



# Church Of the Reformation - Lutheran

## The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod

### With Christ at the Heart

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## Our Sunday Bible Study for June

This summer COR will use a five part study provided by Synod under the theme of the LCMS convention. The

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President of our Synod writes introducing it:

Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to be "Baptized for This Moment"! That life-giving freedom is the theme for the upcoming 65th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the banner under which our pastoral and lay delegates will join together in the important work of the Church.

But that theme and that joy aren't just for those who will travel to St. Louis in July 2013. They're ours, all of us, each one who has been baptized into Christ. In those waters, the ones combined with God's Word, we are saved, forgiven, confident and sure.

That's what this Bible study so wonderfully teaches, and that's why I urge you to use it in your church and your home, among seasoned Lutherans and youth alike.

This study, which explains what it means to be baptized for this time and place, and specifically what that looks like in the life of the Church, will remind you that, as the author, the Rev. Tim Pauls, writes, "You live as one who is certain of God's favor for Jesus' sake. You've been joined to His death and resurrection, raised up a new creation.

You're not a servant who hopes to do well enough so that the Lord permits you to stick around for another day. You're a child of God. His kingdom is yours forever. You know this because you're baptized."

Use this study to dive in to God's Word. Learn from it. Ponder it. Rejoice in it. The Lord blesses, and I'm confident that He will work your study of His Word for good. And as He does, He will prepare us all to go forth together, confident in our bold Witness to the Gospel, certain in our works of Mercy and joyful in our Life Together. Truly, we are "Baptized for This Moment"!

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:40 a. m. starting June 9<sup>th</sup> and following. Here's the series outline:

**Lesson 1: Baptized**

**Lesson 2: Repent and Be Baptized**

**Lesson 3: Baptized for Witness**

**Lesson 4: Baptized for Mercy**

**Lesson 5: Baptized for Life Together**

*Pastor Pelsue*

p.s. There's a hymn pairing for each session so we'll be singing in the rain . . . so to speak.





## JUNE NEWS & NOTES



### 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 17<sup>th</sup>**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.



### MOMMAS & PAPPAS DIAPER DRIVE

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

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



### FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

#### HERE ARE THE NEXT 3 CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES:



#### **Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> Backyard BBQ Lunch**

The lunch will follow the late service. Hopefully, the weather will be nice! We will move some tables and chairs outside and sit in the summer breeze. Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair if you prefer. *There will be a sign up sheet and request for specific foods to bring and share.*

#### **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day and Random Act of Kindness**

Gentlemen needed to rescue unloved neckties in the Fellowship Hall! Help yourself in this tie swap to celebrate Father's Day by bringing a tie you would like to ditch and take one home in exchange.



### **Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> is the All Star Baseball Game**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for food, fun, and fellowship as we tune in to watch the 84<sup>th</sup> edition of the MLB All Star Game! Watch for more details to follow!

### RETIRES NEWS & GET-TOGETHER

Six retirees attended the lecture by Dan Martin about the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Weatherbird. The lecture was at the Weber Rd. Branch of the St. Louis County library. The lecture included the history behind the Weatherbird, information on local cartoonists who have some connections to the comics of the Post, and a demonstration on how he draws the Weatherbird. Dan Martin has been the artist since 1986 -- the Weatherbird has been around for 112 years.



The next Retirees Function will be an indoor picnic on **June 25<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon**, in the Fellowship Hall. Hotdogs will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a "picnic" related side dish. For entertainment, we will choose from a variety of Trivia games. A sign up sheet will be posted.

### LADIES CLUB NEWS!

#### DE-CLUTTER YOUR HOUSE

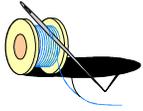


It's that time of year again for our **RUMMAGE SALE!** The sale is **June 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

*Please give us your rummage!* Tools, fishing gear, jewelry, clothes (men's, women's, youth and baby items.) We'll even take school supplies. No furniture or electronics, please. The money will go toward an exhaust fan in the men's bath room.

Help is needed for set-up on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and then from 6:00 p.m. to we finish. So if you can't make it in the morning, come help us that evening. We are going to try something different this time. **We're going to open up the sale on Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for our church members only.** So save the date on you calendars. Tell your Friends and relatives about the sale. We will even pick up your items if you can't get them up to church.

Please start to bring your items up to church beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> and put them in the fellowship hall in the back. Call Brenda Hargett 353-3437 or Mary Lou Tucker 843-7783 if you need our help. Thank You! *Ladies Club*



**CARE & SHARE will meet on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (1/2 day).**

### AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS



For the month of June, we will focus on food pantry staples which include:

Canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned fish, canned beans, canned soup, tomato sauce, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, peanut butter, jelly, flour, sugar, powdered milk or shelf stable boxed milk.

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! *Ladies Club*

***Thank you for your donations!***

### From the Stewardship Board ...

In the month of June we celebrate Father's Day. For those of us who are blessed to be raised by a kind and loving Christian father, Father's Day is very special. Men sometimes take too much pride in their physical and emotional strength and act like macho men who have to be in complete control of every situation. I was blessed to be raised by a Christian father who, I like to say, was strong enough to be gentle. He didn't have to force his will or way on anyone else, especially his children. He was confident enough to be himself and offer us the love and support of a father. The proper response to a father like that is love and joyful obedience.

God, our heavenly Father, is the best example of someone who is strong enough to be gentle. He made all things. He knows all things. He is almighty,



as we confess in the Apostles' Creed. If it weren't for the fact that God invites us to call Him "Father" and come to Him as dear children come to their dear fathers, we would cringe in fear. God is pure and holy. He is perfect. He cannot tolerate sin. And we know all too well that we are sinners. But He does not destroy us as sinners, but rather loves us in an extravagant and generous way, so much so that He sent His only-begotten Son to be our Savior from the power of sin, death and the devil and open for us the door to everlasting life. What a God! What a Father!

Our proper response is one of stewardship, the free and joyous management of all of life and life's resources for His purposes. By nature we do not love unconditionally. By nature we do not give generously. But by the power of the Holy Spirit we are no longer controlled by our sinful natures. We are renewed daily to be God's children in action—His stewards who remember that God is the rightful Owner of all things and we are stewards or managers of that which He has entrusted to us. When our stewardship is a love response we experience great joy. We don't give generously of our time, talents and treasure because we "have to," but because we have the privilege of "getting to."

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*Yours in Christ, Linda LaFlamme*



### **GET ENERGIZED FOR WITNESSING AT A REGIONAL OUTREACH CONFERENCE**

Are you ready for an event that offers practical knowledge and witnessing tools to train church members—from children to adults—on how to be mission-minded disciples for Jesus Christ? Make plans now to attend a Regional Outreach Conference (ROC) hosted by Lutheran Hour Ministries, including a conference being held **September 6-7, 2013** at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. This conference will feature multi-media, prominent outreach speakers, hands-on witnessing opportunities, breakout sessions, small- and large-group discussions and outreach and technology experts who will help you enhance your personal,

congregational and online witnessing skills. For more information, visit [www.lhm.org/roc](http://www.lhm.org/roc).

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**



**HIGH SCHOOL**

★ **Nikole Kamp** is graduating from Mehlville High School on June 2, 2013 with a 4.16 GPA (honors weighted). She will be attending the University of Dayton in Ohio beginning August 2013. Her major officially is yet to be decided, but she has a strong interest in Music with a potential career in Music Therapy.

★ **Robert Klemme** graduated third in his class from Affton High School on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He received awards for Perfect Attendance for all four years; Science Award; Math Award; High Honors; and the George Washington Carver Presidential Award. Robert will be attending the University of Missouri School of Science and Technology in Rolla this fall and will major in computer engineering.

★ **Philip Bliese** graduated from Lutheran High School South on May 24, 2013. He is a member of the Sabre Honor Society at LHSS. He lettered in Track and Academics while at LHSS. He was a member of the Jazz Band for four years, Concert Band for one year, Wind Symphony for three years. He was involved in Mock Trial for one year. He is looking forward to attending Truman State University in Kirksville, MO in Fall 2013. His current plan is to obtain an undergraduate major in either physics or geography, with a graduate major in education.

★ **Zachary Groppe** graduated from Lindbergh High School on May 28, 2013. He will attend the University of Missouri in the fall and will major in journalism.

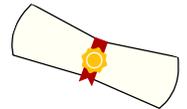
**UNIVERSITY**

★ **Mattias Gastler** graduated from Missouri Science & Technology (Rolla) with a degree in aerospace engineering. He will continue his studies this summer and fall, graduating (again) with a second degree in mechanical engineering.

★ **Anthony Pelsue** graduated from Webster University on May 11<sup>th</sup> with his Bachelors in Business with plans of going on for his Masters this fall while continuing as a musician for area churches.

★ **Daniel Bliese** graduated May 18, 2013 Summa Cum Laude from Lindenwood University with a BA in American Studies. While at Lindenwood he was a Linden Leader, he is a member in Alpha Chi Honor Society and he was the 2012-2013 recipient of the Schoenhard American Heritage Award. He is currently working at Colonial Michilimackinac with Mackinac State Historic Parks for the summer. He will return home after the summer to ascertain if he should be gainfully employed or attend graduate school.

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.*



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**CHURCH OFFICE  
VACATION SCHEDULES**



→ Sheri is on vacation the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> and she will be off on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these dates in mind if you need something from the church office!!

→ The church office will be closed in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.



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**"SHARING CHRIST WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY,"**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Crestwood (8646 New Sappington Road, 63126) is hosting a seminar, "Sharing Christ with Friends and Family," for all who desire to learn how to share Christ's love and forgiveness with their friends and family.

The seminar is **Saturday, June 29; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. Dr. Joel Biermann, Associate Professor at Concordia Seminary, will lead the seminar. His topics include: What does God expect of me? What do I say and how do I say it? and Facing the challenges. The seminar is free. RSVP to Karla Kuntze (636-226-4836; [rae63755@yahoo.com](mailto:rae63755@yahoo.com)).



UN-APPROVED MINUTES for CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION-LUTHERAN  
Church Council Meeting, May 16, 2013

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. A quorum was present. Dan Kamp read the Portals of Prayer reading for Memorial Day 2013, which was based on Revelation 14. John Hargett will have the devotion for the June meeting.

The minutes of the April 11, 2013 Church Council meeting were reviewed. Jack Jeffcott moved that we accept the minutes as read. Linda LaFlamme seconded his motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Derek Hotzel stated he attended the April 23 Lutheran Senior Services meeting. He said it was a very interesting meeting. He stated he now has full-time employment which runs from late morning to early evening. That means he will be late to council meetings, but the vice-president can run the meeting until he arrives.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Hal Uthoff reported the men's club had their meeting and discussed some proposals for repairs around church. They would like to also dispose of some church property (used incandescent bulbs). Hal suggested these things should come before the church council for approval. He stated the men's club will clean up the boiler room.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: John Hargett read Dan Kamp's report on the monthly income summary for April 2013. A sub-total income toward budgeted expenses of \$17,269.45 was collected, with interest on checking and savings of \$103.56 and \$96.02 in Thrivent Foundation and eScrip electronic funds transfer, for a combined sub-total budgeted income of \$17,459.03. Income toward non-budgeted designated funds was \$1,165, with \$93.50 in pass-thru funds, for a sub-total non-budgeted income of \$1,258.50. The total income for April was \$18,727.53. 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 \$17,049 in expenses for April, with \$340 in non-budgeted expenses. Notable items in these expenses include \$210 on dish washer repair and \$318 for fire suppression system inspection, which is a yearly inspection. The treasurer also advised council that a Regions Money Market account was opened in order to earn more interest. Checking account funds in excess of approximately one month's expenses (i.e., excess of \$20,000) were utilized.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor reported he has made numerous visitations on homebound or ill members. He has also visited some inactive members. Sunday morning Bible study with Prof. David Lewis on Islam will conclude in the near future. Sunday morning 7th and 8th grade class will continue during the summer with Justin Pahl while he is available. Wednesday morning Bible class continues to study the Formula of Concord. Pastor stated the purpose of the front sign is to make a statement to the community. He has received some feedback based on the sign message. The funeral service for Frank Matta was held May 16. Ascension service had an attendance of 38.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Linda LaFlamme reported she attended The Lutheran Foundation dinner on April 16. She took some older Sunday school students to Schnuck's on May 5 to present them with the thank you card signed by the congregation. Mary LaFlamme has joined the board, as she is now a confirmed member.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM: Jim Fink reported there were 35 plugs for The Church of the Reformation Lutheran on KFUE. Two visitors mentioned that they came because of those plugs. Twenty-six individuals attended the service at Mackenzie Place sponsored by Reformation. The next service will be May 23. Jim would like to start a grief share support group in the future.

BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP: Jill Pelsue was absent, but excused. She sent in her report, which Pastor read. The comedy review lunch was attended by 59 people. Photos will be posted. The Random Act of Kindness (RAK) for April (Earth Day) was a basket of fruits and vegetables, which went to Katie Meyer's Uncle Billy. May's RAK was a Martha Washington Geranium, given to Philip Bliese. Pictures will be posted once they are obtained. Ascension Day Ice Cream Social was attended by 40, and was changed from ice cream cakes to bowls of ice cream at the last minute because of advertising on KFUE. Photos will be posted. Staycation is planned for May 19. There is no reserved seating for this event. Some families have signed up for corn growing, which is for the church picnic on August 25. A backyard barbecue is planned for June 9. There is a sign-up sheet for items to bring, and there will be a few games, but it is mainly a sit in lawn chairs and enjoy everyone's company. June's RAK is a tie swap. Laura Pelsue has moved back to Saint Louis, so she will be a more permanent member of the board.

BOARD OF ELDERS: Dan Reimler reported there were no membership matters at their May 1 meeting. Pastor informed the elders that he would be attending the call service at Concordia Seminary, therefore he was not at the elders meeting. The elders discussed an email correspondence that Pastor shared with them on the church sign. The elders discussed the possible donation of an Epiphany Star for church. They also discussed Pastor's proposal of supporting a missionary.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES: Jack Jeffcott reported the grease trap has been cleaned for \$260. He reported on the dish washer repair (it needed a new heating element and a breaker repair). He is collecting bids for floor refinishing in the parish hall, which will include the kitchen.

BOARD OF FINANCE: Dale Thielker stated that for April we had a surplus of \$420, which gives us a deficit of \$2,423 for the year. This was based on a February where weather affected attendance. We are starting to dig out from this deficit. We also have \$153,356 total cash available for budgeted expenses and the vicarage fund balance is \$9,822.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Brenda Hargett reported that graduation cards will be sent to all students graduating grade school, high school or college. August 25 will be Christian Education Sunday. Fourth graders will be receiving hymnals. A small item will be given to each Sunday school student that day as well.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

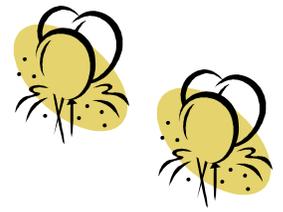
**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Pastor brought up the idea of supporting a world missionary using the vicarage fund. Pastor recommended a specific missionary who has attended Reformation in the past. Council discussed various possibilities and scenarios, but endorsed no plan. If the vicarage fund was to be used it should be brought before the voters and also those who have been contributing to the fund.
- Brenda Hargett announced there will be a rummage sale June 18, with the funds going to repair the men's room exhaust fan.

ADJOURNMENT: Dale Thielker moved to adjourn. Dan Reimler seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m., with Pastor inviting the council to join in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mark J. Bliese, Secretary

# June Birthdays!



1<sup>st</sup> Julia Graudin  
 Alexander Jeffcott  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Katheryn Duneman  
 5<sup>th</sup> Mark Bliese  
 6<sup>th</sup> Ralph Kamp  
 Dean Larson  
 Lisa Adams  
 7<sup>th</sup> John Hargett  
 8<sup>th</sup> Shawn Jeffcott  
 Hope Hotzel  
 10<sup>th</sup> Tammy Frischman  
 11<sup>th</sup> Lorene Bunyard

16<sup>th</sup> Donna Schilling  
 17<sup>th</sup> Gavin Pelsue  
 18<sup>th</sup> Betty Heermann  
 Doris Hemmann  
 Dorothy Trefney  
 19<sup>th</sup> Tessa Taylor  
 20<sup>th</sup> Michelle Miller  
 Hannah Schrader  
 21<sup>st</sup> Chia Hung  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Philip Bliese  
 Terry Jones  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Deanna Bauer

26<sup>th</sup> Nikole Kamp  
 Robert Klemme  
 30<sup>th</sup> Ross Bolinger

## God's Blessings to You!

### June Schedule

#### Altar Guild Schedule:

June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 June 9<sup>th</sup>  
 June 16<sup>th</sup>  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 June 30<sup>th</sup> Both

#### 8:15 Service

Jill Pelsue  
 Jill Pelsue  
 Jill Pelsue

#### 10:45 Service

Inga Duke  
 Inga Duke  
 Inga Duke

#### Greeters Schedule:

June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 June 9<sup>th</sup>  
 June 16<sup>th</sup>  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 June 30<sup>th</sup>

Sandy Townsend  
 Lisa Adams  
 Mark & Deb Eischer  
 Carol Reimler  
 Jamie & Maura McAlister

Norma Grau  
 Joyce & Carol Drechsel  
 Dennis & Jan Schrader  
 Mark & Julia Graudin  
 Mary Lou Tucker

#### Usher Schedule:

John Borchelt  
 Mike Klemme  
 Dean Larson  
 Steve Cutt

John Hargett  
 Jack Jeffcott

#### Acolyte Schedule:

June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 June 9<sup>th</sup>  
 June 16<sup>th</sup>  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 June 30<sup>th</sup>

John Larson  
 Katie Meyer  
 Philip Bliese  
 John Larson  
 Katie Meyer

John Schilling  
 Mary LaFlamme  
 Haven Liebmann  
 Christian Liebmann  
 John Schilling