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# Church Of the Reformation - Lutheran

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*With Christ at the Heart*

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## Lent is Almost Here! Forty days of pondering Our Savior's Wounded Body

That's our theme for the midweek services beginning Ash Wednesday (March 9<sup>th</sup>) at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Pelsue, and Seminarians Duane Meissner, Erik Schmidt, and Justin Pahl.

March 9<sup>th</sup> - "Christ's Humbled Head" (Mark 15:16-20).

March 16<sup>th</sup> - "His Holy Hands" (Matthew 27:35-42).

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - "His Bloodied Back" (John 19:1).

March 30<sup>th</sup> - "Christ's Faithful Feet" (Matthew 28:9).

April 6<sup>th</sup> - "The Savior's Side" (John 19:28-35).

April 13<sup>th</sup> - "His Unbroken Bones" (John 19:31-36).

April 16<sup>th</sup> - New Life Festival - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

April 17<sup>th</sup> - Palm & Passion Sunday  
(special music & plants)

April 21<sup>st</sup> - Maundy Thursday - "His Blood for Us"  
(Mathew 26:17-30).

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Good Friday - 11:00 a.m. - Mid Day Service  
7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Cross featuring The  
Seven Words from the Cross by Carl Schalk  
(Choirs and handbells)

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Holy Saturday - 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil  
The service begins in darkness with a newly struck fire. The Procession of Light enters the dark nave of the church, we continue with a Service of Readings (partially in story-telling style for children), a Service of Baptism, of Prayer, of the Word (with the ringing of bells at the first Easter Acclamation), and we conclude in the Service of the Sacrament with the Risen Christ.

April 24<sup>th</sup> - The Resurrection of our Lord (Easter Sunday) - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Services;  
Sunday School and Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.



## MARCH NEWS & NOTES

### 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 \$6.50 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

Ladies of Reformation - please come to our **Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, Women's Guild Meeting. NOTICE the time change! We are now meeting at **12:00 noon** instead of 12:30 to better accommodate ladies with children still in school. Please come and join us, we are going to play "Rob Your Neighbor" after the meeting. Please bring a dollar gift to rob from someone else.



### EASTER GREETINGS TO OUR MILITARY AND HOMEBOUND MEMBERS!

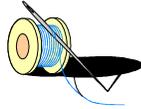
The Women's Guild is asking our church members to send Easter Greetings to our military and homebound members. HOW CAN YOU HELP???? Pick up a plastic Easter Egg (or several) out of the basket in the narthex. Inside each egg you will find a name and address of someone currently serving in the Armed Forces or a homebound member of COR. Buy or make an Easter card for that individual and mail. THAT'S IT!! THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO DO!

The church office is still asking for everyone to submit names and addresses of relatives and/or friends that are in the Armed Forces. Please leave a note in Sheri's mailbox or email her at [secretary@reformationstl.org](mailto:secretary@reformationstl.org).

We had such a wonderful response from our homebound members to the Christmas cards that we want to repeat it again for Easter. The ladies of the Women's Guild want to thank everyone for all your help and support.

Brenda Hargett

### CARE AND SHARE



The next get-together of the cut-up and tacky bunch is **Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 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.*

### LADIES OF REFORMATION ...

... SAVE THE DATE!



#### BRIDAL TEA FOR ELISABETH BLIESE

SUNDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

2:30 TO 4:00 P.M.

Hosted By:

Jenny Gastler, Joyce Johnson,  
Marion Lewis, and Tabitha Schubert



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

### NEW LIFE FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ages 2 years thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Adults and youth volunteers needed!



Volunteers are needed to help plan, organize and serve at the New Life Festival. If you are interested please sign-up on the church bulletin board and we will contact you. Thank you.



### RETIREES MARCH GET-TOGETHER!

The Retirees will get together on **Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 noon**. Look for more details in the church announcements.

### THANK YOU!



I want to thank everyone who gave to the Lutheran Family Foster Kids Basket! With all your help, we were able to collect 3 trash bags of samples and trial size items to fill baggies that the agency uses for the children that are taken from their homes and placed in foster care. Donated items filled over 150 baggies! AWESOME!

Lutheran Family would like us to consider having another collection sometime in the future so – remember to save your samples. Once again, the children thank you and the Ladies of the Women's Guild thank you.

Brenda Hargett



### MARDI GRAS POTLUCK & MASK DECORATING CONTEST SUNDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12:00 NOON

Make plans now to attend the Mardi Gras Potluck immediately following the late service on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Bring a Cajun/New Orleans dish or traditional potluck dish. Beverages and King Cakes will be provided.

Also, there will be a mask decorating contest in three categories: child, teen, and adult. Voting will be done through cash donations. The money collected will go to help COR member Pat Stelzer who recently had a small house fire and she is also providing housing to two women in need, one of which is a COR member. The monies will help pay the deductible and defray other costs. Matching funds have been applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. *Please consider making a homemade mask and entering the contest!*

The day will also include a Bible Race (looking up verses having to do with repentance and forgiveness) and attendance prizes. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. Deadline is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see everyone there!

### TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 a.m.** Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday (3/12) before you go to bed.



## NOTICE OF SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

A Special Voter's Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.** (between services) in the Parish Hall for the purpose of nominating and electing to vacant offices (Board of Evangelism Chair and Vice President).

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## MARCH FEED MY PEOPLE MEAL-A-MONTH



**Main Menu:** Canned Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, canned green vegetable (low sodium or low salt), canned fruit in light syrup or juice, powdered milk or shelf stable boxed milk or soy milk.

**Additional Items:** Dental Care Month! Toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss.

Return the bag of groceries to the basket (narthex) or shopping cart (parish hall). Please - no glass containers or clothing. Thank you for your donations!

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## UPCOMING CONCERTS AT LHSS



*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 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the LHSS Kuhlmann Center.**

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**A CHOIR CONCERT** featuring the Lutheran High School South Choirs will present their annual Sacred Concert on **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 4045 Holly Hills Blvd. The concert features music presented by the Concert Choir and Lancers Singers for their tour to Wisconsin later in March. The concert will include the LHSS Mixed Chorus.

The community is invited to attend both concerts and a free will offering will be taken at each.

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## MISSOURI DISTRICT OLDER ADULT MINISTRY RETREAT May 3-4, 2011

The Missouri District Family Life & Youth Board and the Older Adult Ministry Planning Committee is pleased to announce its third retreat which is to be held at Cross Pointe Retreat Center in Rocky Mount, Missouri in the Lake of the Ozarks.

The theme is "Shine Like Stars ... Wherever You Are" focusing on Philippians 2:15-16, "Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life." Each participant will be encouraged to "shine" both spiritually and relationally. It is also their hope that participants will depart from the retreat with renewed enthusiasm for involving the older adults of their respective congregations in ministry.

The cost of the retreat is \$105 per person (double occupancy) or \$135 (single occupancy). A 36 passenger bus will be available from the parking lot of Lutheran Hour Ministries in St. Louis to the retreat site for just \$20.00 per person. The program includes community building activities; topics and a variety of workshops; music and fellowship, banquet and entertainment.

For more information, see the brochure on the church bulletin board. Deadline to register is April 15, 2011.

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## HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hospice is a special kind of care designed to provide sensitivity and support for people in the final phase of a terminal illness. Heartland Hospice's goal is to provide palliative and supportive services to meet physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of patients and their families in the home, health care facilities or other residential settings. Volunteers are the heart of the Hospice Team. They depend on their Hospice volunteers to help them provide the extra love and care their clients and families need at this time in their life. Heartland volunteers offer support, companionship and practical, caring help to this special group of people. Whether it is making cheerful crafts, running errands, staying with the patient so family members can take a break, reading to patients, or holding their hand, the help and support their volunteers give is returned to them in countless ways. You can donate as little or as much of your time as you desire. Please contact Christine at 314-413-6442 if you would like to bring something special into someone's life.

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## LUTHERAN CONVALESCENT HOME AUXILIARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Lutheran Senior Services at Laclede Groves Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary will take place on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. The program will be presented by storyteller, Rosemary Wilson. Please bring a sandwich, dessert is provided. The meeting is at the Convalescent Home, 723 South Laclede Station Road.