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Remembering the Reformation

It's not like you can say, "O, I remember that!" But through reviewing good history you can "remember" . . . and appreciate the reformation. That's especially true for us at "Church of the Reformation – Lutheran." Reformation Sunday is October 28th and we'll pull out all the stops. In our Wednesday morning Bible class we're reading through Luther's Large Catechism starting with the preface.

The preface gives insight into the situation of the church and Christians, especially Lutherans, of the Reformation era. In 1526 Luther sent out visitors to assess the condition of all congregations in Saxony and report back with their findings.

In 1527 visitation articles were prepared to instruct the clergy of what was lacking in their ministry and parishes. That same year the Bubonic Plague hit Wittenberg so Luther and his wife turned their home into a hospital.

In 1528 Luther taught catechism instruction and preached three sermon series on parts of the catechism in the parish church. Finally, in April and May of 1529 the Large and Small Catechisms were published by Luther. They were immediate best sellers.

In Lutheran circles they're still best sellers. But when's the last time you looked at, or better yet, read your Small Catechism. Dr. Luther recommends every day reading a portion of the Catechism and there are 974 great Bible passages in the explanation that support each area of teaching. If you've never read the Large Catechism, come join us every Wednesday morning 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. It's not too late to jump in.

Remember the Reformation!
Pastor Pelsue, your Pastor

Vote Your Values!

What are your core values as you think with me about all the candidates and the 2012 general election? I realize that there are multiple opinions among Bible-believing Christians when it comes to issues such as the economy, energy independence, health care, taxes, national security, immigration, etc. Certainly there are important moral issues with public policy implications that Christians should be concerned about, such as poverty, environmental stewardship, racial equality, etc. As important as those issues are, let me mention three values that I believe rank higher than some of these others: Life, Family, and Freedom.

Life: Life is precious; Miraculous; Delicate; Created by a loving God who makes every human being unique (Ps. 139:15-16). Life made in the image of God is a fundamental, God-given right. According to the Declaration of Independence,

"All men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. Among these are **life, liberty** and the **pursuit of happiness.**"¹⁶

The order is significant. **Life** is the first God-given right of every human being. If you don't have life, you certainly can't enjoy liberty or pursue happiness.

Unfortunately, our God-given right to life in America has been undermined in our "culture of death." Every day in America, more innocent human beings are put to death than those who died in the 9/11 attacks. Abortion ends the lives of more than 1.2 million unborn children in America every year. Fully 22% of all pregnancies end in abortion,¹⁷ and the overwhelming majority of those innocent children are simply sacrificed on the altar of convenience. Nearly **50 million babies** have been murdered by abortion. It is the American Holocaust.

Proverbs 24:11 says: "Rescue those who are being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter."¹⁸

Consequently, I believe it is our duty as followers of Christ and citizens of America to find out where the candidates stand on the biblical value of life. Ask what

their position is on abortion, cloning, embryo-destructive stem cell experimentation, and euthanasia. We value life. Second, we value –

Family: Family is essential. Basic. Necessary. The family is the basic building block of society, and the first institution created by God.

Genesis 1:27: "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them." Gen. 2:24 says: "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh."

Study after study has shown that every child needs the influence of a father who is male and a mother who is female. Every civilization in history is built upon the institution of marriage between a man and a woman. The welfare of children, the propagation of the faith, the wellbeing of society, and the orderliness of civilization are all dependent upon the stability of traditional marriage. When this God-given pattern is undermined, the whole superstructure of society becomes unstable. Any deviation from the divine pattern invites disaster.

Heterosexuality is the divine pattern; homosexuality is a deceptive perversion. Today the sacred institution of marriage is under attack by radical homosexuals and their allies in the courts, who are seeking to redefine it. Consequently, where a candidate stands on the value of traditional marriage and particularly on a Marriage Protection Amendment is absolutely critical. Because as goes the family, so goes the nation. Christians ought to fight for the biblical definition of marriage. We value family. Third, we value –

Freedom: Freedom is Priceless; Cherished; Fragile. Gal. 5:1 says: "*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.*" Freedom must be nurtured, defended, and protected. That is the intention of the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."¹⁹

Unfortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court has ignored the original intent of the Founding Fathers, trashed four centuries of America's Judeo-Christian heritage, and turned a statement in one of Jefferson's private letters on its head in declaring a two-way "Wall of Separation" between church and state.

The Result: Black robed tyrants feel compelled to remove all religious influences from public institutions. The High Court outlawed public prayer in the schools in 1962,²⁰ out went public Bible reading in 1963,²¹ and in 1980, down came the Ten Commandments from school house walls!²² This agenda of radical secularization has not only been zealously prosecuted by the activist

courts, but by extension, the various public entities, school boards, educators, and teachers. For example, some have declared it to be unconstitutional:

- For Kindergarten students to recite: "God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food."²³
- For a student to ask and for the teacher to answer whose birthday is being celebrated at Christmas.²⁴
- For two Middle School students to bring their Bibles to class, which were confiscated, called "garbage," and thrown into the trash can by their teacher.²⁵
- For students in nine western states to recite the Pledge of Allegiance including the words: "One Nation, Under God."²⁶
- For an Honor Guardsman to say: "God bless you and this family, and may God bless this country" at the graveside of a veteran.²⁷
- For a county government building exterior to display our national motto: "In God We Trust."²⁸

I say again, if we don't use our freedom to defend our freedom we will lose our freedom. George Washington in his Farewell Address said:

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens."

Nobody ought to claim to be a good citizen, a patriot, who takes Christianity out of culture, and God out of government. So you need to find out where the candidates stand on the value of religious liberty.

Find out which candidates are aligned with groups like the ACLU and Americans for Separation of Church and State, who seek to remove all public expressions of religion. Find out which candidates are in favor of protecting and even restoring America's Judeo-Christian heritage. Find out where the candidates stand on our First Amendment right to religious freedom. **We value Life, we value Family, and we value Freedom!**

How can Christians obey the command of Christ to render to Caesar, how should believers relate to our civil government, how can we make maximum impact? Five things: Seek God for your government, support your government, submit to your government, stand up to

your government, and select your government. Vote your values!

(adapted from iVoteValues.org - "How You Can Have Maximum Impact as a Christian Citizen" by Dr. Kenyn Cureton)

Pastor Pelsue

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- 28 "N.C. County Will Fight "In God We Trust" Lawsuit," The First Amendment Center, August 15, 2003; <http://fac.org/news.aspx?id=11828>. "N.C. County Will Fight "In God We Trust" Lawsuit," The First Amendment Center, August 15, 2003; <http://fac.org/news.aspx?id=11828>.



SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

October 28th - Reformation Sunday
- Divine Service both services.
- Special music and processional.



November 4th - All Saints' Day - Divine Service at both services. Thanking God for His goodness and grace in the lives of those believers who have gone before and especially remembering those whom the Lord called home from our parish during the last year.



LIFE CHAIN 2012

The annual Life Chain has been set for Sunday, October 7th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the

Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception.

This is a service event for our catechumens. All ages are encouraged to come! If you are unable to stand for the whole hour, that's okay - we will provide you with a chair or just come and stand for however long you can. The more the merrier! **All participants will be treated to a root beer float immediately following the event.**

God links us together with Love!
Be a link in the LIFE CHAIN USA!

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.



The Men's Club will meet on Tuesday, October 2nd, to discuss and select a project to finance. Listed below are three proposed projects:

1. Improvement of the sound system - members have complained that it is difficult to hear the sermons.
2. Relocation of the reset button on the roof controlling the oven and electrical system. We need to keep Pastor Pelsue off the roof during storms. HA!
3. Replacement of the faulty indirect lighting system in the church sanctuary.
4. Other items can be added to this list.

Dartball practice will follow immediately after the meeting in preparation for the contest with Peace Men's Club on Tuesday, October 9, 2012. Please sign up if you can attend the meeting and the contest with Peace.



RETIREES GO TO ECKERT'S

The Retirees are going to Eckert's Pumpkin Farm in Millstadt, IL on **Tuesday, October 16th**. We will carpool from church at 9:30 a.m. to arrive at Eckert's at approximately 10:00 a.m. The admission fee is \$5.00 and includes a variety of activities. You can bring a sack lunch or purchase from the concession stands. All ages are invited! Please sign up on the church bulletin board.



LWML FALL RALLY

LWML FALL RALLY will take place on Saturday, **October 13th** at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 4045 Holly Hills Blvd., St. Louis, MO. Breakfast begins at **8:45 a.m.** and the Opening Devotion is at 9:30 a.m. Mark Kempff is the guest speaker.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all items/articles for the November newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, October 15th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.



FLU SHOT CLINIC AT REFORMATION

COR will host a **Flu Shot Clinic** on **Sunday, October 14th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** in the parish hall. The clinic, sponsored by the Affton Medicine Shoppe, will administer a flu shot for \$30.00 (\$3.00 of which will be donated back to Reformation). **There is no out of pocket cost if you have Medicare Part B, Part C or Medicaid.** Cash, Visa, MC and checks will be accepted from members with private insurance and you will receive a receipt that can be submitted to your insurance company for reimbursement. A sign-up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board just so we can get an idea of how many members are interested in receiving their flu shot. *Also, you are invited to ask friends and family to come and receive their shot during this hour long clinic.* Please see the church bulletin board for more information.



LADIES CLUB RUMMAGE SALE

Back by Popular Demand! The Ladies Club is planning a **RUMMAGE SALE** on **Wednesday, October 24th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Please bring rummage items to church now and place in the back of the parish hall behind the partition. Hot selling items to watch out for are sporting goods, winter items, infant-toddler items, tools, books, CD's, DVD's, gaming systems, custom jewelry, plus any clothing. No electronics (TV's; VCR's; etc.) appliances or furniture please.

We are asking for all the help we can get - setting up on Tuesday, October 23rd (from 9:00 a.m. to we finish), selling the day of the sale, and then taking down. You can contact Mary Lou Tucker at 843-7783 or Brenda Hargett at 353-3437 or let us know when you see us at church. The money will go toward replacement of the soffit outside the church office windows and replenishing of the needy fund.

Our next meeting will be on **October 19th at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies of the congregation are invited! We hope to see you there!



CARE & SHARE



Do you enjoy getting together with some of your friends who occasionally become quite a bunch of **CUT UPS**? Of course, some of their jokes may be rather **TACKY**, but you **CARE** about each of them and love to **SHARE** time and conversation with them.

Well, how about joining the Care and Share ladies (the **CARE BEARS**) on **Thursday, October 25th at 9:30 a.m.**, as we *cut, tack*, and arrange fabric to share with others, from infants to elderly, both locally and abroad? We'd love to have you. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month, 9 months of the year.

Call Lois Schoech for more information at 314-968-1882.

MEET OUR NEW FIELD WORKER



Hello! My name is Adam Matheny. I was born and raised in Evansville, Indiana. I received my undergraduate degree in Political Science from Indiana University in 2010. I enjoy reading, playing the guitar, cycling and playing with my nieces and nephews. I married my beautiful wife, Laura, on May 26th, and we moved to St. Louis just a couple days later. Laura works at ProRehab as a Physical Therapy Aide. In addition to my classwork at Concordia, I also work for the Technology Services department on campus. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to serve all of you during my time at Concordia and am looking forward to getting to know everyone!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BETTER YOUR EDUCATION FROM IVY LEAGUE UNIVERSITIES AT NO COST TO YOU?



Google Coursera or KPLR and link over to the Coursera site. Coursera only requires your name, your email, a new user name and password at your discretion for on-line connecting. That's all! The courses run for weeks, not on a semester basis. There is no college "credit hour" attached, but you will receive a certificate from university of choice for your study. My classes start on-line from Stanford University soon. And, I have several registered with Duke University for this winter. There are also international universities that will be offered to you once you are registered. Pick from about 20 universities! Have fun. *Jill Pelsue*

TIME CHANGE



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4th, at 2:00 a.m. - Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday (11/3) before you go to bed.



UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

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 to follow in upcoming Sunday announcements.

AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY OCTOBER COLLECTION



Please help our church collect more food for the Affton Food Pantry by donating canned goods (vegetables, fruit, soup & meat), or non perishable food items (rice, noodles, etc.). Also, peanut butter in plastic bottles is needed.

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



CONCORDIA SEMINARY FALL 2012 LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE

Wednesdays, October 10th, 17th, and 24th & 31st
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Concordia Seminary - Sieck Hall - Room 202

*"Christ is Risen, Indeed - But So What?
Developing Our Easter Faith and Hope For Life Today"*

Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs, professor of exegetical theology at Concordia Seminary will lead this year's Lay Bible Institute. It's the foundation of our faith - the bodily, physical resurrection of Jesus on that first Easter morning. We confess it, we believe it; but what does it mean to live it? Come and join us as we dig into what the Scriptures say, not just about the fact of Easter but also about the meaning and the power of Easter for hopeful living today.

To register for the Lay Bible Institute, please call 314-505-7486 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email ce@csl.edu. You may also register online at www.csl.edu. The cost is \$30 per person and includes all handouts and refreshments. Registration deadline is

October 3rd. Concordia Seminary is located at 801 Seminary Place, in Clayton, Mo.



From the Stewardship Board

Summer is behind us now and I imagine that everyone is looking forward to some cooler weather. If your household is anything like mine, you know how hectic this time of year can be with kids going back to school. And even if you don't have any kids in school you still may have noticed the extra 15 minutes added to your morning commute. And I cannot even begin to describe some of the chaos that is after school activities. Time can just slip away.

I had an eye-opening moment recently during lunch; I was in a hurry because I needed to be somewhere, when my 3-year-old grandson became rather confrontational with me because I had not taken the time to say my prayers before I started eating. So I paused and told him to say the prayer.

In this world we are bound by time. God created the world and the time we have in it. We must be good stewards of our time....time for family, time for work, time for play, time for church and time for prayer. These are just a few examples of what we spend our time doing. We have to juggle our time to keep it balanced. Too much time spent in one area takes time away from another. Time is a gift from God. If we are so blessed we may be in this world for about 680,000 hours (77 yrs). Let us make a commitment everyday to give some of those hours back to God in worship, prayer, devotion and service to our neighbor.

Yours in Christ, Linda LaFlamme

"Every one of us needs at least half an hour each day, except when we're busy, then we need an hour."

(Quote by St. Francis de Sales on prayer)

THANK YOU!

OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION to all of the generous companies who donated to our church picnic. Members, please support these businesses - they are truly an asset to our community. Thank You!

Biggies Restaurant	Creve Coeur Camera
Dave & Busters	Fudrucker's Restaurant
Gingham's Restaurant	Gus' Pretzels
Hodak's	Kutis Funeral Home
Kassebaum Restaurant, Inc-Subway	
Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken	
Maggiano's Little Italy	Missouri Botanical Gardens
Orlando's & Lodge at Grant's Trail	
Pasta House Company	Real Mex Restaurants
Sam's Club	Sam's Steakhouse
Schnucks Markets	Silver Dollar City
St. Louis Rams	St. Louis Symphony Orchestra



Swing-A-Round Fun Town
Tower Tee Vetta-Concord Sports
Wehrenberg Theaters Ziegenhein Funeral Home

OLDER ADULT EVENTS!



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.



LUTHERAN HIGH SOUTH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Trivia Night! The Lutheran South Band program will host its annual Trivia Night on **Saturday, October 13th**. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. The contest begins at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person or \$90 for a table of 6. Prizes and free light refreshments! Contact Philip Bliese, 314-729-1747.

Fund Raisers! Entertainment Books and LHSS Cookbooks are on sale now. Entertainment Books are \$30 and cookbooks are \$10. See Philip Bliese if you are interested in any of these great offers!

Visit LHSS! The LHSS Admissions process is beginning for the Class of 2017! Prospective 8th graders and their families can choose a Shadow Day, Educational Consultation with the principal, and/or a walk in visit on "Walk n Wednesdays." For more information, contact Jayne Lauer, Director of Admissions at 314-631-2842, ext. 426 or jlauer@lhssstl.org.

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.**

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" or see the church bulletin board.



CORNERSTONE PRAYER BREAKFAST

You are invited to attend the **Seventh Annual Cornerstone Prayer Breakfast** at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, on **October 26, 2012**. The doors to Koburg Hall on the Seminary campus will open at 6:30 a.m., with breakfast served at 7:00 a.m.

The guest speaker is Major League Baseball pitcher Scott Linebrink, who this year (his 12th in the Major Leagues) signed as a free agent with the St. Louis Cardinals. He is the great great grandson of Rev. Dr. Francis Pieper, professor at Concordia Seminary from 1878-1931 and president of Concordia Seminary from 1899-1911. He concurrently served as president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod from 1899-1911.

The cost is \$25 per person. Individual tickets and tickets for tables of eight can be purchased. Please make checks payable to "Concordia Seminary" and write "Prayer Breakfast" on the memo line. If you prefer to sign up online, please go to www.csl.edu. Deadline for ticket purchase is October 19. For questions, please contact Melodie Bostic at bosticm@csl.edu or 314-505-7626.

UN-APPROVED MINUTES for CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION-LUTHERAN
Church Council Meeting, September 13, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. A quorum was present. Hal had a devotion that was sent to him by his son, entitled, "God in the Goose". Dan Kamp will have the devotion for October.

The minutes of the June 14, 2012 Church Council meeting were reviewed. A correction was noted In the second item of old business, fourth sentence. Instead of "The guideline will be presented to the congregation for their approval", it should change the last word to "information". 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: Hal is constituting a nominating committee per the bylaws. This committee will consist of Pastor, Mark Bliese, Dale or Lee Thielker. Dan Reimler will check with the elders on who from the elders will sit on the committee. The positions needing to be filled are the president, treasurer, chairman of the boards of evangelism, church properties, and christian fellowship, as well as one elder.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lee Thielker presented Dan Kamp's report on the monthly income summary for June, July and August 2012. Monthly total income for June was \$21,074.51, July was \$20,569.59. Regular envelopes for August amounted to \$15,539.50, with \$1,060 for PRIMP, with total income for August at \$18,930.29. The full reports can be viewed on the bulletin board near the nursery. Hal asked a question about the difference between the financial reports in council and the Sunday bulletins.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dan Kamp presented Dale Thielker's report. He noted that we are current on all obligations. We had budgeted expenses of \$16,214 for June, \$17,465 for July and \$17,596 for August. There were \$1,126 in non-budgeted expenses for June, \$5,511 for July and \$1,343 in August. Notable items from the expenses were \$4,382 for a HVAC replacement in July, which came out of PRIMP. This unit is over the Vicar's and Henry's office. Additionally, the final vicarage expenses were paid in August.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor reported that he continues to work with the elders on membership matters. Dorothy Schmidt's funeral was on August 10, Don Bolinger's funeral was on August 29. Pastor mentioned Vicar Hartwig's father-in-law's funeral and our congregational support in a memorial fund. He is current on his visitations for homebound members. He continues to attend the weekly pericope meetings. In October Reformation will host the circuit meeting. Pastor with backing from Elders and Board of Education then brought up a member family in need with regard to tuition assistance. After discussion, Hal moved to allow a disbursement from our benevolent fund of \$50 per month to the specific Lutheran school, up to \$500. Lee seconded the motion. Unanimous approval of the motion. (For confidentiality, specific details have been omitted from these public Minutes.) Pastor noted that he has been on KFUE radio four times over the summer months.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Linda LaFlamme stated she is still planning on a medication awareness program, where she will develop a powerpoint presentation running on a continuous loop in the narthex, along with a display board of information. She will provide flash drives with medication templates to any participants.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM: Vacant.

BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP: Julie Graudin reported on the three events during the summer; Pat Stelzer's farewell reception, Vicar Hartwig's farewell potluck and the church picnic. \$676 was turned in as receipts. \$588 was collected during the church picnic, with \$28 collected for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. November 11 she is planning a talent show dedicated to the veterans. She will have a freewill offering, with the money going to provide a bus lift. This will also include a potluck after late church. She is still planning a party for the Sunday school after their Christmas program practice and finally a New Year's Eve party.

BOARD OF ELDERS: Dan Reimler stated the elders approved the transfer out of Chris Bennington to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Des Peres, transfer out of Dirk and Holly Preus to Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Peters, Missouri and the transfer out of Ben Schubert to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, O'Fallon, Missouri. Judy McLean asked to be retained as a member, despite her receiving a delinquency letter. Pastor and the elders agreed to her request.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES: Jack Jeffcott was absent but excused. Pastor stated Jack has been getting bids for various church projects, which will be noted below in Old Business.

BOARD OF FINANCE: Dale Thielker presented Lee Thielker's report, noting we had a deficit of \$1,105 for the month of June, a surplus of \$1,275 for July and a deficit of \$924 for August. We have \$67,963 cash available for budgeted expenses. Dan mentioned that the large amount of cash available was because of an estate bequest.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Brenda Hargett reported the Sunday school made a shut-in visit on July 15th to Gloria Lawton. On August 19th they celebrated their baptisms. Past Vicar Hartwig came and gave a short message on baptism. A wonderful brunch was prepared by Mrs. Jill Pelsue and served by Mrs. Joyce Johnson, Miss Tabitha Schubert and Mrs. Shelly Bliese. Christian Education Sunday was held August 26th. Faith Alive Bibles were presented to Grace Hotzel and Shawn Jeffcott. Lutheran Service Books were presented to Abby Alonzo and Austin Starns. September 4th was a return to individual classrooms. Mrs. Diana Meyer is now teaching 3rd and 4th grade. Mrs. Danielle Hung is helping to do opening worship especially when Shelly Bliese is scheduled to work, which would be every third weekend. The Sunday school teachers had a preliminary discussion about our Sunday school Christmas Service. There are some date issues in this calendar year. Shelly Bliese also submitted a concluding report on our VBS, "I Spy Chrismons"

OLD BUSINESS:

- A report by the Ad-hoc Financial Committee was given. The committee had met three more times since the last church council meeting. The "Exceptional Gift Processing Guideline" was provided for reference. The recommendations of the church council, excluding the previously passed amounts at the March 4, 2012 voters meeting, are as follows: \$5,000 for additional Missouri District support, \$10,000 for Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, with \$2,000 of that specified for Lutheran Malaria Initiative, No more than \$50,000 for flat roof replacement on the office and classroom section of church building, \$4,200 to repair the interior and exterior brickwork and tuck pointing, \$1,000 to sponsor Lutheran Radio's "Issues, Etc.", and \$800 to sponsor Lutheran Radio KFUE "Church of the Week". Each item was voted on separately and passed unanimously. Council agreed to hold a special voters meeting on September 30 to present the guidelines and recommended expenditures.
- Eagle Scout project was discussed. Pastor stated that Haven Liebmann approached him in June for a project, and Pastor gave his permission and recommendation for a birdhouse. The recommendation from the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Board of Review recommended he build three birdhouses. Pastor admitted he should have brought this before the church council and asked the council's forgiveness. Dale Thielker moved to accept the birdhouses as an Eagle Scout project for Haven Liebmann and recommended that Pastor approach Haven's scout troop to maintain the birdhouses, Brenda Hargett seconded his motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pastor presented a piece of artwork of the risen Christ, donated by Hal and Lois Uthoff, for inclusion in the narthex. He had sought the counsel of the art committee before he brought it before the church council. The council approved of the gift and its location and thanked Hal for the donation. Pastor will set a date for its dedication.
- October 14 will be a flu clinic sponsored by the Medicine Shoppe. It will be held at church. More information will be in upcoming bulletins and the newsletter.
- A circuit forum will be held on September 23 at Abiding Savior, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the 2013 synodical convention. Lee Thielker has allowed his name to be entered in to consideration as a delegate. Linda LaFlamme moved to accept Lee's as the delegate, Brenda seconded her motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Dale Thielker moved to adjourn. Lee Thielker seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m., closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mark J. Bliese, Secretary



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

2nd Dianna Stubits
 5th Fredric McCue
 8th Dan Kamp
 Mary Lou Miller
 11th Amanda Alonzo
 12th Carole Schultz

16th Mary Lou Tucker
 20th Christopher Koenig
 22nd Matt Gastler
 24th Andrew David
 26th Orda Gibbs
 28th James Bauer, Jr.

30th Martin Liebmann, III

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



October Schedule

Altar Guild Schedule:

October 7th
 October 14th
 October 21st
 October 28th - Reformation

8:15 Service

Lisa Adams

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 Lisa Adams

10:45 Service

Karen Liebmann

 Karen Liebmann

Greeters Schedule:

October 7th
 October 14th
 October 21st
 October 28th

Anne Greb
 Ron & Judie Paul
 Don & Karin Bartz
 Rick & Ann Miller

Carol Geiser
 Mark & Julia Graudin
 Marilyn Jones
 Mary Lou Tucker

Usher Schedule:

John Borchelt
 Mike Klemme
 Dean Larson

John Hargett
 Jack Jeffcott
 Dan Reimler

Acolyte Schedule:

October 7th
 October 14th
 October 21st
 October 28th

Lucas Hung
 Micah Hung
 Katie Meyer
 John Larson

Christian Liebmann
 Haven Liebmann
 Mary LaFlamme
 John Schilling

