



JANUARY NEWS & NOTES

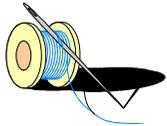
SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

New Year's Day – January 1st
Divine Service - 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany of Our Lord
Divine Service
Tuesday, January 6th - 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The ladies of the Reformation Women's Guild will meet on **Tuesday, January 6th, at 12:30p.m.** The devotion will be given by Mildred Wotli and the hostesses are Mildred Wotli and Charlotte Johnson.



CARE & SHARE will meet on **Thursday, January 29th at 9:30 a.m.** for the assembling of quilts, layettes, laprobes, etc.

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING

On **Saturday, January 10th, at 9:00 a.m.**, all are welcome and encouraged to help take down the church Christmas decorations. The more people the merrier. All help will be greatly appreciated. Please bring a salad, snack or appetizer to share.



AFFTON EVANGELISM OUTREACH

On **Saturday, January 17th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.**, join other members of Reformation as they visit new homeowners in Affton. They are given information about Reformation, the beliefs of Missouri Synod Lutheran, and are welcomed to come and visit our congregation. For more information call Deb Gawlik at 631-7355.

RETIRES MEETING

The Retirees will meet on **Tuesday, January 27th at 12 noon.** Look for more details to follow in upcoming church announcements.

COR YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT!!



The Senior Youth Group is sponsoring a Trivia Night at COR on **Saturday, January 10th.** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with Trivia beginning at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$60.00 per table with 6 people per table. Popcorn and soda will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own refreshments. Raffles and Prizes! Proceeds to benefit the Youth Group. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the Youth Bulletin Board. For tickets or more information – please see one of our youth:

Champagne Brahan – 544-9444
Katie Duneman – 631-9221
Martin Liebmann, IV – 544-1152
Lucas Kamp – 487-0453
Michael Appel – 505-7749



MONDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

CHRISTIANITY

THE FIRST THREE CENTURIES
FROM CHRIST TO CONSTANTINE

How could a tiny sect ever conquer the world?

How could a tiny, tortured faith become the most successful phenomenon in all of history? During its first three hundred years from Christ to Constantine, the Christian church had to wage a two-front campaign against external persecution and internal heresy until it finally conquered the Roman Empire – and the future.

Please join us beginning **January 12th at 7:00 p.m.** as we explore “Christianity – The First Three Centuries” by Dr. Paul L Maier. This **new** video series includes: Jesus of Nazareth – What Else Do We Know?; Apostles and Emperors; Persecutions and Bishops; Defenders of the Faith; Martyrs for the Faith; Torments of the Third Century; and The Great Deliverance.

For more information about the Monday evening Bible class, please contact Vicar Anthony Appel, 314.352.1355.



2009 UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

February 1st – Super Bowl Party

February 14th – Valentine’s Day Potluck starting at 3:30 p.m. for all ages.

May 3rd – Anniversary Celebration after the 10:45 a.m. worship service

Also, I would like to have an Anniversary Committee meeting in January on a Saturday morning. I need someone who can help in making a memory DVD. Look for more information on times of meeting in Sunday announcements. Please call Julie Graudin, 832-2266 for more information



CONCORDIA SEMINARY EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Concordia Seminary invites the public to its annual Epiphany Celebration at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11th** in the Seminary’s Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus. Participating in the celebration will be several vocal and instrumental groups from the Concordia Seminary community, including the Concordia Seminary Chorus, Pro Musica Sacra and Brass Choir. Special recognition will be given to pastors and church musicians from Lutheran Churches in the St. Louis area.

BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTIES NEWS

The Board of Church Properties could probably be considered part of the Stewardship, Fellowship and Evangelism Committees.

Good stewards do their work joyfully and eagerly looking forward to their Lord’s return. As Pastor often reminds us, the Lord comes to us already now in Word and Sacrament to forgive our sins and sustain us in the faith. I am hoping that every member of Reformation rejoices that our God is with us through His Word and Sacraments.

Our worship and fellowship around these means of grace take place in the beautiful building and on the pretty grounds in Affton that God has blessed us with. This building proclaims to the community that we are still gathered by God in Jesus’ name and we are each privileged to invite them to join us. This is evangelism.

I am praying that the Lord continues to bless our congregation with the hope of our Saviors return in majesty that we may always be with Him. In the meantime

we still do have a building and grounds to maintain and we do this out of gratitude for what God has done for us. As projects come up I will be asking for your help. Thank you.

Mark Graudin, Chairman

JANUARY FEED MY PEOPLE MEAL-A-MONTH



Hot or cold cereal, canned fruit or juice, Biscuit or Jiffy Mix, powdered milk (opt.)

Bags are now available in the narthex shopping cart. Feel free to take one and fill it with the grocery items stated above or you may fill the bag with any food items you would care to give. Place bag of groceries in the shopping cart. Please - no glass containers. Thank you for your donations!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all items/articles for the February newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, January 19th**. Articles may be e-mailed to reformationlc@sbcglobal.net, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary’s mailbox.

THANK YOU



Dear Reformation Family,

I would like to thank everyone who came out in this cold winter weather to help decorate the church for Christmas. The church looks beautiful! Thanks also to the Men’s Club who helped to prepare the pancakes and sausage breakfast for all the helpers. The breakfast was great! We had a great turn out for decorating which made it light work and more fun. Way to go team!!

In Christ, *Pastor Pelsue*

Many Thanks to All!!

To our church family for participating in our “Giving Tree Project” which helps Feed My People in their Christmas food and gift distribution.

Thanks to Laverne Downs and Mary Lou Tucker for their help in making the ornaments; to Mike Hediger for all his help putting the tree up and taking it down.



Thanks to the women in Care and Share for sharing the quilts, lap robes and baby sweaters. They are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Carol Abbott for sharing her Christmas tree with us this year. We thought it looked very pretty with the lights and ornaments.

This year we delivered a total of 102 gifts to be distributed by the Feed My People elves to all those in need during December. These gifts will make for a more joyous Christmas for those less fortunate.

Dear Reformation Family,

We want to thank you so much for your generous support, prayers, cookies, and gifts during the Christmas season. You have been so kind to us and made us feel so comfortable. We feel blessed to be part of your family and humbled by your generosity. We pray God's blessings on each of you now and in the coming year. Thank you!

In His Service, *Vicar Appel and Family*

2009 BULLETIN BOOSTERS



The 2009 Bulletin Booster sign-up sheet is now on the narthex bulletin board. If you would like to sponsor a week of full color church bulletins, fill in your name (and dedication) on the lines under the week you would like to underwrite. Insert your check for \$18.00 made out to Reformation in the "Bulletin Boosters" envelope located on the bottom of the chart. The envelopes can then be mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate.

THE 2009 FLOWER CALENDAR



The new flower calendar is now up on the church bulletin board. If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar, fill in your name on the date you would like to reserve and complete the form located under the calendar and then place the form along with your check in the women's guild mailbox. Altar flowers are \$15.00 for two small bouquets or \$20.00 for two larger bouquets. Checks should be made payable to the Women's Guild. No flowers will be ordered unless the check is received two weeks in advance. Thanks for your cooperation.

TIME TO RENEW

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS



The Lutheran Witness is a great way to find out what's happening in The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Each monthly issue is packed with up-to-date information about people and places, letters from readers and humor, plus much, much more. A one year subscription is \$15.00. Write your check out to Reformation Lutheran Church, place it in the "Lutheran Witness" envelope which is included in your box of church envelopes and put in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to church. New subscriptions are due to begin in April. The list with all subscriptions must be in to the church office by no later than January 26th.

THE 2009 MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN

YOU have the opportunity to join tens of thousands of peaceful, prayerful pro-lifers at the 36th Annual National March for Life in Washington, D.C. on **January 21-23, 2009.** Registration is \$150.00 per passenger and is due by January 7, 2009 (no meals included; bring extra spending money). For more information, see the church bulletin board. To obtain a registration form, please call the church office at 314-352-1355.



WINTER LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE

"Woman and Man - According to God's Plan"

Prof. Joel Biermann

Concordia Seminary (Sieck Hall, Room 202)

801 Seminary Place

January 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2009

Wednesday evenings - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The relations between the sexes have received much attention in popular culture in recent years, but much of the thinking reflects ideas that are not in line with what God has revealed about His plans and purposes for men and women. While the Bible does not overflow with detailed direction for the interactions between men and women, God does reveal fundamental and profound truths that have immediate and enormous significance for daily life.

The cost of the seminar is \$30.00 per person and includes course handouts and refreshments. To register call Linda at 314-505-7486 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or email ce@csl.edu. For a registration form, call the church office at 314.352.1355.



MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE!!

Concordia Seminary announces an upcoming continuing education workshop entitled "Making Abortion Unthinkable" led by Dr. Jeff Gibbs. Using video-based presentation as well as discussion segments, Dr. Gibbs will explore the question of abortion with regard to clear, focused apologetics and human reason at its best. The workshop will strengthen and clarify understanding for those who attend, as well as equip them to speak winsomely, even to non-Christians, on behalf of the unborn. Each participant will receive a helpful manual of materials.

The workshop is **Saturday, January 31st** at Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, Sieck Hall, Room 202. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the seminar concludes at 2:30 p.m. To register contact: Continuing Education, 314-505-7486 or ce@cs.edu. Registration deadline is Friday, January 25th and the cost is \$10 which includes manual and lunch. The seminar is free to sem students and spouses!

2ND ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION

Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia Missouri is hosting the 2nd Annual Day of Reflection - Conversion of Saint Paul Day on **Saturday, January 24th**. The presenters are Rev. Brent Kuhlman (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Murdock NE) and Rev. Mark Sell (Executive Director of Friends of Mercy Ministry, Ballwin, MO). The Honored Guest for the day is Dr. Horace Hummel (Professor Emeritus, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis). See the church bulletin board for more information.

To register, mail a check for \$15.00 and the registration form (call the church office, 352-1355, to obtain one) to SPLHS, Attn: Karen Heins, P.O. Box 719, Concordia, MO 64020-0719 or email her at kheins@splhs.org. Deadline is January 15th - after the 15th to cost increases to \$20.00. Registration includes: Access to all presentations; Lunch and refreshments; Banquet meal and evening presentation.

If you need housing, please call Rosalie at 888-463-5127 for Blitz Hall or Karen Heins at 660-463-2238, ext. 244 for Heilman Hall.



STRENGTHENING THE STRANDS MARRIED COUPLES WEEKEND!

"Chosen, Holy and Beloved!" is the theme for the 2009 Strengthening the Strands - Married

Couples Weekend and is based on text from Colossians 3:12. "Strands" is a special weekend with your spouse, celebrating God's blessing to us in marriage. This year's event will be held February 20-22, 2009 at **The Lodge of Four Seasons** in Lake Ozark, Missouri.

The event is hosted by the Missouri District Family Life and Youth Board and the Missouri District Strands Planning Committee. Rev. Al and Diane Schade (Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran, St. Charles, MO) will lead with Mr. John Wittmayer (Director of Music Ministry at Salem Lutheran, Affton) providing the music.

This special weekend includes devotions, special time together, a banquet and dance as well as uplifting worship! Registration is just \$249 per couple and includes 2 full breakfasts, banquet and dance, refreshments and program. Special room rates will be available from The Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark for just \$78 per night (plus tax). Be sure to request the main lodge when making reservations. Registration deadline is January 20, 2009. Call the church office at 314-352-1355 for a registration form or download it from the District web site at mo.lcms.org/ythfam.htm today. This event is for couples of all ages and years married to enjoy!

FAMILY SHIELD MINISTRIES

TRIVIA NIGHT - BECAUSE LIFE ISN'T TRIVIAL!!
Family Shield Ministries and Our Lady's Inn are sponsoring a Trivia Night on **Saturday, January 17, 2009** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 15800 Manchester Road in Ellisville. The evening will include a silent auction, snacks, soda, and will include a cash bar. You can bring your own prepared food.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and tables of eight are available upon request. You can register online at www.OurLadysInn.org or send a check to: Our Lady's Inn, P.O. Box 18741, St. Louis, MO 63118-0741.

To donate an auction gift, become a sponsor, or learn more, call Family Shield at 314-772-6070 or Our Lady's Inn at 314-351-4590.

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WITNESSING - A LIFESTYLE

The new book "Witnessing - A Lifestyle" is now available from Family Shield Ministries. Copies are now available to order. The author of the book is Kay L. Meyer, president of Family Shield Ministries and host of the Family Shield radio program. The book is designed to help all Christians learn to witness more effectively to family, friends, and co-workers. Each book is \$12.99, plus \$4 shipping and handling. Order forms are available from the church office.

