



# Church Of the Reformation - Lutheran

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

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## Hot Time in the Summer Time

Outdoor recreation is what most of us think of - vacations, swimming, volley ball, golf, hiking, cook-outs, camping, fishing, boating, and so forth. Vacations

or weekend trips are the perfect opportunity to visit a sister Missouri Synod congregation where you're staying. Check the phonebook, internet (LCMS.org) for listings. We've also got a book (the Lutheran Annual) in the church office that lists every congregation with details of Worship Service, Sunday school times, and more. If you're going on a longer trip, be sure to take a Portals of Prayer, Bible, & Hymnal or Hymnal Supplement 98 (There are some nice short, daily orders of worship in each.) It's a good time to recreate your daily personal spiritual life too.

Let those water sports remind you of the daily refreshment you have in the waters of your baptism. Every day your sins are forgiven in Christ and you have a fresh new start in faith and life.

Boating and fishing were popular with Jesus and His disciples. Get a Bible with a concordance and look up all the references to boat... and fish... Also the Greek word for "fish" - ichthus was a secret sign among Christians because each letter stands for a word in the acrostic: I-Jesus, Ch- Christ, Th-(theos)God's, H-(huios)Son, S-(soter) Savior. There's a lot of meaning packed into that little fish.

Most of us interact a bit more freely with neighbors and people we meet in summer's activities. Try to use this for a natural way to inquire about if & where they go to church, what they believe, etc. This may open the door for you to invite them to visit our church - Reformation or an LC-MS church in their area.

I look forward to seeing you every Sunday you're not on vacation. God bless our summer!

*Pastor Pelsue*



## JULY & AUGUST NEWS & NOTES



### SUMMER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

#### ALL STAR GAME

Watch the All Star Game on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall with your COR family. Bring an appetizer or light supper item to share. There will be baseball theme coloring pages and word puzzles for children and children at heart. The festivities start at 6:30 pm. Drinks and snacks will be provided. A sign up sheet will be posted. Deadline is July 11<sup>th</sup>.



#### ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

Fried chicken from King Edward's will be served along with sides - just bring yourself, but please sign up on the sheets provided (beginning Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>) on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. A free will offering will be collected.

Games, Bingo, Bouncy-inflatable, Sno-Cones and Cake Walk (sign-up for cake walk donation on Fellowship Bulletin Board).

We are looking for any input and helpers. Also, if anyone has a canopy/awning tent that we can use, let me know. Hope to see you there! *Fellowship Committee*



CHURCH OFFICE  
VACATION SCHEDULES

The church office will be closed in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday (Sunday) on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH PROJECT



The Sunday School children are undertaking a community outreach project! They will be collecting cereal and toothpaste through Sunday July 18th. All items will be donated to the Affton Food Pantry. This is the closest food pantry to our church. All members of Reformation are invited to bring boxes of cereal and/or tubes of toothpaste for this project. A table for the collection of these items will be in the narthex.



Shelly Bliese  
Sunday School Superintendent

Dear Friends in Christ,  
I want to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during my illness, and as I continue to recover.  
I sadly write this notice of resignation due to my health.  
I will miss all the good times, laughs, smiles and all the kindness and love you all shared with me. God Bless you all!!!!  
Sincerely,  
Michael Hediger  
P.S. Keep in touch!!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all items/articles for the **September** newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students on **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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.) 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum will also be an integral required part of confirmation instruction. We also would like to encourage parental participation in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class throughout the year for an ongoing, meaningful discussion of Christian teaching between parent and child.

A NOTE FROM THE COUNTERS REGARDING MEMORIALS

Reformation provides a special card and envelope for memorials. PLEASE help the counters by using these cards.

If you do not have time to write your name and address, just place a mailing sticker on it.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Helen Matta, Counters Committee

JULY & AUGUST  
FEED MY PEOPLE MEAL-A-MONTH



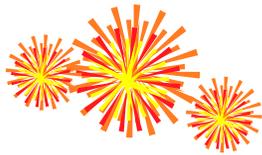
July: Pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit or juice, small box of sugar, powdered milk (optional)

August: Canned soup, crackers, non perishable cheese, cookies, powdered milk (optional)

**ALSO NEEDED:**

School Supplies: folders, notebooks, pencils, crayons, scissors, rulers, etc.

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!



## “FREEDOM FROM HUNGER” JULY 2010 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.



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## LUTHERHOSTEL 2010 “CHRIST OR CARICATURE?”

*Concordia Seminary* invites all adults aged 55 and older to LutherHostel 2010, to be held **October 2-5**, on the Seminary's campus in Clayton, MO. Dr. Paul Maier, the main presenter of the conference, is the Russell H. Seibert Professor Ancient History at Western Michigan University, the second vice-president of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and a much published author of both scholarly and popular works. At a time when the broadcast media, books like *The Da Vinci Code*, and our newspapers offer caricatures of Christ, his genuine portrait becomes even clearer when ancient history and archaeology provide fascinating additional details to the biblical record. Discussions will center on how the secular press has warped Jesus' image almost beyond recognition.

The event will also include 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 6<sup>th</sup> at an additional charge.

For more information, see the church bulletin board, or email [ce@csel.edu](mailto:ce@csel.edu). For a downloadable brochure and registration form, go to [www.csel.edu](http://www.csel.edu) and follow the links to the LutherHostel webpage.

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## CPH OFFERS TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS

*CPH* has announced the release of two new publications:

**Concordia Popular Commentary: Revelation** by *Louis A. Brighton* for \$24.99 in paperback. Dr. Brighton's best-selling Bible commentary is now available as an intermediate-level book for all Christians that provides wonderful insights without requiring people to know Greek and Hebrew. This popular edition includes the original translation and commentary in an easy-to-read format. Order number 15-5138LQS

**Law & Gospel – How to Read and Apply the Bible** by *C.F.W. Walther (A Reader's Edition)* for \$29.99 (purchase 5 or more for only \$19.99 each). Walk with Walther as a student trying to find faith. Stand with him as he shepherds God's people. Sit with him as his wife dies. These events helped to forge the setting for Walther's lectures on Law and Gospel. This is the first English edition of those lectures that connects Walther's words with the larger context of his life – and yours. His lectures have been restored in this new, contemporary translation. Order number 53-1166LQS

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

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