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With Christ at the Heart*

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Lent - 40 Days Pondering Christ's Passion for us.

Lenten mid-week services begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 7 p.m. A light meal will precede each mid-week service in the parish hall available from 5-6:15 p.m. (so those prepping and cleaning up can still attend worship).

This year's theme: **Who Wants Jesus to Die?**
As you look at the scenes of the passion history leading to Christ's death, it's a striking paradox that most persons involved in the story actually want Jesus to die!

- ❖ **The Father Wants Jesus to Die**
(2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2) March 5
- ❖ **Satan Wants Jesus to Die**
(Matthew 4:1-11) March 12
- ❖ **Barabbas Wants Jesus to Die**
(Mark 15:6-15) March 19
- ❖ **The High Priest Wants Jesus to Die**
(John 18:12-14) March 26
- ❖ **Pilate Wants Jesus to Die**
(John 19:10-16) April 2
- ❖ **Judas Wants Jesus to die**
(John 12:4-6) April 9

All want Jesus to die! To be sure, there are different agendas, conflicting purposes and motives involved. Many are selfish, but others catch the unfathomable dimension of God's purpose and goal, the proper, right reason that Christ must die!

Come join us this Lent for these meals and special moments pondering what our Savior did for us and how that changes our lives today.

In awe of Jesus, Pastor Pelsue

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 \$7.50 per plant. Please make sure you indicate on the envelope whether the lily is in memory of a loved one or for another occasion. Deadline is April 6th.

UPCOMING CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP EVENTS!



Mini Seminar: Christian Fellowship is sponsoring a mini-seminar - "The New 2014 Farm Bill - What's in it." Come learn about the radical changes affecting your food and tax dollars for the next 5 years. The seminar is **Sunday, March 2nd** following the late service in the Fellowship Hall. *Bring a dish to share!*

Shower for Baby Elijah Matheny (son of Laura and Field Worker Adam) will be on **Sunday, March 9th**, following early service (approximately 9:15) in the Narthex as we are this family's only local Christian family. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy some cake and refreshments (provided by Christian Fellowship) while we "shower" Laura and Adam (and baby Elijah) with our gifts. Need a gift idea: a gift card to Wal-Mart is always welcomed!

March Random Act of Kindness: A drawing will be held for an adult Bible Class attendee to take home a somewhat Irish lunch. Watch bulletin for more details!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – March 5th (in about 2 weeks) Lenten Dinners will be provided from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. for those attending the evening worship service.

The first dinner will be a choice of Corned Beef Sandwich, Corn on the Cob and Potato Chips or Egg Salad sandwich with Guacamole and Green Salad; Soup & Dessert provided for all. This first meal will be donated by the Pelsue family. A sign up sheet for those who plan to attend will be available on the CF bulletin board as well as for anyone, family, or group wishing to adopt a meal throughout Lent.

Jill Pelsue, Board of Christian Fellowship



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US!

The Church of the Reformation turns sixty years old this April. A catered luncheon is planned for **Sunday, May 4**, to celebrate God's grace and blessings toward our church home. Further information will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendars.

The organizing committee is seeking the following:

1. A caterer who could provide a menu of German favorites at a reasonable cost. Suggestions would be appreciated.
2. An adult-size Martin Luther costume with a willing impersonator.
3. Trophies or other memorabilia of church service and/or activities for display.
4. Volunteers for specific coordinating tasks such as caterer, decorations, set-up, clean-up, presentations/favors.

Many thanks for reading this far. We hope to hear from you!

Committee Members,

Dale Thielker, Carol Drechsel, Joyce Drechsel

TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 9th, at 2:00 a.m.** Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday (3/8) before you go to bed.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

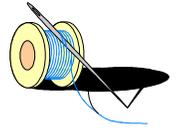
Please be sure you have all items/articles for the April newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, March 17th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.

RETIREES MARCH GET-TOGETHER!

The next Retiree's meeting will be **Tuesday, March 25th, 12 noon**. More details to follow in upcoming announcements!

CARE & SHARE

The Care Bears will meet on **Thursday, March 27th at 9:30 a.m.** for the assembling of quilts, layettes, laprobes, etc.



They would like to take this opportunity to 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.

WHAT IS THE MEN'S CLUB???

Well ...the Men's Club enjoys Christian fellowship, service to Reformation Church and to others outside the church. But wait ... what does that even mean ... Basically, the men meet about 4 to 6 times a year to discuss fund raising ideas that benefit the church and community; enjoy snacks and drinks; and then goof around playing dart ball and basketball. Proceeds from one type of fund raising event, the Pancake Breakfast, has provided new tables for the parish hall, a defibrillator for the church and the new wireless microphones. The men also issue dart ball challenges to the Peace Lutheran Men's Club a couple times a year. In essence, good ole' fun for everyone! If you have any questions, please contact Jamie McAlister or Tyler Schrader.

New Members Welcome! The Men's Club invite all COR men members of the congregation to attend the meetings or any event we are hosting. Please contact Vice President - Tyler Schrader at tylerschrader326@gmail.com or President - Jamie McAlister at jamie.mcalister@hotmail.com for more details.

The Men's Club would like to **thank** all those who attended the defibrillator refresher training on January 12th.

THE EVANGELISM CORNER



Mackenzie Place Evening Worship

Please join Evangelism Members at Mackenzie Place for our next evening worship service on **Thursday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m.** We consistently have 28-32 people attend this service which consists of hymns, readings and prayer. Following

the service, while enjoying refreshments, we have an opportunity to visit with residents of Mackenzie Place. We encourage all interested Reformation Members to join us in this community service. If you would like to help in this outreach, please contact Jim Fink at 636-692-1145. If you are unable to attend but would still like to help, we are always in need of baked goods to follow our worship services.

ME AN ACOLYTE?

ACOLYTES

We are extending an invitation to the youth of Reformation in grades 5th thru 12th to become an acolyte. Acolytes are young ladies and gentlemen who serve the church approximately once a month by lighting candles at the beginning of the service and extinguishing them at the end of the service. Occasionally, they are called upon to carry the cross in procession and recession or during the Gospel processional.



It is our hope that the youth of Reformation be interested in serving Christ and His people in this way. Please give Mark Bliese a call at 314.729.1747 to schedule individual Saturday training sessions or if you have any additional questions.



**THE CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD'S
MARCH LUNCHEON
March 21, 2014**

"A Time for Everything ... A Time for Planting"

Election of Officers and
Adoption of New Projects for 2014-2015

- Registration at 11:30 a.m. – Koburg Dining Hall, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis MO 63105
- Lunch at 12:00 p.m.
- Program by: Dr. Bruce Hartung and Students

The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please make check payable to Concordia Seminary Guild. Checks must be received by March 7, 2014. Send the payment and names of those attending the luncheon to: Alice Kastens, 5101 Kings Park Drive, St. Louis, MO 63129

For more info on the Sem Guild including annual projects and program guide, log onto www.csl.edu

**LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH
CONCERTS**

The Wind Symphony, Jazz Band, and Concert Band of LHSS will perform a



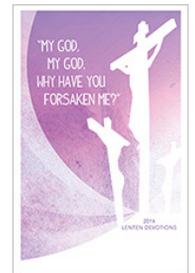
concert at Lutheran South, 9515 Tesson Ferry Road, on **Friday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.**



The Lancer Singers, Concert Choir, Mixed Chorus and the new Junior Singers of LHSS will perform a sacred concert at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2846 S. Grand Blvd., on **Sunday, March 9th at 3:30 p.m.**

*The community is invited to attend both concerts!
A free will offering will be taken.*

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES
2014 LENTEN DEVOTIONS**



The 2014 Lenten Devotions, titled *My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?*, is a poignant contribution from LHM's Theological Editor and Writer, Rev. Wayne Palmer. Gleaning insights from numerous Psalms and Gospel texts, he turns the spotlight on Jesus' humanity, detailing immeasurable challenges the Savior encountered from people on all sides, especially as He pushed forward to save the people He loved. These devotions are available now to be downloaded and printed. Beginning March 5, these devotions will also be available to read online, be received as an e-mail subscription, enjoyed on your e-reader, or heard as a podcast. Visit www.lhm.org/lent for more information.



**2014 MISSOURI DISTRICT
SPRING JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT
MARCH 28-30, 2014-02-20**

The new theme is "LOVE is the Word" and is based on the Ten Commandments, focused on Galatians 5:14 (ESV) *For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall LOVE your neighbor as yourself."*

During this week-end long retreat, there is a 4-session Bible study based on the theme, plus games, fellowship, community building, a talent show and worship. The "Saturday Night Fun Fest" includes hayrides, board games, basketball, music and karaoke.

The retreat is for all youth grades 6 to 8 and is at Camp Windermere which is nine miles west of Camdenton, Missouri. The cost is \$120.00 per person (\$50.00 of which is paid by Reformation).

If you would like more information about this retreat, please contact the church office, 314-352-1355.

LUTHERAN CONVALESCENT HOME
AUXILIARY MEETING
Monday, March 24, 2014
11:30 a.m.



The March meeting will be presented by the Christian Motorcyclists Association and the topic is “*Ministry on Motorcycles*” The meeting will take place at the Laclede Groves Auditorium, 723 So. Laclede Sta. Rd., Webster Groves. Contact Erlynne Gaebler at 314-968-6977 for reservations. A light lunch of a sandwich and dessert will be served.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY LIFE TEAM WORKSHOP

The Concordia Seminary Life Team will offer a workshop titled “Complete in Him: Reflections for ALL Christians on Singleness” on **Saturday, March 15, 2014**, to be held in Sieck Hall 202 on the Seminary campus. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., the program begins at 9:00 a.m., and will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

Many adult Christians are unmarried—they are single. Along with believers who are married, the Scripture says that single believers are complete in Christ, have been given a new family in the church, and are fully equipped with the Spirit’s gifts to carry out a life of faith and discipleship. Too often, however, both the church and the wider society offer up a different message to single believers. In this workshop, all attendees, both single and married, married and single, will have the chance to ponder the Bible’s teaching, reflect on messages that we all send and receive (at times without meaning to do so), and come to deeper understandings about our life together in Christ. The learning will include plenary presentations as well as breakout sessions. Pre-registration with payment by March 7th is required. The \$5 per person fee includes lunch; there is no charge for Seminary students or their spouses.

For more information or to pre-register, please visit www.csl.edu, email ce@csl.edu or call 314-505-7286. For more information on the Seminary Life Team, visit www.csl.edu/students/lifeteam and www.facebook.com/ConcordiaSeminaryLifeTeam.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Everyday people say “I would like to be a part of helping someone.” Hospice patients would welcome your visits. 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 a health care facility or other residential settings. Volunteers can provide one-on-one attention to residents who are lonely or cut off from their families, thereby reducing feelings of isolation and contributing to their sense of belonging. The benefits are endless when one can make a “DIFFERENCE.”

Volunteers are the heart of the Hospice Team!

Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice depends on their volunteers to help 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. Staying with the patient so family members can take a break, reading scripture to patients, or holding their hand. The help and support of their volunteers give is returned to them in countless ways. You can make a DIFFERENCE. All assignments are in close proximity to your home, work or school. **You can donate as little or as much of your time as you desire.** Please contact Virginia at 314-453-0990 if you would like to bring something special into someone’s life. Be sure to inquire about their next Training Class.

OTHER NEWS

Book Signing at CPH: What are you waiting for? You are invited to Step Out to meet author Deb Burma at a special Meet & Greet Book signing from **10:30-Noon on Friday, March 7**, at the Concordia Publishing House Bookstore. Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and giveaways and be encouraged as Deb shares her own story of struggling with insecurity and finding hope in Christ. In addition to *Stepping Out*, Deb Burma is the author of a number of other women’s books and Bible studies, including *A Chocolate Life*, *Treasured*, and *Beautiful Feet*. Reservations are not required but appreciated to Elizabeth.pittman@cph.org. The CPH Bookstore is located at 3558 S. Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63118.

Portals of Prayer are here! The Portals of Prayer for the quarter of May-June are in the narthex. Also available are the Hope-full Living booklets. Be sure to pick up a copy!

UN-APPROVED MINUTES FOR CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION-LUTHERAN
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING-FEBRUARY 13, 2014

PRESENT-Hal Uthoff, Mark Bliese, Dale Thielker, Pastor, Jill Pelsue, Brenda Hargett, Linda LaFlamme, Jack Jeffcott, Dan Kamp, John Hargett, & Marilyn Jones. Derek Hotzel & Jim Fink were absent and excused.

Meeting called to order by Hal Uthoff in Derek Hotzel's absence at 7:25pm.

DEVOTION-Linda LaFlamme led a devotion on Proverbs 22:6. She asked Council to figure out what had been put on the board as part of the devotion -OFWAIHHBTNTKCTWBDOEAIHH- Pastor had the answer "The Lord's Prayer."

Approval of minutes for January 9th meeting was done after one change. Dan Kamp asked that the phrase "non weighted" be changed to "non-budgeted." Motion to approve was passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-none

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT-Hal Uthoff spoke of items he wanted to bring to Council under New Business on the Agenda.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT-John Hargett read Dan Kamp's report on the monthly income summary for the month of January 2014. Income toward budgeted expenses of \$ 12,401.00 with Thrivent and eScript money transfers amounting to \$47.67 as part of that total. Income towards non -budgeted expenses totaled \$1,926.24 with pass-thru funds totaling \$101.10. The total income for January 2014 is \$14,475.91. The full report can be viewed on the bulletin board near the nursery

TREASURE'S REPORT-Dan Kamp read John Hargett's report-COR is fully paid on all of its current obligations. We had \$19,791 in budgeted expenses and there were \$200.00 non-budgeted expenses. These expenses included the Regions Bank Safe deposit box of \$98 and Snow removal of \$2200.00

PASTOR'S REPORT-Pastor wished to thank Dr. David Adams for filling the pulpit on Sunday February 2, 2014 while he and Jill were on vacation in St. Lucia. Pastor reported that he met with Jeff Hill regarding their membership. He also reported on a new prospective member and an upcoming baptism. Visits for the month included Ed & Shirley Schilling, Lorna Larson, Anthony Dean & Anne Greb. Wednesday morning Bible class is reading thru Acts. The Youth Catechism is studying the 3rd Article of the Creed. Sunday morning Bible class is, along with the Youth, doing a study with discussion on the movie "Soul Surfer" The upcoming Lenten season will include special services on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, Palm Sunday confirmation April 13th and Easter on April the 20th. We will have a guest accompanist on February 16, while Henry is out of town. Pastor handed out a flyer with an update on missionary Roger James of Sri Lanka.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM- Jim Fink had no report, however, Pastor spoke of the continued success of the Mackenzie Village services which are scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP- Linda LaFlamme reported that she is trying to recruit new members for the committee. The committee will be working on a display that will highlight our missionary, Rev. Roger James and various mission work of Synod to help bring awareness to the congregation. It will include how we can help support these missions. Linda will be meeting with Sheri to go over talent cards for new members from the past year.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP-The January County Hospital Event had 23 people in attendance. A bland hospital lunch was served with the showing of two short comedy movies. The annual Super Bowl party had 25 in attendance under Dale Thielker's leadership. Regular meals have been going out to the Larson family due to Lorna's extreme surgery. The Larson Family has also welcomed gift cards. Meals also went out to the Hotzel family due to complications with Amy's recent surgery. Upcoming events will include a Baby Shower for field worker, Adam Matheny's wife, Laura. This is scheduled for the 2nd Sunday in March following early service in the narthex. Christian

Fellowship will provide refreshments. Donuts will not be served this Sunday. An upcoming date will be determined in March for the Random Act of Kindness. The winner will take home a somewhat Irish lunch. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th with a supper provided by the Pelsue family.

A sign up sheet for those who plan to attend will be available on the CF bulletin board as well as for anyone, family or group wishing to adopt a meal throughout Lent. Serving time will be from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

BOARD OF ELDERS- Mark Bliese reported on the transfer out of the Hill family (Jeff, Stacey and Ryan) to Concordia Lutheran in Kirkwood. The Elders also listened to Pastors report on activities for this past month. The Elders discussed a number of member matters that will have their final determination in the March meeting. New member lists were distributed to elder members with consideration of dividing up all lists between three elders. Five new members will be also be assigned at the same time. Mark moved that we designate Dale Thielker as a “Special Assistant to the Board of Elders”. Since he has been assisting with communion distribution, this formalizes his service under the supervision of the Board of Elders. The Elders discussed a graph on Average Sunday attendance compiled by Dan Kamp and adding to that graph the total membership of COR. The Elders listened to a presentation from Art Sommer of LCMS Foundation. The Elders have decided to move their monthly meetings from the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm to the first Thursday of the month at 6:30.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES- Jack Jeffcott reported that a new intercom system has been installed at the front door to allow Sheri to communicate to whoever may be at the front door before allowing entrance to the building. An additional system can be added to the back door if needed at a later date. Anton Heating and Cooling had been called out to service one of the rooftop HVAC units. The range hood part in the kitchen has been ordered.

BOARD OF FINANCE-Dale Thielker reported that January was a rough month. We had \$12,449 in contributions with expenses amounting to \$19,791 leaving a deficit of \$7,342. Hal Uthoff asked Dale if we needed all the additional contribution envelopes included in our giving boxes. Dale had researched this and found out that it would cost us more to have customized boxes than to go with the standardized boxes. Linda LaFlamme asked about capability for electronic contributions to church. Dale & Dan mentioned that this subject had come up before and maybe needed to be addressed again.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION- Brenda Hargett reported that the Sunday school Children have begun coloring the Alleluias for the Transfiguration Sunday on March 2nd. She is attempting to schedule participation in Holy Week, Easter Sunday and coordinating with Bells, Rev. Gerike and Pastor. Summer Sunday school needs to be discussed by the teachers to make plans in the next couple of months. Two children in Sunday school are attending Lutheran Elementary schools.

OLD BUSINESS-Updating of the ongoing resolutions is in the process with new copies being provided for Council.

NEW BUSINESS- Hal Uthoff, Dale Thielker and Pastor brought up the 60th Anniversary of COR which is on April 29th. Motion was made that if we are to have a special celebration for this event it is suggested that it is not too early to make appropriate arrangements. An Anniversary Committee should be appointed. Dale Thielker announced that two other members have agreed to serve with him on this committee. They will report back to council with recommendations. Derek Hotzel will get with the committee about this. Motion was restated. Voted on and passed.

Mark Bliese talked about Art Sommer from LCMS making a presentation to Council on the program “Transferring the Blessings.” This is a program on estate planning with the focus being on contributing to Lutheran services. Mark asked if Art Sommer could come and meet with Council at next months meeting. This would take place at beginning of meeting. Motion was made, voted on and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 with The Lords Prayer

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Jones
Recording Secretary.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS!



3rd Amy Hotzel
 4th Charles Autry
 7th Tereasa Bierman
 Ralph Meier
 Mildred Wotli
 8th Jessica Menendez
 9th Melford Wilke
 12th Diana Meyer
 Kira Kamp

14th Virginia Kirkwood
 John Larson
 15th Christian Liebmann
 16th Katie Meyer
 19th Frank Stubits, Jr.
 21st Deb Eischer
 23RD Greg Gastler
 25th Gatlin Kalbfell
 26th Tyler Schrader

27th Marissa Lewis
 29th Nancy Kamp
 31st Aaron Borchelt

**GOD'S BLESSINGS TO
 YOU!**

March Schedule

Altar Guild Schedule:

March 2nd Both
 March 5th - Ash Wednesday
 March 9th
 March 16th
 March 23rd
 March 30th Both

8:15 Service

Mary Jane Autry
 Inga Duke (11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.)
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10:45 Service

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Greeters Schedule:

March 2nd
 March 9th
 March 16th
 March 23rd
 March 30th

John & Lynne Borchelt
 Sandy Townsend
 Jamie & Maura McAlister
 Carol Reimler
 Mark & Julie Graudin
 Amy Hotzel
 Mark & Julie Graudin
 Norma Grau
 Dennis & Jan Schrader
 Joyce & Carol Drechsel

Ushers Schedule:

Don Bartz
 Dan Dowling
 Richard Koenig
 Mike Klemme
 Dale Thielker
 Dan Reimler

Acolyte Schedule:

March 2nd
 March 5th - Ash Wednesday
 March 9th
 March 16th
 March 23rd
 March 30th

Katie Meyer
 Mary LaFlamme - 7:00 p.m.
 John Larson
 Katie Meyer
 John Larson
 Katie Meyer
 Haven Liebmann
 Christian Liebmann
 Alex Jeffcott
 Mary LaFlamme
 John Schilling



