains, soldiers can also have the New Testament audio bible from Faith Comes by Hearing. It takes \$25 to provide the New Testament in an audio form and with your help and prayers the powerful Word of God can be heard by soldiers serving our nation around the world. They too can hear it and inwardly digest it. Each BibleStick includes the entire Audio Drama New Testament and 60 Psalms. The BibleSticks are military tough to withstand bad weather while being small and low-light for safety in the field. We recall the words of St. Paul to young Timothy who was taught the Scriptures that the Word of God is "able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." (2 Tim. 3:15)

Your support for the troops is an integral part of providing Military BibleSticks to our service men and women around the world. More than 300,000 troops now have the comfort and hope of Audio Scriptures on BibleSticks. These BibleSticks are provided through their chaplains at no charge because of the generosity of churches.

During the months of May and June, Reformation will have an ongoing campaign for the purchase of these BibleSticks. If you would like to purchase an audio Bible for U.S. military personnel please write your check payable to Reformation Lutheran Church and put on the memo line, "Military Bible Stick." If you can't afford \$25.00 - that's okay too! All amounts (\$1, \$5, \$10, or even \$100) donated towards this campaign are welcome. Thank you!



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Changing Lives – One soldier at a time.

Yes! Our family would like to support our U.S. troops, especially those deployed internationally, with the Military Biblestick. We believe God's Word can bring them hope!

Enclosed is our gift of:

- \$25 to sponsor one soldier.
- \$_____ to help as much as possible.

Your Name: _____

Please return this insert with your check made payable to Reformation Lutheran Church and write "Bible Stick" on the memo line.

Meet Our 2014 Confirmands!

Lucas Kai-Luen Hung

Lucas is the youngest of two sons to Chia and Danielle Hung and has one brother, Micah. He was baptized at Church of the Reformation by Pastor Pelsue when 4 weeks old on August 5, his grandmother's birthday. He has been homeschooled since kindergarten and plans to attend the Dayton Christian Homeschool Middle school next year in Dayton, Ohio.

Relaxing at home, Lucas tends to his 'puppy', a lab-St. Bernard mix dog named Puppy, who weighs in at just over 100lbs! He also cares for his 1-year old female cat named Kitten who loves to play with Lucas's slot cars.

Having a variety of interests, Lucas enjoys origami, yo-yoing, electronics, programming, and flying quadcopters. He spends his spare time writing programs for microcontrollers. He also enjoys flying remote controlled airplanes.

Loudly, Lucas enjoys playing all types of percussion instruments including drums and the xylophone. He plays percussion in the Lutheran select band, the Junior Winds. Additionally, Lucas sings first soprano in the Kirkwood Children's Chorale. He has participated in this choir for three years and has been in the Concert Choir for the past two years.

Tennis is the sport Lucas has enjoyed since he was 8 years old. He has played at many tennis clubs in St. Louis, competed in many tournaments, and participated on a USTA tennis team last summer.

Lucas has participated in the scouting program since he was 7 years old. He recently earned the Boy Scout rank Life in Troop 67 and is beginning to work on his Eagle project at the Endangered Wolf Center.

Lucas's Confirmation Verse: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." ~ Psalm 98:4.



Micah Kai-Wei Hung



Micah is the older son of Chia and Danielle Hung and has one younger brother, Lucas. He was baptized at Church of the Reformation by Pastor Pelsue when he was 4 weeks old on August 8, Chinese Father's Day. He has been homeschooled since kindergarten and plans to attend the Hybrid Program at Dayton Christian Homeschool next year in Dayton, Ohio.

Affectionately, Micah helps taking care of his lab-St. Bernard mix dog, Mickey, who loves to go running with him. Micah has trained his female tabby cat, Humphrey, to endlessly go fetch and return her favorite green toy to him.

As an avid reader of history, his greatest interest is World War II airplanes. Micah spends his spare time building plastic models of these planes. Additionally, he devotes much time and energy to building and flying remote controlled airplanes.

He enjoys listening to and playing music. Micah plays the trumpet and clarinet and is the first chair clarinet in the Lutheran select band, the Junior Winds. Additionally, Micah sings first soprano. He has

participated in the Kirkwood Children's Chorale for three years and had been in the Concert Choir for the past two years.

For two years Micah skated with the Gateway Speedskating Club. He then turned his sport interest to the pool pursuing his love of swimming. He was a member of the Sunset Hills Swim Team last summer and has continued his swimming by joining the Flyers Aquatic Swim Team for the winter.

Being in the scouting program since he was 7 years old, Micah has enjoyed participating in many scout activities. He recently finished his Eagle Scout project for Troop 67 with the construction of flight benches for Greater St. Louis Model Association at Lower Buder Park's Remote Control flying field.

Micah's Confirmation Verse: "Therefore, I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me." ~ Micah 7:7

John Schilling

Hello, I'm John Schilling. I was born in St. Louis Missouri on September 14, 1999 in Saint Mary's hospital. My parents are Joe and Donna Schilling. I have lived in St. Louis my entire life. My Grandparents are John and Brenda Hargett, and Vincent and Nancy Schilling. I was baptized at Annunciation Parish on February 20, 2000. I have gone to Reformation for 5 years. Before coming to Reformation I went to Gethsemane Lutheran Church.



I currently go to Sperrang Middle School in the Lindbergh School District. I plan on going to Lindbergh High School for High School. After High School I plan to go into the Navy in either engineering or computer programming. But, if I cannot get into the armed forces, then I am planning to go to college through either the A plus program or football.

My school activities include: playing trumpet for my school band, which we have over 100 students and playing trumpet for my school's Jazz band; basketball; wrestling club; and I'm one of four editors in my school newspaper.

Outside of school I am a Star Scout in the BSA. I have been in Scouts since first grade. I am also in the Order of the Arrow.

My main sport is baseball. I've been playing baseball since kindergarten. I played at Lindbergh from kindergarten to fourth grade. Ever since 5th grade I've been number 23 for the Longhorns. I'm playing for this team again this year.

My main non-sport hobby is a trading card game called Magic: The Gathering. I started playing it in sixth grade and have been playing ever since.

My best friends are Brandon, John, Diana, Brendon, Katie, Mary, and Haven.

John's Confirmation Verse: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" ~ Amos 5:24

UNAPPROVED MINUTES FOR CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION-LUTHERAN
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING-MARCH 13, 2014

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

In Derek's absence, Hal Uthoff called the meeting to order at 7:00, introducing Art Sommer from LCMS Foundation. Mr. Sommer talked to council on the "*Transfer the Blessing*" gifting ministries. Mr. Sommer explained the program and took questions from Council. (A brochure was attached to the council minutes.)

Jim Fink had the devotion by reading Psalm 139. Jim ended the devotion with the Lords Prayer.

Approval of the February minutes was done suggesting one change, the early start for the March meeting had been omitted. Motion to approve the minutes was passed.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Derek, upon arrival, reviewed a letter from Lutheran South announcing "Project Graduation," a lock in party on graduation night (May 23) that promotes safe celebrating. Area churches are being asked to contribute funds for this event. Council decided on a door offering to be held on March 30.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: Hal Uthoff announced the 2013 auditing committee has been set. Those on the committee are Scott Alonzo, Diana Meyer and Tony Pelsue.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: John Hargett read Dan Kamp's report on the monthly income summary for the month of February 2014. Income toward budgeted expenses of \$15,609.05 with Thrivent and escript money transfers amounting to \$31.19 of that total. Income toward non-budgeted expenses totaled \$226.20 with pass thru funds making up \$46.20. The total income for February 2014 is \$15,609.00. The full report can be viewed on the bulletin board next to the nursery.

TREASURE'S REPORT: Dan Kamp read John Hargett's report. COR is fully paid on all its current obligations. For the month, COR had \$20,488.00 in budgeted expenses. Also, there were \$1,130 non-budgeted expenses during this month. Notable items from these expenses include: \$500.00 to Rev. Roger James, missionary in Sri Lanka, snow removal of \$1,315.00, Anton Heating and cooling on one of the blowers of \$405.00 and office printer maintenance of \$495.00.

PASTOR REPORT: Pastor reported that the Hung family would be moving to Dayton, Ohio. Chia Hung will be taking a position there soon. Matt LaFlamme was received into membership by adult confirmation on March 9, 2014. Pastor continues to make hospital and homebound visits. COR hosted the Circuit meeting on February 20th. Pastor has been doing pre-marital visits. Wednesday Bible class is reading thru Acts. The youth catechism class will have three confirmands (John Schilling, Lucas & Micah Hung) this year. Confirmation is scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 13th with the Profession of Faith taking place on April 6th. The Sunday Bible Study has finished with the Youth led series on the "Soul Surfer" and will soon begin a study of the "Lost Books." The Lenten schedule began with Ash Wednesday on March 5th and will continue on Wednesdays in Lent with a meal being served before evening services. The Lenten theme will be "Who wants Jesus to Die?" Easter is on April 20th. Volunteers are needed to provide dinner prior to each Wednesday night service during Lent. On the Snow Sunday of March 2nd, Laura Pelsue was the guest pianist for the 46 people in attendance.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Pastor gave Linda LaFlamme's report in her absence. There will be a photo taken of the Sunday school to send to Rev. Roger James in Sri Lanka. She is also working with Elder's on getting an updated list of member's baptismal birthdays.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM: Jim Fink reported that the Mackenzie Village services are continuing with good success. Donations of cookies for refreshments are always welcome and can be dropped off at church prior to services. Jim spoke about a successful program that Chapel of the Cross has been conducting called "Grief Share," a grief support group that he will be investigating to see if it would be appropriate for COR.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Pastor read report in Jill Pelsue's absence. Meals are continuing to be provided for the Larson family and most recently the Jones family. Farm Bill potluck was added on March 2nd with 10 people in attendance. Ash Wednesday Supper had 25 in attendance. The Lenten suppers will continue to need sponsors. A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. A baby shower was given for the field worker Adam and his wife, Laura, on March 9th after early service. Thanks to all who made it a memorable experience. Random Act of Kindness will continue with the next drawing occurring on March 16. We talked briefly about Chia, Danielle and the boys leaving and moving to Dayton, Ohio. They will be sadly missed. There are still opportunities for Have Meal will Travel. An open meeting will be scheduled for all those interested in traveling to Branson, Missouri to see the Jonah presentation at the Sight and Sound theatre. Hal inquired about the Farm Bill

potluck, whether it was political in nature. Pastor assured him that it was not, but merely reporting how this bill could impact food prices and the nutrition of our members.

BOARD OF ELDERS: Mark Bliese reported that there are no membership matters. The elders at their meeting listened to Pastor's report on his activities as well as some possible new member's contacts he has made. Member lists have been revised to divide all members between 3 Elders. Elder numbers have been reorganized. Elder 1(Mark Bliese) Elder 2(Denny Schrader) Elder 3 (Rick Miller). A new member directory will be published to reflect these changes. Mark is working with the church secretary and stewardship chair to obtain baptismal birthdays of our members with hopes of Elders sending cards to celebrate both birthday events. Pastor and the Elders agreed that Lucas Hung be confirmed along with Micah, his brother, since he has attended two full years of class. This is necessitated by their upcoming move. Pastor will test Lucas to assure he is prepared to be confirmed on April 13, 2014.

BOARD OF PROPETIES: Jack Jeffcott said that the dishwasher in the kitchen is not working properly. A repairman has been called to look at it.

BOARD OF FINANCE; Dale Thielker reported that contributions are running behind because of continuing bad weather. Expenses for February were \$20,488.00 with contributions at \$15,609.00, causing a deficit of \$4,879.00.

BOARD OF EDUCATION; Brenda Hargett read a letter to the council from Shelly Bliese. The Alleluias have been colored by the children but were not distributed due to bad weather. The Sunday school will be singing with the Handbell choir on Easter Sunday. They will be singing stanza one of "*At the Lambs High Feast.*" The colored Alleluias will be distributed on Easter Sunday. The teachers will use the large group Sunday school method for the summer. We will continue with CPH's product that has a water theme. The Sunday school offerings for the summer will be given to the Malaria initiative.

OLD BUSINESS: 60th Anniversary update. The committee is checking out caterers for the event. The final day to sign up to attend this event is Sunday, March 23. Dan Kamp and Hal Uthoff discussed monetary obligations allowed by the budget for the celebration. A motion was made and seconded to allow up to \$2000 for non budgeted items to come out of savings. Motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Dan Kamp asked that the Jehoiada Chest funds be used this year for maintenance items since we are running behind on these funds due to the high cost of weather related issues. Motion was seconded and passed.

Hal Uthoff led the discussion on the "*Transfer the Blessing*" program and how it should be reviewed. Mark Bliese suggested we set a date for a special Voters meeting with the program being presented by Art Sommer to the congregation. Motion was restated, seconded and passed. The date for the special voter meeting will be May 18th. Information on the program will be available, for members, in advance of the meeting.

Mark Bliese stated that Joyce and Carol Drechsel have acquired 3 large tubs of COR historical materials to be used at the anniversary celebration. These materials need to be stored under lock and key, Mark made a motion that the tubs of documents be stored in the old vicar's office for safekeeping. Mark also asked that Joyce and Carol be appointed the official archivists for COR. Motion was seconded and passed

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 with Pastor closing in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Jones
Recording 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!**



April Schedule

8:15 Service

10:45 Service

Altar Guild Schedule:

April 6th Lisa Adams
April 13th Both Lisa Adams
April 17th Maundy Thursday - Betty Heermann
April 19th Easter Vigil - Betty Heermann
April 20th Both Lisa Adams
April 27th

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Greeter Schedule:

April 6th Don & Karin Bartz
April 13th Lisa Adams
April 20th Sandy Townsend
April 27th Rick & Ann Miller

Carol Geiser
Marilyn Jones
Mary Lou Tucker
Hal & Lois Uthoff

Usher Schedule:

Daniel Bliese
Chia Hung
Mike Klemme
Ron Paul
Robert Klemme

Mark Graudin
Bev Heermann

Acolyte Schedule:

April 6th John Larson
April 13th Katie Meyer
April 20th John Larson
April 27th Katie Meyer

Haven Liebmann
Christian Liebmann
John Schilling
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