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The God of our Fathers

Since June 19th is Father's Day, it's fitting to search the New Testament for the word "fathers." You will find a large number of hits where God is described as "the God of our

fathers." I think most of us gloss over this term as merely a quaint Jewish expression, but I've begun to look at it a bit differently.

I've been thinking of it in light of David Murrow's book, [Why Men Hate Going to Church](#). The statistic is cited in this book that when mom goes to church there's a 17% chance the children will follow her to church, but when dad goes to church it jumps to over 40% that the children will follow. There must be more to this "God of our fathers" thing than meets the eye.

No wonder Paul (inspired of God) says, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Dad, whether you want to believe it or not you are the spiritual head of your house-hold. How you go makes the difference! Do you want your children to follow in your footsteps spiritually - they most likely will. Where will that take them? Make Father's Day an opportunity to lead you family in worship of the God of their father.

Joshua said to dads in his day:

"Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord,

choose this day whom you will serve. . . But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:14,15 (ESV)

Happy Father's Day!

Pastor Pelsue



JUNE NEWS & NOTES



SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICE

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Divine Service

Thursday, June 2nd

7:00 p.m.

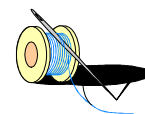
Ice Cream Social to follow

WOMEN'S GUILD



THE WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON will be **Tuesday, June 7th at the Blue Owl Restaurant, Kimmswick, MO.** The ladies will meet at church at 10:30 a.m. to car pool. There will be no meetings during July and August. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

CARE & SHARE will meet on **Thursday, June 23rd, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (1/2 day).**



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

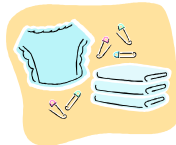
Please be sure you have all items/articles for the **July/August** newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, June 20th**. Articles may be e-

mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, 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 8th (Mother's Day)** and ends **Sunday, June 19th (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 Thrive 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



Main Menu: Boxed, whole wheat pasta, canned, low sodium tomato or pasta sauce, canned mixed vegetables (low sodium or low salt), canned fruit in light syrup or own juices, powdered milk or shelf stable boxed milk or soy milk.

Additional Items: Baby Food Month! Baby fruits, vegetables and cereal (rice, barley, mixed).

Return the bag of groceries to the basket (narthex) or shopping cart (parish hall). Please - no glass containers or clothing. Thank you for your donations!



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

June 12th – Church Picnic meeting at 9:30 a.m. in classroom 2 (George Johnson's room).

June 26th – Cake reception in honor of Pastor

Pelsue's 30th Ordination Anniversary. Cards and tokens of appreciation are welcomed. Reception will be between services in the parish hall.

July 12th – All Star Party. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

August ?? – Church picnic will be the third or last Sunday in August. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

November 13th – A "Remember When" Pot-luck honoring COR veterans immediately following the 2nd service.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!



Thank you for your generous support for the Japan Tsunami Disaster and the St. Louis Tornado Disaster Relief door offerings. A total of \$619.00 was collected for the Japan Disaster Relief and was sent to LCMS Human Care and World Relief. \$198.00 was collected for the St. Louis Tornado Disaster Relief and will be sent to Lutheran Family and Children's Services. Both amounts will be matched by the Lutheran Foundation. Thanks once again for your support!

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

A Special Voter's Meeting will take place on **Sunday June 12th** immediately following the late service (12:00 noon) in the parish hall for the purpose of:

1. Possible additional tuition cost.
2. Nomination and/or election of congregational vice president.
3. Nominations of MO District President & 1st Vice President.
4. Disbursement of remaining organ funds.
5. Seminary vicarage fee.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The Men's Club will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast** on **Sunday, July 10th** (not June 26th as previously advertised). Please make plans now to attend this breakfast. Proceeds will go to purchase a defibrillator. Matching funds have been approved through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

SUBSTITUTE COUNTERS NEEDED!

Have you thought about serving but can't make the commitment for every week. The Counting Committee is looking for a few people to act as "substitute counters." These people would fill in when certain members of the counting committee are out of town. If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Dale or Lee Thielker at 314-843-3374. Training is provided. Thank you.

CANDIDATES FOR THE HOLY MINISTRY FROM REFORMATION RECEIVING CALLS

Duane Meissner (Elizabeth) – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Barnhart, MO (Missouri District)

Erik Schmidt (Heidi, Ethan, Daniel, Kathryn) – Community Lutheran Church, Flat rock, MI (Michigan District)

David Herald – Trinity Lutheran Church, Appleton City, MO (Missouri District)

Andrew Tessone (Elisabeth Bliese's fiancé) – Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sedalia MO (Missouri District)

VICARAGE ASSIGNMENTS

Justin Pahl (Jennifer, Julia) – Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, Seneca, SC (Southeastern District)

Aaron Meyer (Kim, Grace, Georgia) – Christ the Rock Lutheran Church, Rockford, IL (Northern Illinois District)

Brett Hartwig (Carrie, Megan) – Reformation Lutheran Church, Affton, MO (Missouri District)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES



HIGH SCHOOL

★ **Martin Liebmann, IV** graduated from Lutheran High School South on May 20th and will attend Drake University in Des Moines, IA to study Actuary Science beginning this fall.

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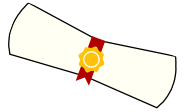
★ **Brett Santiago** graduated from the automotive program at Ranken Technical College last August. He is currently employed by Enterprise and attending evening classes at Ranken for his bachelor's in

automotive management.

★ **Tyler Schrader** graduated with a Masters degree in Accountancy from UMSL. He is currently doing an internship at Hoffman Clark, an accounting firm in Clayton.

★ **Tabitha Schubert** graduated with a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education from Missouri Baptist University.

We are proud of you all 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.*



CHURCH OFFICE VACATION SCHEDULES

The church office will be closed in observance of the July 4th Holiday on Monday, July 4th. Sheri will be on vacation July 5th thru July 8th. Please keep these dates in mind if you need something from the church office!!

QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 4

1. Adam (Gen.2:7)
2. Enoch (Gen.5:24)
3. Noah (Gen.7:1)
4. Abraham (Gen.22:10)
5. Lot (Gen.19:16)
6. Eli (1 Sam.4:18)
7. Job (Job 1:18)
8. Jephthah (Josh.11:34-36)
9. Zacharias (Lk.1:18-20)
10. Zebedee (Mt.4:21)



FAITH & CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Concordia Seminary is pleased to offer Faith and Creative Writing, a workshop that will explore various kinds of creative writing-storytelling (for "page" and "stage"), creative nonfiction, and poetry- and what it means to write in these genres as a person of faith. What role does faith play in the creative process? How is religion expressed through

creativity? What makes for effective communication of faith? Questions like these will be explored through presentations, discussion, and creative exercises. Although not required, participants are encouraged to bring their own work, as well as favorite works by others. This workshop is open to all pastors, church workers and lay persons.

Presented by Rev. Travis Scholl, Editor of the Concordia Journal, and Peter Mead, Senior Editor at Creative Communications, this course will take place on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, July 25-27, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost per person is \$130. For registration information, visit the Continuing Education link at www.csl.edu. Registration deadline is July 11.



THRIVENT BOARD MEMBER NEEDED!

The Thrivent Board is looking for a Thrivent member to serve as representative on the Chapter Board for Youth. This position would basically be one that would promote and or coordinate activities for the youth in our area (i.e. fundraisers, youth gatherings, etc.). At the present time there is nothing in place on the calendar so it would be an open opportunity for new and fresh ideas to reach the youth of our member congregations and the community where they are located. If anyone would be interested in serving in this capacity please call Rev. David L. Dittmar, at 314-599-7434.



FACTS ABOUT FATHERS

Test your memory of biblical history by completing this quiz about fathers:

1. What father in the Bible never had a grandfather?
2. What godly father walked with the Lord and never died?
3. What father had a floating zoo?
4. What father was so faithful to God that he was willing to sacrifice his own son upon an altar?
5. What backslidden father and his family had to be dragged out of a sinful city by two angels?
6. What permissive father fell from his chair and died of a broken neck when heard that his evil sons were

slain and the ark of God had been captured?

7. What God-fearing father prayed for his 10 children, and yet they all were killed in one day?
8. What father's hasty vow unintentionally resulted in a cruel punishment for his daughter?
9. What New Testament father-priest was struck dumb by God for refusing to believe the message of the angel Gabriel?
10. What fisherman father was left by his sons James and John, that they might follow Jesus?

ADVISE TO FATHERS ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN

- A** -- Always trust them to God's care
- B** -- Bring them to church
- C** -- Challenge them to high goals
- D** -- Delight in their achievements
- E** -- Exalt the Lord in their presence
- F** -- Frown on evil
- G** -- Give them love
- H** -- Hear their problems
- I** -- Ignore not their childish fears
- J** -- Joyfully accept their apologies
- K** -- Keep their confidence
- L** -- Live a good example before them
- M** -- Make them your friends
- N** -- Never ignore their endless questions
- O** -- Open your home to their visits
- P** -- Pray for them by name
- Q** -- Quicken your interest in their spirituality
- R** -- Remember their needs
- S** -- Show them the way of salvation
- T** -- Teach them to work
- U** -- Understand they are still young
- V** -- Verify your statements
- W** -- Wean them from bad company
- X** -- Expect them to obey
- Y** -- Yearn for God's best for them
- Z** -- Zealously guide them in biblical truth

Happy Father's Day!!!

