



Church Of the Reformation - Lutheran

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With Christ at the Heart

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God, His People and His Promise

is the theme of our summer sermon series taken from the Old Testament. So far we've looked at creation, the fall, and the flood in *Genesis 1-11*. As we

continue in our series we encourage you to read ahead in the Old Testament so that you can more easily relate to the accounts our sermon's will be based upon each Sunday. Here's your reading assignment with a description of the content for each week in the series:

For **June 28** read *Gen 18,19* (*God's promise of a son and a heritage to Abraham; also the cauterizing of sin's spread at Sodom and Gomorrah.*)

For **July 5** read at least *Exodus 20:1-21* (*The Relationship established and the right response outlined in the Law of the Lord.*)

For **July 12** read *Ruth* or at least chapter 1 (*It is the time of Judges when everyone did what was right in his own eyes; a Moabite woman does what is right and clings to the promise of the True God.*)

For **July 19** read 1st and 2nd *Samuel* (*It is the time of Kings Saul and David. Israel says, "We want a king like everyone else has!"*)

For **July 26** read the book of 1st *Kings*, especially chapters 9-11 (*The rise and fall of Solomon the wisest king who was brought low by the idolatry of his many wives.*)

For **August 2** read *Jeremiah*, especially chapter 36. (*During the time of the divided kingdom - the prophet Jeremiah in Judah under king Jehoiakim*)

For **August 9** read 2 *Chronicles*, especially chapter 36 (*The destruction of the Temple and the Babylonian captivity.*)

For **August 16** read *Nehemiah*, especially chapter 8 (*The return from captivity, rebuilding the Temple, restoring the relationship, and continuing the promise.*)

Pastor Pelsue

It's Time

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven
(*Ecclesiastes 3:1*)



Summer marks the season where my vicarage comes to an end. After August 16th, I will no longer be Vicar Appel. I will miss serving you. You all have been a blessing to me and my family. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your love and support. There have been highs and lows; and through it all you have taught me the joy of being your servant in Christ.

As vicarage ends, it marks a beginning. I will begin my final year of study at the Seminary; and God willing, will receive a call in April 2010. It will also be Michael's senior year, meaning he will be off to college the following fall. Joshua will begin Middle School and is growing up fast. Heather will continue working at the Food Bank and I know packing will also be in her future. Reformation begins a year without a Vicar, a challenge to be sure.

What does the next year hold for you? I don't have the faintest. What I do know is that God is in control and has planed a time for everything. He even planed for the death of His son. God's son, Jesus Christ, who died for all of our sins at God's appointed time. We will never understand God's timing, but we know that it is always right.

We also know and have the assurance of sharing in Christ's resurrection. We know that when God's final judgment comes, that through Christ we have eternal life. We do not need to fear the future so we can enjoy the now. It is sad for me to know that I am leaving. However, I have joy knowing I have shared Christ with you, and that we have learned from one another. I have joy in Christian service to you.

Each one should use whatever gift he has receive to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

In Christ, *Vicar Appel*



JULY & AUGUST NEWS & NOTES



A VICAR'S FAREWELL

A Farewell Potluck for Vicar Appel and family is scheduled for **July 26th** right after the late service. A sign up sheet is now posted on the fellowship bulletin board. Let's take the time to show our love for Vicar and his family as he prepares to return to the Seminary for his final year.



Vicar's Love Offering Envelopes will be available on the church welcome stand on Sundays, July 19th and 26th. Place your gift in the offering plate and note "Vicar's Love Offering" on your check. The gift will be presented at the luncheon.



AFFTON EVANGELISM OUTREACH

Families who want to move to a new location often try to do so during the summer months before schools open again in the fall. There will certainly be families moving to Affton from areas both nearby and far away this summer. Some of these families may be looking for a new church, others may not believe in Jesus Christ at all. Whatever their situation, members of Reformation will be making an effort to draw them to our congregation.

If you would like to help lead new residents of Affton to Reformation, an opportunity to do so is coming soon. On **Saturday, August 8th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.**, members of the congregation will make brief visits to people who have recently moved into homes in Affton. They will be welcomed to Reformation and be given information about our congregation and the LCMS.

SUMMER OUTREACH SATURDAYS CONTINUE

You are invited to participate in our community outreach in which we will offer craft classes for the young and the young at heart in July. Come to learn, and befriend those from the community who attend.

The classes will begin each Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 noon. The schedule is as follows:

July 11th - 12yrs to adult - Beginner Crochet
- kids 4 to 11yrs - Stained Glass Project

July 25th - 12yrs to adult - Jewelry Making
- kids 4 to 11yrs - Sand Art Project

The children's crafts will include a Bible theme and are being coordinated by the Christian Education Committee. A sign-up sheet has now been posted on the fellowship bulletin board. For information please call Debbie Gawlik at 631-7355. Thank you for supporting this wonderful community outreach. *Board of Evangelism*

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009 AFTER LATE SERVICE



Picnic style lunch provided - just bring yourself, but please sign up on the sheets provided (beginning Sunday, July 19th) on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. Games, Bingo, Bouncy-inflatable, Sno-Cones and Cake Walk (sign-up for cake walk donation on Fellowship Bulletin Board). Hope to see you there!

Fellowship Committee

NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST

The following groups/organizations will not be meeting during the months of July and August:

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| Retirees | Care and Share |
| Elders | Council/Boards |
| Women's Guild | |

Meetings will resume in September. Look for dates and times in the September newsletter.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER VACATION SCHEDULE



The church office will be closed in observance of the July 4th Holiday on Friday, July 3rd. Vicar will be on vacation July 6th thru July 11th; Pastor will be on vacation July 20th thru the 25th and August 10th thru August 15th; the church secretary will be on vacation July 31st thru August 8th. Please keep these dates in mind if you need something from the church office!! If you need Pastoral care during Pastors' Vacation, call the church at 314-352-1355.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all items/articles for the **September** newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, August 17th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.



YOUTH CATECHISM

Youth Catechism resumes this fall with a brief meeting with 7th and 8th grade parents and students on **Wednesday, September 9th at 5:30 p.m.** Class will follow from about 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

(future Wednesday class times are 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.) Also, a Sunday morning (9:30 - 10:30a.m.) 6th, 7th, & 8th grade curriculum will also be an integral required part of confirmation instruction. We also would like to encourage parental participation in the 7th and 8th grade class throughout the year for an ongoing, meaningful discussion of Christian teaching between parent and child.



“FREEDOM FROM HUNGER” JULY 2009 FOOD DRIVE

Summer is difficult for all food pantries. Donations are down and the need is up. Children from low income families usually get lunch and often breakfast for little or no charge during the school year. Meanwhile, the churches, schools, organizations, and businesses which collect most of the food for the pantries either don't meet or have much less participation during the summer.

To meet this need, a group of food pantries which are members of the Food Pantry Association are organizing a month-long food drive during July called “*Freedom From Hunger*.” A decorated food “barrel” will be in the narthex for the collection of food during the month of July. Please bring a bag or two of food to church and all food will then be turned over to Feed My People at the end of the month.

Thank you for your contributions past and present.



“FINITE AND INFINITE GAMES”

Concordia Seminary invites all adults aged 55 and older to LutherHostel 2009, to be held **October 3-6**, on the Seminary's campus in Clayton, MO. Rev. John Nunes, president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief, will present on the topic of “Finite and Infinite Games.” In addition to Rev. Nunes, the event includes Bible studies, faculty presentations, tours of selected St. Louis sites, an Oktoberfest dinner, a reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dale Meyer, a candlelight dinner, special organ demonstration, and an opportunity to sit in on a seminary class.

The cost is \$325 per person, which includes all meals from Saturday evening through Tuesday lunch. On-campus dormitory housing is available at a modest cost. An optional bus tour to Perry County historical Lutheran sites is available on October 7 at an additional charge.

For more information, call Linda at 314-505-7486, or email ce@csleu.edu. For a downloadable brochure and registration form, go to www.csleu.edu and follow the links to the LutherHostel webpage.

VOLUNTEER FOR THRIVE

Would you like to help expectant mothers Thrive? The South County Pregnancy Resource Center operated by Thrive St. Louis is calling all women interested in volunteering to contact the Center immediately. Positions are available on Tuesdays from 10-2 and Thursday from 11-3 and 4-8. Volunteers are vital to the operation of our programs - we need you!

Please contact Tracy Flori, Center Manager at 314-894-7784 or email tflori@thrivestlouis.org. The South County Pregnancy Resource Center is located at 5757 Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 201, St. Louis, MO, 63123.

If you are not able to volunteer your time, please consider donating baby items (diapers, wipes, onesies) or funds. Thank you for all you do to celebrate and promote Life in our community.

Thrive St. Louis is a Christ-centered organization that empowers people to make life-affirming and healthy decisions about sex, pregnancy and relationships. For more information please visit www.thrivestlouis.org