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*The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod*

*With Christ at the Heart*

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## Homecoming in Lent?

That's right! It is a penitential season and repentance is turning away from sin and returning to God - so, it makes sense to think of Lent that way. Our

Wednesday Lenten series is entitled

"Holy Homecomings," with the subtitle: "Coming Home from Exile." Themes for each Wednesday are as follows:

**Ash Wednesday** - "The Ashes of Paradise Lost"  
(Paradise we lost, but Jesus regained it)  
based on Genesis 3

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** - "Abram's Exodus"  
( Abraham & we go the wrong way, but by grace  
God leaves the light on for us)  
based on Genesis 12:10-20

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** - "Jacob the Heel Comes Home" (what  
God promises, He will do for Jacob  
and for you) based on Genesis 28:10-17

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** - "Out of Egypt I Called My Son"  
(though we did not deserve it,  
God called us out of our Egypt)  
based on Exodus 14

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** - "Exile & Return from Babylon"  
(out of His grace God delivered us from Babylon)  
based on Ezra 1:1-4

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** - "A Cosmopolitan Exodus"  
(though we may laugh at the greatness of God's  
promises, we laugh with Him as He keeps them in  
Christ) based on Isaiah 11:11-16

Don't miss Homecoming this Lent!

*Pastor Pelsue*



## FEBRUARY NEWS & NOTES

### WOMEN'S GUILD

#### MEETING

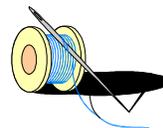
The February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. with refreshments provided by Lois Uthoff and Georgia Dowling. Georgia will also present the devotion. Please bring a \$2.00 gift for our game of "Rob Your Neighbor."

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Please join the LWML for a World Day of Prayer Service on **Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** at Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksview Road, St. Louis. This event, sponsored by the St. Louis South Zone LWML, will begin at **9:30 a.m.** with Fellowship and the prayer service will start at 10:00 a.m. They will be praying for our Church, Our Country, and Our World. All are welcome!

#### LWML INFORMATION

The purpose of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to help mission projects - both in Missouri and across the country. So look for the Mitebox to appear the last Sunday of each month. We ask that you pray for God's blessing on the mission projects as you make your contribution.



CARE & SHARE will meet on **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** at **9:30 a.m.** for the assembling of quilts, layettes, laprobes, etc.

### CHURCH FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

**SUPER BOWL CHILI/SOUP COOK-OFF**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> - 5:00 P.M.**



Cook up a big bowl of chili or soup and come ready to cheer on your favorite team. Voting for the

best chili/soup will be done by donation with monies going to the Vicarage Fund. Deadline to sign-up is January 31<sup>st</sup>.



### VALENTINE'S DAY/MARDI GRAS POTLUCK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

You are invited to the Valentine's/Mardi Gras Potluck Dinner. Activities will begin immediately following the late service (approximately 12:00 noon). Bring your favorite Cajun or regular dish. We will vote on the best decorated Mardi Gras or Valentine's Cake. Deadline to sign-up is February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Beverages for both events will be provided. Call Julie Graudin, 832-2266, for more information. These events are **FOR ALL AGES!**

### YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES



#### SOUPEL BOWL SUNDAY!

Remember the hungry during the feasting on Super Bowl Sunday (February 7<sup>th</sup>). The youth will once again do a "Souper" Bowl Sunday Canned Good Drive. Please bring canned goods and soup to church. There will be youth members gathering your donations at the church doors before and after each service on that Sunday. The food will go to the Affton Community Food Bank - right here in our own community. Thanks in advance for supporting the Youth Group!  
COR Youth

#### SCOUT SUNDAY

Reformation Scouts are encouraged to wear their scout uniforms to church on **Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** - Scout Sunday. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Scouts in America is February 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### YOUTH MEETINGS

Reformation Youth meet the second Sunday of every month during their normal Bible Class Hour (9:30 a.m.) in the lower level youth room. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. The youth meet for Bible study the other Sundays of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level youth room. They are currently studying C.S. Lewis' "The Four Loves." All youth (*confirmed thru age 18*) are welcomed to attend!



### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### PARENT MEETING

The annual meeting of parents of students interested in attending Lutheran Elementary Schools next year ('10-11)

will be on **Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** in the **sanctuary at 9:45 a.m.** At this time we will answer your questions about the program and distribute the Commitment Forms. Parents of 3 and 4 year olds are welcome to attend this meeting to learn about our tuition program as they plan for the future.



### MISSOURI DISTRICT JR. HIGH YOUTH SPRING RETREAT

*"3 in 1: Trust in the Trinity"* is this year's theme and is based on the Apostles Creed and Proverbs 3:5-6. The retreat will be held on **March 19-21, 2010** at Camp Windermere in Roach, Missouri.

These retreats are great opportunities for young people (grades 6-8) to grow in their relationships with one another and with their Savior.

The weekend will consist of Bible study, worship, scavenger hunt, banner making, talent show and open recreation time. If interested in attending this retreat, please see Marion Lewis, 832-4358 or Pastor Pelsue.



### UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES

*"Holy Homecomings"*

Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Lenten Wednesdays -

February 24, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>

11:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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



### RETIREES VALENTINE PARTY

Please join the Retirees as they celebrate Valentines Day on **Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **12:00 noon**. Lunch and program will be announced in upcoming bulletins.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

COR's Church Council invites you to consider a new way of implementing your giving to Reformation. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has developed an automated giving program called *Simply Giving* to assist congregations and their members. Our church council and finance committee have examined the program and found it a good option for members who regularly use automatic withdrawals from their bank accounts. Response at other congregations suggests many of you will be interested.

Both our members and the church benefit with this program. For those who choose to participate, withdrawing the pledged or specified amount from your bank account is truly giving the Biblical "first fruits." It also eliminates the minor frustrations of writing frequent checks or forgetting the checkbook. For the church, the advantages are related to a consistent, predictable income. The seasonal fluctuations in giving patterns are lessened. Enrollment forms are available at the church office. You can implement this plan by completing an enrollment form and sending it and the appropriate bank information to the church office. Please direct any questions you may have to Dan Kamp, 487-0453 or the church office at 352-1355.

*Board of Finance and Board of Stewardship*

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## FEBRUARY FEED MY PEOPLE MEAL-A-MONTH



**Canned soup, crackers, cookies, cheese (non-perishable),  
powdered milk (opt.)**

Please take a bag out of the shopping cart located in the narthex and fill it with the grocery items stated above or with any food items you would care to give. Place bag of groceries in the narthex shopping cart. Please - no glass containers or clothing. Thank you for your donations!

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## EVANGELISM OUTREACH

Evangelism ~ just the mention of the word can evoke feelings of guilt and knee-knocking. To assuage such feelings, many have comforted themselves with the idea that evangelism is solely the responsibility of the pastor and other trained church workers. But is this true? Are we as laity not enjoined to share the good news of salvation in Christ?

While it is true that the pastor's role is to proclaim the gospel publicly, we, as laity, are not exempt from the

privilege of sharing with our neighbors, friends and family the good news that Christ has died for our sins. So, if we are to tell the good news, then shouldn't we be prepared by knowing the message well and considering how we might tell others? Everyone can do something ~ pray, give, and tell!

In the upcoming months, the Evangelism Committee will present articles and a Bible class on the topic of "*Love your neighbor - Share the Gospel*", to assist you in being prepared to tell others of the hope that you have in Christ. (I Peter 3:15)

### **"Hark, the voice of Jesus calling"**

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,  
'Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting,  
Who will bear the sheaves away?'  
Loud and long the master calls you;  
Rich reward he offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
"Here am I. Send me, send me?"

If you cannot speak like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus;  
You can say he died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked  
With the judgment's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children  
To the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman,  
Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven,  
Offering life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties  
You can do what God demands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron,  
Holding up the prophet's hands.

If Isaiah's fear assails you,  
If unclean and ruined you feel  
Do not flee from God Almighty,  
He is strong to save and heal.  
With His offering from the altar,  
He has burned your guilt away  
Though your strength be ever failing,  
He is faithful every day.

Let none hear you idly saying,  
"There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying  
And the master calls for you.  
Take the task he gives you gladly;

Let his work your pleasure be.  
Answer quickly when he calls you,  
"Here am I. Send me, send me!"

-LSB 826~ Pastor Dave Horn- 4<sup>th</sup> stanza

-the Evangelism Committee

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### SEMINARY CHORUS 2010 SPRING TOUR



Concordia Seminary Chorus, directed by Rev. Henry V. Gerike, is presenting their 2010 Spring Tour on **Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 p.m.** at Salem Lutheran Church, 5025 Lakewood Ave, St. Louis, MO 63118. All are invited!



Salem Lutheran School, 5025 Lakewood Ave., is now enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. An Open House will be held on **Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** for prospective students. Please call 314.353.9242 if you have any questions.

Lutheran High School South will host an Open House on **Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** The Open House is designed especially for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade families who are beginning to plan for high school. Students from other grades and their families are also welcome. For more information, call 314.631.2842, ext. 426.

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### ANNUAL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL "SEM GAMES"

Join us for a day of basketball competition and family fun at the annual "Sem Games" on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, featuring the girls' and boys' basketball teams from Lutheran North and South. The five games will be played at Maryville University beginning with the freshmen boys' game at 12:30 p.m. and ending with the Varsity boys' game at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students, and under 5 free. Students in grades K-8 who wear their school logo apparel will be admitted free! Alumni can enjoy a hospitality room throughout the games followed by an Alumni Reception after the last game. For more information, contact one of the schools or call the LHSA Coordinator of Alumni Relations, Cheryl Ehrhard, at 314-382-6664, ext. 323. Also, see the church bulletin board for more information.

### LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Why settle for a 'GOOD' marriage when you can have a 'GREAT' marriage? You can make the leap from just 'good' to GREAT on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Husbands and wives will RESTORE communication, REKINDLE romance and RENEW commitment at this weekend getaway from jobs, kids, chores, and phones.

On the weekend, you and your spouse will be gently guided through a communication process that will deepen your relationship and communication to each other. And not only will you receive the 'gift' of greater depth and growth in your relationship, you will also renew and rekindle the sparks you had when you were first married.

A whopping 97% of couples have indicated after attending a weekend that their greatest regret is that they did not give their marriage the gift of a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend sooner.

The next Weekend is in South County, March 12-14. For more information or to register contact Tom and Kathy Von Behren, 636-343-9453 or vonbeh@sbcglobal.net. Check out the website at [www.stlmarriage.com](http://www.stlmarriage.com). Be sure to register by February 9<sup>th</sup> so that LME can secure your hotel and meal reservation at the special rate.