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Good Friday in September?

Why not? After all, we had Christmas (Chrismons) in July! I say this because looking at the calendar, September 26th is Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement.

In the Old Testament (Exodus 30) the high priest of Israel after purification would enter the Holy of Holies with the blood of a sacrifice to atone for the sins of the people. The author of Hebrews tells us that Christ Himself was our atoning sacrifice once for all on the cross on Good Friday.

... Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

So, by hearing of Yom Kippur on the Jewish calendar, we are reminded of the once for all fulfillment of the day of atonement in Christ's perfect sacrifice for all. This gives us a new beginning with God each day. "His mercies are new every morning . . . great is His faithfulness" (Lam 3:22, 23)

Labor Day marks the end of summer break and a return to school and in the church there is a **renewal in Christian Growth** through added emphasis on Sunday School and Bible Class (which we recognized early this year on Aug. 26th.)

Sunday-Schoolers move up a grade and begin a new quarter of curriculum. This would be a great time to renew your commitment to your own and your child's Christian growth. Catechism classes resume on Wednesdays at an earlier time (5:00 - 6:30 p.m.) starting September 5th for 7th and 8th graders.

If you're not currently attending the Sunday morning Bible class, now's a good time to join. Don't overlook the **Monday** evening class on Exodus with fieldworker Matt Resner (6-7p.m. beginning September 10th) or the **Wednesday** morning class with from 9:30-11 a.m. We will begin September 5th and be finishing up the Gospel of **St. Matthew**.

Pastor Pelsue

SEPTEMBER NEWS & NOTES



"DING-A-LINGS ON DISPLAY!"



Check out the display cabinet in the narthex. Handbells and their support materials are presented there. Ringing handbells involves music stands, gloves, mallets, polishing cloths, and mechanical tools in addition to sheet music and the actual bells. Reformation owns three octaves of bells which require 12 volunteers to ring (two notes for each ringer). Bell rehearsals are planned to begin on Wednesday evening, September 5th. Watch the bulletin for more details. Mark Eischer directs the group and Jenny Gastler serves as coordinator. We will add several new ringers to our group this fall. Learning to ring is a fun mental and physical activity -- and "just trying" is the way to begin. Talk to any current bell ringer or call Jenny at 314-832-7696.



CATECHISM CLASS AND PARENT'S MEETING

Youth Catechism resumes this fall with a brief meeting with 7th and 8th grade parents and students on **Wednesday, September 5th at 5:00 p.m.** Class will follow from about 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (future Wednesday class times are 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.) Also, a Sunday morning (9:30 – 10:30a.m.) 7th & 8th grade curriculum will also compliment 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.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS



Please join us for the Monday evening Bible Class beginning **September 10th from 6-7:00 p.m.** Field Worker Matt Resner will be this year's facilitator and they will be studying the Book of Exodus. This is a great class to join if you are looking for a smaller, informal and encouraging environment! Please join us!



FELLOWSHIP NEWS!

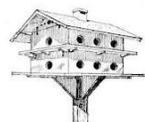
The Board of Fellowship will host a Talent show on Sunday, November 11th. The Talent Show will be dedicated to COR veterans. Musical talent along with other talent (art, woodworking, knitting, crocheting) can be displayed. More details in future newsletters and Sunday announcements.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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



A NEW EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT!



Haven Liebmann has begun working on a new Eagle Scout project –Purple Martin Bird Houses! The bird houses will be located by the new picnic table. The cost of materials for building these houses is \$375.00. If you would like to donate to this cause – please make a check payable to Reformation and write "Bird House" on the memo line. Thank you for your support of this great project!

CHRISTUS FAMILY CHOIR



Rehearsal begins on **Wednesday, September 12th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. All voices with their owners are invited to join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord.

ACOLYTES



September is the month where we welcome new acolytes. Students entering 5th grade and beyond are invited to serve at the Lord's Altar. Acolytes are trained, practice, and then begin serving in worship. Call the church office at 314-352-1355 for more information.

CARE & SHARE will meet on **Thursday, September 27th 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 tacking lap robes - a very easy process! Please give Lois Schoech a call if you can help!

Also, all Ladies of Reformation are invited to **join Care and Share**. This group meets every fourth 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 Lois Schoech at 314-968-1882.

BOARD & COUNCIL POSITIONS OPENING

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke writes, "So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.' This proposal pleased the whole group." (Acts 6:2-5a, ESV)

In keeping with this precedent, the following Church Council positions will need to be filled at the December voters' meeting.

- President.
- Treasurer.
- Chairman of the Board of Evangelism.

- Chairman of the Board of Church Properties.
- Chairman of the Board of Christian Fellowship.
- 1 Elder.

Each position is for a term of 2 years, with the exception of the elder position, which is 3 years or as otherwise noted.

Please prayerfully consider serving your fellow members at Reformation. For information on each position, you may contact the church office or Hal Uthoff.

**SEPTEMBER CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY
COLLECTION**



Please help our church collect more food for the Affton Food Pantry. With all the hot days, the electric bills are going to be high and food prices are higher. So please open up your pockets and donate some cans of food or non-perishable food items. No green beans or corn please. They can always use peanut butter in plastic bottles. Thanks for your help.

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*



A WARM THANK YOU!!

To all members of Reformation, I would like to thank you all on behalf of my whole family for the wonderful farewell banquet and for the generous Vicar Love

Offering! Words can not express how much you have all meant to us this past year. It has been an honor to serve with you this past year as your vicar serving and praising our Heavenly Father! You all will hold a special place in all our hearts and know that you will always be in our thoughts and prayers! Again thank you so much for all that you have done for us this past year and your help in molding a future shepherd for His flock.

Thank you and God's Blessings,
Vicar Brett, Carrie, Megan and Sarah

The Board of Education wants to thank everyone who attended, cooked dinner, and made the wonderful Chrismos for our Vacation Bible school program. We had about 40 to 50 people each Wednesday night and it was a lot of fun and great fellowship. So this Christmas look carefully and you'll find a lot of new Chrismos and some that needed extra love and attention. We all want to thank Shelly Bliese for her inspiration to do this project and we would also like to thank the Men's Club and the Bliese family for their wonderful dinners.

Brenda Hargett, Board of Education Chairperson

THINK RECYCLE!!



The Reformation Men's Club sponsors the electronics recycling program called "Think Recycle". They earn funds by recycling cell phones, inkjet cartridges and toner cartridges. The items need to be in good condition with no modifications. Please continue to collect your spent cartridges and unwanted phones. A recycle collection box is under the coat rack in the narthex.

SHOES SAVE LIVES!



Your used and new shoes save lives. Shoeman Water Projects collect used shoes and turn them into Kenya and Haiti drinking water. Exporters buy the shoes and re sell them to people in South America, Haiti, India and other countries where people cannot afford new shoes. People buy the shoes for pennies on the dollar or barter local garden items. It builds commerce in the entire region.

The funds generated by collecting the shoes are used to purchase water drilling rigs. So far, Shoeman Water Projects have delivered 4 drilling rigs to the drought-ridden areas of Kenya. They have installed water purification systems in tent cities, schools and churches in Haiti.

YOU CAN HELP! All you need to do is bring in your used or new shoes that you no longer want or need and place them in the donation box in the parish hall. This is so easy – we all can do it!



Donate a pair of shoes to provide affordable footwear and a cup of clean, fresh water for those who thirst!

**LUTHERAN CONVALESCENT HOME
AUXILIARY MEETING**

The next meeting of the Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary is **Monday, September 24th at 11:30 a.m.** Joan Komlos will be presenting "Antique Appraiser – Home Town Road Show." Bring a sandwich, dessert is provided. The home is located at 723 So. Laclede Station Road. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 314-968-5570.



THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH & STATE

Be sure to watch for the new television program, The Intersection of Church & State, coming this fall from Lutheran Hour Ministries. The hour-long special will air first as paid programming Sunday, September 30 on Fox Business Channel at 5 p.m. Eastern time, 4 p.m. Central, 3 p.m. Mountain, and 2 p.m. Pacific.

The Intersection of Church & State examines the truth of the complicated relationship between civil government and the church in the United States. The program's host, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour Rev. Gregory Seltz, explores how the First Amendment to the Constitution was crafted both to protect the church and the state and to provide a framework within which the two can work together for the common good.

You can find information about the program, social networking avenues and future airings on other networks and local stations as it becomes available at www.intersectionofchurchandstate.com.



OLDER ADULT EVENTS!

Luther Hostel 2012

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. The cost is \$325 per person, which includes all meals from Saturday evening through Tuesday lunch. See the Pamphlet on the church bulletin board for more information.

Fall Senior Adult Retreat

"*You Are God's Workmanship*" is the theme for this year's Missouri District sponsored retreat. Join older adults on **October 2-3, 2012** at Cross Pointe Retreat Center, Rocky Mount, Missouri. Fellowship, music, activities, banquet and Bible Study with Rev. Walt Schoedel are part of the weekend. Go to www.tinyurl.com/8rznh84 for more information.



Joyfully Aging!

Lutheran Senior Services and LSS Living Foundation present "*Making the Next Chapter Your Best Chapter: Wit, Wisdom, and Insight into Joyful Living as the Best Way to Age*" featuring Dr. Richard Bimler, author of the book "Joyfully Aging."

The presentation will take place at Webster Gardens Lutheran Church on **Thursday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m.** Refreshments, fellowship, and book signing to follow. Copies of "Joyfully Aging" will be available for purchase at a special price, along with other products from CPH.

This event is free, however, to help plan, please RSVP to Nancy at nbolozky@lssliving.org or call 314-262-8217.



SEND ME ST. LOUIS SATURDAY

Imagine hundreds of area Lutherans and other Christians coming together on one day to bring glory to our Father in heaven through service to our community. Send Me St. Louis is organizing a hands-on serving opportunity on **Saturday, October 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, designed to:

- connect congregations and Christian volunteers to service opportunities,
- encourage the incorporation of volunteerism in the life of the congregation and its members, and
- support the connection between serving and spiritual growth in the lives of those participating.

How it Works

Lutheran organizations and congregations will host a short-term (4 hour) project that can be completed by a group of 5-20 volunteers. Send Me St. Louis will promote the projects with area congregations, with an emphasis on Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches. Individuals and groups can sign up to serve at one of these projects. Those serving will be invited to participate in a short morning devotion and an afternoon reflection and celebration at their project site to rejoice in all that God accomplished that day and what He still has planned for our lives and our community.

Schedule

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Brief devotional at the project site.
9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Projects.
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Lunch, reflection, and celebration service at project site.

For more information, go to www.sendmestlouis.org and click on "participate."

LSS HOSPICE CARE

Lutheran Senior Services (LSS) hears time and again from members of the Lutheran community that they wish they had known there was a Lutheran option for hospice care. Many people are unaware that LSS offers a hospice care ministry that is rooted in the faith traditions of the church and provides the highest quality of care. If you would like more information on LSS Hospice Care, a brochure entitled "Faith-inspired end of life care" from LSS is on the info table in the narthex.

!!September Birthdays!!



1 st	Anne Greb	Sandra Townsend	22 nd	Alex Alonzo	
	Adele St. Mary	14 th	Donald Bartz	23 rd	Donald Pfeil
2 nd	Michael Klemme		John Schilling		Ryan Miller
7 th	Georgia Dowling	15 th	Nicolle Taylor	24 th	Donald Bolinger
	Kenneth Duneman	18 th	Jeffrey Lightfoot	27 th	Jennifer Koenig
11 th	Richard Koenig		Maura McAlister	29 th	Cynthia Vahle

God's Blessings on your Birthday!



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September Schedule

8:15 Service

10:45 Service

Altar Guild Schedule:

September 2nd
 September 9th
 September 16th
 September 23rd
 September 30th

Mary Jane Autry

Mary Lou Tucker

Mary Jane Autry

Mary Lou Tucker

Both Mary Jane Autry

Mary Lou Tucker



Greeters Schedule:

September 2nd
 September 9th
 September 16th
 September 23rd
 September 30th

John & Lynne Borchelt

Mark & Julie Graudin

Anne Greb

Marilyn Jones

Ron & Judie Paul

Mildred Wotli

Carol Reimler

Mark & Deb Eischer

Lisa Adams

Bev & Betty Heermann

Ushers Schedule:

Jamie McAlister

Martin Liebmann, III

Rick Miller

Haven Liebmann

Robert Klemme

Denny Schrader

Acolyte Schedule:

September 2nd
 September 9th
 September 16th
 September 23rd
 September 30th

John Larson

John Schilling

Philip Bliese

Christian Liebmann

Katie Meyer

Mary LaFlamme

Micah Hung

Haven Liebmann

John Larson

John Schilling

