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Sixty Years of God's Blessings

On May 4th we'll celebrate 60 years of God's blessings on our congregation. From it's humble beginnings, meeting in founding members' homes, worshipping at Concordia Seminary Chapel (1954) and then Affton High School's gymnasium (1954-56), finally our own building in 1957, God has poured out His rich blessing on Reformation.

Reformation has been blessed with four pastors faithful in Word and Sacrament ministry, with vicars and fieldworkers down through the years, and many, many faithful lay members who have always demanded that the Word of God be preached purely and His Sacraments administered rightly.

Now, in addition to services in our own sanctuary, we have a monthly worship service back in the same gymnasium which used to be Affton High's – now *The Village at Mackenzie Place* where we minister to the senior citizens living there. 60 years brings a lot of change to a community.

Rev. Dr. Daniel Harmelink the new Executive Director of Concordia Historical Institute will be our guest preacher at the Anniversary Service on May 4th. There are rumors Martin Luther may make a guest appearance at the luncheon to follow.

I look forward to seeing all of you for the service of thanks to God, and the meal to follow.

Thanks be to God for His faithfulness through sixty years!

Pastor Pelsue

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Join us at the May 18th Special Voter's Meeting following the late service with Mr. Art Sommer of the LCMS Foundation to talk about assuring that Church of the Reformation – Lutheran is here with God's Word and Sacrament for generations to come through "Transfer the Blessings Ministry" within our congregation.

Please help Reformation make up for this winter's snow days!

Well it finally looks like spring is here . . . or summer. The snow has been replaced with rain. What a winter we had! On two Sunday's during this bad winter Reformation was one of the few churches in Metro St. Louis that kept their doors open. So, despite the bad weather people could still come to worship.

With church attendance down during the bad weather and the cost of snow removal and salt treatments high, it did not take long for the church to get behind in contributions. You may have noticed, we've been running a deficit since January. Please consider a special make up offering for these missed opportunities during the winter. A good time for this is on or near the 60th anniversary of Reformation to help remedy the situation.

The best way to keep this from happening is to figure a set monthly contribution to the church in your family or personal budget, and if you're unable to get out, either to mail it or double up when you next attend. This way the church receives tithes and offerings more steadily throughout the year. It is not dependent on whether or not you were able to make it to church, especially when the weather gets bad. This will also help during summer months now that folks will be starting to go on vacations. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Serving Christ with you,
Linda LaFlamme, Stewardship Chair
and *Pastor Pelsue*


MAY
NEWS & NOTES


CARE & SHARE

Care and Share will meet on **Thursday, May 29th**, from **9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

RETIRES INDOOR PICNIC!



The Retiree's will get-together on **Tuesday, May 27th at 12 noon** in the Parish Hall for an in-door picnic! This will be a summer themed pot-luck. Bring items you would make for a picnic. Hot dogs, potato salad, chips, watermelon, etc. A sign up sheet is posted. Please indicate what you are planning to bring next to your name. Thanks!



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; Dale Thielker and the Hargett and Jeffcott families, Men's Club, and the Board of Stewardship.

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 worker Adam Matheny, fire starter Daniel Bliese, and the 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

MACKENZIE PLACE
EVENING WORSHIP



Please join Evangelism Members at Mackenzie Place for our next evening worship service on **Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** We encourage all interested Reformation Members to join us in this community service. The evening worship service consists of hymns, readings and prayer and is followed by a short fellowship time with the residents of Mackenzie place. 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. If you would like to help in this outreach, please contact Jim Fink at 636-692-1145.

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.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NEWS!



Thrive Alive 5K Run & Walk for Life – Reformation has formed a team to walk/run in Thrive's 5K Run & Walk for Life on **Saturday, May 17, 2014** at Queeny Park.



This 5K paved trail event is a new opportunity for us. Thrive's 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.

You can support this awesome fundraiser two ways! Sign-up to walk/run with team Reformation (Pastor, Jill, Dale, Linda, and Sheri so far) and help us raise sponsorship funds – or – sponsor the COR Team with a financial donation. A sign-up/pledge sheet is on the "Thrive" table in the narthex. Funds raised will go to Thrive in support of the ultrasound ministry in prevention of abortions. ***In honor of COR's 60th Anniversary, why not consider sponsoring someone in the May 5K Walk – 60 for 60!**

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICE

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
Divine Service
Thursday, May 29th
7:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social to follow

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



Please be sure you have all items/articles for the June newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, May 19th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed to (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.

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



Special Ascension Day Service is Thursday, May 29th with an Ice Cream Social following.

Jill Pelsue Jill6872@att.net or 351-3764

LADIES ONLY BUNCO

COR Ladies - join us for a Ladies Only (sorry boys) Bunco Afternoon on **Sunday, June 1st at 12:00 noon** in the parish hall. Bring a pot-luck dish to share. Look for more details in upcoming bulletin.



CHANGE FOR LIFE BOTTLE DRIVE

In the past, beginning on Mother's Day and ending on Father's Day, we have collected diapers for Pregnancy Resource Center. This year, instead of diapers, COR will continue its "Change for Life" bottle drive.



Since January, we have been asking members to grab a baby bottle, found scattered throughout the narthex and parish hall, and fill it with your spare change. Each full bottle pays for an ultrasound in Thrive's mobile unit. **Over 90% of abortion-minded women who see the ultrasound of their baby choose life.** In 2012 alone 1,130 lives were saved through the work of Thrive. You can make a Change for Life with your support. So far, 7 filled bottles have been turned in! THANK YOU! Let's keep this going! Take a bottle home this weekend and make it a family "challenge" to fill it!

FAITH COMES BY HEARING

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!



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

LUTHERAN SOUTH EVENTS



Friday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. is the annual **Spring Band Concert**. This event features Lutheran South's well-known Wind

Symphony in addition to the high school Concert Band. Also included will be the Junior Winds, a select band of the best Lutheran elementary school band members in the area. This concert will be held in the Concordia Center at Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, MO.

Sunday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. is the annual "**ON BROADWAY**" choir review featuring all five LHSS Choirs singing music from American works for the stage and screen. Also performing is the newly formed *Junior Singers* select middle school choir. The "Spring Sing" featuring selected soloists will begin pre-concert at 6:30 p.m. This concert will be held in the Kuhlmann Center at Lutheran South.

The 2014 Issues, Etc.

“Making the Case” Conference

Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14, 2014

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1300 Beltline Road
Collinsville, IL 62234

FEATURING



Craig Parton of the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism & Human Rights
“Making the Case for the Historical Jesus” and
“Making the Case against Lutherans Imitating Evangelicals”



Pr. Matt Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod - *“Making the Case for Confessional Lutheranism in the 21st Century”*

Pr. Jonathan Fisk of “Worldview Everlasting”
“Making the Case for Being Spiritual & Religious”

Pr. Will Weedon, Director of Worship for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
“Making the Case for Christian Hymnody”



Chris Rosebrough of “Fighting for the Faith”
“Making the Case against Me-Centered, Misquoted Scriptures”

Dr. Alvin Schmidt of Illinois College
“Making the Case for Christianity’s Positive Impact on Civilization”

REGISTER ONLINE

SCHEDULE

Friday, June 13

3:00-5:00 pm *Live Broadcast of Issues, Etc.*

5:30 pm *Dinner*

6:30 pm *Speaker*

Saturday, June 14

8:30-11:00 am *Speakers*

11:30 am *Lunch*

1:00-4:00 pm *Speakers*

4:30 pm *Dinner*

5:30 pm *Saturday Evening Worship*

7:00 pm *Hymn Sing*

For more information
conference@issuesetc.org

UN-APPROVED MINUTES for CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION-LUTHERAN
Church Council Meeting, April 10, 2014

Present-Hal Uthoff, Derek Hotsel, Mark Bliese, John Hargett, Dan Kamp, Pastor Pelsue, Jill Pelsue, Linda LaFlamme, & Brenda Hargett. Dale Thelker, Jim Fink & Jack Jeffcott were absent and excused.

Pastor led the devotion from Acts 12 and led group in prayer. The minutes from the previous council meeting on March 13th were approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT-Upon arrival, Derek read a letter from Lutheran South announcing the participation of the school in the Special Olympics. The letter was asking for volunteers and donations. Council decided to take up this issue under new business.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT- Hal Uthoff reminded council that an auditing committee had been appointed. Those asked to serve were Diana Meyer, Tony Pelsue, and Scott Alonzo. Hal received an email from Scott Alonzo asking to be released from this obligation. Replacement names were given to Hal for consideration

FINANCIAL SECRETARY- John Hargett read Dan Kamp's report on the monthly income summary for the month of March. For the month COR received \$19,794.22 with interest from checking (\$21.64), Thrivent and E-scripts (\$46.74) for a total income coming in at \$19,862.60. Income towards non-budgeted expenses (\$360) with pass thru funds (\$243) for a grand total of \$20,465. The full report can be viewed on the bulletin board outside of the nursery.

TREASURES REPORT-Dan Kamp read John Hargett's report. COR is current on all their obligations. For the month of March, COR had \$19,737 in budgeted expenses. Also, there were \$821 in non-budgeted expenses. Notable items this month were (\$500 2nd Qtr-2014) for Rev. James Missionary Support, (\$735) Snow removal and (\$91) 60th Anniversary celebration. Dan also said that a member had donated stock, to facilitate the sale of this stock, an Edward Jones account had to be set up

PASTORS REPORT- Pastor reported on the baptism of Elijah Michael Matheny on March 30th and the upcoming baptism of Murisa Zahirovic on April 19th-Easter Vigil. Pastor continues to make visits to sick and shut in members. Sympathies were extended to the Bliese family on the passing of Marks mother, Kathleen Bliese. Wednesday Bible class is reading and studying the book of Acts. Sunday Bible class is studying the "lost Books of the Bible" John Schilling, Micah & Lucas Hung will be confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 13th Pastor will be out of town on April 27th attending a wedding. Rev. Richard Warneck will be the guest speaker for that Sunday and Dr. Daniel Hormelink will be the quest speaker for the 60th Anniversary service on May 4th.

EVANGELISM REPORTS- No report-Jim Fink was absent.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP- Linda LaFlamme told us that the stewardship committee hosted the second Lenten dinner. Linda will be taking pictures of the Sunday school for a sign and a collage to be placed in the display case at a later date. The sign and pictures will be sent to Rev. James and his family at a later date.

CHRISTAIN FELLOWSHIP- Jill Pelsue reported that Wednesday Lenten dinners have been well attended and have been of help to those attending and participating in the upcoming services. Easter Vigil will have refreshments. Maundy Thursday will have a Mexican Buffett between 5:30-6:30. Good Friday will be soup and sandwich. On March 16th Laverne Downes won the Random Act of Kindness. UPCOMING EVENTS- JONAH-The Branson play meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th @ 9:20 in the Narthex for anyone interested in going. THRIVE ALIVE- A benefit walk/run for the support of the ultrasound service ministry. A sign up table has been set up in the Narthex for all those interested in getting more information on the event. LADIES LUNCH AND BUNCO - Sunday, May 18th following the late service and hosted by Diana Meyer. CHURCH PICNIC - The date has been moved up to July 27th following the late service. The theme this year is "Surfs Up Dude."

BOARD OF ELDERS REPORT-Mark Bliese told us about new members Charles & Tawnya Westby from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Commerce City, CO. David Autry has been dropped from our roles since he has already joined another Lutheran Church. The new member lists have been distributed to the Elders. Each Elder now has 45 members. The Elders have requested the Council approve payment to the landlord of one of our member's relative. This person is terminally ill and has exhausted all mines of support. This will come out of the benevolent fund and would amount to \$100 a month for no longer than a year.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES- Jack Jeffcott was absent. Pastor said the issue with the dishwasher has not been resolved but should be taken care of soon.

BOARD OF EDUCATION- Brenda Hargett reported that there will be Sunday School on Easter morning taking place at 10:00 for all those interested after enjoying the breakfast provided by the Bell Choir. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the small children. The rummage sale will be in May. There will be VBS in June

BOARD OF FINANCE- Dale Thielker was absent. John Hargett read his report. Actual contributions toward budgeted expenses for the month of March were \$19,863. Actual Expenses against budgeted expenses were \$19,737 leaving a surplus of \$125.

OLD BUSINESS- 60th anniversary planning seems to be on track.

NEW BUSINESS- Mark Bliese made the motion for us to consider paying, out of the benevolent fund, \$100 to the landlord of one of our members relatives, This payment should not exceed 12 months. Motion was seconded and passed.

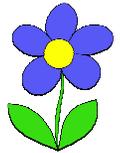
The Board of Evangelism was to look into the support asked for by Lutheran South for the Special Olympics event. It was agreed that a possible donation of \$200 could come out of savings if approved by the board. The motion was made seconded and passed

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Jones
Recording Secretary

MAY BIRTHDAYS!

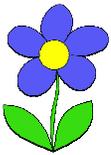


1st Wilma Geiser
Betsy Jones
3rd John Franklin
8th Daniel Reimler
Tabitha Schubert
9th Karen Lewis
10th Brenda Hargett

11th Gerry Kamp
Dominic Kubasta
13th Murisa Zahirovic
16th Scott Alonzo
18th Martin Liebmann, IV
20th Garrison Brazeal
23rd Matthew Kamp
27th John Eischer

28th Tamara Rush
Lois Hacker
29th Robin Miller

**GOD'S BLESSINGS TO
YOU!**



MAY SCHEDULE

Altar Guild Schedule:

May 4th
May 11th
May 18th
May 25th
May 29th Ascension

<u>8:15 a.m.</u>	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>
Jill Pelsue	Julia Graudin
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7:00 p.m. - Jill Pelsue	

Usher Schedule:

Jamie McAlister	Martin Liebmann
Tyler Schrader	Martin Liebmann, IV
Denny Schrader	Haven Liebmann
Rick Miller	

Greeters Schedule:

May 4 th	Ron & Judie Paul	Bev & Betty Heermann
May 11 th	John & Lynne Borchelt	Carol Geiser
May 18 th	Shirley Ciegel	Marilyn Jones
May 25 th	Inga Duke	Carol Reimler

Acolyte Schedule:

May 4 th	John Larson	Christian Liebmann
May 11 th	Katie Meyer	John Schilling
May 18 th	Mary LaFlamme	Alex Jeffcott
May 25 th	John Larson	Haven Liebmann



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