



Church Of the Reformation - Lutheran

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Giving Thanks for Saints Giving Thanks

*I do not cease to **give thanks** for you, remembering you in my prayers, Ephes. 1:16 (ESV)*

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. **And be thankful.** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **with thankfulness** in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through him. Col. 3:15-17 (ESV)*

No, the title is not a misprint. Rather, it reflects the thought that we will begin the month of November by giving thanks to God for the saints who have gone before us, especially those from among us, whom the Lord called home this year. Also we will conclude the month (nearly) by giving thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day.

The first Biblical text above moves us to give thanks for the saints (fellow believers) God has blessed us with in the past:

1. Apostles and prophets inspired of God for our learning in Scripture and we learn from their lives as well.

2. Believers down through church history like Polycarp of Smyrna (disciple of John the apostle), Irenaeus (student of Polycarp), Augustine, John Wycliffe, John Huss, Martin

Luther, and many others God has used to preserve the faith for us.

3. Those we've known and loved from our congregation including: Onita Lile, Ruth Williams, Charlotte Brown, Clara Hohenstein, Bill & Marion Hensley, Ruth Burgeois, Lucille Boehne, Lorraine Jaeger, Hilda Barton, and Betty Lightfoot. We've observed God at work through them and in their lives and so have been encouraged in the faith.

Thanks be to God for the Saints who've gone before us, whose witness has brought us into the faith of Christ.

The second Bible text above exhorts us all to live our life with thanksgiving. Did you notice in these short verses thankfulness occurs three times. For that matter, just searching variations on the word "thanks" in the Old and New Testament of the English Standard Version (ESV), pulled up 123 references. So, for us in Christ every day is a Thanksgiving Day! It's a good thing we don't eat like it thought (ha-ha).

Join your fellow saints on All Saints Day (Sunday Nov. 1st at 8:15 or 10:45 a.m.) giving thanks for Saints who've gone before us and join us on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday Nov. 26th at 9 a.m.

Giving thanks for all of you.

Pastor Pelsue

NOVEMBER NEWS & NOTES

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

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. Please call the church office, 314-352-1355, if you have someone you would like remembered who passed away this last year.

Thanksgiving Day
November 26th - 9:00 a.m.



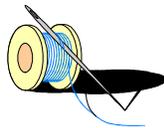
REMEMBER:
**We do not change
our clocks until
November 1st**

Then we "fall back" and gain the hour we lost last spring!! (It's best to change them on October 31st before you go to bed that way you won't be late for church in the morning!!)

WOMEN'S GUILD

GUILD MEETING on Tuesday, November 3rd. The ladies will gather for dessert and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. The devotion will be given by Pat Stelzer and the hostesses are Mary Lou Tucker and Carol Reimler.

CARE & SHARE will meet on Thursday, November 19th at 9:30 a.m. for the assembling of quilts, layettes, laprobes, etc.



LWML FALL RETREAT at Laclede Groves Living Center Auditorium, 723 S. Laclede Station Road on Saturday, November 14th. Events include a Bible Study with Rev. Lawrence Eatherton and the main speakers will be Mrs. Diana Meyer and Ms. Phyllis Wallace from KFUO's Woman-to-Woman. The theme is "My Song is Love - Let's

Sing to the Lord!" Snacks and lunch provided. Babysitting is available by contacting Ann Peterson at 636-467-7116. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the event from 9:00 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person before October 31st and \$30.00 per person after November 6th. See the Church Bulletin Board for details on how to register.

TIS THE SEASON - A TIME FOR GIVING



It's that season again for the Ladies Guild to ask our members to help us supply gifts for the needy through our "Giving Tree Program" for Feed My People.

The tree will be displayed the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 22nd) thru December 13th. The gifts received will then be delivered to Feed My People during that week.

The tree will be decorated with paper ornaments with a suggested gift noted. Please take an ornament or make one of your own, buy the gift (not used or second hand) and bring it to church and place beneath the tree. No wrapping is required but if you would be so kind as to send along the wrapping paper and/or gift bag with the ornament for each item. There will be boxes under the tree for the gifts.



Please consider helping to make someone's holiday a little brighter with a gift for Feed My People to distribute to those in need. We need the help and support of generous people like you to make the Spirit of Christmas a happy and glorious time for some of our less fortunate friends. *The Women's Guild*

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Veteran's Day Recognition on Sunday, November 8th immediately following the 8:15 a.m. service, COR members will gather in the Parish Hall to recognize and pray for our veterans. If you would like to be included, please call the church office, 314-352-1355.



Immediately following the Recognition, there will be a cake reception honoring our veterans. Also, an offering will be gathered at church via a door offering and at the cake reception which will then be given to Thrivent South Saint Louis MO Chapter 30663. They are conducting a Church wide fund raiser for Lt. Col. Timothy Karcher who lost both of his legs in an IED attack while serving his country in Iraq. The Chapter is hoping to raise \$5,000 between the 20 churches in the Chapter. With matching

funds, the monies will go to the Karcher family to modify their home and aid with other expenses that are involved with Lt. Col. Karcher's rehabilitation. See the poster on the church bulletin board for more information on this fund raiser.



New Year's Eve Gathering after the evening service on Thursday, December 31st. More details in next month's newsletter.



RETIRES CHRISTMAS PARTY

On **Tuesday, November 24th at 12:00 noon** the Retirees will have chicken dinners with Christmas cookies for lunch and then play "Rob Your Neighbor". Please bring a \$2.00 wrapped gift. **If you plan to attend, please don't forget to sign-up.** No meeting is planned for December.

VOTER'S MEETING



On **Sunday, December 6th**, **immediately following the late service (12:00 noon)**. More information to follow at a later date. **Board chairpersons need to have their reports into the church secretary for inclusion in the December Newsletter by no later than November 16th.**



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please be sure you have all articles for the December newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, November 16th**. Articles may be e-mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.

FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP BOARD

As members of our Christian fellowship, we are stewards of the blessings God has given us. As we reflect on who we are because of WHOSE we are, we are more aware of the source of these blessings. This can easily be ignored, but as we think of the talent cards and how our interests and blessings match the opportunities to grow, to use and to share them, it allows us to be more responsible and accountable to God for these gifts.

Think again of the talents and blessing God has given YOU and where in the opportunities at our church you can GROW and USE them. *The Board of Stewardship*

BAKE SALE FUND RAISER RESULTS! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



The Reformation family is the greatest! You saw the need (\$6,000+ expenditure for the kitchen fire suppression system) - and met the challenge! A whopping \$809.00 was collected through four Sunday morning bake sales in October. Thank you to all who donated the baked goods, some of you bringing goodies each of the four Sundays. Thank you to all who purchased the baked goods, many of you each Sunday. Thank you for all who gave generously (the Bell Choir gave \$100, the Retirees \$50, and other \$10, \$20 and \$50 donations were received. Matching funds have been applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, South St. Louis Chapter 30663. Just like Jesus feeding the 5,000, we have four bags of "leftovers" in the freezer which we hope you will enjoy on another Sunday in the near future.

NOVEMBER FEED MY PEOPLE MEAL-A-MONTH



Chicken & dumplings, lima beans, cranberry sauce, instant pudding, 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. 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!

CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE WAREHOUSE SALE



On **Saturday, November 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**, CPH is holding their annual Warehouse Sale with huge savings (up to 75%). Register to win a \$50 Warehouse Sale gift certificate by listening to KFUG 850 AM for details. Save 20% in the Concordia Bookstore (exceptions apply). CPH is located at 3558 South Jefferson Ave. Free Parking! See the bulletin board for more information.

LHM CRAFT FAIR COMING SOON!

Lutheran Hour Ministries would like to invite you to attend the 4th Annual Craft Fair on **Wednesday, November 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The Craft Fair will be held in the Chapel Annex at Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive (near Hwy. 40 and Mason Road).

Make plans to come and browse through more than 25 tables of all kinds of crafts. You may find just the perfect items for yourself or to give as Christmas gifts. There is no admission charge.



NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Save the date - **Saturday, December 19th**,
for two performances by the National

Lutheran Choir: **4:00 and 7:30 p.m.** at Christ Church Cathedral, 1210 Locust Street. Tickets for the choir's concerts are available in advance for \$20 (general admission) by calling 1-888-747-4589 or online at www.nlca.com. Doors open 45 minutes prior to performance. The program titled "*Heaven and Earth Sing Gloria!*" is a unique and memorable experience with music that will warm and inspire you.

The choir's St. Louis concerts are sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, KFYO - AM 850 and KFYO - FM/CLASSIC 99, as well as the contributions of scores of individual supporters in the St. Louis area.



BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please join Peace Lutheran Church for the Boar's Head Christmas Festival, a 1300's medieval Christmas pageant celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The pageant is presented at Peace Lutheran on **December 3, 4, 5 and 6th**. Each evening service begins at 7:30 p.m. with an additional 4:00 p.m. service on Sunday the 6th.

Doors open one hour before each pageant. Pre-service music begins 30 minutes before each service, and a reception follows with homemade Christmas cookies, wassail, punch, and coffee.

FREE tickets (limit six per person) are available starting Monday, November 2nd, at 8:00 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis from the church office, 737 Barracksvue Road, St. Louis, MO 63125, either in person or by telephone, 314.892.5610. Additional information is on our website at www.peacelutheranstl.org. Click on "Boar's

Head Festival." A Free Will offering will be accepted at each service.

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IMMANUEL BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The Christmas Festival your won't forget, the Boar's Head Festival, will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, December 11, 12, and 13. There will be a 7:30 performance each evening with afternoon performances at 4:00pm both Saturday and Sunday. A dress rehearsal (tickets required) will be held at 7:30pm on December 10.

Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis starting at 8:00am on Monday, November 2. Call 636-946-2656 or come to the Immanuel Church office. Get your tickets early! They go fast! There is no charge for the tickets (limit 6 per person).



"NEW RAGS FOR OLD"

See the new film "Ragman," based upon Walter Wangerin, Jr's classic short story of Christ's unconditional love and self-sacrifice. This dramatic short follows a businessman who meets the mysterious Ragman calling out: "New rags for old." The film will play as part of the St. Louis International Film Festival on **November 13 at 9:30 pm** at the Winifred Moore Auditorium at Webster University.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



An **OPEN HOUSE** for prospective students and their families will take place on **Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** The Open House is designed especially for 7th and 8th grade families who are planning for high school. Students from other grades and their families are also welcome. No registration necessary. For more information, contact Jayne Lauer, Director of Admissions and Community Relations, 314-631-2842, ext. 426.

The **LHSS DRAMA DEPARTMENT** will present *MacBeth Did It* on **November 13th and 14th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Kuhlmann Center. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

The **LHSS FALL CRAFT SHOW** will be held **Saturday, December 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at LHSS, 9515 Tesson Ferry Road. Proceeds benefit the Athletic Department. For more information call Marge at 314-918-7301 or Lynne at 314-638-9186.