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May A Month of Festivals

It's the culmination of the Easter Season and the end of the festival half of the Church Year. May blossoms with a flourish of festivals:

- The **Ascension** of our Lord
(Thursday, May 9th at 7 p.m.),
- The Feast of **Pentecost** (Sun., May 19th), &
- The Feast of the **Holy Trinity** (Sun. May 26th).

The **Ascension** is described as follows:
Forty days after His resurrection, "Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God." Luke 24:50-53

Pentecost follows fifty days after the resurrection: "when the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

And they were amazed and astonished, saying,

"Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? . . . we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Acts 2:1-8, 11

Finally the feast of the **Holy Trinity** signifies the end of the festival half of the Church Year now that Christmas (the feast of the Father), Easter (the feast of the Son), and Pentecost (the feast of the Holy Spirit) have occurred.

Jesus words in the *Great Commission* focus our attention on the Time of the Church during the Sundays after Pentecost.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matt. 28:18-20

See you in church at the festivals!
Pastor Pelsue



MAY

NEWS & NOTES



CARE & SHARE

Care and Share will meet on **Thursday, May 30th**, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD

April is that time of year where in most parts of our country the color green starts showing up in yards, gardens, orchards and fields. The color green in nature is another reminder of the goodness of God in providing for the physical needs of all His creatures. The color green also reminds us that God keeps His promises, such as this one recorded in Genesis 8:22 (NIV): "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

Our God is both good and gracious. We see His goodness in meeting all our physical needs but we see His grace (undeserved love) in supplying all our spiritual needs. The Holy Spirit uses the reading, studying, preaching and teaching of God's word to bring sinners to repentance and empower them to become the children of God. Children of God are His stewards who use everything at their disposal for God's purposes. God's stewards, like green plants, receive the necessary nourishment to grow in their faith and in producing good works, such as giving generously of the financial resources, time and unique abilities.

May all of us as God's redeemed stewards, like plants on the earth, bud, blossom, mature and produce good fruit (words and actions) that brings glory to our good and gracious God and blessings to His people.

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SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICE

**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
Divine Service
Thursday, May 9th
7:00 p.m.**

Ice Cream Social to follow

RETIREES GET-TOGETHER!

Tuesday, May 14th – 10:00 a.m.



The Retiree's are planning a trip to the St. Louis County Library Weber Road Branch, 4444 Weber Rd (not on Bayless Rd in previous announcements) east of Bayless Schools on the side of Weber. We will be hearing a lecture by Dan Martin, St. Louis Post-Dispatch Weatherbird Cartoonist on the history of cartooning in St. Louis. There will also be a demonstration on how to draw the 112 year old front page icon. The lecture starts at 10 a.m. This event is free! Plan to meet in the front of the library at 9:45 a.m. (not at COR).

Afterwards, we will have lunch at the Affton Pasta House at Gravois and Weber. Please sign up on the Retiree's sheet if interested, so that a reservation can be made at the Pasta House. Sign up by May 12th.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



Please be sure you have all items/articles for the June newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, May 20th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed to (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.

THANK YOU

Thanks to our Christian Fellowship committee & Emcee Dale Thielker, Diana Meyer, Laura & Grace Pelsue for making the Comedy Review happen. Thanks to Pastor for especially hauling stuff back and forth from home to church so the meal would happen. A special thanks to the Klemme family, Joyce Johnson and Tab Schubert for cleaning up! *Jill Pelsue*



A big THANK YOU to everyone for all your prayers, cards, calls, visits and food, during my recent surgery and recovery. Another THANKS for helping me celebrate 90 years of blessings. You all brought me JOY!
Mildred Wotli

LADIES CLUB NEWS!

RUMMAGE SALE



A RUMMAGE SALE has been planned for **Wednesday, June 19th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Please bring rummage items to

church beginning Sunday, June 2nd and place in the back of the parish hall behind the partition. Hot selling items to watch out for are sporting goods, winter items, infant-toddler items, tools, books, CD's, DVD's, gaming systems, custom jewelry, plus any clothing. No electronics (TV's; VCR's; etc.) appliances or furniture please.

Help is needed for setup on Tuesday, June 18th (from 9:00 a.m. till we finish), selling the day of the sale, and then taking down. You can contact Mary Lou Tucker at 843-7783 or Brenda Hargett at 353-3437 or let us know when you see us at church.

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies of the congregation are invited! We hope to see you there!
Brenda Hargett, Ladies Club

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP UPDATE!



Need a Vacation? Can't Afford One?
Christian Fellowship has a solution: Come to our **Re-gifted Staycation Potluck on Sunday, May 19th** and hear about the travels

of others in the congregation while noshing on Non-St. Louis dishes. Show and tell of your adventures and enjoy others. Think about sharing your adventures at this event...maybe you traveled around the world or traveled for work or moved from another state.

Please make sure you sign up, if planning to attend, so that plans may be made. Bring a dish to share with an origin from somewhere OTHER than St. Louis. Suggestions: Chicago style pizza, New York Cheesecake, British Bangers and Mash, Hungarian Goulash, etc so that our potluck buffet table is, also, on vacation. Beverages provided by Christian Fellowship.

Special Ascension Day Service is Thursday, May 9th with an Ice Cream Cake Social following. There will, also, be Greek yogurt & toppings for those who prefer not to have ice cream. A sign up sheet is posted for anyone who would like to bring an ice cream cake for this service reception.



Mother's Day Random Act of Kindness (May 12th). The winner will receive a beautiful potted plant.



"Get Your Corn On" – Would you like to help grow some corn for our church picnic? The CF committee has bags of corn seeds at the sign up sheet across from the secretary's office. Sign up, take seeds, plant them, water it, feed it, harvest it, bring your bounty to church and we'll blanch/freeze it for the big day August 25th. Mary LaFlamme is our first volunteer & already has the ground turned over in her backyard!

Jill Pelsue Jill6872@att.net or 351-3764

MEN'S CLUB NEWS **Save the Date!!!**



On **Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.**, the Men's Club will have a return dart ball match with the Peace Men's Club at Peace. We will have a Men's Club meeting before then including a practice session. Special thanks to Jamie McAlister for making the arrangements with Rich Behnke at Peace. The next Men's Club meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 14. Watch the church bulletin for a confirmation of that date and for sign-up sheets.

Thanks! Ron Paul

FLOWERS & BULLETINS

You can "say it with flowers or a bulletin cover." Several dates are still available in 2013 on our 'Flower Calendar' and 'Bulletin Booster Chart.' Celebrate a birthday or an anniversary, honor a dear family member or friend, or remember a loved one by ordering altar



flowers or sponsoring the bulletin for one week. Flowers are \$30.00 for two beautiful bouquets and bulletin boosters are \$10.00. If you have any questions – please call the church office, 314-352-1355. Thanks.



MOMMAS & PAPPAS **DIAPER/BOTTLE DRIVE**

This year we are partnering with Thrive St. Louis for our annual "diaper" drive. The drive will begin on **Mother's Day, May 12th** and will end on **Father's Day, June 16th**. Please bring disposable diapers of any size and baby toiletries (i.e. shampoo, lotion, wipes, body wash) to church and place in the baby bassinet in the narthex.

Another way to help and perhaps involve the whole family is to Fill a Bottle ... Save a Life! You have the opportunity to make a difference in the life of an unborn child by filling baby bottles with coins, currency or a generous check. Your gift, of any size, will help women make the right choice (\$55 sponsors a life-saving ultrasound!) There are several "baby bottles" in the narthex. Take one home and make it a family "challenge" to fill it!



Your donations help new moms feel loved and supported. Please consider helping us overflow the bassinet this year. Thank you!

AFFTON FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



For the month of May, we will focus on paper and personal hygiene products which include:

Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, laundry and dish detergent, toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant, and sanitary napkins.

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

THRIVE ALIVE **5K RUN & WALK FOR LIFE**



Help us celebrate the Thrive Alive 5K Run & Walk for Life's 30th Anniversary by joining participants in a run, walk, and/or zumba on **Saturday, May 18th**. Register online by May 16th at firstgiving.com/thrive/5K. The \$30 registration fee for runners covers their snacks, beverages, entertainment and an exclusive Thrive Alive t-shirt. Walkers and Zumba participants are not charged a registration fee but will receive a Thrive Alive t-shirt if they raise at least \$30. A brochure with more information about the 5K run and walk for life are on the church bulletin board.



VITAE FOUNDATION ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BENEFIT DINNER

Thursday, May 16, 2013

The Hilton St. Louis Frontenac

1335 South Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri.

The featured speaker is Abby Johnson, who was the director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas, and experienced a "change of heart" while participating in an abortion procedure.

Tickets are \$100 per person (\$50 is tax deductible). Seating is limited to those with reservations, so make your reservations soon by calling 800-393-5791 or online at www.vitae.foundation.org/events.

For more information about the event and about Vitae Foundation, please visit their corporate website www.vitae.foundation.org.



LET'S GO "THRIFTING" AT THE LUTHERAN RESALE SHOP

The Lutheran Resale Shop is a place where people can donate home furnishings, etc. and feel good about the fact that all the proceeds, after rent and utilities, go to Lutheran Family and Children's Services and to two Lutheran Senior Services Retirement Communities.

The Shop is run by all volunteers, mainly from LCMS churches. This year in October they will celebrate their 50th anniversary!

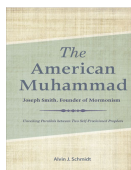
While members may not want to shop here, you may want to make a donation to them. They are always taking gently used outgrown elementary and high school uniforms and share the profits from the uniforms with Grace Chapel, St. Matthews, and Salem, Blackjack. They also take donations for the home except large appliances, computers and TVs.

If you are shopping, they have home furnishings, including kitchen, bathroom, living room and bedroom furniture, decorations, craft supplies, jewelry, school uniforms, hardback and paperback books, tools, shoes and clothing for the whole family. They also have a large collection of vintage decorations and furniture.

Their address is Lutheran Resale Shop, 6701 W. Florissant, Jennings, Mo, at the intersection of Hodiamont and W. Florissant. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 am. until 3 pm. and their phone is 314-389-9970.

BOOK SIGNING AT CPH!

Dr. Alvin Schmidt, author of *The American Muhammad*, will be hosting a book signing and Q & A Session on **Saturday, May 4th from 10-11:00 a.m.** at Concordia Seminary Loeber Hall. *The American Muhammad* explores the parallels between Joseph Smith, Jr., founder of the Mormon Church, and Muhammad. Anyone who is interested in world religions



will certainly enjoy meeting the foremost living expert on this subject! There will be FREE coffee and donuts; plus, the book will be on sale for 30% off! For more information please check out the flier on the bulletin board!



Greetings Reformation,

This is Dana Truwe Netherton. I am the eldest daughter of Gary and Faye Truwe. I am delighted to be writing fellow members of the body of Christ with a special request. Faye Truwe will be retiring at the end of this school year from the teaching ministry. She began her teaching ministry in 1969, after graduating from Concordia Teacher's College in Seward, Nebraska. While she did take some time off from teaching to raise us three kids, she never stopped being in ministry alongside dad as a musician, teacher, Bible study leader, supporter, and friend. From 1982 - 1990 Faye served as the music director of Reformation Lutheran. She was also active in other church ministries, alongside Gary, who served as DCE during that same time.

We as a family are going to celebrate her years in the ministry with a celebration in St. Louis, the weekend of June 22 & 23. I am writing to ask you to help me create a scrapbook of ministry memories. Please jot notes containing memories of my mother as she ministered in your midst. The notes can be e-mailed to me personally at dnetherton@bellsouth.net or mailed to:

*Dana Netherton
2032 Goldsmith Lane
Louisville, KY 40218
(502) 641-6082*

Photos would also be appreciated, if you have some in school yearbooks or Church directories. These could be scanned and sent digitally to me at dnetherton@bellsouth.net. Photos sent through the mail will be returned if requested.

Thank you for your help as we celebrate the retirement of Faye Truwe.

Pages 5-6 of the original newsletter have been deleted, as they contain biographical information about our 2013 confirmands. The full May 2013 newsletter will be included in the congregational archive.

UN-APPROVED MINUTES for CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION-LUTHERAN
Church Council Meeting, April 11, 2013

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Dale Thielker read a devotion for April 11 from "The Family Altar". Dan Kamp has the devotion for May.

The minutes of the March 14, 2013 Church Council meeting were reviewed. Dan Kamp moved that we accept the minutes as read. Brenda Hargett seconded his motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Derek Hotzel stated he will attend the April 23 Lutheran Senior Services meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Hal Uthoff had no report.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: John Hargett read Dan Kamp's report on the monthly income summary for March 2013. A sub-total income toward budgeted expenses of \$21,840.42 was collected, with interest on checking and savings of \$29.76 and \$65.13 in Thrivent Foundation and eScrip electronic funds transfer, for a combined sub-total budgeted income of \$21,935.31. Income toward non-budgeted designated funds was \$484.20, with \$845.25 in pass-thru funds, for a sub-total non-budgeted income of \$1,329.45. The total income for March was \$23,264.76. 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 \$21,673 in expenses for March, with \$1,025 in non-budgeted expenses. Notable items in these expenses include \$593 on the sound system upgrade and \$1,390 for snow removal and salting.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor reported he has made numerous visitations on homebound or ill members. Sunday morning Bible study continues with Prof. David Lewis on Islam. Catechism class on Sunday morning is studying "Broken" with Fieldworker Justin Pahl. Pastor expressed appreciation for Lois Schoech producing the banners for the catechumens for many years. Since she is not able to produce them this year because of a broken arm she loaned the catechumens her patterns so they could produce them. Pastor and the catechumen's parents worked on the banners along with the catechumens. Wednesday morning Bible class is studying the Epitome of the Formula of Concord. Pastor, Rev. Gerike and Jim Fink went to The Village at Mackenzie Place on Good Friday and held a service. Thirty people showed up for the service. The next opportunity for Reformation members to visit The Village is April 25 at 6:30 p.m. Sermon series on Revelation, which is the Epistle readings for the season of Easter, will be observed. Pastor was on KFUE April 11, giving the Bible study on Luke 5:17-39 and he will also be on the week of April 29 as Reformation is the Church of the Week. Pastor reported on the possible acquisition of the Herzberger anniversary stained glass window from Avalon Gardens. Pastor stated the Luke readers received Ted Drewes mini-concretes. Pastor will attend The Lutheran Foundation meeting April 16. He informed the council that the roofers made a courtesy call to check on the roof.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Linda LaFlamme reported the tentative date for the Sunday school presentation of the thank you card to Schnuck's is May 5. She is planning on having another stewardship Bible study for May or June. She is working with Mark Bliese on a stewardship page on our website.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM: Jim Fink was absent but excused. He had no report.

BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP: Jill Pelsue stated that funds from the Lenten dinner free-will offerings were used to purchase the mini-concretes for the Luke readers. She reported on the Valentine's Day party pictures and the RAK pictures being posted. The next RAK is April 21. The comedy review is scheduled for April 14. The Ascension Day ice-cream party is May 9. The Staycation is scheduled for May 19. She would like members to grow corn to be used at the church picnic. She has the corn seeds for everyone who would like to try.

BOARD OF ELDERS: Dan Reimler reported there were no membership matters. The elders continue to make contacts via phone and letters with delinquent members.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES: Jack Jeffcott passed out a list of all the church keys. There are 109 keys, 30 of those are currently unknown as to what they lock or unlock. He reported the glass is in the display case. The light bulbs in the nave are now CFL floodlights, and the previous CFLs that were in the nave have been moved to the nave overflow.

BOARD OF FINANCE: Dale Thielker stated that for March we had a deficit of \$262, which gives us a deficit of \$2,842 for the year. We are running slightly ahead on our expenses, about two percent. We also have \$152,800 total cash available for budgeted expenses and the vicarage fund balance is \$9,507.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Brenda Hargett received a letter from Beta Sigma Psi, a national Lutheran fraternity at the University of Missouri. They will award two \$1,000 scholarships to Lutheran men entering U of M in the fall of 2013. The application is due June 15, 2013. If anyone is interested they should call Brenda or the church office.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dan Kamp reported on his discussion with our insurance carrier about transporting members from Laclede Groves or The Village at Mackenzie Place. The member's insurance would be primary coverage, the church would be secondary.
- Dan Kamp distributed a document titled, "Financial Secretary Current Practices, February 2013". The document was not discussed, but Dan recommended each council member review it.
- Mark Bliese distributed a document which contained the original Ongoing Resolution #10 and the proposed Ongoing Resolution #10. Council reviewed the document and made one suggested change. The Ongoing Resolution #10 will be presented to the voters at it's annual voters' meeting for their approval.

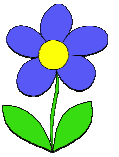
NEW BUSINESS:

- Mark Bliese reported on the nominations for LCMS president, first vice-president, regional vice-president and regional board of directors. All the individuals whom we nominated at the 2012 annual voters' meeting received the highest number of nominations. Mark also reminded the members about the new process for electing the synodical president.

ADJOURNMENT: Dale Thielker moved to adjourn. Brenda Hargett seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m., with Pastor offering a prayer and inviting the council to join in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mark J. Bliese, Secretary

MAY BIRTHDAYS!



1 st Wilma Geiser Betsy Jones 3 rd John Franklin 4 th Sarah Venn 8 th Daniel Reimler Tabitha Schubert 9 th Karen Lewis 10 th Brenda Hargett Timothy David 11 th Gerry Kamp	Dominic Kubasta 16 th Frank Matta Scott Alonzo 17 th Sarah Eischer 18 th Martin Liebmann, IV 20 th Garrison Brazeal 23 rd Matthew Kamp 27 th John Eischer 28 th Tamara Rush Lois Hacker	Ryan Hill 29 th David Autry Robin Miller
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GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU!



MAY SCHEDULE

	<u>8:15 a.m</u>	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>
Altar Guild Schedule:		
May 5 th	Lisa Adams	
May 9 th Ascension	7:00 p.m. - Betty Heermann	Betty Heermann
May 12 th		Betty Heermann
May 19 th Both	Lisa Adams	Betty Heermann
May 26 th Both	Lisa Adams	Betty Heermann
Usher Schedule:		
	Jamie McAlister	Martin Liebmann
	Tyler Schrader	Martin Liebmann, IV
	Denny Schrader	Haven Liebmann
	Rick Miller	
Greeters Schedule:		
May 5 th	Ron & Judie Paul	Bev & Betty Heermann
May 12 th	John & Lynne Borchelt	Carol Geiser
May 19 th	Don & Karin Bartz	Marilyn Jones
May 26 th	Anne Greb	Carol Reimler
Acolyte Schedule:		
May 5 th	John Larson	John Schilling
May 12 th	Micah Hung	Christian Liebmann
May 19 th	Katie Meyer	Mary LaFlamme
May 26 th	Philip Bliese	Haven Liebmann

