

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



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### Summer Time is Recreation 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 to follow. 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.

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. Invite them & their family to a Sunday Service and/or Bible Class

*Pastor Pelsue*

*Thanks be to God ... and to you!*

I want to personally thank each and all involved in celebrating my 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the ministry. From the special aspects of the worship service including former Vicar, Pastor John Meraz, to the cupcake reception, Elder comments, the Sunday School song, the decorations, the cards and gifts - it was a wonderful out pouring of love which I felt very strongly and which I appreciate very much. It was a day I will cherish always and which moves

me to thank God for His grace shown in Christ and His goodness He has shown through His people in this place.

Thank You All,

*Pastor Pelsue*



## JULY & AUGUST NEWS & NOTES



### "POUNDING" OUR NEW VICAR

Please help us to "pound" our new vicar, **Brett Hartwig**, his wife **Carrie** and daughter, **Megan**, by filling their pantry with "pounds" of dry goods (i.e. 4 pounds of sugar or flour, a pound of salt, cereal, rice, beans, canned goods etc.). Beginning the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>, a table will be placed in the narthex for the collection of these goods. Let us show our love and support for this family to whom we will be a blessing even as they are a blessing to us.

We will officially welcome our new vicar and family to Reformation on **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**, and at the church picnic.

### ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011 AFTER LATE SERVICE



Picnic style lunch provided - just bring yourself, but please sign up on the sheets provided (beginning Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>) on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. Picnic theme is Fun in the Sun. Water balloon toss competition, bubble gum contest for adults, Limbo and Hula Hoop contest for the kids, Bingo, games for

children, Cake Walk (sign-up for cake walk donation on Fellowship Bulletin Board) and attendance prizes. Hope to see you there!  
Fellowship Committee

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### SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

The meeting will take place on **Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 8:15 a.m. service in the nave of the church for the purpose of:

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

This meeting is being held due to the lack of a quorum (25 members) at the previous June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please make plans now to attend this meeting.

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### MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Men's Club will host a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:45 a.m.** All proceeds will go to the purchase of a Defibrillator for the church. A matching grant proposal to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has been submitted and approved for \$1,300 to help finance the purchase. Tickets on sale now - please see a member of the Men's Club in the narthex.

Adults - \$6.00  
Children 7-12 - \$4.00  
Under 7 years - FREE

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### SAY CHEESE!



Reformation will be producing a pictorial family album through Lifetouch Portrait Studios! There is **no cost** to have your portrait taken, and you will receive a **complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory** for participating. At your portrait session you will be able to view your images electronically and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends (just in time for the holiday gift planning). Please note you will **not be obligated** to purchase a portrait package if you do not desire. The idea is to get all of our church families photographed to be included in the directory.

You can schedule your portrait session by logging onto the church website ([www.reformationstl.org](http://www.reformationstl.org)) and clicking

the online Lifetouch link.

**OR** for those members without internet access, a church member will be in the church secretary's office between services today and will gladly help schedule a portrait session. You can also call the church office to schedule your session.

Please set aside August 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> to get your family's portrait taken for COR's upcoming pictorial directory. Our directory won't be complete without your family's participation!

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### UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

#### All Star Game Viewing Party

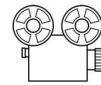
**Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm**

Bring an appetizer or light supper dish to share. Drinks will be provided.



#### Movie Afternoon

**July 31st after second service**



Come and watch "Uncle Nino," a light hearted, feel good Christian based movie. A discussion of the movie will follow. Bring an appetizer of light lunch item to share. Drinks will be provided.

#### Remember When Potluck to honor Veterans

**November 13<sup>th</sup>**

Bring a dish that you liked as a child, or a favorite meal item that you made for your family. Decade Dress Up Contest - dress up in the style of your favorite decade. Three categories: adult, teen and child. Voting will be done by cash donations with the money going toward an organization that works with the military and /or veterans. Also, I would like members to share photos of their childhood and family photos. These will be displayed the day of the potluck. Any suggestions and ideas to make this a memorable event, please let me know.



Julia Graudin, 314-832-2266

Fellowship Chair

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### NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST

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

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

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

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## 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.

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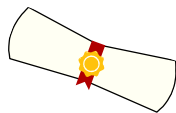
## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

### UNIVERSITY

★**Andrea Miller** graduated from Maryville University with a degree in Strategic Communication. She is currently doing contract work for purePR and plans to pursue a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership.

★**Jill Pelsue** graduated from St. Louis Community College at Forest Park with an Associates degree in Culinary Arts. She is currently employed by Catering St. Louis.

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!

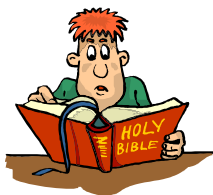


## CHURCH OFFICE VACATION SCHEDULES

The church office will be closed in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Sheri will be on vacation July 5<sup>th</sup> thru July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these dates in mind if you need something from the church office!!

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## 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 7<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.) 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.

## FEED MY PEOPLE MEAL-A-MONTH



### JULY MENU

**Main Menu:** Complete beef meal with meat included, canned green vegetables (low sodium or low salt), canned fruit in light syrup or own juices, whole wheat flour, powdered milk or shelf stable boxed milk or soy milk.

**Additional Items:** Breakfast Food Month! Cold cereal-low sugar; oatmeal-plain or low sugar; sugar free or low sugar juices in plastic bottles.

### AUGUST MENU

**Main Menu:** Canned chicken, brown rice, canned, low sodium soup, canned corn (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 Care Month! Diapers, diaper wipes and formula with iron.

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!

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## LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE

August 20, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*"Are We Still Fighting the Crusades?"*

Concordia Seminary

801 Seminary Place, Sieck Hall - Room 202

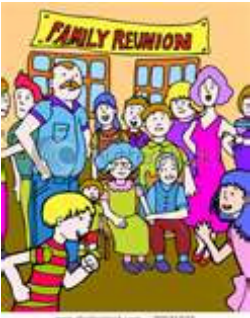
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Cost: \$20 per person (payable to Concordia Seminary)

Registration Deadline: August 10, 2011-06-28

Crusade is still a powerful word. Whether applied to current armed conflicts or used as anti-Christian polemic, certain ideas and images of the crusades seem to be alive and well. But what were the crusades, really? This course will define crusade examine the religious origins of the crusading movement, recount the conquest of the Holy Land (as well as its subsequent loss), and explore the expansion of the crusading idea beyond the Middle Ages.

This one day seminar will be presented by Dr. Paul Robinson. For a registration form, please call the church office (314-352-1355) or call Concordia Seminary at the number above to register.



# Family Reunion

We're in the beginning of the "good ole'

summertime," when the livin' is easy with its slower pace. Better said than done, especially when we have so much to do so we can go on vacation.

Part of summertime is the family reunion. A short time layered with family members, food, and fun. Family stories and remembrances are told; food recipes, long-held sacred, are recreated with love for the whole family; catching up with those present and concern for those absent strengthen the bonds that make our family.

You may not realize that every Sunday morning is a family reunion at Reformation Church. The story of God's family - our story - is told as His Word is read and proclaimed. We hear and remember what our great, great, great, great-grandparents did in the Garden of Eden, Egypt, exile and how God rescued His people time and again. We hear how our brother Jesus came to earth to rescue us from our sin and death. We see how infants and adults become members of the family through the water and Word of Holy Baptism. We taste the food from Heaven as we eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of

sins. We express our concern for those who are sick or absent as we pray to our heavenly Father.

Even though the family reunion comes to an end, we leave strengthened and renewed in our faith in Jesus and strengthened in the bonds that keep us together as a family.

There's room for you at God's family reunion this weekend and every weekend. It really is too good to miss.

Let's bring the family together this Sunday!