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Back to the Bible

Well, all the kids are back to school - elementary, middle, high school, home school, even college, grad school and catechism. It's a great time to renew your zeal as a life long student of the Word of God. Challenge yourself and/or spouse or family to renew a daily Bible reading schedule (CPH's Treasury of Daily Prayer is a great daily resource for this or there are many daily schedules on line at Lutheran Hour Ministries & other places).

Here at Reformation, Sunday School for kids and adults continues at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Also, week day opportunities resume for group Bible studies:

Our own Adam Matheny will be holding forth on **Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** on the Gospel of Matthew.

The **Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Bible Class** (led by myself) will resume our study of the Smalcald Articles ("Luther's Last Will & Testament") on September 11th.

Wednesday Youth Catechism Class will begin September 11th at 5:30 p.m. (a parent should attend for the first 15 minutes, after that, parental attendance is encouraged, but optional).

As Paul encouraged Timothy: "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15

Pastor Pelsue

SEPTEMBER NEWS & NOTES



A WARM THANK YOU!!



Thanks goes to all who helped to make our annual church picnic such a success. A special Yee Haa goes to Gerry Kamp for securing the gift certificates and Spaghetti Factory gift set and to Don Bartz for securing coupons from Johnny Mac's Sporting Goods. Thanks to all who came up with ideas and managed activities, brought pies and cakes, and helped clean up.

Thanks to Lucas Hung for his aerodynamic demonstration; Brenda Hargett for her needlepoint demo; Pastor Pelsue for his cheese making demo; Chef John Hargett for judging the pie and cake contest; Carol Geiser, Chef Hargett, Joyce Johnson, and Tab Schubert for kitchen assistance; Hal Utoff for the snow cones provisions; and Mike Klemme for snow cone serving.

Highlights of the Day Included:

- Brenda Hargett was crowned "Queen of the Rummage Sale."
- Pie Contest winners: 1st Karen Liebmann, 2nd Mary Lou Tucker.
- Cake Contest winners: 1st Micah Hung, 2nd Karin Bartz.
- "Cream of the Crop" corn growers' award to the Hung Family. And many other winners! **Hope all enjoyed!**

Jill Pelsue and our Fellowship Committee



CHRISTUS FAMILY CHOIR

Rehearsal begins on **Wednesday, September 4th 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.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

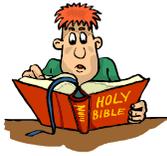
Please join us for the Monday evening Bible Class beginning **September 9th from 7-8:00 p.m.** Field Worker Adam Matheny will be this



year's facilitator and they will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. This is a great class to join if you are looking for a smaller, informal and encouraging environment! Please join us!

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 11th 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.



SEPTEMBER 14TH IS CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP DAY!

Hi Everyone! The COR Men's Club is excited to announce a church clean up day on September 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **We will be having pizza and drinks for those who volunteer to help!**

There are a variety of activities that have different amounts of physical demands. A list is on the bulletin board describing the different activities as well as the tools required to complete the activity. Please do not hesitate to sign up for a particular activity due to not having the tools. You can contact Tyler Schrader or Jamie McAlister in church or via email at jamie.mcalister@hotmail.com and let us know what tools you need for that day and we will be glad to assist.

Also, please feel free to contact us with questions or other reasonable requests that you feel need to be added to the church clean up day. If no one signs up for a specific activity, unfortunately it may not get completed. So, we highly encourage you to dedicate your time and tools so that we can keep COR in tip top shape!

SEPTEMBER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK AND MOVIE

Sunday, September 15, 2013

In our Fellowship Hall following late service

Christian Fellowship will provide the ice cream sodas and main dish of fish. Sign up for anything dish you would like to bring and share. Deadline to sign-up is September 8th.

Featured Movie: Captains Courageous (1937)

"A boy learns life-changing lessons about the importance of friendship and the dignity of labor in this adventure saga based on a story



by Rudyard Kipling." Rated: [PG](#), 1 hr. 46 min.

This flick was filmed on location in the Grand Banks during unexpected weather patterns that risked the actors and film crew. *Dale will give a brief background on this movie prior to its showing on our big screen.*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all items/articles for the October newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, September 16th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.



CELL PHONE VS. THE BIBLE

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?



What if:

- We carried it around in our purse or pockets
- We flipped through it several times a day
- We turned back to go get it if we forgot it
- We used it to receive messages from the text
- We treated it like we couldn't live without it
- We gave it to Kids as gifts
- We used it when we traveled
- We used it in case of an emergency

Kind of makes you gohmm...and wonder where is your Bible. Oh, and one more thing. Unlike your cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus has already paid the bill.

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.

ACOLYTES



CARE & SHARE will meet on **Thursday, September 26th at 9:30 a.m.** for the assembling of quilts, layettes, laprobes, etc.



BUSY HANDS NEEDED FOR CARE BEARS!!

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-ropes, shawls, etc. and then distributes them to families and organizations in need.

Sewing expertise is not required. If you would like more information about this *cut-up and tacky bunch*, please call Lois Schoech at 314-968-1882.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Dale Thielker invited our youth to White Cliff Swimming Pool for an afternoon of fun. Those attending (pictured left to right) were: Mary LaFlamme, Katie Meyer, John Schilling, Pastor Pelsue, Haven Liebmann, Christian Liebmann, Dale Thielker, Lucas Hung and Diana Meyer. All youth ages 13 to 20 are invited to join the youth group! Please contact Martin and/or Karen Liebmann for more information (314-544-1152).



BIKING FOR MS

Pastor Timothy Landskroener is planning to ride in the Bike MS ride on September 7-8th. He hopes to ride 100 miles on Saturday and again on Sunday. But more important than that is the goal to end MS. Your support would help get us there.



Pastor Landskroener is asking you to support him in Bike MS because his sister-in-law suffers from MS and he's also seen how it has affected others and their families.

Please support him by making a donation! Simply click the link below to visit his page and make an online donation. Your support is greatly appreciated and he will keep you posted on his progress.

Here's the link to make an online donation:
http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/MOSBikeEvents?px=7097676&pg=personal&fr_id=20130

Thanks for your support.

SEPTEMBER AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY



Please continue your efforts with collecting food for the Affton Christian Food Pantry. During the hot days of summer, electricity and food prices soar. Please open up your pockets and donate some cans of food or non perishable

food items. Canned meat, boxed dinner and peanut butter in plastic are always in need. 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

From the Stewardship Board



In September we observe Labor Day, a legal holiday in honor of labor. The Bible deals with labor in a variety of ways. In Genesis 2:15 we read that **"The Lord God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."** (NIV) It was part of God's plan of creation to make human beings for work and provide work for them.

Work is important for us. It is important enough that we often answer questions like who or what we are by referring to our work. We may answer in a number of different ways like I'm a teacher, or a plumber, or a carpenter, or an office manager, or a business owner, or a pastor, or a doctor, or one of many other vocations. No wonder people get depressed when they are without jobs and meaningful work to do. Much of our self esteem is tied in closely with our work.

As God's redeemed stewards we recognize that God has entrusted to us many things to manage and work with according to His will and plan. To not be willing to work and still expect to receive good things is like stealing. Ephesians 4:28 says, **"He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need."** (NIV)

So this September as many things like vacations are over and new things start up again—school, mission and ministry efforts in our congregations as well as other September activities—let's remember that with the power of the Holy Spirit we can live and work as God's redeemed stewards who freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for His purposes. May we always be encouraged to give our very best when it comes to our financial gifts of love, our use of time and talents, and our willing service at home, in the workplace, in our communities and in our congregations.

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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 and install 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 under the coat rack in the narthex. 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!

STEPHEN MINISTRY INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Pastors want to provide care to everyone who needs it – but they can't do it alone. Equipping laypeople to minister to hurting people is a highly effective – and biblical – way to ensure that people in need of care receive it.

Timothy Lutheran Church, 6704 Fyler, St. Louis, is hosting a ½ day introductory workshop into Stephen Ministry. The Workshop will feature 3 sessions: 1.) Ministering to those experiencing grief, 2.) An introduction to Stephen Ministry, and 3.) How to care in a distinctively Christian way.

The workshop is **Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** (check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.) The cost is \$15 per person or \$50 for a congregation with 4 or more attending. Please call the church office at 314-352-1355 by September 23rd if you are interested in attending.

For more information on this workshop and Stephen Ministry, please see the church bulletin board.



LUTHER HOSTEL 2013

Concordia Seminary invites all adults aged 55 and older to *LutherHostel 2013* to be held **October 5-8**, on the Seminary's campus in Clayton. This year's theme is "Joyfully Aging." The cost is \$375 per person,

which includes all meals from Saturday evening through Tuesday lunch (including all refreshments as well as the Oktoberfest dinner and a candlelit banquet). See the Pamphlet on the church bulletin board for more information.

2013 LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE **Concordia Seminary – Sieck Hall 202** **Wednesday Evenings – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** **October 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd**

"Influenced by a Cloud of Witnesses: Reading the Psalms for Spiritual Strength" will be presented by Dr. Timothy Saleska, associate professor of exegetical theology at Concordia Seminary.

We approach the Psalms with the assumption that reading them is more like having a conversation with other people than analyzing an object or mining for jewels. The shift of perspective makes it more difficult to keep the Psalm at arm's length and opens us up to being influenced and changed by the voices we hear speaking to us. We will have the opportunity to read and meditate on individual Psalms, and we will discuss questions such as: "Why is there poetry in the Bible?" "What am I doing as I read and listen to the speakers in the Psalms?" "How do we meditate on the Psalms?" "How can we teach others to use the Psalms for their own spiritual growth?"

To register for the Lay Bible Institute, please call 314-505-7286 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email ce@cs1.edu. You may also register online at www.events.cs1.edu. The cost is \$30 per person and includes all handouts and refreshments.

Registration deadline is September 24th.

Concordia Seminary is located at 801 Seminary Place in Clayton.



CPH FALL BIBLE SALE

Concordia Publishing House is once again featuring their Fall Bible sale. On sale is the Lutheran Study Bible, Concordia Self-Study Bible, Today's Light Bible, The Apocrypha, Faith Alive Bible, Concordia's Complete Bible Handbook, My Very First Holy Bible (first full-text Bible for ages 5-8), and several Children's First Bible.

A sign-up poster is up on the bulletin board if you would like to order a Bible. Deadline is September 22nd. Please make your checks payable to Reformation and note of the memo line "CPH Bible Sale."

Bibles make great gifts to a newly married couple, as a baptism present, a birthday or Christmas gift! Nothing is more important than being immersed in God's Word on a daily basis.

!!September Birthdays!!



1st Anne Greb
Adele St. Mary
2nd Michael Klemme
7th Georgia Dowling
Kenneth Duneman
11th Richard Koenig

Sandra Townsend
14th Donald Bartz
John Schilling
15th Nicolle Taylor
18th Jeffrey Lightfoot
Maura McAlister

22nd Alex Alonzo
23rd Donald Pfeil
Ryan Miller
27th Jennifer Koenig

God's Blessings on your Birthday!



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September Schedule

8:15 Service

10:45 Service

Altar Guild Schedule:

September 1st
September 8th
September 15th
September 22nd
September 29th

Mary Jane Autry

Mary Jane Autry

Both Mary Jane Autry

Mary Lou Tucker

Mary Lou Tucker
Mary Lou Tucker



Greeters Schedule:

September 1st
September 8th
September 15th
September 22nd
September 29th

John & Lynne Borchelt
Anne Greb
Ron & Judie Paul
Jamie & Maura McAlister
Lisa Adams

Mark & Julie Graudin
Marilyn Jones
Carol Geiser
Amy Hotzel
Bev & Betty Heermann

Ushers Schedule:

Jamie McAlister
Rick Miller
Tyler Schrader
Denny Schrader

Martin Liebmann, III
Martin Liebmann, IV
Haven Liebmann

Acolyte Schedule:

September 1st
September 8th
September 15th
September 22nd
September 29th

Katie Meyer
Philip Bliese
Micah Hung
John Larson
Lucas Hung

Mary LaFlamme
Haven Liebmann
Christian Liebmann
John Schilling
Mary LaFlamme

