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Remembering the Reformation and Martin Luther

October is the month commemorate the Reformation and Martin Luther's great contributions to the Church, especially the restoration of the pure gospel of Christ and making this message of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone central to Christian preaching and teaching. It was Oct. 31st 1517 when Luther nailed the 95 theses (points of discussion) on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg Germany. This started the Reformation, which went on for years. Here are some hi-lights of Luther's life.

In 1521 he defended his theological positions refusing to recant before the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles the 5th in the city of Worms. He was declared an outlaw, but was protected by the elector, Frederick the Wise, in Wartburg Castle of Eisenach, where he worked on translating the New Testament from Greek into German.

Luther married Katharine von Bora in 1525 and wrote "A Mighty Fortress" and other hymns in 1527. In 1526 leaders meet at Spires and decide that reforms by protesting Catholics will be legal, setting aside the edict against Luther. 1530 at Augsburg the Lutherans present an explanation of their Christian faith that becomes known as "the Augsburg Confession." Luther published his translation of the entire Bible into German in

1534. In 1546 Luther died at Eisleben at the age of 63.

In Christ Jesus, Pastor Pelsue



OCTOBER NEWS & NOTES

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

October 25th - Reformation Sunday
 - Divine Service both services.
 - Special music and processional.

November 1st - All Saints' Day - Divine Service at both services. Thanking God for His goodness and grace in the lives of those believers who have gone before and especially remembering those whom the Lord called home from our parish during the last year.

LIFE CHAIN 2009

The annual Life Chain has been set for Sunday, October 4th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception.

This is a service event for our catechumens. All ages are encouraged to come! If you are unable to stand for the whole hour, that's okay - we will provide you with a chair or just come and stand for however long you can. The



more the merrier! All participants will be treated to a root beer float immediately following the event.

For more information about Life Chain see www.lutheransforlife.org or www.lifechain.net.

God links us together with Love!
Be a link in the LIFE CHAIN USA!

WOMEN'S GUILD

MEETING on Tuesday, October 6th, at 12:30 p.m.
The devotion will be given by Yvonne Spitz and the hostesses are Carol Abbott and Dottie Wilke.

The St. Louis South Zone **LWML FALL RALLY** will take place on **Saturday, October 17th** here at Reformation. The program "Kenya Mission" will be presented by Kathy Harrison. Breakfast at 8:45 a.m.; Opening Devotion at 9:30 a.m. and program following. There will be an ingathering for Feed My People. Please bring food items (non-perishable). Bring your Bible. All are welcome!

CARE & SHARE will meet on **Thursday, October 29th** at **9:30 a.m.** for the assembling of quilts, layettes, laprobes, etc.



BAKE SALE FUND RAISER

Every Sunday during the month of October delicious baked goods will be available to purchase as a fund raiser to offset the upgrade to the kitchen Fire Suppression System. This upgrade, mandated by St. Louis County, has become very expensive (several thousand dollars) and to help defray these costs, the Church Council approved a matching fund Bake Sale.

Bake Sales will take place on **Sundays, October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th**. Matching funds have been applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, South St. Louis Chapter 30663. Please keep these dates in mind and plan to purchase your goodies at church.

Our goal is \$1,020 (Thrivent will match up to \$1,020). You can help several different ways. Donations of baked goods or cash donations and of course the purchase of baked goods. For more information or to find out how you can help, please call the church office, 314-352-1355.

You make the Difference – Together we multiply it!



OKTOBERFEST POTLUCK

Everyone is invited to a Oktoberfest Potluck on **Sunday, October 25th** immediately following the late service (12:00 noon). Members are encouraged to bring either good ole' fashioned country cooking or a German dish. Awards will be given for the best fruit desserts. Music will be played for listening. Activities for children. A sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship bulletin board. Deadline to sign-up is October 18th. Thanks!

Julie Graudin

RETIRES MEETING



Everyone is invited to the Retirees meeting on **Tuesday, October 27th** at 12:00 noon. All are Welcome!!! More details to follow in upcoming church announcements. Look for a sign-up sheet to be posted on the church bulletin board in the near future.



TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 1st**, at 2:00 a.m.

- Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday (10/31) before you go to bed.

THE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR BLESSINGS

It was good to see so many of our members participating in the fellowship and project activities of the summer. Now, as we move into the busy fall and holiday seasons may we, during our daily routines, think often of God's provisions and protection, then read His Word and remember favorite hymns.

Also, may Our Lord grant us faithfulness in gathering together for worship, in sharing the beauty of the words and music of the liturgy, and in gaining strength of faith from His word and sacraments.

As WE grow in understanding of our faith, we will "... be ready to invest these treasures in our families and co-workers." (quote by Dr. A. L. Barry, former President of LCMS).

Pat Stelzer, Board of Stewardship

WELCOME JUSTIN PAHL!



Justin Pahl, our newest field worker, is a first year seminarian at Concordia. Justin is from Chester, Virginia (10 miles outside of Richmond) and is a former corporate pilot. Justin has been married to his wife Jennifer for

three years. Jennifer is currently a nursing student living in Richmond, Virginia. She will graduate in December, 2009 and will join Justin here in St. Louis upon completion of her studies.

Justin looks forward to serving his Lord here in whatever way he can. *Welcome Justin & Jennifer!*

OCTOBER FEED MY PEOPLE
MEAL-A-MONTH



Spam or canned meat, canned sweet potatoes, green beans, canned applesauce, powdered milk
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. Return the bag of groceries to the shopping cart. Please - no glass containers or clothing. The grocery cart is for food items only. Thank you for your donations!



THANK YOU

Our sincere appreciation to all of the generous companies who donated to our church picnic. Members, please support these businesses - they are truly an asset to our community.

Thank You!

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| Arby's Restaurants | Bed, Bath & Beyond |
| Creve Couer Camera | Fortel's Pizza Den |
| Domino's Pizza/MBR Management Corp. | |
| Fudrucker's Restaurant | Gingham's Restaurant |
| Glazed and Confused | Haas Fine Pastries |
| Holiday Inn - Southwest Viking Restaurant | |
| Kassebaum Restaurant d/b/a Subway | |
| Kutis Funeral Home | Lay Z Day Canoes |
| Lion's Choice Restaurant | McDonald's Office |
| Missouri Botanical Gardens | |
| Museum of Transportation | Pasta House Company |
| Prestige Portraits | Qdoba Mexican Grill |
| Repertory Theater of St. Louis | Sam's Steakhouse |
| Sappington Int'l Farmers Market | |
| Sessions Fixtures | Shop n' Save |
| Silver Dollar City | St. Louis Blues |
| Spanky's Frozen Custard | St. Louis Cardinals |
| St. Louis Rams Community Outreach | |
| St. Louis Symphony | The Tan Company |

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| Swing-A-Round Fun Town | Wal-Mart |
| Tower Tee | Vetta-Concord Sports |

Oh Happy Days!

No more cold toilet seats - no more cold hands. Thank you Reformation Women's Guild for paying to have the ceiling fan and cover fixed. Also, the thermostat on the hot water heater to bring instant warm water to our ladies restroom.

Helen Matta



LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
UPCOMING EVENTS & FUND
RAISERS

2009 Entertainment Books Available!

Students at LHSS are selling new 2009 Entertainment Books. Each book costs \$30 and is filled with money-saving coupons and special offers. Shop and Save has \$30worth of coupons in each book! They can be purchased from our Lutheran High School South student's.

8th Grade Visitation Day

Lutheran High School South is hosting a 8th Grade Visitation Day during the normal school day. Any 8th grade student who would like to know more about LHSS is invited to attend. The Visitation day is **from 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 8th.** Register by calling Mrs. Jayne Lauer at 314-631-2842, ext. 426 or at jlauer@lhssonline.org.

31st Annual Fantasy Faire
Dinner Auction

"Let Your Light Shine" at the Lutheran High School Association's 31st Annual Fantasy Faire Dinner Auction on Saturday, November 21st at the Ballpark Hilton Hotel.

Donations Needed! They welcome all sorts of new items. Household and outdoor items, children's toys, holiday decorations, and gift certificates for dining, entertainment and services are just a few of the types of things appreciated.

Volunteers Needed! Volunteer forms for the auction are available in the school office.

Participants Needed! Please make plans now to attend the dinner-auction and join in the fun and fellowship with other supporters of Lutheran South and North.

For more information about the Fantasy Faire Dinner Auction, please contact this year's auction chairs, Deanne Wells at deannewells@sbcglobal.net or Scott and Jennifer Negwer at smnegwer@aol.com.

Thanks in advance for supporting our youth.

LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE

“Mankind’s Origin: Monkey or Messiah [Implications for Christian Witness in the 21st Century],”

Dr. Robert Weise

Wednesday Evenings • 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2009

Concordia Seminary • Sieck Hall, Room 202
801 Seminary Place, Clayton, MO

Throughout 2009, scientists and lay people who fashion their life and its decisions on the belief that mankind’s origin is from ape-like humans are celebrating the 150th anniversary of Darwin’s “Origin of the Species” and, the 200th anniversary of Darwin’s birth. This Theory of the Origin of Mankind from ‘monkeys’ was used by Karl Marx, Lenin, Stalin, and Hitler to purify the human race in their drive for world domination. In addition, it was incorporated by the United States from the early 1900s through the 1970s to cleanse the American population of so-called ‘feeble-minded’, less productive people. Today, Darwinism enters through the back door of biomedical research to promote stem cell research, sex selection of children, and the destruction of human embryos who are determined to be defective via special genetic testing. All of this and more has profound implications for the Biblical foundation of Creation, Family, Procreation and the Stewardship of the created Universe. Dr. Weise will discuss these issues as they relate to Christians living the life of Christ in this world, including the political issues that have arisen from the public emphasis of Darwinian Evolution.

Cost for the Lay Bible Institute is \$30 per person and includes any course handouts and refreshments. To register with credit card by phone, call 314-505-7486, Monday-Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. *Make checks payable to Concordia Seminary and mark ‘Lay Bible Institute.’*



SATURDAY OUTREACH SCHOOL

The Saturday Outreach School will be held on **October 24th** at **King of Kings Lutheran Church, 13765 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield, MO 63017** from **8:30 a.m. to 12 noon**. Following the opening Bible study and the sharing of resources and activities which God has blessed, Deaconess Ruth McDonnell will lead a teaching session followed by some practical applications of how congregations can connect with the communities they serve. Cost is \$7 to

cover refreshments and materials. There is no charge for seminary students and wives. Register by contacting King of Kings at churchoffice@kofstl.org or phone 314-469-2224.



VETERANS’ DAY RECOGNITION

On **Sunday, November 8th** after the **8:15 a.m.** service in the Parish Hall we would like to recognize all veterans of our church family. If you are a veteran, or have a family member that is a veteran, please contact Julia Graudin (832.2266).

Simple acts that feed a shepherd... 10 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PASTOR

1. **Pray for your Pastor.** Ask God to shower your pastor with an abundance of love, hope, joy, faith, peace, power, wisdom, and courage.
2. **Express appreciation verbally.** Your pastor appreciates words of encouragement.
3. **Express appreciation in writing.** A spoken compliment is always welcome, but a written one can be read over and over again.
4. **Celebrate with a special meal.**
5. **Use your skills to share a blessing with your pastor.** Are you gifted at lawn care? Are you a mechanic ... a wonderful cook? Offer a free service or at reduced rate.
6. **Live in Peace.** Appreciation is more than cards and gifts, it’s an attitude. Do not get pulled into petty diversions that unnecessarily bring strife and discord.
7. **Offer to meet a need.** Get involved by teaching a class, leading a workshop, singing in the choir, etc.
8. **Lovingly insist on “time off”.** Your pastor will need to take time for renewal and rest.
9. **Support a strategy for continuing education.** Your pastor desires to be the best he can be in serving you, and will need to remain current with continuing education.
10. **Identify a “Mutual Ministry” committee.** This is a group of people in your congregation with the gift for caring. This group is completely separate from the elders, church council, or other governing board of the congregation. They represent, serve, and advocate for the needs of the pastor and his family.

The above suggestions are from LCMS Ministerial Growth & Support and the What a Way campaign.