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With Christ at the Heart

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A New Year with . . . Peace, in Christ

"I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I

have overcome the world." John 16:33 (ESV)

As we embark on 2010 we venture into uncertainty. None of us knows what the year will bring. People ponder things like: "What will happen to my health and health care?" "As unemployment continues to climb and the economy waffles, what will happen to my job, or my retirement and my social security?" "If cap and trade passes how will I pay an electric and gas bill that could escalate drastically?"

In the midst of uncertainty, even tribulation, we have peace in Christ, who has overcome the world. The Christmas message still rings in our ears:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men" Luke 2:14

He came

"to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:79 (ESV)

We have peace in knowing that our sin is forgiven.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ Romans 5:1 (ESV)

We have peace that hold us steadfast:

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philip. 4:7 (ESV)

And peace that gives hope for the future:

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thes. 5:23 (ESV)

Take heart; Christ has overcome the world.

Peace to you in Christ, Pastor Pelsue



JANUARY NEWS & NOTES

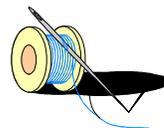
SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

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

WOMEN'S GUILD

The ladies of the Reformation Women's Guild will meet on **Tuesday, January 5th, at 12:30p.m.** The devotion will be given by Mary Lou Tucker and the hostesses are Mildred Wotli and Wilma Lind.

CARE & SHARE will meet on **Thursday, January 28th at 9:30 a.m.** for the assembling of quilts, layettes, laprobes, etc.



PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor will be on vacation from January 3rd thru the 9th. Wednesday morning Bible Class and Catechism will resume on January 13th. The Bible Class is currently studying Jeremiah the Prophet and they will continue with chapter 11. The catechumens should read thru the Introduction of the Apostles Creed (pages 102-108) by the 13th. The class will begin by reviewing their exam on the 10 Commandments. If you need pastoral assistance, please call the church office (352-1355) or the church secretary (846-8778).

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING

On **Saturday, January 9th, 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.



HOORAY! HOORAY!
REFORMATION MEN'S CLUB IS VICTORIOUS!

For the first time in 9 contests with Peace Church, the Reformation Men's Club won both of the Traveling Trophies - The Brotherhood Trophy for winning 3 out of 4 Dart Ball games and The Fellowship Trophy for winning the basketball Free Throw contest.

The victories were truly team victories and everyone contributed. A few highlights: Jamie McAlister had 6 triples - 1 being a game winning triple; Denny Schrader had 5 triples and several RBI's and the following individuals had multiple hit games: Hal Uthoff, Ron Paul, Mark Eischer, Jack Jeffcott, John Hargett, Mark Graudin, Tony Pelsue and Carlos Umana who also had a home run. A special thanks goes to Pastor Pelsue who had the opening prayer and Mike Klemme and John Borchelt for managing the snacks and drinks. Congratulations to all!

RETIREES MEETING

The Retirees will meet on **Tuesday, January 26th at 12 noon.** Look for more details to follow in upcoming church announcements.



MONDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

The Monday Evening Bible Class will resume on **January 4th at 7:00 p.m.** Seminarian Aaron Meyer will lead the class and the topic is "Mountain Tops of the Bible." All are invited to attend.



2010 UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

February 7th - Super Bowl Party with Chili Cook-off

February 14th - Mardi gras and St. Valentine's Day Festivities after the 2nd service.

More info will follow in future Sunday announcements and February newsletter.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all items/articles for the February newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, January 18th.** Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.

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!



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*

2010 BULLETIN BOOSTERS



The 2010 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 2010 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 Flower Chart on the date you would like to reserve and complete the form located under the calendar. Place the form along with your check for \$25.50 in the offering plate or the secretary's mailbox. Checks should be made payable to Reformation. No flowers will be ordered unless the check is received one week in advance. Thanks for your cooperation.



CONCORDIA SEMINARY EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Concordia Seminary will hold its annual Epiphany Celebration on **Sunday, January 10, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.** in The 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. Also participating will be the Kantorei from Hope Lutheran School, St. Louis, the Chant Choir from Peace Lutheran Church, St. Louis, and the student string ensemble from Holy Cross Lutheran School, Collinsville.

The Epiphany Celebration will be the premiere of a new male choir setting of the Paul Gerhardt text, "*O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is.*" The setting is by the Seminary Chorus director, the Reverend Henry V. Gerike.

Special recognition will be given to pastors and church musicians from Lutheran churches in the St. Louis area. Concordia Seminary desires to express its appreciation for their work of proclaiming God's Word and leading God's people in worship and song.

For more information about the Epiphany Celebration, contact Communications, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; 314-505-7379; communications@csl.edu.

BACH AT SEM

Sunday, January 31st- 3:00 p.m.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, is pleased to announce the 18th season of *Bach at the Sem*, featuring presentations of J. S. Bach's music by The American Kantorei, under the direction of Robert Bergt. The *Bach at the Sem* sacred concerts are held in the Seminary's Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus. There is no admission charge and no tickets are issued. A free-will offering is received in support of the series.



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 25th.



MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE!!

The Concordia Seminary Pro-Life Group is sponsoring "Making Abortion Unthinkable." The workshop on **Saturday, January 30** in Sieck Hall 202 on the Seminary campus will begin with registration from 8:30 to 9:00 am, and will conclude promptly at 2:30 pm. The program will include video-based presentations as well as discussions segments; Dr. Jeff Gibbs, professor of New Testament at Concordia, will serve as the moderator for the workshop. Each participant will also receive a helpful manual of materials. The \$12 per person fee includes lunch and the manual; adults and older teens are welcome. The workshop will strengthen and clarify understanding for those who attend, as well as equip them to speak more effectively and winsomely on behalf of the unborn. For more information or to pre-register, please contact Concordia Seminary Continuing Education at 314/505-7486 or email ce@csl.edu

Come along with us to WASHINGTON, D.C. for the 37th Annual National March for Life with the...



Missouri Life Caravan

Thursday-Friday-Saturday

January 21-22-23, 2010

Stand up and speak up in support of LIFE!

Preliminary Schedule & Information:

- Thursday, Jan. 21, morning: Buses leave various sites in Eastern Missouri. Stop for lunch & dinner.

- Friday, Jan. 22, morning & afternoon: Arrive in D.C., meet with Senators & Congressional Reps from Missouri. Join thousands of pro-lifers in the March for Life. Evening: board buses; depart for home.
- Saturday, Jan. 23, morning: Breakfast stop. Late afternoon: arrive home!
- The Cost will be \$130 per person.
- All passengers must be age 7 or older.
- All travelers ages 7-18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

The Missouri Life Caravan trip *does not* have an overnight hotel stay. The overnight period is spent traveling on the luxury motor coach buses. Journey with us to Washington, DC, on one of our many buses or if your group is large enough to fill a bus, call us and we'll help your group or organization put together their own bus! Have questions? Want to sponsor someone to go on the trip?

For more information and a registration form please visit <http://www.missourilife.org/> or call Missouri Right to Life Eastern Region at (314) 434-4900 or email: LifeCaravan@missourilife.org



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!



WINTER LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE
“Philip Melancthon: Luther’s Go-to Layman”
Concordia Seminary (Sieck Hall, Room 202)
801 Seminary Place
January 13, 30, 27 & February 3, 2010
Wednesday evenings - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

What does it mean to be Lutheran? Philip Melancthon defined the church anew with the Augsburg Confession, and he defines a great deal about the church's life through his leadership at Luther's side, as Luther's closest associate and 'handyman' who had the patience Luther did not always have to deal with the problems of reviving faithful Christian living and conveying the gospel of forgiveness of sins clearly. A layman throughout his life, Melancthon's witness to our faith echoes through the ages. Controversial in his own time and often criticized since, he remains a figure whom God used to shape the way we talk about our faith and confess it even today. It is fitting, then, to say, if Luther was the captain and inspiration of the Reformation, Melancthon was his right-hand man. He encouraged the study of God's first article gifts and promoted biblical studies among both clergy and laity.

Who better to consider for a 'Lay Bible Institute?'" Presenters are Dr. Robert Kolb, Dr. Gerhard Bode, Dr. Timothy Dost, Dr. Erik Herrmann, and Dr. Robert Rosin. Cost is \$30 per person and includes handouts and refreshments. For more information or to register by phone with credit card, call 314-505-7486, or send a check (please include phone number) to Lay Bible Institute, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105.

STRENGTHENING THE STRANDS
MARRIED COUPLES WEEKEND!



“Encore! Encore!” is the theme for the 2009 Strengthening the Strands - Married Couples Weekend and is based on text from Philippians 4:4. “Strands” is a special weekend with your spouse, celebrating God’s blessing to us in marriage. This year’s event will be held February 19-21, 2010 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. Greg and Diane Rommel (Greg is the DCE at Resurrection and they are the parents of Amy Hotzel) will be the facilitators for the weekend with John Wittmayer (music director at Salem) providing the music.

This special weekend includes devotions, special time together, a banquet and dance as well as uplifting worship! Registration is just \$269 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 18, 2010. Call the church office at

