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Christ Suffered; Christ Died; Christ is Risen - Bringing New Life. Alleluia!

April begins as we continue our meditation of Christ's passion, during Lent and culminates with Palm & Passion Sunday and Holy Week pondering His death, and resurrection during the Paschal Triduum (the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter Day). Participating in the different focus each week and each day of Holy Week will maximize your appreciation for what Christ has done for us. Check the enclosed calendar for service times.

The **New Life Festival** will be held on Saturday, April 16th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at C.O.R. We need your help. Please find enclosed a set of two $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet fliers to promote this outreach event. Cut the page and either keep one and give the other away or give each to someone with children encouraging them to attend the event. You will also find tear off sheets on the hallway bulletin board and a basket in the narthex for requested items.

Also in this Newsletter find 2 items asking for your response:

1. An **information form** requesting additional information for church records on you and/or your family. (cell phone numbers; baptism and confirmation dates, etc.)
2. A **survey** to measure interest in a single worship service and if so, what time. Don't panic. We only want to find out how much interest there is in this, since we heard a few comments.

Please take some time and fill out what you can now on both of these and bring them with you on Sunday, April 10th and place them in the offering basket as it comes by. Thanks for your input.

Pastor Pelsue

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Maundy Thursday, April 21st
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 22nd
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 23rd
8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 24th
Divine Services 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Easter Breakfast
Served from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.
Compliments of COR's Bell Choir



WOMEN'S GUILD

- ☼ **MEETING** on Tuesday, April 5th at 12:00 p.m. Georgia Dowling will present the devotion and will also serve as hostess for the day.
- ☼ **THE ST. LOUIS LWML SOUTH ZONE SPRING RALLY** will be on Saturday, April 9th at Hope Lutheran Church, 2308 Gravois Road, High Ridge, MO. Breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m. with the Opening Devotion starting at 9:30 a.m. The speaker is George Hutchings and the program is "Shoes for Water Project". Meet at church at 8:00 a.m. to carpool. A sign-up sheet has been posted. Please see the church bulletin board for more information.

Please bring your Bible!

☼ CARE & SHARE will meet on **Thursday, April 28th**, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

☼ LWML 34TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION in Peoria, Illinois from **Thursday, June 23rd to Sunday, June 26, 2011**. The theme is “Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge” and based on Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV). For up-to-date information, see the 2010 Winter issue of the Quarterly or www.lwml.org.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

The Fellowship Committee will host a cake reception between services to recognize Pastor Pelsue's 30th Anniversary of his ordination, and a Remember When Potluck. More information will follow in upcoming announcements and May newsletter.

Julie Graudin, Fellowship Chair



MEN'S CLUB DART BALL COMPETITION

Peace Men's Club has once again challenged COR's Men's Club to a dartball competition on **Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m.** at Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksview Road. All men of the congregation are invited to join them. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the church bulletin board.

RETIREES MEETING

The Retirees will gather on **Tuesday, April 26th at 12:00 noon**. Look for more information in upcoming bulletin announcements. All are welcome join in.



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, May 1st**. Read 2 Kings 12:7-12 for the story.

Please note that a special Jehoiada Offering envelope will be enclosed in the Sunday bulletin on April 24th. There

will also be envelopes available in church on May 1st, 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.

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.



THE SUNDAYS OF EASTER AND CONFIRMATION

The Sundays of Easter, April 24th and following, 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 (from the narthex supply) 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.

After We Celebrate Christ's Resurrection on April 24th, we will then celebrate the **Profession of Faith (May 1st at**

9:30a.m.) and Confirmation of two of our young people (John Larson, and Haven Liebmann) on **May 8th during the 10:45 a.m. 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.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who brought dishes, helped before and after, and participated and voted in the mask contest for the Mardi Gras Potluck that was held on March 6th.



Participants in the mask contest were: Child category~ Mary Laflamme, Katie Meyer, Grace Hotzel, Micah Hung, Lucas Hung and Christian Liebmann, Teen category~ John Larson and Haven Liebmann, Adult category~ Chia Hung, Mary Lou Tucker, Amy Hotzel, Karen Liebmann, and Martin Liebmann III. Winners of the contest were: Lucas Hung, child, Haven Liebmann, Teen and Martin Liebmann III, Adult. A total of \$750 was collected from the mask contest and will go to help Pat Stelzer who had a small house fire and who is helping to house two people who are currently without homes. Matching Funds have been applied for from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Julie Graudin, Board of Fellowship



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 18th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.

ROC - LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Be inspired, energized, and equipped to share God's love, nurture your family, and witness to the community. Lutheran Hour Ministries Regional Outreach Conferences (ROC) will take place the weekend of **May 13-14, 2011** at the Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel in Branson, Missouri. This event is for the entire family and features compelling presenters and information packed workshops. See the bulletin board for more information or visit www.lhm.org/roc.



JAPAN DISASTER RELIEF DOOR OFFERING!

All of us have seen the devastation caused by the recent earthquakes, tsunami and nuclear reactor complication in Japan. The Christian community is showing the world the hands and feet of our risen Savior by taking a leadership role in organizing and providing desperately needed supplies and care. In response to this, a special door offering will be collected **Sunday's April 3rd & 10th** and given to Lutheran World Relief and Human Care to help with the disaster relief efforts in Japan. The Lutheran Foundation has established a special one-time matching fund to double the impact up to \$378,000 (\$6,000 per delegate congregation). Please give generously.



CONCORDIA SEMINARY CALL NIGHT

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, cordially invites the public to share in the joy of Call Day on **Wednesday, May 4**. Students who will serve as vicars (a one-year internship) next year will receive their assignments during a 3:00 p.m. worship service. COR's 2nd year field worker, Justin Pahl will receive his assignment during this service and COR will find out if we receive a vicar and if so, who he is.

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). COR's field workers, Duane Meissner and Erik Schmidt, will receive their calls 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



Main Menu: Canned turkey, brown rice or plain instant mashed potatoes, canned corn (low sodium or low salt), applesauce in plastic - no sugar added, powdered milk or shelf stable boxed milk or soy milk.

Additional Items: Kid Friendly Foods! Peanut butter and real fruit jellies, macaroni and cheese, dried fruits.

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!

A NOTE TO STEWARDS

Easter is the most important event and season of the church year. Our Savior gave His life in sacrifice for our salvation, and was raised on the third day for our justification. Let's make this Easter a meaningful one by preparing through meditation on God's Word at our special Wednesday Lenten services and upcoming Holy Week Services.

St. Paul in Romans 12 calls us to "...to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Paul is talking about giving of our gifts and talents as a fitting response to God's gift of salvation. What is your special talent? My special talent is being computer savvy. If we know the gifts and talents of our members, we may be able to find ways to help and encourage one another, and possibly others in our community. I would love to hear from you. Please send your special talent to Mcleangoesgreen@yahoo.com.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. Mark 16:6

God Bless us all, Judy McLean



Send Me St. Louis will offer trainings for congregations, organizations, and project leaders so as to ensure a positive, faith-filled experience for all who participate and who are served. Send Me will also provide each project site with a stipend to partially off-set food, project, and celebration costs.

Schedule

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Brief devotional at the project site.
9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Projects.
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Lunch, reflection, and celebration service at project site.

For more information, go to www.sendmestlouis.org and click on "participate."



CAMP WARTBURG EVENTS

**42nd Annual Fried Chicken Dinner
& Open House**
Sunday, April 10th
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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11th Annual Golf Classic
Monday, May 23rd
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@lcsf.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



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.

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.

SEND ME ST. LOUIS SATURDAY



Imagine hundreds of area Lutherans and other Christians coming together on one day to bring glory to our Father in heaven through service to our community. Send Me St. Louis is organizing a hands-on serving opportunity on **Saturday, May 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, designed to:

- connect congregations and Christian volunteers to service opportunities,
- encourage the incorporation of volunteerism in the life of the congregation and its members, and
- support the connection between serving and spiritual growth in the lives of those participating.

How it Works

Lutheran organizations and congregations will host a short-term (4 hour) project that can be completed by a group of 5-20 volunteers. Send Me St. Louis will promote the projects with area congregations, with an emphasis on Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod churches. Individuals and groups can sign up to serve at one of these projects. Those serving will be invited to participate in a short morning devotion and an afternoon reflection and celebration at their project site to rejoice in all that God accomplished that day and what He still has planned for our lives and our community.