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New Life for Someone Near You

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, . . . who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel
2 Timothy 1:8-10

As we continue through Lent the anticipation grows as we get closer each day to the celebration of Christ's resurrection "which abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

We're also coming closer to the New Life Festival at C.O.R. on March 27th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. **Our goal** is to reach people in your neighborhood or your circle of acquaintance and invite them to this event where they will hear the message of New Life in Christ.

Inside this newsletter is a page with two $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet New Life Festival fliers. **We need you to make it a priority** (today or this week) to cut that page in two and **give each to someone** with children on your street or in your circle of influence. Rubber-band it to their screen door, put it on their car windshield, or better yet give it to them in person.

It's **easy** and **very important** for you to help get the word out. Thanks, I knew we could count on you!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
2 Cor. 5:17 (ESV)

Pastor Pelsue



MARCH NEWS & NOTES

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

"Holy Homecomings"

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

March 3rd - "Jacob the Heel Comes Home"

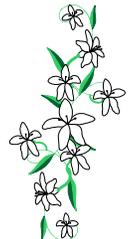
March 10th - "Out of Egypt I Called My Son"

March 17th - "Exile and Return from Babylon"

March 24th - "A Cosmopolitan Exodus"

EASTER LILIES TO BEAUTIFY THE ALTAR

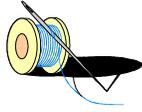
Easter Lily ordering envelopes are located in the narthex on the church welcome stand. If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please fill out the order form on the envelope and put your check/cash inside. Checks should be made payable to *Reformation* and please note in the memo portion of your check "Easter Lily." Envelopes may then be placed in the offering plate or the secretary's mailbox. The cost is \$6.00 per plant. Please make sure you indicate on the envelope whether the lily is in memory of a loved one or for another occasion.



WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The Ladies will get together on **Tuesday, March 2nd**, at **12:30 a.m.** for refreshments provided by Norma Grau. The devotion will be given by Helen Matta. The afternoon program is "Bingo".

CARE AND SHARE



The next get-together of the cut-up and tacky bunch is **Thursday, March 25th** at **9:30 a.m.**

The Care Bears thank everyone who has donated material for their quilting efforts. They are always looking for **cotton material and thread**. *Knits, silks, wools and other heavy fabrics are nice but cannot be used for their quilting efforts.*



EVANGELISM OUTREACH

Since we have learned that evangelism is the responsibility of all Christians, not just pastors or church workers, what is next?

We need to see the need and know the message. Certainly, as Christians, we all acknowledge that all people need salvation, need to know the forgiveness that Christ has won by His death on the cross. Yet, for most of us it is difficult to open our mouths and proclaim the good news to our family, friends, and neighbors. Fear of rejection, and perhaps, lack of being prepared for questions, make us reluctant to speak to others. While being more or less fearful can be a personality trait, most fear can be minimized by being informed and prepared.

Admittedly, we all know the Gospel, but knowing it well enough to feel adequate to engage others in conversation, takes a bit of preparation and study. Having some key Scriptures memorized and knowing the answers to common questions that people ask will go a long way in making us feel confident rather than fearful.

If you find that you lack the knowledge to confidently share your faith with others, an upcoming Bible class series will help you to be prepared to give an answer (1 Peter 3:15) to those in need of Christ's forgiveness.

- the Evangelism Committee



TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 14th, at 2:00 a.m.** *Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday (3/13) before you go to bed.*

RETIREES MARCH GET-TOGETHER!

The Retirees will get together on **Tuesday, March 23rd at 12:00 noon**. Look for more details in the church announcements.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please take a moment to introduce yourselves and welcome COR's newest members:

Linda LaFlamme
Mary LaFlamme

FUTURE FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

March 14th - immediately following the 1st service, we will have a cake reception in the Parish Hall recognizing Pastor Pelsue's 15 years serving as Reformation's Pastor. Cards and tokens of appreciation are welcomed.

May 2nd - after the 2nd service - A Talent show emphasizing the performing and visual arts. This will be a deli luncheon with a freewill offering. More information will follow in future Sunday announcements and newsletters. For more information, call Julie Graudin.

NEW LIFE FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 27th

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ages 2 years thru 5th grade.

Adults and youth volunteers needed!



☸ The festival features coloring of eggs, egg hunt, game, snack and more! See the Enclosed flyer for more information.

☸ Donations of plastic Easter eggs, wrapped Easter candy including chocolate candies, Easter grass, little prizes (i.e. Dollar Store items), egg coloring kits, 7 oz. Dixie cups, 8' Easter plastic table clothes, pretzels, dry cool aid, lemon aid.

Please place all donations in the "Easter" basket located in the narthex. Thanks in advance for your support. See the Board of Education bulletin board for a volunteer sign-up sheet. Questions call Aaron Meyer or Deb Gawlik.

MARCH FEED MY PEOPLE
MEAL-A-MONTH



Tuna, Tuna Helper or mushroom soup and noodles, green beans, pears, powdered milk (opt.)

Please take a bag out of the shopping cart located in the parish hall 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!

UPCOMING CONCERTS



The Lutheran High School South Music Department presents a Pre-Tour **BAND CONCERT** featuring the Wind Symphony, Jazz Band and Concert Band on Friday, **March 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the LHSS Kuhlmann Center.**

And

A CHOIR CONCERT featuring the Lutheran High School South Choirs will present their annual Sacred Concert on **Sunday, March 7th at 7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary of Webster Gardens Lutheran Church, 8749 Watson Road. The concert features all three choirs in sacred music appropriate to the Lenten season. The concert includes opportunities for the audience to sing as well. No tickets required.

And

MUSIC AT ZION! The Kapelle from Concordia University, Chicago, IL will perform in concert on **Sunday, March 14th at 4:00 p.m.** at Zion Lutheran Church, 3866 Harvester Road, St. Charles, MO. Kapelle is Concordia's premier choral performance ensemble. This select voice choir tours annually throughout the U.S. as well as internationally every four years and records regularly. A Variety of music in many forms and styles, programmed for wide audience appeal, will make this event a pleasure for everyone. *Please join them for an evening of great music!* Childcare will be provided, and a free will offering will be received. For directions, call 636-441-7425 or log on to www.zionharvester.org.



MARCH OWLS MEETING

The next meeting of the "Older Wiser Lutherans in Service" will be on **March 23rd at 11:30 a.m.** at the Laclede Groves Campus at 723 S. Laclede Station Road.

Dr. Paul Devantier from Concordia Seminary will be speaking on "KFUO Radio - its History and Future!" Fellowship/Devotion begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:00 noon and the presentation at 12:45 p.m. Please call the LSS office, 314-446-2403, on or before Friday, March 19th to let them know your coming. The price for the lunch is \$7.00.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Hope Lutheran Church, 5218 Neosho Street invites you to attend Financial Peace University, a tool that supports churches by equipping them with a biblically-based accountability class that will train a congregation and community to manage their resources. The class will be taught by Dave Ramsey via DVD, followed by a small group discussion.

The class sessions begin on **Tuesday, March 2nd from 7:00- 9:00 p.m.** and will run for 13 weeks. For more information see the church bulletin board or call 314-352-0014.



MISSOURI DISTRICT
SINGLES MINISTRY CONFERENCE
April 9-11, 2010

The Missouri District Family Life & Youth Board and the Singles Ministry Planning Committee is pleased to announce the Annual Missouri District Spring Singles Ministry Retreat. This year, the retreat returns to Cross Pointe Retreat Center in Rocky Mount, Missouri on April 9-11th. Dr. Peter Kurowski, presenter at this year's conference, will present: "*Singling Out Martin Luther.*" Based on the theology of Dr. Martin Luther and what is often overlooked by many people is that God used a single man, Dr. Luther, to call the Church back to the Bible. Equally overlooked is that Luther was seeking to help Christians with their relationship with God and one another.

This special weekend will gather singles of all ages and from all across the state for spiritual renewal, uplifting music and great fellowship. The weekend also includes opportunities to make new friends, music and singing, Bible study, organized free time choices, fellowship and worship.

Cross Pointe Retreat Center offers both double and single occupancy rooms. The registration fee of \$139 per person includes program, two nights lodging (based on double occupancy) in the beautiful hotel on the campus of Cross Pointe, light supper on Friday evening, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Single

occupancy rooms are available for \$199 per person. A deposit of \$70 is required with the registration form. Another option to attend is to register just for Saturday for \$59 per person, which includes program and lunch and dinner.

Deadline to register is March 29th or when capacity is reached. A brochure for this special weekend is on the info table in the narthex.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE

Concordia Seminary Campus
Sieck Hall, Room 202
Saturday, March 20, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MUSLIM OUTREACH

This Lay Bible Institute has been especially designed for all laypersons. The workshop is being led by Dr. John Loum, who has had more than 20 years of work among Muslims in Europe, Africa, and the United States. Participants will be provided with a unique perspective of one of the fastest growing religions in America.

One year ago, the Pope publicly recognized Islam and the Muslims by stating, "There are more Muslims in the world than Roman Catholics." This public acknowledgment has reinvigorated the Muslim community in its outreach efforts. Consequently, Muslims in America have been approaching Christians of all backgrounds with the full intent to conversion. Countless Christians are embracing Islam each day in America. This constitutes a dilemma and serious implications for the Christian faith and the proclamation of the Gospel.

The sessions will include various topics on Islam and what you need to know about your Muslim neighbors, co-workers, or even the Muslim your child may date in the future. All denominations are welcome to this workshop.

You can register by calling the Continuing Education office, 314-505-7486; email to ce@csl.edu. See the church bulletin board for more information.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you ready to make a difference! If so, UNITY HOSPICE wants you! Volunteers are needed to visit their terminally ill patients and/or perform office duties. There are no time requirements! They provide opportunities based on your schedule. Make a difference in the lives of others. Call

them today for an orientation at 314-645-8671 or 618-346-111 and ask for Brenda McGarvey.

EQUIPPING TO SHARE

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
9321 Litzsinger Road
Brentwood, MO 63144
Saturday, March 20, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Feeling tongue tied when a "mission moment" arises? Timid when it comes to witnessing to a friend or family member? Let Lutheran Hour Ministries enable you to share your faith fearlessly!

LHM has developed a training experience to strengthen and encourage believers for today's evangelism challenges. The mission, the message and the power are God's Biblical models are discussed in the context of our everyday relationships and encounters. The training also draws from current research on the un-churched and practical ways to engage them.

Participants will learn better to:

- Express the gospel and its impact on life.
- Understand more about the lost and their world views.
- Prepare for different types of "mission moments."
- Connect people into the church family.

There is no cost for participation in the workshop, but they need registration information so that they can better prepare. Please register by March 10th by calling 314-968-2360 or office@mtcalvarylcms.org.

LUTHERAN CONVALESCENT HOME AUXILIARY SEEK "BENEFACTORS"

Each Lent, the Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary seeks "Benefactors" to contribute \$100 or more to help the many nursing home residents who find themselves not only tragically alone and frail, but also no longer able to afford their own care. Every dollar received goes directly to the care of these residents, as the small overhead costs of this appeal are absorbed by the used of volunteers and the generosity of the Auxiliary's members.

For more information, please call Lutheran Convalescent Home at 314-968-5570, ext. 2302, or send your check for the "Benefactor Fund," payable to the Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary, 723 S. Laclede Station Road, Webster Groves, MO 63119.