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# Church Of the Reformation - Lutheran

*The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod  
With Christ at the Heart*

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## Holy Trinity

### And the Time of the Church

Moving from May to June we celebrate the last festival Sunday (Trinity), and move out of the festival half of the Church Year into the half known as "The Time of the Church." Each Lord's Day will be numbered as another "Sunday after Pentecost."

We began the Church Year preparing for (Advent) and celebrating the Feast of the Father in the Nativity of His only begotten Son (Christmas). We continued with preparation (Lent) and celebration of the Feast of the Son (Easter) rejoicing in Christ's resurrection victory for us over sin, Satan, and the death. On the fiftieth day (Pentecost) of our Easter celebration we focused on the sending and the work of the Holy Spirit poured out on the disciples to build Christ's Church through the proclamation of the Gospel from "Jerusalem, to Judea, to Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Now with a summary look at the nature of God as Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and a confession of the Athanasian Creed, which spells this out in detail, we move into The Time of the Church to contemplate God at work among His people, the Church, calling us to and keeping us in the Christian faith. Praise God for His grace and goodness. In Christ,

*Pastor Pelsue*

## Vicar's Corner



Summer is the "Time of the Church" as Pastor mentioned. The Church, Christ's bride, is

where we can find God's children gathered and united with Him. The Church is God's chosen people. We see God's love and mercy acted out in the Church through His people. The story of God's love and mercy and His relationship with His chosen people is told to us in the Bible. This summer we will look at part of this story in a special sermon series.

As baptized Christians, we are children of God. We are part of God's chosen people. Their story is our story. The Old Testament is full of revelations about Christ. Additionally, not only does the OT point to Christ, it also tells the story of Israel, God's chosen people. This summer we will look at the historical books of the OT to see the big picture of God's interaction with His people prior to Christ.

This ten part series, going from Genesis to Nehemiah, will highlight God's relationship with His people. It will help to understand more fully His relationship with us. We will gain a better understanding of His love and mercy for us. This series also provides us an opportunity. It provides us an opportunity to review some of the big stories of the Old Testament and to see their relationship with each other, with Christ, and with us.

It also provides an opportunity to read scripture. Try reading the historical books of the OT this summer. Many bible-reading plans are available and it should only require a commitment of 15 - 30 minutes a day to complete. Let us all commit to God's word this summer and learn about God's unending love and mercy for us.

In Christ,  
*Vicar Appel*



# JUNE NEWS & NOTES



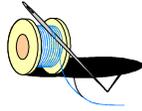
## WOMEN'S GUILD



**THE WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON** will be **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the St. Louis Tea Room, 4001 Utah Street. The ladies will meet at church at 11:00 a.m. and car pool.

The cost is \$16 per person which includes beverages and gratuities (no individual checks). There will be no meetings during July and August. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

**CARE & SHARE** will meet on **Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (1/2 day).**



## AFFTON EVANGELISM OUTREACH

"The reason the world does not know us it that it did not know Him." (1 John 3:1)

Have you ever met someone who you knew earlier in life but were not able to remember who they were or where you had known them from? Or temporarily forgotten the name of someone you have met many times? Such lapses of memory can be puzzling and embarrassing but they are trivial compared to not knowing Jesus Christ. If someone does not know Jesus Christ and believe in Him as Savior from their sins the penalty is eternal damnation, not just short term embarrassment.

On **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.**, members of Reformation will be taking the Good News of Jesus to people in Affton. Brief visits will be made to people who have recently bought homes in the area. They will be given information about Reformation and the beliefs of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. For information contact Deb Gawlik, 631-7355.



## SUMMER OUTREACH SATURDAYS

During the months of June and July there will be four Saturdays of community outreach in which we will offer craft

classes for the young and the young at heart. A 1/2 sheet flier promoting the event will be available soon for you to share with a friend or neighbor. Come to learn, and befriend those from the community who attend.

Our adult courses include jewelry making, beginning crochet, a quilted square, and photography. The dates are **June 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>; July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. -12:00 p.m.** The children's crafts will include a Bible theme and are being coordinated by the Christian Education Committee. For information please call Debbie Gawlik at 631-7355.



Also, please see the fellowship bulletin board for removable tags each listing an item to be purchased and donated. Items include:

- \* Assorted (sizes small and medium and various colors) Beads for jewelry and Macramé crafts.
- \* Table Salt-- 3 boxes.
- \* (12) Small (baby food sized) glass jars with lids.
- \* Colored Chalk - Sidewalk size (2 boxes).
- \* Yarn (scrap balls or full skeins).  
**Thin (1mm) Hemp (macramé jewelry).**

Thank you for supporting this wonderful community outreach.

*Debbie Gawlik, Board of Evangelism*

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

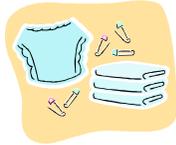
Please be sure you have all items/articles for the **July/August** newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Articles may be e-mailed to [reformationlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reformationlc@sbcglobal.net), faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.



## MISSOURI'S LARGEST DIAPER SHOWER

Lutherans for Life of Missouri is once again sponsoring Missouri's Largest Diaper Shower which began on **May 10<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day)** and ends **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (Father's Day)**.

Bring disposable diapers of any size to church as a way to thank your family for giving you life. A baby bassinet is in the parish hall for your donations. The total number (not packages) will be submitted to Lutherans for Life of Missouri. Disposable diapers seem like a luxury to those of us who laundered them in earlier generations. However, most of these recent mothers served by the Pregnancy Resource Center are struggling with trials and tribulations far beyond reasonable. They need this one manageable thing in their lives. Please consider helping us overflow the bassinet this year with diapers.



### JUNE FEED MY PEOPLE MEAL-A-MONTH



**Cereal, canned juice, Biscuit Mix, jelly, sugar, powdered milk (opt.)**

Please take a bag out of the shopping cart located in the narthex and fill it with the grocery items stated above or with any food items you would care to give. Place bag of groceries in the narthex shopping cart. Please - no glass containers or clothing. Thank you for your donations!

### RETIREES JUNE MEETING

The Retirees will gather together on **Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon**. More details to follow. All are invited. Please sign-up on the church office bulletin board. No meeting in July and August.

### REFORMATION UPCOMING EVENTS



**THE VICAR'S FAREWELL GET-TOGETHER** is planned for **Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> immediately following the late service (12:00 noon)**. Look for a sign-up sheet in the near future. When signing-up, please indicate if you will be bringing a meat dish, salad or dessert. Deadline to sign-up will be Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** is set for **Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the late service (12:00 noon)**.



Sign-up sheets will be on the fellowship bulletin board beginning the week of July 26<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow!

### FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**Thank You!** What an awesome sight it was to see the flock of Reformation gathered as a family in one service to hear Rev. Wayne Lawrence's message about the Good Shepherd on the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of our church. Other participants in the service were Rev. David Pelsue, Reformation's Shepherd, Vicar Tony Appel and Seminarian Aaron Meyer (both in training to be God's Shepherds), Kantor Rev. Henry Gerike who dedicated Psalm 23 to Reformation, the Christus Choir and the Handbell Choir who made the service an inspiring one.

One hundred and six attended the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon immediately after the service in the parish hall where congregational memories were shared along with recognition of many who have served the congregation ten years or more in various groups and organizations.

Thanks to our great and wonderful kitchen helpers and servers without whose help the luncheon could not have happened: Joyce Dreschel, Amy Hotzel, Debbie Klemme, Debbie Gawlik, Sharon Burgeois, Mary Lou Tucker and Christina (The Johnson's home care worker). Jill Pelsue was instrumental in helping to purchase the food and prepare the meat. Joyce, Amy and Sharon also devoted their time in preparing the Parish Hall for the celebration. And clean-up after the celebration was assisted by Ray Gawlik and Seminarian Rev. Michael Paul and family.

Check out the display case in the narthex where Dale and Lee Thielker have placed some memorabilia of Reformation.

We am truly grateful for all those who helped and for the support we received for this event. There were some glitches, mainly how to serve so many people in a timely manner - any suggestions would be helpful.

The Memory Booklet will be available sometime in the month of June. Memories can still be submitted. Some members shared additional memories Sunday and if possible, I would like to have them submitted for the book. Also, if anyone has anything they would like to share of the time

when Rev. Elmer Knoerschid and his wife, Celeste were at our church, let me know. It would be nice to have something about them in the book.

The pictures and display in the Parish Hall will be left up for a couple of weeks for your viewing. Thanks once again!

*Julie Graudin, Fellowship Chair*

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### CALLING ALL WRITERS! –

If you enjoy creating poetry, short stories and other forms of writing, this workshop may be for you. *Faith and Creative Writing*, will delve into various kinds of creative writing – poetry, storytelling (for “page” and “stage”) and creative nonfiction – and what it means to write in these genres as a person of faith. What role does faith play in the creative process? What makes a piece of writing religious? How is faith expressed through creativity? Questions like these will be explored through presentations, close readings, conversation and creative exercises. Although not required, participants are encouraged to bring their own work, as well as favorite works by others. The presenter will be Rev. Travis Scholl, managing editor of theological publications and *Concordia Journal* at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The workshop will be held at Concordia Seminary July 27-29, and registration is \$125. For more information visit [www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu) or call Linda at 314-505-4786. Registration deadline is July 7<sup>th</sup>.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

★**Daniel Bliese** graduated from Lutheran High School South on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and will attend St. Louis Community College at Meramec this fall.

★**Kenny Duneman** will graduate from Bayless Senior High on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and will attend the University of Missouri at Columbia in the fall.

★**Caitlin Haggerty**, Yvonne Spitz’s grand-daughter, graduated from Lutheran High South on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will attend Meramec Community College for 2 years and then go on to get her nursing degree in pediatrics.

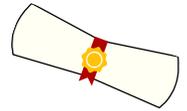
### **UNIVERSITY**

★**Katherine Gastler** graduated from Concordia University Chicago on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> with a degree in Art, Graphic Art and Spanish. She is currently working on developing her portfolio for graduate school while pursuing a full time job.

★**Mrs. Karen Lewis** graduated from Webster University with a Masters Degree in Finance.

★**Sarah Haggerty**, Yvonne Spitz’s grand-daughter, graduated from Concordia University, Mequon Wisconsin on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> with a degree in Early Childhood Education and a minor degree in Special Education.

We are proud of you for your hard work and educational achievement! We pray you will use what you’ve learned to the glory of God and for the benefit of your fellow man. God Bless you all! *If we missed anyone, please let the church office know so that we may update our records.*



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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Jamie D. McAlister** (*fiancé of Maura Schrader*)  
3519 Sunland Garden Ct.  
St. Louis, MO 63129-5907  
314-329-6061

**Jack and Paula Jeffcott  
sons, Shawn and Alexander**  
9817 Joplin  
St. Louis, MO 63125-2818  
314-544-4572

*(Paula is the daughter of new members John and Brenda Hargett and sister to new member Donna Schilling)*

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### *Simply Giving - Contributions Made Easy thru* ELECTRONIC GIVING

COR’s Church Council invites you to consider a new way of implementing your giving to Reformation. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has developed an automated giving program called *Simply Giving* to assist congregations and their members. Our church council and finance committee have examined the program and found it a good option for members who regularly use automatic withdrawals from their bank accounts.

Response at other congregations suggests many of you will be interested.

Both our members and the church benefit with this program. For those who choose to participate, withdrawing the pledged or specified amount from your bank account is truly giving the Biblical "first fruits." It also eliminates the minor frustrations of writing frequent checks or forgetting the checkbook. For the church, the advantages are related to a consistent, predictable income. The seasonal fluctuations in giving patterns are lessened. Thrivent Financial offers this service to benefit congregations. They pay all of the cost of this service.

Enrollment forms are available at the church office. You can implement this plan by completing an enrollment form and sending it and the appropriate bank information to the church office. Please direct any questions you may have to the Board of Finance.

*Board of Finance and Board of Stewardship*



## **THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE** **LIFE BY HIS WORD**

*CPH offers an introductory price on the completely new Lutheran Study Bible:* Engage in devotional, Christ-centered Bible reading and study with the distinctive, comprehensive notes and practical application of The Lutheran Study Bible.

This new Bible is the first in English to be developed from the ground-up with notes that are distinctively Lutheran, prepared by Lutheran theologians and pastors from over twenty Lutheran church bodies. Current Lutheran scholarship, insights from the Church Fathers, and rich devotional commentary provides meaningful perspective for both young and mature Christians.

Many laypeople, church workers, and scholars contributed to the development of *The Lutheran Study Bible*, including people from Lutheran churches in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, England, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, India, Kenya, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Russia, South Africa, Ukraine, and the United States. The editors wish to thank God for the service of each person.

The development team believed that it was most important to seek input from people who would actually use the Study Bible day-by-day. To begin development, more than 400 laypeople and church workers read portions of the ESV translation and submitted their questions about the readings. We carefully studied the nearly 1,500 questions submitted. Then we prepared our notes to answer the kinds of questions people are asking as they read the Bible. The result is a very thorough set of notes that presents both insight and application.

Some of COR's own helped with this Bible's research and notes including: Dr. David L. Adams, Dr. Horace D. Hummel, Rev. David I. M. Lewis, Dr. Bruce G. Schuchard, and Rev. Henry V. Gerike.

The Lutheran Study Bible features:

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- Over 900 cross-references to 120 full or half-page maps, charts, and diagrams.
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