



The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod

With Christ at the Heart

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Summer Vacations . . . time for R(est) & R(elaxation)

Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he (Jesus) said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31

In our hyperactive U.S. culture the above verse of Scripture sounds very contemporary. It is great to take some time off in the summer for a family or personal vacation. We all need to get away from it all (the rat race & the noise) to get some quiet and rest. If you're like me, it gives you a new perspective when you get back.

How would you like to have a weekly vacation - a quiet place to get away and rest? Sound too good to be true? That's what Sunday morning worship Sunday School, and Bible Class are all about! A time to withdraw from the world and gather in God's quiet place and rest as the Holy Spirit does His restorative work through God's Word, Confession and Absolution, and the Body and Blood of Christ. Here we also encourage one another, and pray for one another.

You wouldn't skip your summer vacation would you? Don't skip your weekly one either. God will give you a new perspective each week that will help you through!

See you on vacation . . . next Sunday
In Christ, Pastor Pelsue

Vicar's Corner

How will they hear?

Romans 10:14-15



I cannot believe that my year of vicarage is almost done. It has gone by fast but it has been an amazing journey. As I was picking up a few things on the seminary campus last week, I came across the theme that the seminary has had since I got there, "How will they hear?" It made me start reflecting on my time here at Reformation.

You all have been a blessing to serve among and have given me valuable lessons that I will take with me as I continue to share the great news of Jesus with others. You provided opportunities in teaching Bible class, preaching, and just the daily interactions with you as we go about the highs and lows of this life. You all should feel honored in helping form future pastors, not only myself, but all of the vicars that have come through Reformation as well as all the field-workers.

You have helped me grow in so many areas in my faith that will help me to proclaim the message of our Lord and Savior to those who need to hear the message of Christ. Know that you all will hold a very special place in my heart and I will never forget my time here at Reformation as together we worshiped and praised our Heavenly Father!

So as you read what Paul wrote to the Romans, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news," be reminded that you have played a role in shaping a future preacher who will preach the "good news" to His people! To God be the Glory, Amen!

In Christ, Vicar Brett



JULY & AUGUST NEWS & NOTES



SUMMER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

ALL STAR GAME

Watch the All Star Game on **Tuesday, July 10th** in the parish hall with your COR family. Little Caesar's pizzas will be ordered. Bring other snack items to share. Sign up sheet for pizza orders will be posted. Freewill donations to cover costs of pizzas. The festivities start at 6:30 pm. Drinks will be provided.



VICAR'S FAREWELL

A Farewell Potluck for Vicar Brett and his family is scheduled for **August 12th** right after the late service. Look for a sign up sheet to be posted on the fellowship bulletin board. Let's take the time to show our love for Brett, Carrie, Megan and Sarah as Brett 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 29th and August 5th. Place your gift in the offering plate and note "Vicar's Love Offering" on your check. The gift will be presented at the luncheon.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2012 AFTER LATE SERVICE



Picnic style lunch provided – just bring yourself, but please sign up on the sheets provided (beginning Sunday, July 22nd) on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. Games, contests, cake walk and prizes! Hope to see you there!



TALENT SHOW DEDICATED TO OUR COR VETERANS November 11th – 12:00 noon

Look for more details for all upcoming activities in future bulletin announcements!

Julia Graudin, Fellowship Chair
314-832-2266

I SPY CHRISMONS!



WHO - everyone is invited!

WHAT - Reformation's summer family event
(think evening VBS)

WHERE - meet in the fellowship hall

WHEN - Wednesday evening 5:30pm
July 11, 18, and 25

WHY - To provide fellowship time for our church family! To provide new Chrismons for our Christmas tree!

HOW - We'll start with a dinner!
(free will offering to help defray costs)
Move on to a little education about Chrismons!
Then we'll try crafting some for our Christmas tree!

Some special activities for our youngest!

YOUTH EVENTS



July 15th – 16th – Venture Crew, Youth Group & Troop 473 **FLOAT TRIP!** Float on the Meramec River, explore Green Cave and amazing fishing opportunities! The cost is \$37 per person which covers the campsite, canoe, 2 dinners, 1 breakfast and 1 lunch. See the church bulletin board for more information or call Martin or Karen Liebmann, 314-544-1152.

From the Stewardship Board ...



Summer is finally here! Now comes the time for barbecue, swimming and a whole host of outdoor activities. Like many of you I am looking forward to my summer vacation. Whether you are traveling far away, or staying in town to see some local sights, I pray you all have a safe and fun summer break.

Of course we all know that while many of us are traveling we are not able to come to church. Church attendance notoriously drops during the summer months no matter what part of the country you are in. Some churches go to great lengths to maintain higher attendance levels in the summer months by offering more social events and even attendance prizes! Yet, that fact of the matter remains.... if you are traveling this summer odds

are you aren't going to be in church on Sunday.

Just because you are on vacation doesn't mean you are taking a vacation from God. So don't forget to pack your Bible and any other devotional materials you have. Find time during your busy itinerary to spend with God, especially to thank him for the opportunity that He has given you to go on a vacation. As you prepare for your trip and make your reservations don't forget your offering envelopes either. You can still turn in your tithes before you leave for your trip. Remember, we still have to still maintain our good stewardship of God's word and God's house, even if we are sitting somewhere on a beach.

Yours in Christ, Linda LaFlamme

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" -Luke 12:6

NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST



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

- Retirees
- Elders
- Wednesday Morning Bible Class
- Care and Share
- Council/Boards

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

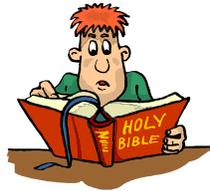
Please be sure you have all items/articles for the **September** newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, August 20th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.

**CHURCH OFFICE
VACATION SCHEDULES**



- Pastor will be off on Monday, July 2nd and on vacation July 3rd.
 - Sheri will be off on Monday, July 2nd and on vacation July 3rd.
 - The church office will be closed in observance of the July 4th Holiday on Wednesday, July 4th.
 - Vicar will be on vacation July 5th and 6th.
- Please keep these dates in mind if you need something from the church office!!

YOUTH CATECHISM



Youth Catechism resumes this fall with a brief meeting with 7th and 8th grade parents and students on **Wednesday, September 5th 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.) 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.

AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS



COR has seen an increase of people asking for help to purchase food for their families. As members of the Affton Christian Food Pantry (ACFP), we are now able to refer families to them to receive food, but, this is done by appointment with ACFP before receiving food. So in order to help families with immediate needs, ACFP suggests Emergency Food Pre-Packs which consists of enough pre-packaged food to feed a family of 4 for two or more days. Over the next couple of months, COR will be collecting these food items in addition to our regular collection.

Emergency Food Pre-Pack Items for June:

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| Canned Vegetables | Canned Fruit |
| Canned Fish | Canned Beans |
| Canned Soup | Tomatoes & Sauces |
| Pasta | Pasta Sauce |
| Cereal | Rice |
| Peanut Butter | Jelly |
| Flour | Sugar |
| Entrée Items (stew, chili, hash, sloppy joe, etc.) | |
| Powdered milk or shelf stable boxed milk or soy milk. | |

Also, donations of \$\$\$ for the purchase of frozen meat, bread, butter, eggs and potatoes would be greatly appreciated. Make your check payable to Reformation but indicate **"Emergency Food Pre-Pack" on the memo line.**

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

LUTHERHOSTEL 2012
“ONE KING – TWO KINGDOMS:
LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN AMERICAN”

Concordia Seminary invites all adults aged 55 and older to LutherHostel 2012, to be held **October 6-9**, on the Seminary's campus in Clayton, MO.

Everyone knows that in polite conversation two topics are taboo: religion and politics. This year's LutherHostel will not be polite conversation! Ideas about how Christian faith and political responsibility fit together abound, but are often misinformed and misguided. In an election year, the confusion seems to increase. Following the lead of Luther, we will consider more carefully what exactly it means to be a Christian American, and how we should learn to fit these two realities together faithfully and effectively.

The event will also include Bible studies, faculty presentations, tours of selected St. Louis sites, 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 6th at an additional charge.

For more information, see the church bulletin board, or email ce@csl.edu. For a downloadable brochure and registration form, go to www.csl.edu and follow the links to the LutherHostel webpage.



ISM FURNITURE GIVE-A-WAY

Join ISM-St. Louis (International Student Ministry) as we welcome new international students with our Welcome & Furniture Give-Away. Most students arrive in St. Louis with just a few suitcases. Upon arrival, one of their first tasks is to furnish their apartments with basic items. ISM-St. Louis helps by collecting used furniture and household items in "ready to use" condition. If you have articles to donate, please email your name, address, phone number and list of household items to Chris Culley at wufurnituregiveaway@gmail.com or call him at 314-452-6406.

All items will be picked up by volunteers on Friday, August 17. (It is helpful for church families to collect small items together so we can make one stop to pick them up. We are happy to pick up furniture from the ground floor of donors' homes.) On Saturday, August 18, volunteers set up everything in a covered parking garage at Wash. U. Then, we distribute everything to the students and help deliver the items to their apartments. If you would like to help please contact Chris Culley (see above). If you have a van or pick-up truck, please bring it on Saturday the 18th.

Suggestions for Furniture/Household Item Donations: dressers, desks, beds/futons, mattresses, small tables, chairs, small sofas, book cases, pots & pans, rice cookers and other small kitchen appliances, dishes, cups, glasses, silverware, bowls, lamps, bed linens, towels, kitchen gadgets, rugs and bicycles. *Thank You!*



TRANSPORTATION FOR SHUT-INS!

COR has several members living at Laclede Groves who would like to attend church on Sunday but require transportation. If you can help with this need, please contact the church office at 314-352-1355. Ideally, we would like 4 or more families to volunteer so that each family would only be picking up Laclede Groves residents once a month or less. Please prayerfully consider this request. Thank you.

"HOW TO RAISE A PURE CHILD IN TODAY'S SOCIETY"

This seminar will be presented by Audrey Werner, R.N., B.S.N., at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, 5252 S. Lindbergh Blvd., on **Tuesday, July 17th, at 7 p.m.** Whether you have a 2 year-old or a teenager, there are great resources available for parents of all ages, but the key is knowing what is a biblical approach and what is not. Come find out what the origins of sex education were and how to avoid a secular approach to this sensitive and important topic. The event is sponsored by Lutherans for Life of South St. Louis. There is no cost to attend but a freewill offering would be appreciated to help cover the speaker's expenses. See the bulletin board for more information.

UN-APPROVED MINUTES for CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION-LUTHERAN
Church Council Meeting, June 14, 2012

PRESENT: Mark Bliese, Julia Graudin, Brenda Hargett, Derek Hotzel, Jack Jeffcott, Dan, Kamp, Linda LaFlamme, Dan Reimler, Dale Thielker, Lee Thielker, Hal Uthoff, Pastor Pelsue, Vicar Hartwig.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Vicar had a devotion, taken from the Lutheran Hour Ministries "The Colors", which used Acts 4:18-20 as its theme. It spoke of Civil War honor guards, carrying their colors into battle, very often dying because of carrying those colors. We too carry our colors, the cross of Christ, throughout the fallen world. Hal will have the devotion for September.

The minutes of the May 10, 2012 Church Council meeting were reviewed. A correction was noted in Pastor's report. It should read "Gulfport, MS", not "Gulfport, LA" in the second to last sentence. Dale Thielker moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Brenda Hargett seconded his motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report, but an observation. It seems that Sunday morning Bible study attendance has been down lately. Hal did note that they were gone for a few Sundays, so he wasn't sure if this was a continuing trend or just a short-term issue.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lee Thielker presented Dan Kamp's report on the monthly income summary for May 2012. Regular envelopes amounted to \$14,715, with interest to checking and savings of \$.41 and Thrivent Foundation & eScrip electronic fund transfers of \$167.70 (\$35 was from eScrip), for a subtotal toward budgeted expenses was \$15,769.86. Total income of \$16,381.36 was collected for the month. The full reports can be viewed on the bulletin board near the nursery.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dan Kamp presented Dale Thielker's report. He noted that we are current on all obligations. We had budgeted expenses of \$16,612 for May. There were \$1,358 in non-budgeted expenses. Notable items from the expenses were \$157 for the fire system inspection and \$193 for the spring vicarage fee. A question was asked about having two months of fire system inspections. This month's expenses were for hand fire extinguishers, last month's were for the hood in the kitchen.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor reported that he has been working with the elders on membership matters. He has had no funerals in the last month but numerous visitations, both for homebound and hospitalized members. He attended the circuit meeting at Peace Lutheran Church. He reviewed a number of issues for the Missouri District Convention with the elders. He attended the installation of Rev. Robert Briggs as Chaplain for Mackenzie Place. He attended a leadership conference at Webster Gardens Lutheran Church. His Wednesday morning Bible class will break for summer, and Sunday morning Bible class will use a powerpoint on stewardship.

VICAR'S REPORT: Vicar will continue to preach his scheduled times up until the end of his vicarage assignment. He has made numerous homebound visitations. He attended the circuit meeting with Pastor and led the exegetical study. Monday night's Bible study is on "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School" from Lutheran Hour Ministries' Men's Network. He is using a 4 week study from Concordia Seminary's "In The Word" series on Matthew 18 for upcoming weeks in Sunday morning Adult Bible Study. His Sunday morning youth class will be watching some videos, like Bruce Almighty, to see how Hollywood views religion. He, along with Rev. Gerike and Pastor attended the funeral of Rev. Dr. Paul Heerboth.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Linda LaFlamme stated she will write a thank you letter to Schnucks for our participation in the eScrip program. Linda has checked with both Dierbergs and Shop and Save about their eScrip program. Dierbergs and Shop and Save want money up front for the eScrip cards. This is not as desirable as Schnucks. Linda is thinking of having a couple of using a couple of Sundays for focusing on medication checks. Pastor stated that the pharmacist at the Medicine Shoppe next to church could possibly help.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM: Vacant.

BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP: Julie Graudin reported we received \$30 at the Ascension Ice Cream Social to put toward the Chrismon VBS materials. She stated Pat Stelzer's farewell reception was well attended and a special thank you to Pastor for his comments during the reception. There were about \$100 in receipts for that event. June 20 members will

travel to Lutheran Saxon Memorial to view their facilities. June 24 will be the Marx Brothers movie after late church. August 12 is Vicar's farewell, with the church picnic on August 26. November 11 will be the talent show in honor of our veterans and Julie will again sponsor a Sunday school party after their Christmas program practice.

BOARD OF ELDERS: Dan Reimler stated the elders met June 6. Approved the transfer out of Pat Stelzer to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville, Illinois. Dan also had a long list of names to be removed from the church roster by self-exclusion. David Bennington; Kay, Champagne and William Brahan; Joan Geidel; Warren Gibbs; Cynthia, Robert, Melissa and Patricia Haas; Mark Haas; James Hehmeyer; James Kirkwood; William Kirkwood; Judy McLean; Kimberly, Abigail and Benjamin Moredock; Dirk and Holly Preus; LeEtta Robinson and Ben Schubert. Christopher Bennington was also considered for self-exclusion, but he has written to church asking for a transfer. A question was asked if any of these members have been contacted in person or by phone and asked why they were not attending. Pastor stated some had been contacted in person or via a phone call.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES: Jack Jeffcott reported that the sink in the nursery has been cleared and is draining well. Absolute Roofing and American Roofing are submitting bids for roof repair and replacement. It was brought to Jack's attention that the weeds in the parking lot might need attention. Jack stated he will get products from his company to eradicate the weeds. Jack will also look into cleaning the gutters, which will possibly be part of the roof repairs.

BOARD OF FINANCE: Dale Thielker presented Lee Thielker's report, noting we had a deficit for the month of \$842, but a surplus of \$3621 for the year to date. We have \$26,330 cash available for budgeted expenses, and the Vicarage Fund has a balance of \$8,798.

Dan also mentioned that we received a refund of \$4,765 from health insurance premiums. He also mentioned that Jehoiada funds have not been designated as of this date.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Brenda Hargett reported the Sunday school will make a shut-in visit on July 15. They will be sharing an upcoming story of Jesus calming the storm. Initial plans are being made for a baptismal breakfast for August 19. The children are looking forward to the church picnic and Christian education Sunday on August 26. A report was submitted by Shelly Bliese concerning the I Spy Chrismon VBS. Between the bake sale and the Ascension Ice Cream Social, \$260 was taken in for materials. Special thanks for a generous donation to the Chrismon material fund. I Spy Chrismons is scheduled July 11, 18, and 25, which are Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Brats will be served on July 11, the Men's Club will sponsor a pancake supper. Joyce and Carol Drechsel have evaluated all the current Chrismons and have provided storage bins for them. Lynn Borchelt evaluated the directions for crafting the Chrismons. A group of members met June 13 to determine which designs we should attempt and the supplies needed. Please come and have fellowship with your fellow members at dinner and educate yourself on what a Chrismon is and why we at Reformation decorate our Christmas tree with them.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vicar reported the Reformation Facebook page has been reclaimed and we now have control of it.
- A report by the Ad-hoc Financial Committee was given. The committee had met two more times since the last church council meeting. The decision was made to make an "Exceptional Gift Processing Guideline" instead of a binding vote by both the church council and congregation. The guideline will be presented to the congregation for their approval. This guideline is based on the concept of "give some, spend some, save some". There would be a tithe recommendation, a House of God recommendation, a mission recommendation, an outreach recommendation and a "Save some" recommendation. The committee gave specific recommendation amounts and recipients for our current large gift. Each recommendation will be brought to church council for approval one item at a time, which will in turn be brought to the voters for their approval. Hal commended the committee for their work and recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark Bliese gave a short report on the Missouri District Convention. A future presentation to the congregation would also be given at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT: Lee Thielker moved to adjourn. Dale Thielker seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m., closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mark J. Bliese, Secretary



July Birthdays!

1 st	<i>Shirley Ciegel</i>	14 th	<i>Thomas Gill</i>	25 th	<i>Laura Pelsue</i>
2 nd	<i>Linda Koenig</i>		<i>Acacia Jones</i>	27 th	<i>Wilma Lind</i>
	<i>Micah Hung</i>	17 th	<i>Derek Hotzel</i>	28 th	<i>Betty Suschank</i>
5 th	<i>Thomas Lowe</i>	18 th	<i>Zachary Groppe</i>	30 th	<i>Deborah Larson</i>
	<i>Inga Duke</i>	20 th	<i>Joyce Drechsel</i>		
7 th	<i>Ada Venn</i>	23 rd	<i>Dorothy Wilke</i>		
9 th	<i>Lucas Hung</i>	24 th	<i>Daniel Bliese</i>		
	<i>Johanna Dehne</i>		<i>Matthew Franklin</i>		
11 th	<i>Tony Diego</i>		<i>David Adams</i>		
13 th	<i>Joseph Bauer</i>		<i>Jack Jeffcott</i>		

*God's Blessings
To You*

July Schedule

	<u>8:15 Service</u>	<u>10:45 Service</u>
Altar Guild Schedule:		
July 1 st	Ann Miller	
July 8 th		Betty Heermann
July 15 th	Ann Miller	
July 22 nd		Betty Heermann
July 29 th	Ann Miller	Betty Heermann
Greeters Schedule:		
July 1 st	Ann Greb	Mary Lou Tucker
July 8 th	Anne Greb	Mark & Deb Eischer
July 15 th	Shirley Ciegel	Norma Grau
July 22 nd	Ron & Judie Paul	Joyce & Carol Drechsel
July 29 th	Lisa Adams	Mildred Wotli
Usher Schedule:		
	Don Bartz	Dale Thielker
	Dan Dowling	Lee Thielker
	Mike Klemme	
	Richard Koenig	
Acolyte Schedule:		
July 1 st	Philip Bliese	John Schilling
July 8 th	Katie Meyer	Mary LaFlamme
July 15 th	John Larson	Christian Liebmann
July 22 nd	Philip Bliese	Haven Liebmann
July 29 th	Katie Meyer	Mary LaFlamme

August Birthdays!

1st Don EerNisse
Keith Taylor
4th Esther Friedewald
Rev. David Pelsue
6th Rosemary Smith
7th Barbara Rowland
8th Gloria Lawton
12th Michelle Starns
Ruby Brown
15th Sharon Burgeois
Lorna Larson
Joan Wunderlich

16th Carol Reimler
17th Rev. Henry Gerike
19th Judie Paul
20th Katherine Kirkwood
Jamie McAlister
Nicholas Venn
22nd Marion Lewis
23rd Dorothy Schmidt
26th Anthony Pelsue
27th Stacey Hill
28th Kasey Duneman
29th Jason Franklin

30th Stephen Gill

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August Schedule

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August 19th
August 26th

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August 5th
August 12th
August 19th
August 26th

Don & Karin Bartz
Anne Greb
Sandy Townsend
Shirley Ciegel

Denny & Jan Schrader
Mary Lou Tucker
Marilyn Jones
Hal & Lois Uthoff

Usher Schedule:

Daniel Bliese
Chia Hung
Mike Klemme
Ron Paul

Mark Graudin
Bev Heermann

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Philip Bliese
Katie Meyer
Micah Hung

John Schilling
Christian Liebmann
Mary LaFlamme
Haven Liebmann