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With Christ at the Heart

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June is
Busting Out All Over

May 4th we celebrated 60 years of God's blessings on His Word and Sacraments here at Church of the Reformation - Lutheran! Thanks to Dr. Harmelink of

Concordia Historical Institute for preaching. Thanks to the anniversary committee (Dale Thielker, Joyce & Carol Drechsel, & Julie Graudin), and to all those who helped set up and clean up afterwards. Thanks to Chia and Hal for their perspectives on God at work in our congregation, to Adam Matheny in his role as Martin Luther, and to Rev. Gerike, Tony Pelsue and Laura Pelsue for providing the musical edification. Attendees got a gift cup and also, thanks to Mark and Julie - a nice Lord's Prayer key chain memento. A good time was had by all!

The summer is upon us. The green foliage has really busted out, but now ugh, St. Louis heat! We went from Winter to Spring and then Winter tried to take it back, but no! Summer! And everyone's trying to catch up - with grass, shrubbery, spring cleaning, graduations, home repairs, recreation, pool openings, etc. Busy as a bee summer!

But don't let your busyness crowd out time for Church, Bible Class, for daily prayer and devotional. God's Word keeps us refreshed and focused on things from God's perspective rather than the world's perspective and that makes all the difference.

And just in time to address kids being out of school and the summer heat, COR has VBS on 3 Wednesday evenings in June (11th, 18th, & 25th from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.) with the theme: River of Life. We'll start with a light meal in the parish hall and then split up into classes for children 3-5 yrs; grade 1-3; grade 5-7; and grade 8 to adults. Bust out of your usual Wednesday evening routine and join us.

See you in church on Sunday!
Pastor Pelsue



JUNE NEWS & NOTES



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all items/articles for the **July/August** newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, June 16th**.

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



IT'S A BUNCO PARTY!

Ladies Only (ages 13 and over) are cordially invited for an afternoon of Bunco fun, luncheon (potluck), fellowship and prizes on **Sunday, June 1st at 12:00 noon** in the parish hall. A sign-up sheet is now posted on the Christian Fellowship Board. Please indicate what dish you are bringing, and whether or not you can bring a card table.0

"RIVER OF LIFE"
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



The Board of Education is sponsoring VBS on **Wednesday evenings, June 11, 18 and 25 from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. with dinners included (sponsor needed for the 25th)!** Our theme is "River of Life" and is based on the Creation (June 11th), the Exodus (June 18th), and Jesus, Baptism (June 25th). This is for all ages! Please bring your-self, your kids, grand-kids, nieces, nephews and don't forget your **NEIGHBORS!** Because dinner is included, we are asking everyone to sign-up (sign-up sheet in narthex).

Donations Needed! In order to help keep the cost down the VBS committee is asking for donations of the following supplies:

Crayons	Pencils
Glue	Rulers
Construction Paper	White Poster Boards
Flat Buttons (new or used)	Wooden Paint Sticks (from paint stores)

A collection basket for your donations is in the narthex. Remaining supplies will be donated to Sunday School or Youth Group children.

If you have any questions, please call Brenda Hargett (314-353-3437) or Sharon Burgeois (314-638-8767)

CHANGE FOR LIFE BOTTLE DRIVE



In the past, beginning on Mother's Day and ending on Father's Day, we have collected diapers for Pregnancy Resource Center. This year, instead of diapers, COR will continue its "Change for Life" bottle drive.

Since January, we have been asking members to grab a baby bottle, found scattered throughout the narthex and parish hall, and fill it with your spare change. Each full bottle pays for an ultrasound in Thrive's mobile unit. **Over 90% of abortion-minded women who see the ultrasound of their baby choose life.** In 2012 alone 1,130 lives were saved through the work of Thrive. You can make a Change for Life with your support. So far, 7 filled bottles have been turned in! THANK YOU! Let's keep this going! Take a bottle home this weekend and make it a family "challenge" to fill it!



LADIES CLUB NEWS!

Re-Cycle – Re-cycle

It's that time of year for our **COR Rummage Sale!** The sale will be held on **Wednesday, June 4th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** with set-up on Tuesday, June 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until complete. Volunteers are needed for set-up and for working the sale (a sign-up sheet has been posted for that purpose).

Rummage Needed! Start looking all around your house, garage and basement for items you no longer want or use. Please put rummage along the back wall of the parish hall.

Please no furniture or large electronic items (small appliances are welcome). Great suggestions are: antiques, jewelry (new or old), fishing and sports equipment, garden items, china, silverware, crystal, all

baby items (high chairs, booster seats, etc.), toys, games and of course clothes in all sizes and age groups (even maternity clothes). Please make sure all items are clean and work properly.

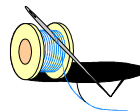
Money earned from the sale will benefit two great causes:

1. The Ladies Club would like to purchase 2 new computers for church to replace the two computers that can no longer be updated and protected.

2. 20% of our proceeds will go to "SoldierSocks," a non-profit organization committed to helping soldiers take their next steps forward. Whether it be a soldier taking their next steps on the frontlines, in their education or career paths, or helping them get out of a wheelchair and take the next steps forward in their daily lives. One of SoldierSocks' goals is to raise funds to purchase 'Ekso' units to be donated to United States Veterans who were paralyzed as a result of injuries sustained during their tour(s) in the War on Terror.

WHAT IS EKSO? EksoTM is a bionic suit, or exoskeleton, which enables individuals with lower extremity paralysis to stand up and walk. (see the pics on the church bulletin board or go to www.soldiersocks.com for more info)

The more donated rummage we receive, the more money we can make. If you need items to be picked up, please call Brenda Hargett at 314-353-3437. Matching funds have been applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



CARE & SHARE will meet on Thursday, June 26th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (1/2 day).

FAITH COMES BY HEARING

Across the USA, churches, radio stations, TV stations, and people like you are standing strong with our military, showing support and spreading God's Word to those in harm's way.



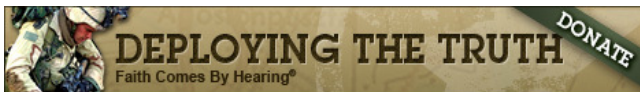
Through Faith Comes By Hearing's Military BibleStick project, our nation's troops are hearing the Word of God while on (or preparing for) deployment. The Military BibleStick is a digital audio player that is pre-loaded with a dramatized recording of the entire New Testament and over 65 minutes of select Psalms.

Chaplains from every branch of the military are flooding Faith Comes By Hearing with requests. More than 424,000 of these Audio Bibles are now in the field. Over 1,440 chaplains use Military BibleSticks in pre-deployment briefings, counseling sessions, Bible studies, weekly chapels and other spiritual services.

About 3.5 inches long and less than an inch thick, these pocket-sized Audio Bibles are field-friendly with a low-key design which reduces visibility for use in low-light situations.

Your support for the troops is an integral part of providing Military BibleSticks to our service men and women around the world. More than 300,000 troops now have the comfort and hope of Audio Scriptures on BibleSticks. These BibleSticks are provided through their chaplains at no charge because of the generosity of churches.

If you would like to purchase an audio Bible for U.S. military personnel please write your check payable to Reformation Lutheran Church and put on the memo line, "Military Bible Stick." If you can't afford \$25.00 – that's okay too! All amounts (\$1, \$5, \$10, or even \$100) donated towards this campaign are welcome. Thank you!



AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS



For the month of June, we will focus on food pantry staples which include:

Canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned fish, canned beans, canned soup, tomato sauce, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, peanut butter, jelly, flour, sugar, powdered milk or shelf stable boxed milk.

Please bring the suggested items and place in the grocery cart in the parish hall or the hamper in the narthex. The food will be taken to the Affton Food Pantry. Thanks for your help! *Ladies Club*

Thank you for your donations!



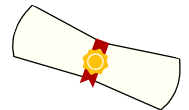
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL

★ **Tony Diego** graduated from Lutheran South High School. He will be attending Southeast Missouri State University in the fall and will major in linguistics.

★ **John Michael Franklin** graduated from Bayless High School. He will be attending Meramec Community College in the fall.

We are proud of you all for your hard work and educational achievement! We pray you will use what you've learned to the glory of God and for the benefit of your fellow man. God Bless you all! *If we missed anyone, please let the church office know so that we may update our records.*



CHURCH OFFICE VACATION SCHEDULES

→ The church office will be closed in observance of the July 4th Holiday on Friday, July 4th.

→ Sheri is on vacation the week of July 21st and will return to the office on Monday, July 28th. Please keep these dates in mind if you need something from the church office!!

ENJOY SIX FLAGS WITH THRIVENT

The St. Louis Heartland Region of Thrivent Financial is excited to offer a special ticket price for Six Flags St. Louis Theme Park.



Only \$29.99*

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To purchase tickets visit www.sixflags.com/stlouis with the promo code **Thrive** from June 9 – July 13. Tickets may be used from June 14 – July 13. Children age 2



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UNAPPROVED MINUTES FOR CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION

Church Council Meeting - May 8, 2014

PRESENT: Hal Uthoff, Mark Bliese, Dale Thielker, John Hargett, Dan Kamp, Pastor Pelsue, Jill Pelsue, Linda LaFlamme, & Brenda Hargett. Jack Jeffcott-absent-excused, Jim Fink-absent-unexcused.

Mark Bliese led the devotion on the Celebrations we have in life-Anniversaries, Birthdays, Baptisms & deaths. The date of C.F. Walthers death was on May 7th. Congratulations were extended for 60 years of COR. Next month's devotion will be led by Jack Jeffcott.

The minutes were approved after two corrections were made. The spelling of Rev. Harmelink was changed from Hormelink to Harmelink. A change was also made in the wording of the treasures report. "that a member had donated stock" to " a member had contributed stock."

PRESIDENTS REPORT: After arriving, Derek Hotzel gave a big THANK YOU to all those who had served on the 60th Anniversary celebration committee. Derek commented that it seemed to be enjoyable by all.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: Hal Uthoff stated that Mary Jane Autry has agreed to serve as Chairperson for the 2014 Audit Committee. The committee will consist of Mary Jane, Tony Pelsue and Diana Meyer.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: John Hargett read Dan Kamp's report on the monthly income summary for April 2014. For the month, COR received income toward budgeted expenses of \$26,898.44 with interest on checking of \$449.98 and Thrivent & E-script totals of \$316.85 for a sub total of \$27,665.27. Designated and pass thru funds added another \$4,374.25 for a grand total of \$32,039.52. The full report can be viewed on the bulletin board outside of the nursery.

TREASURES REPORT: Dan Kamp read John Hargett's report. COR is fully paid on all its current obligations. For the month of April, COR had \$19,321.00 in budgeted expenses. Also, there were \$1,164.00 in non-Budgeted expenses during this month. Notable items from these expenses were Dishwasher Repair (\$295), Special Olympics Sponsorship (\$200) and 60th Anniversary (\$116 - total thus far of \$207).

PASTOR REPORT: Pastor reported that Wilma Lind had passed away and her funeral was here on April 26, 2014. In pastor's absence, Rev. Timothy Landskroener conducted the funeral. Jamie & Mara McAlister have a new baby boy that will be baptized on May 11th at the 8:15 a.m. service. All went well for the recent Holy Week services. Pastor has continued to make visits to Yvonne Spitz, John Hargett, The Wilkes's and Anne Greb. Wednesday AM bible class is still reading thru the Book of Acts and Sunday Bible class is still on The Lost Books. Pastor announced that Adam Matheny and family will be going to Garden City, New York for their vicarage year. Our stained glass windows will be featured in an article in Stained Glass Quarterly by Alicia Von Stamwitz. John Franklin will be getting his Eagle Scout award with the ceremony being at COR on May 18th at 4:00 p.m. Pastor wanted to thank Rev Richard Warneck and Dr. Daniel Harmelink for the two recent services they had officiated. Ascension Day is May 29th at 7:00 p.m. Other items: VBS meeting on 4/22/14 and Resident Field Education breakfast meeting 5-15-14 at Concordia Seminary. The next Mackenzie Village service will be May 22nd.

EVANGELISM REPORT: NO REPORT-JIM FINK WAS ABCENT.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Linda Laflamme told council how much Pastor James had enjoyed the Palm Sunday photos and Easter greeting from COR. After investigating the talent cards for baptismal dates and finding none, Linda will be getting with other Stewardship committee members to start contacting members for these dates, if available. Stewardship will be taking over the Display in a few months with a display on Pastor James and his ministry. Linda & Pastor had wrote a note in the weekly bulletin about the bad weather taking a toll on expenses and asking members to make up offerings that they might have missed in recent months. Stewardship will be passing out carnations for Mother's Day- May 11th with a devotional tag attached.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Jill Pelsue reported that after the "JONAH" meeting that Dale Thielker conducted it was concluded that discount arrangements didn't need to be made. Everyone seemed to have different plans for seeing the show. So everyone will be on their own. Thrive alive benefit walk/run will take place on May 17th for all those interested in either participating or sponsoring a participant. Sign-ups are available on the bulletin board outside the office. If you are planning on participating you must sign up on line. Ladies lunch and Bunco date

has been changed from May 18th to June 1st. This is for ladies only and will be in fellowship hall after late service. The Ascension Service will have an Ice Cream social afterwards. The church picnic will be July 27.

BOARD OF ELDERS: Mark Bliese reported that Mark & Deb Eischer have transferred to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia, Illinois. Removed from our rolls was the Ralph Meier family by self-exclusion. The board had listened to Pastor's report on his activities for the past month, as well as activity reports from each elder. Each Elder received a three-month attendance list. Those members who have been delinquent for some time are the main focus of this effort. It was noted that Pastor had a number of members he wanted the elders to specifically contact.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES: Pastor reported on Jack Jeffcott's behalf that the kitchen dishwasher has now been report.

BOARD OF FINANCE: Dale Thielker reported that actual contributions toward Budgeted Expenses were \$27,665 and actual Expenses against Budgeted Expenses were \$19,321. This gives us a surplus of \$8,344. Dale remarked that this was considerably better than last month when we had a deficit of \$12,036.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Brenda Hargett read a letter from Shelly Bliese concerning Sunday School. Shelly wanted to thank all the children for singing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. A special thank you goes out to parents and staff for helping to accomplish this. Home devotions have been distributed to our youngest children with stories and stickers so they were able to create a centerpiece depicting Holy Week. The Children who are able to read were given a devotional booklet entitled "*A Living Hope*". Summer Sunday school will be starting soon. Ages 3-10 will be grouped together in one large class. We will utilize CPH's water themed summer curriculum. The summer offering will be designated for the Lutheran Malaria initiative. Christian Education Sunday will be Sunday, September 14, 2014, which is also Holy Cross Sunday. VBS will take place on Wednesday, June 11, 18, & 25th from 5:45 to 8:00 PM. We will be using the River of life with a few changes. We will be asking for free will offerings to help with the cost of food and help with supplies such as yarn, glue, construction paper and crayons. VBS will be for all ages so ask your grandchildren, nieces and nephews. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Dan Kamp asked that Jill and Pastor leave the room so Council could discuss the ending of Concordia's compensation program to their 503B pension program. Starting July 1st. Concordia will end the matching funds program for Sheri & Pastor's pension. Dan Kamp made the motion that COR would match the retirement savings plan for Sheri and Pastor from July 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014. Motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 with the reciting of The Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Jones
Recording Secretary

June Birthdays!



1st Julia Graudin
Alexander Jeffcott
3rd Katheryn Duneman
5th Mark Bliese
6th Ralph Kamp
Dean Larson
Lisa Adams
7th John Hargett
8th Shawn Jeffcott
Hope Hotzel
10th Tammy Frischman
11th Lorene Bunyard
16th Donna Schilling

17th Gavin Pelsue
18th Betty Heermann
Doris Hemmann
Dorothy Trefney
19th Tessa Taylor
20th Michelle Miller
Hannah Schrader
Allison McIlvaine
21st Chia Hung
22nd Philip Bliese
Terry Jones
23rd Deanna Bauer
Jacob McAlister

26th Nikole Kamp
Robert Klemme
30th Ross Bolinger

God's Blessings to You!

June Schedule

8:15 Service

10:45 Service

Altar Guild Schedule:

June 1st
June 8th Both
June 15th Both
June 22nd
June 29th Both

Diana Meyer
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Diana Meyer

Linda LaFlamme
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Greeters Schedule:

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

Sandy Townsend
Lisa Adams
Don & Karin Bartz
Carol Reimler
Jamie & Maura McAlister

Norma Grau
Joyce & Carol Drechsel
Dennis & Jan Schrader
Mark & Julia Graudin
Mary Lou Tucker

Usher Schedule:

John Borchelt
Mike Klemme
Dean Larson

John Hargett
Jack Jeffcott

Acolyte Schedule:

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

Katie Meyer
Mary LaFlamme
John Larson
Katie Meyer
Mary LaFlamme

Alex Jeffcott
John Schilling
Christian Liebmann
Haven Liebmann
John Schilling