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*The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod
With Christ at the Heart*

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Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

April begins with our meditation of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection during the Paschal Triduum (the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter Day.) Participating in the different focus each day will maximize your appreciation for what Christ has done for us. Check the enclosed calendar for service times.

The Sundays of April will ring out with the Good News of our Lord's victory for us over sin, death, and the devil as the season of Easter unfolds. You are encouraged to bring or borrow a bell to ring with every "alleluia" this season. Chanting and the Gospel Procession will heighten our sense of rejoicing in this most festive of seasons.

You will also note the Baptismal Font will be moved to the front and center of the chancel rail and filled with water each week. This is to encourage you to revisit your baptism (when you were joined to Jesus' death and resurrection) by dipping your fingers into the water and making the sign of Christ's cross from your forehead to your heart in token that you are one of Christ's redeemed.

Communion will proceed with the left and right tables dismissed separately to allow extra room for the font. After Pentecost the font will return to its place in the chancel and the gates of the communion rail will return.

As We Celebrate Christ's Resurrection this April, we will also celebrate the Profession of Faith (April 18th @ 9:30a.m.) and Confirmation of three of our young people (Tony Diego, John Franklin, and Staas Wolter) on April 25th in the late service. We rejoice in their joining us in the sacrament of

the altar and their continued growth through Word and Sacrament with us in the body of Christ.

Pastor Pelsue

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

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

Good Friday, April 2nd

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

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3rd

8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Divine Services 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.



Easter Breakfast

Served from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Compliments of COR's Bell Choir



APRIL

NEWS & NOTES



WOMEN'S GUILD

- ⊗ MEETING on Tuesday, April 6th at 12:30 p.m. Devotion will be given by Dottie Wilke and the hostess is Carol Reimler.
- ⊗ THE ST. LOUIS LWML SOUTH ZONE SPRING RALLY will be on Saturday, April 10th at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1500 San Simeon Way, Fenton, MO. Registration and coffee begins at 8:45 a.m. with the opening devotion at 9:30. The

speaker is from Rev. Mark Sell who will speak on missions in Kenya. **Please bring your Bible!**

☼ **CARE & SHARE** will meet on **Thursday, April 22nd, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

EVANGELISM OUTREACH

How is evangelism 'done'? Is it what most Americans are accustomed to – a revival meeting in which impassioned pleas are made for them to “decide” for Jesus, or is it something else – more like the beggars in Samaria (II Kings 6:24-7:20) who tell their friends of life-giving good news? What exactly is evangelism?

Certainly, the Gospel is proclaimed publicly in worship services; but evangelism can also be ‘done’ in friendships in which you seek to share God’s grace and mercy in Christ. Pastors and missionaries publicly declare the Gospel, but everyone can tell others of Christ. Evangelism is ‘done’ as we live our lives.

Do you have any non-Christian friends? Christ prays that we will be involved in our world (John 17:18), not living in isolation as monks. Look for ways to meet people outside of church settings. In Affton there are many immigrants who struggle to learn the language and culture of our country. Take the time to get to know them. Take a class, get to know the other students; bake something and take it to a new neighbor, or an old one you have never met; offer to mow an elderly neighbor’s lawn or help them in some other way. Be friendly and caring. Begin your day asking your Father to make you aware of those around you and provide opportunities to speak the Gospel. You will be amazed at the many needy people all along your daily path.

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!”

Stanza from “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”
- Pastor Dave Horn

- the Evangelism Committee

RETIRES MEETING

The Retirees will gather on **Tuesday, April 20th at 12:00 noon**. Look for more information in upcoming bulletin announcements. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, April 18th. All are welcome join in.

COR HAS TALENT

Sunday, May 2nd

Talent Show for all Members!



This talent show will showcase both performing and visual arts. Performing arts can include: singing, dancing, poetry reading, reciting, etc. Visual arts can include: woodworking, sculptures, paintings, crochet and knitting projects, etc.

Sign up sheets are posted on the fellowship bulletin board – one for those who are attending and another for talent show participants. Please sign-up by April 26th. Please contact Julie Graudin at 832-2266 if you have any questions.

THE JEHOIADA CHEST OFFERING



Each year, traditionally on the Sunday nearest the April 29, 1954 organizational date of our congregation, the Church of the Reformation gathers a special offering named after the priest who was summoned by King Jehoash of Judah to take a chest and raise money to repair the Lord's House. The temple of Jerusalem had been allowed to fall into disrepair. **This year the collection will be on Sunday, April 25th**. You can read the story below:

Therefore King Jehoash summoned the priest Jehoiada with the other priests and said to them, "Why are you not repairing the house? Now therefore do not accept any more money from your donors but hand it over for the repair of the house." So the priests agreed that they would neither accept more money from the people nor repair the house. Then the priest Jehoiada took a chest, made a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar on the right side as one entered the house of the LORD; the priests who guarded the threshold put in it all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD. Whenever they saw that there was a great deal of money in the chest, the king's secretary and the high priest went up, counted the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and tied it up in bags. They would give the money that was weighed out into the hands of the workers who had the oversight of the house of the LORD; then they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders who worked on the house of the LORD, to the masons and the stonecutters, as well as to buy timber and quarried stone for making repairs on the house of the LORD, as well as for any outlay for repairs of the house. 2 Kings 12:7-12 (NRSV)

Please note that a special Jehoiada Offering envelope will be enclosed in the Sunday bulletin on April 18th. There will also be envelopes available in church on April 25th, the morning we gather the offering. That morning the special Jehoiada Chest will be placed at the front of the

church, and during the offering or during communion distribution, a representative of your family may come forward with your gift.

This gift is our way of giving glory to God through maintaining the beauty and use of this place of worship. It is also an expression of our gratitude to God for His maintaining His Word in its purity and the right use of His Sacrament among us. We give this offering to assure future generations these blessings of His.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

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

Andrea Fouts
8754 Brentshire Walk, Apt. A
Brentwood, MO 63144
314-918-0177



THANK YOU

A Special Thank You to all those who planned, helped, and participated in the recognition and celebration of the 15th anniversary of my installation as pastor here at Reformation. The rite of recognition and prayer in the early service, the beautiful and delicious cake, all the nice cards, gifts and encouragement were wonderful. It has and continues to be my great honor and pleasure to serve as the pastor of such a wonderful flock as this. God bless you all and "Thank You" for your kindness.

In Christ, *Pastor Pelsue, (Jill and the family too).*

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all items/articles for the May newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, April 19th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.

BRUNCH AT THE SEM

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will host Brunch at the Sem on **Easter Sunday, April 4, and on Mother's Day, May 9**, in Koburg Hall on the Seminary campus. Brunch will be served from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



The menu for Brunch at the Sem includes carved ham, fried chicken, carved roasted turkey, jumbo cocktail shrimp, garlic mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, honey glazed baby carrots, mostaccioli, salad bar, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, Eggs Benedict, omelet bar, hash browns, bacon, sausage, Belgian waffle bar, dessert bar, assorted juices, soda, coffee, and tea.

The price for adults is \$22; children (4-10 yrs.) are \$5.00; and children 3 and under are free. Cash, checks, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express cards are accepted. Space is limited. For reservations, call 314-505-7369.



CONCORDIA SEMINARY CALL NIGHT

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, cordially invites the public to share in the joy of Call Day on **Wednesday, April 27**. Students who will serve as vicars (a one-year internship) next year will receive their assignments during a 3:00 p.m. worship service. Rev. David Buelmann, president of the Central Illinois District, will serve as preacher. COR's 2nd year field worker, Aaron Meyer will receive his assignment during this service.

During a 7:00 p.m. worship service, candidates for the pastoral ministry will receive their first calls to serve as pastors, missionaries, and chaplains in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Dr. Glen Thomas, executive director of the LCMS Board for Pastoral Education, will serve as preacher. COR's former vicar, Anthony Appel will receive his call during this service. Both services will be held in the Seminary's Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus.

APRIL FEED MY PEOPLE MEAL-A-MONTH



Beef ravioli, mixed vegetables, pineapple or Jello, corn bread mix (no eggs), 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!

LFCS OF MISSOURI
LIGHT THE WAY FAMILY PICNIC



LFCS proudly announces the return of "Light the Way" a LFCS Family Picnic to be held on **Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Creve Coeur Park**. The "Light the Way" LFCS Family Picnic is a free admission, family-friendly event featuring ticket sales for food and drinks, carnival games, glow-in-the dark t-shirts, and more!

With 2,036 children waiting adoption in the state of Missouri, finding forever homes for these kids is more important than ever. Funds raised from this event will help us do just that! We want to "Light the Way" by lighting up 2,036 luminaries at dusk

Funds raised will support foster care and adoption programs of LFCS. They need your help to make this goal a reality! Please plan on joining them as they gather families and friends together and "Light the Way" for children in need.

If you would like to learn more about sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please call Virginia at 314-754-2785 or e-mail her at virginiap@lfcsmo.org. See the church bulletin board for a brochure explaining the event in more detail.



INT'L STUDENT MINISTRY
-ST. LOUIS TRIVIA NIGHT!

Saturday, April 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Hosted by Christ Memorial Lutheran Church
5252 S. Lindbergh, 63126.

\$20 per person - Tables of 8 available

Sodas and snacks will be provided. Dessert auction! Silent auction! To join them, contact Karen Davis at 314-452-6406 or ismstlouis@gmail.com.



SATURDAY OUTREACH SCHOOL

What opportunities exist for you, for your congregation, to share God's love with those who are walking in darkness? Come to the Saturday Outreach School on **Saturday, April 24th**, to learn about the opportunities that you and your congregation have through addressing the issue of unemployment and also how you can establish a faith connection with the unchurched by volunteering. Rev. Mark Femmel, pastor of Zion Lutheran in Maryland Heights and M. J. Wurdeman, St. Louis Social Service Outreach and

Volunteer Coordinator for the Missouri District of the LCMS are the instructors.

The Saturday Outreach School will be from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 13765 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, April 24. Please register by April 22 by calling King of Kings, 314-469-2224 or sending an email - churchoffice@kokstl.org. Cost is \$7.00 payable when you come.



CAMP WARTBURG EVENTS

41st Annual Fried Chicken Dinner & Open House

Sunday, April 25th

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You're invited to take a tour of the facility and while you are there, enroll campers for their Summer Camp and Day Camp programs. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5-12. Children under five eat free.

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10th Annual Golf Classic

Monday, May 24th

Acorns Golf Links, Waterloo, IL



Sign up your foursome for golf, lunch, beverages and dinner. \$100 donation per golfer. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact theresa_thorburg@lfcfs.org for more information or call Camp Wartburg at 618-939-7715.

Camp Wartburg is a program of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois and is located at 5705 LRC Road, Waterloo, IL 62298

CENSUS TRAINING

Please make a note of the following dates and times for Parish Hall planning purposes. Beginning Tuesday, April 27th thru Friday, April 30th, the U.S. Census Bureau will be conducting training sessions in Reformation's Parish Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thank you for your patience during this time.

INVITE FROM CLUB FITNESS

The Club Fitness located in Yorkshire Plaza has invited all Reformation members to visit them any Sunday for a one day free trial. This is for members of Reformation only. When you go to Club Fitness, tell them you are a member of Reformation for your free one day pass. Club Fitness' address is 1269 S. Laclede Station Road. If you have any questions, please give them a call at 314-968-2582