



Church Of the Reformation - Lutheran

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Kids Are Hitting the Books This Fall... How About You?

Yes, it's back to school time once again.
Doesn't it inspire you to want to learn

more too! Bible study and discussion groups at Reformation are a great way to expand your horizons. Consider adding one of the following to your schedule:

- ❖ **Sunday mornings at 9:30** Professor Dave Lewis is giving a provocative analysis of St. Mark's Gospel, showing that it is greater depth and complexity than many would claim. Do you know who the Herodians were in Mark 3:6? Come to this class and find out.
- ❖ **Monday evenings** beginning September 13th at 7:00 – "Who Am I, What Am I Doing Here?" (a four part video series featuring Professor Joel Biermann of Concordia Seminary)
- ❖ **Wednesday mornings** from 9:30-11:00 a.m. beginning September 8th we'll be joining a video discussion of Rev. Hal Senbeil's book, Dying to Live, the Power of Forgiveness.
- ❖ **Or start your own daily Bible reading regimen** by turning to page 302 in your Lutheran Service Book and following the daily lectionary. The readings for Sept. 1st are 1Kings 18:1-19 and Ephesians 1:1-23.

I along with St. Peter challenge you to "take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." (2 Peter 3:17b,18)

Pastor Pelsue

SEPTEMBER NEWS & NOTES



WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The Women's Guild welcomes all women of our congregation to our next meeting on **Tuesday, September 7th at 12:30 p.m. in classroom 2.** We will play the "Missing Name Game" for our program.

The Guild meets the first Tuesday of every month except July and August. We have great fun and fellowship. Please come! We hope to see you there!

Women's Guild President

CARE & SHARE will meet on **Thursday, September 30th at 9:30 a.m.** for the assembling of quilts, layettes, laprobes, etc.



BUSY HANDS NEEDED FOR CARE BEARS!!

Ever wish you could be doing something useful with your hands while watching TV or listening to music. Well the Care Bears have an idea. Help is needed sewing quilting squares together. Squares are already cut and in proper order – all you need to do is sew!!

Also, all Ladies of Reformation are invited to join Care and Share. This group meets the last Thursday of the month, from 9:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. to make quilts, layettes, lap-robos, shawls, etc. and then distributes them to families and organizations in need. Sewing expertise is not required. Soooooo if you would like more information about this *cut-up and tacky bunch*, please call.



BELL CHOIR RINGERS NEEDED!

Bell Choir Rehearsal resumes on **Wednesday, September 8th at 5:30 p.m.**

Bells practice every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. except during Advent and Lent they start at 5:15. They break for the summer. Bells play during worship service on average once a month. Playing bells is not complicated but you must be able to count from 1 to 6. Come on and give it a try! For more information call.

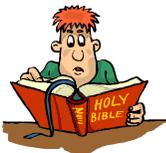
A TASTE OF CHOIR

The Reformation Christus Family Choir invites you to give singing in the choir a try. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join us on **September 1st and 8th** and see if it's for you. Future rehearsals begin on October 6th.

Come and enjoy the company of fellow believers. You don't have to be a great singer, just be willing to give it a chance! For more information, see Rev. Gerike.

CATECHISM CLASS AND PARENT'S MEETING

Youth Catechism resumes on **Wednesday, September 8th at 5:30 p.m.** We will begin with a brief meeting followed by class until 7:00 p.m. This meeting and class is for the 7th and 8th grade students and their parents. A Sunday morning (9:30 – 10:30a.m.) 7th, & 8th grade curriculum will also be an integral required part of confirmation instruction. I strongly encourage attendance by one parent in the 7th and 8th grade Wednesday class throughout the year for an ongoing, meaningful discussion of Christian teaching between parent and child.



Pastor Pelsue



WHEN TO CALL THE PASTOR

Many people think the only time to call the Pastor is when there is an illness or a death in the family. These are important times to notify the Pastor, but not the only times. In an increasingly complex world -- when we are pressured from every side in daily living - here are some suggested times when it would be appropriate to call upon your Pastor's services, friendship and support:

- *When there is a birth in the family.
- *When there is a death in the family.
- *When someone close to you is ill or in the hospital, or

in need of spiritual help.

- *When someone in the family is going off to college or joining the armed forces.
- *When there are marital problems and before you call the lawyer.
- *When someone in the congregation has done something to anger you.
- *When you have a question about the Bible, Christianity or Lutheranism.
- *When something in your life is troubling you.
- *When alcohol or drug dependency is a problem for you or someone close.
- *When you just plain want someone to talk with.
- *When you want to be specifically remembered in prayer.

The pastor of a congregation does more than lead worship and preach on Sunday morning. A pastor is concerned with the lives of people and unfortunately the pastor is often times the last to know about major events in people's lives because people forget to tell them. Whenever you need the pastor's help or care...don't hesitate to call, stop by or leave a note. Pastor Pelsue can be reached at 314-352-1355.



WHEN TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

- Your committee or group plans to have a meeting, or cancel a meeting – it can then be put on the church calendar and/or in the bulletin.
- Bulletin/Newsletter announcements.
- Change of Address for yourself or child.
- A child arrives in your family.
- You want to schedule a wedding/baptism.
- A death occurs in your family.

The secretary is in the office from Tuesday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If calling after hours, please leave a message and someone will return your call asap.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Join us for our Monday Evening Bible Class which resumes on Monday, **September 13th at 7:00 p.m.** Our topic: *"Who Am I, What Am I Doing Here?"* (a four part video series featuring Professor Joel Biermann of Concordia Seminary) will be lead by Pastor Pelsue or one of our returning seminarians.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all items/articles for the October newsletter into the church office by no later

than **Monday, September 20th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.



RETIREES GET TOGETHER

You're invited to join the Retirees for an afternoon of fun on **Tuesday, September 28th, at 12:00 noon**. The program and lunch menu will be announced in an upcoming bulletin.

ACOLYTES

September is the month where we welcome new acolytes. Students (boys and girls) entering 5th grade thru high school are invited to serve at the Lord's Altar. Acolytes are trained, practice, and then begin serving in worship. Call the church office at 352-1355 for more information.



Please help us in thanking all the dedicated Acolytes who have served this past year:

Philip Bliese	Tony Diego
Zach Groppe	Robert Klemme
John Larson	Christian Liebmann
Haven Liebmann	Katie Meyer
Jonathan Paul	Staas Wolter

MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Reformation Men's Club will be **Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m.** All men of Reformation are invited to join!



The Men's Club has scheduled another **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** for **Sunday, November 14th**. This fund raiser will also go towards the restoration of the sanctuary windows. More details will follow in the October Newsletter.

SEPTEMBER FEED MY PEOPLE MEAL-A-MONTH



Canned Spaghetios, potted meat or deviled ham, crackers, cookies, powdered milk (opt.)

A list of these foods is available by the narthex *Feed My People* basket for ease when shopping. Return the bag

of groceries to the narthex basket. Please - no glass containers or clothing. The basket is for food items only. Thank you for your donations!

HEALTHY FOOD DONATIONS

Lower income families tend to have higher rates of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and other health conditions related to poor nutrition. In addition, these families often have limited access to inexpensive, fresh, and nutritious foods. This often leads to the purchase and consumption of foods high in fat, sugar, and sodium. Please help your local food pantry improve the quality of the food it distributes by donating the following healthy items:

Fruit: Canned fruit in light syrup or own fruit juices; dried fruits, 100% canned or boxed juice.

Vegetables: Low-sodium or "no salt added" canned vegetables and tomato products.

Poultry/Fish/Beans/Nuts: Canned chicken, turkey, salmon or tuna in water; canned or dried beans; low-sodium/low-fat soups and broths; unsalted nuts.

Grains: Brown rice, whole wheat pastas and cereals; plain or low-sugar oatmeal; granola bars; low-fat crackers, cookies, muffins.

Dairy: Powdered milk; boxed soy milk; fat-free pudding.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS!



FESTIVAL SUNDAY (Christian Growth Sunday) took place on August 22nd in which the Sunday

School students celebrated their promotion to new classes. Congregational gifts were given to students entering 3rd, 4th and 7th grade. A *Faith Alive Bible* was given to Alex Jeffcott. *Lutheran Service Books* were given to Timmy David, Matthew Franklin, Lucas Hung, Elizabeth Paul, and Marissa Lewis. *Luther's Small Catechism* was given to the incoming confirmation class students. They are - Karlee Duneman and John Lewis. All Sunday School students add their talents to the worship service. Please keep these children and our other youth in your prayers.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



COUNTRY HARVEST/OKTOBERFEST POTLUCK

Everyone is invited to a Country Harvest - Oktoberfest Potluck on **Sunday, October 24th immediately following the late service (12:00 noon)**. Members are encouraged to bring either good ole' fashioned country cooking or a German dish. German/Country Music will be played for listening. Look for more information in upcoming Sunday

announcements.

NEW YEARS EVE

An informal gathering is being planned for after the **7:00 p.m.** service. Further details will be coming.



leader, you have a say as to how funds are used in your community and you get to help congregations make the most of the resources available to them. Job Descriptions for the following positions can be found on Thrivent.com. **We need candidates for the following positions:**

- President,**
- Vice-president,**
- Records Director,**
- Financial Director,**
- Director of Congregational Advocates,**
- Communication Director,**
- Community Service Team Director,**
- Youth Director, and**
- Events Director.**



MEN'S CLUB FUND RAISER - THINK RECYCLE!!

The Reformation Men's Club is starting a new electronics recycling program called "Think Recycle". We earn funds by recycling cell phones, inkjet cartridges and toner cartridges. The items need to be in good condition with no modifications. Start collecting your spent cartridges and unwanted phones now. A recycle collection box is in the narthex and the parish hall.



If you are interested in being a chapter leader or if there is someone in your congregation you would recommend, please contact Amy Hotzel, 314-256-0549. With your help, the chapter can continue to provide charitable, educational, and member social opportunities to members in your congregation and community.



CONCORDIA SEMINARY LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE

Wednesdays, October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27, 2010
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Sieck Hall – Room 202
Concordia Seminary

*“Living as Citizens of Heaven and Citizens of America:
The Role of Christians in a Democratic Society”*

Does God have a political party? Does following Jesus mean ignoring the government? What happens when the government ignores – or imposes on – the church laws that run contrary to Scripture? Should the church speak up on controversial issues or leave that to individual Christians?

This workshop is being led by Dr. Charles Arand, professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary. The cost is \$30.00 per person and the registration deadline is September 28, 2010. For more information, call the office of Continuing Education and Parish Services at 314-505-7486.

LUTHER HOSTEL 2010

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. The cost is \$325 per person, which includes all meals from Saturday evening through Tuesday lunch.

For more information or to obtain registrations forms, please call the church office at 314-352-1355.

DORMITORY DILEMMA



Do you have kids in college? Have they found the LCMS Campus Ministry at their school, or a local church where they can worship?

Please let the church office know where they are attending school, or give their address (and other contact information) to the church office. We can put them in touch with nearby churches or the LCMS Campus Ministry at their school.

Colleges and universities no longer share student information with the campus ministries, so unless your son or daughter finds a church poster on the bulletin board in the dorm's laundry room, this is the best way to get them connected to a local church.

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FALL ELECTIONS
- CONSIDER BEING A CHAPTER LEADER

The chapter election period, which is from September 1 to November 30, and current chapter leadership boards are looking for nominees to fill the ballot. Would you consider serving as a chapter leader, or do you know someone in your congregation who might? As a chapter