



Church Of the Reformation - Lutheran
The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod
With Christ at the Heart

Christus
COR

7910 Mackenzie Road, St. Louis, MO 63123-2721
(314) 352-1355 (office); (314) 352-7652 (fax)

Reverend David C. Pelsue, Pastor
Website: www.reformationstl.org



Epiphany, Unveiling Christ
to the World!

January 6th, the Feast of Epiphany (originally, *Theophany*, or *revelation of God*), begins the season by the same name. This year it falls on Sunday and our services will be at the regular time (8:15 and 10:45 a.m.). Epiphany is one of the oldest feasts in the church year, Easter being the oldest. In the second century, it was the celebration of Christ's birth and His Baptism.

The feast day itself centers on the Magi (gentiles) in the East seeing the star and following its light to find and worship Him born king of the Jews. This is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy that God's light would arise and shine on the gentile nations.

The Baptism of our Lord is still a major focus, celebrated on the first Sunday in this Season of Lights. Jesus being unveiled as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," His calling of disciples, His first miracle at Cana in Galilee where He "revealed His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him," all of these are themes of the season during which it dawns on the world Who this Jesus is.

The stars will be in the windows, light frankincense in the air, the gold and myrrh all direct us to Christ our Prophet, Priest, and King unveiling God's plan of redemption for us and all mankind.

A Blessed Epiphany,
Pastor Pelsue



JANUARY
NEWS & NOTES

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

New Year's Eve – Monday, December 31st
7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer

New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1, 2013
Divine Service - 10:00 a.m.



MONDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

The Monday Evening Bible Class will resume on **January 7th at 6:15 p.m.** They will continue their study of Exodus. All are invited to join! Contact Seminarian Matt Resner (573-301-2600), with any questions.

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING

On **Saturday, January 12th, at 9:00 a.m.**, everyone is encouraged to come and help take down the church Christmas decorations. The more people the merrier and all help will be greatly appreciated.



**BABY SHOWER FOR
MICHELLE (KLEMMER) STARNES!**

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby shower for Michelle Starnes and baby Dominic on **Saturday, January 19th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Please r.s.v.p. to Grandma Debbie at 314-402-1822. Michelle is registered at Target and Babies R' Us. Thanks and hope to see you there!

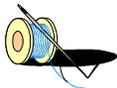


RETIREEES EVENT

When it turns cold in winter, one's thoughts turn to comfort food and staying indoors! The

Retirees will try to duplicate this by offering the following comfort foods: grilled cheese sandwiches with soup and/or chili. On **Tuesday, January 22nd at 12:00 noon**, bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards and spend time indoors from the cold with your COR Retiree's family. Please sign up on the "CF" bulletin board in you plan to attend.

CARE & SHARE



The Care & Share group will meet on **Thursday, January 24th at 9:30 a.m.** for the assembling of quilts, layettes, laprobes, etc. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join them. For more information about Care & Share, please call Lois Schoech (968-1882) or Marion Lewis (832-4358)

KUDOS to our Care & Share Group - In 2012, the ladies donated 108+ laprobes, quilts and baby gift sets to new families at COR, Nurses for Newborns, Concordia Seminary and the Pregnancy Resource Center.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all items/articles for the February newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, January 21st**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.

Christian Fellowship Activity For guys and gals Ages 13 and over



**Saturday, January 26, 2013
8:30 a.m.
In our church kitchen
Cooking class & Kitchen Reorganizing**

Learn to make a meat stock which is the basis for soups and sauces. There are hundreds of antioxidants from soup bones that are rich in helping your immune system in many ways.

While our stock is simmering we will re-organize our kitchen to make it more user friendly and appealing. From our stock we will finish off a portion and eat soup for lunch. You will be able to take some stock home.

Bring a container and a note pad for note taking. Sign up on your Christian Fellowship bulletin board.

Jill, Christian Fellowship (CF) Jill6872@att.net

From the Stewardship Board

December 22, 2012

Thanks be to God! I woke up this morning and still had a planet to stand on. I must admit I am not really surprised. I rather expected I would. I know this because Jesus has already told us in the scriptures that no one will know when the end comes, only the Father.

However, there were quite a few people that were a little worried about it. Some even to the point of making final preparations or attending "end of world" parties (yes a co-worker of mine had a party planned).

I do not know when the end will come, but this I do know....we must be good stewards of our life. We need to maintain our relationships with God, friends and family.

We need to reach out to those who need our help throughout the year, not just around the holidays. We need to live our lives according to the Word of God. So that way, when the end does come, we will all be ready for it!

Yours in Christ, Linda LaFlamme

NEW MEMBER WELCOME



Please extend your warmest welcome to COR's newest members:

Stephen and Marianne Cutt
7508 Fleta St.
St. Louis, MO 63123-2829
(314) 448-1046

James Fink
9324 Althea Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63123-4421
(636) 692-1145

AFFTON FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION!



Please bring the suggestions items (listed below) and place in the grocery cart in the parish hall or the hamper in the narthex. Please not glass containers or clothing! All food is donated to the Affton Christian Food Pantry and helps individuals and families in the Affton area.

Entrée items: Hearty beef stews; chicken n' dumplings, canned tuna, chili, etc.

Dry Pasta including Ramen noodles.

Meal Accompaniments: Pasta and rice mixes.

Paper Products: Toilet & facial tissue, paper towels, and

laundry detergent.

Hygiene: Toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant.

Condiments: Ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise.

Thanks for your help! *Reformation Ladies Club*



THANK YOU

Dear Reformation Family,
I would like to thank everyone who helped to 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 – it was great! Thanks again for all the help!

In Christ, *Pastor Pelsue*

Blessings to all of you! We thank all of you for the concerns and prayers for our son Sean in this past year. God has been great in answering all of them. As you know, he had thyroid problems (Graves Disease) a year ago and had the nuclear pill to kill his thyroid and then was put on medicine, which has cleared that problem. He then still had back pain and weakness in his legs with falling. Sean had back surgery August 30th and now with therapy he is without the walker, cane and back brace. He is walking several miles about 3-4 times a week. Sean is able to stand up to preach and deliver communion. He is looking forward to enjoying this Christmas season, since he missed last year. Thank you all for your prayers and may God bless all of you this special CHRISTmas season.

Eileen and Ron Smith



2013 BULLETIN BOOSTERS

The New 2013 Bulletin Booster Chart is now up! If you would like to sponsor a week of church bulletins, please fill in your name (and dedication) on the lines under the week you would like to underwrite. Insert your check for \$10.00 in the "Bulletin Boosters" envelope and place in the offering plate or the church secretary's mailbox. The envelopes are located next to the chart. Checks should be made payable to Reformation.

THE 2013 FLOWER CALENDAR



The new flower calendar is now up on the narthex 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 \$30.00 in the offering plate or the secretary's mailbox.

The increase in price is due to using a more reliable florist, but the bouquets are much nicer. Checks should be made payable to Reformation. No flowers will be ordered unless the check is received 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 \$15.60. 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 WORKSHOP



Concordia Seminary will offer a workshop titled "Making Abortion Unthinkable" on **Saturday, January 26, 2013**, on the Seminary campus. The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m.

The workshop will include video-based presentations as well as discussions segments. Dr. Jeff Gibbs, professor of New Testament at Concordia Seminary, will serve as the moderator for the workshop.

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. The workshop is suitable for adults and older teens. Each participant will also receive a helpful manual of materials.

Pre-registration by January 21 is required. The registration cost for "Making Abortion Unthinkable" is \$20 and includes lunch and materials. For more information or to register for "Making Abortion Unthinkable," call 314-505-7486, www.csl.edu, or email ce@csl.edu.



ROBOTICS COMPETITION FOR LUTHERAN BOYS & GIRLS

This unique opportunity, for Lutheran boys and girls of high school age, involves the team sport of designing and building a remote control robot to compete in a

national competition. *There is something for everyone!* We have opportunities for youth with interests in electronics, computers, mechanics, management, finances, journalism, team spirit, web design, public relations and others. The robot is built in January and February, to compete in March. Team 1444 will meet in the Affton area and supervised and mentored by Lutheran Engineers and trades professionals. It is sponsored by numerous local corporations and by the Alumni of Beta Sigma Psi, the Lutheran Fraternity at Rolla. To sign up, or for more information, please see the poster on the youth bulletin board, or email First_Team1444@yahoo.com.

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



**Missouri Life Caravan
Sunday-Monday-Tuesday
January 24-25-26, 2013**

Stand up and speak up in support of LIFE!

See the bulletin board for more information and a registration form or visit www.missourilife.org/ or call Missouri Right to Life Eastern Region at (314) 434-4900 or email: LifeCaravan@missourilife.org



WINTER LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE

***“Following Jesus and Life Under the Cross
- Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark”***
**Concordia Seminary (Sieck Hall, Room 202)
801 Seminary Place
January 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2013
Wednesday evenings - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will host its winter 2013 Lay Bible Institute, *“Following Jesus and Life Under the Cross” — Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark,* presented by Rev. David Lewis, assistant professor of exegetical theology at Concordia Seminary.

In this study we will look at what the Gospel of Mark teaches about the life of the believer as a follower of Jesus — the call to share the exalted status that we have as Jesus’ brothers, sisters, and co-workers, but also the call to be willing to live in sacrificial service to one

another.

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 www.csl.edu. Registration deadline is January 2, 2011.

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND



We begin our new year by observing the Name that is above all names, Jesus Christ. January is also the observance of National Lutheran Schools Week. LCEF supports both congregations and schools in their ministry of outreach and training of Christians in all vocations. Your investment in Lutheran Church Extension Fund will help support congregations that are sharing this good news. Call 1-800-THE-LCEF (843-5233) or visit www.lcef.org for more information on how you can support these ministries.

WOMEN’S DAY OF RENEWAL



Women of all ages are invited to a Women’s Day of Renewal on **Friday and Saturday, March 8th & 9th 2013**, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville, IL. The theme will be *Rooted and Grounded in Christ* (Ephesians 3:14-21). The keynote speaker is Donna Pyle, a soul-stirring, engaging speaker, author, and Bible teacher.

Women may choose to attend Friday night only, Saturday only, or BOTH! For registration forms or more information see the church bulletin board or visit the website at www.goodshepherdcollinsville.org.

SACRED CONCERT

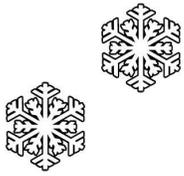


Members of the Saint Louis Symphony will present a sacred concert at Concordia Seminary on Tuesday, January 22nd. The program will feature Messiaen’s *Quartet for the End of Time*. The concert is free and open to the public.



CAMP WARTBURG RETREATS

Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, IL is hosting several retreats throughout the month of February. Youth Workers Retreat; Scrapbooking; Men’s; and a Women’s Retreat. All Retreats are sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. See the bulletin board for more details or go to www.campwartburg.com.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

4th Tony Kubasta
 9th Andrew Geiser
 10th Grace Pelsue
 12th Ronald Paul
 14th Donna Franklin
 15th Dan Dowling
 Megan Hemmer

21st Kenneth Lewis
 23rd Joseph Rowland
 Arline Ulrich
 25th Mary Jane Autry
 27th Jerry Bierman

28th Austin Starns
 29th Carol Feuerhahn

**GOD'S BLESSINGS TO
 YOU!**

January Schedule

8:15 Service

10:45 Service

Altar Guild Schedule:

January 1st
 January 6th Both
 January 13th Both
 January 20th
 January 27th

10:00 a.m. - Ann Miller
 Ann Miller
 Ann Miller
 Ann Miller

Karen Liebmann
 Karen Liebmann
 Karen Liebmann

Greeters Schedule:

January 6th
 January 13th
 January 20th
 January 27th

Lisa Adams
 Mark & Julia Graudin
 Sandy Townsend
 Inga Duke

Denny & Jan Schrader
 Joyce & Carol Drechsel
 Norma Grau
 Carol Geiser

Ushers Schedule:

Jamie McAlister
 Rick Miller
 Robert Klemme
 Denny Schrader

Martin Liebmann
 Martin Liebmann, IV
 Haven Liebmann

Acolytes Schedule:

January 6th
 January 13th
 January 20th
 January 27th

Micah Hung
 Lucas Hung
 Katie Meyer
 John Larson

Mary LaFlamme
 John Schilling
 Christian Liebmann
 Haven Liebmann

