



Church Of the Reformation - Lutheran

The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod

With Christ at the Heart

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All Saints Day to be Celebrated on November 7th:

This festival day in the Church year has had an interesting development. Its beginnings come

from a very early festival in honor of all Christian martyrs which originated in Syria in A.D. 360. Then, in Rome the Pantheon, which had been dedicated in 27 B.C. to all the gods of the seven planets, was rededicated by Bishop Boniface IV in A.D. 610 as a Christian basilica in honor of the martyrs. The feast day, therefore, recalls the memories of all the faithful departed and the triumph of Christ over all false gods. Following the Reformation the Lutherans and Anglicans continued to observe this day giving thanks to God for His work in the lives and witness of those believers who have physically died during that year in the parish, but who in faith we know are with the Lord, translated to the Church Triumphant and awaiting their final glory in the resurrection. (St Matt. 22:32) (*The Lutheran Liturgy*, Luther Reed, Fortress Press 1947)

Those from Reformation who've gone before us this year include: Bill Rottnek, Betty Eyermann, Charlotte Johnson, LaVern DeBlaze, George Johnson, Martha Reiser, and Jess Stagner. God was at work in their lives encouraging us and others in the faith. Thanks be to God.

Last Things and The Last Sunday of the Church Year:

The last Sunday of the Church year (November 21st) appropriately focuses our attention on what are called in theology, the "last things." You might think of them as the last things mentioned in the second and third articles of the creed:

"From thence He (the ascended Christ) shall come to judge the living and the dead." And, "I believe in ... the resurrection of the body, the life everlasting."

In this time of great interest and great confusion on these issues, come hear what God has to say in His Word, He will move you to awe and holy joy.

Thanksgiving Day

Responsive Prayer Service will be held Thursday, November 25th, at 9:00 a.m. with Seminarian Erik Schmidt as our guest preacher.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:4-5

Make the 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Service part of your holiday, then consider reading one of the Psalms with a refrain of thanks, such as Psalm 107, 118, or 136 later in the day as part of your meditation on Thanksgiving. You could even print out and read several verses responsively with those around your Thanksgiving table as your table prayer.

Advent's Coming

"*Away in a Manger*" will be the theme of our Wednesday midweek Advent Services on December 1st, 8th, and 15th at 11:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Preachers scheduled include Pastor Pelsue, and Seminarians Erik Schmidt and Duane Meissner.

Thank You

Thanks so much to all those who gave some sign of encouragement during October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Thanks for coming by to visit, and for your warm cards, gifts, and notes. Thank you for continually showing your love and support in many and various ways, despite my faults and imperfections. I count it a privilege to serve all the members of Reformation.

In Christ, Pastor Pelsue



NOVEMBER NEWS & NOTES



SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

November 7th - 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 25th - 9:00 a.m.



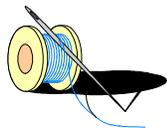


REMEMBER: We do not change our clocks until November 7th
then we "fall back" and gain the hour we lost last spring!! (It's best to change them on the 6th before you go to bed that way you won't be late for church in the morning!!)

WOMEN'S GUILD

GUILD MEETING on Tuesday, November 2nd at 12:30 p.m. Come see Shawn Clubb, Community Content Editor of the Suburban Journals. He won a first place award in Missouri Press Association Better Newspaper Contest. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

CARE & SHARE will meet on Thursday, November 18th at 9:30 a.m. for the assembling of quilts, layettes, laprobes, etc.



MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, November 14th
8:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased in the narthex or from any Men's Club member.

Adults - \$6.00

Child (8-13) - \$4.00

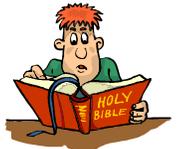
Children 7 and under eat free.

Breakfast includes: Orange juice, scrambled eggs, all the pancakes you can eat, sausage, applesauce (special preparation by Pastor Pelsue), milk and coffee.

All proceeds from the pancake breakfast will support the sanctuary window restoration.

BIBLE CLASSES

Please join the Monday Night Bible Class as they begin a new series, "What Do We Believe?" led by 4th year seminarian Erik Schmidt. By tracking the words of the creeds, we will look at basic tenets of the Christian faith, as outlined by Scripture. **Class begins at 7:00 p.m.**



Midweek Movie Morning!! Everyone is welcome to join the Wednesday morning Bible Class this Wednesday, November 3rd & 10th at 9:30 a.m. They will be watching the 1953 version of "Martin Luther." Popcorn Provided!!



'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 21st) thru December 12th. 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



Oktoberfest Potluck and Fund Raiser!!

Thanks to all who helped make the Oktoberfest the success that it was, the ones who brought food, the decorated pumpkins, the help before and after the event, and for those who made contributions to the COR family in need. \$256.00 was donated and will be matched by Thrivent. The winners of the pumpkin decorating contest are: 5-12 year old category: 1st place - Micah Hung, 2nd place - Lucas Hung, 3rd place - Katie Meyer; Adult/Family category: 1st place - Santiago Family, 2nd place - Laura Pelsue, and 3rd place - Shelly Bliese. Once again, thanks to all who made this event successful. I am always grateful for your support and positive feedback.

Veteran's Day Recognition on Sunday, November 14th during both services.

We will collect a special door offering following each service. All monies collected will be given to *Faith Comes By Hearing* to purchase Military BibleSticks - small, personal listening devices pre-loaded with the Audio New Testament. 40,000 Military BibleSticks have already been provided to chaplains in every branch of our armed forces. The chaplains then give them to troops. Thousands of requests are still waiting to be filled. It costs \$25 for each Biblestick to be given to one soldier. Your generous donations make this possible for our soldiers on the frontlines or receiving care in military hospitals to hear the Word of God. Thank you.



Christmas Party for the Sunday School Children on a Saturday in December (date to be announced in a later bulletin/newsletter).



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



RETIRES CHRISTMAS PARTY



On **Tuesday, November 23rd at 12:00 noon**. More details to follow in upcoming Sunday announcements. **If you plan to attend, please don't forget to sign-up.** No meeting is planned for December.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

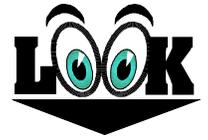
Please be sure you have all articles for the December newsletter into the church office by no later than **Monday, November 15th**. Articles may be e-



mailed to secretary@reformationstl.org, faxed (314-352-7652), or placed in the church secretary's mailbox.

VOTER'S MEETING

On **Sunday, December 5th**, 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 15th.



NOVEMBER FEED MY PEOPLE MEAL-A-MONTH



Chicken & dumplings, lima beans, cranberry sauce, instant pudding, powdered milk (opt.)

We now have two locations for food collection!! A new basket is located in the narthex and the shopping cart has been moved to the parish hall. Please cut out the half sheet insert in this newsletter and take along with you to the grocery store and purchase the items listed or any food items you would care to give. Return the bag of groceries to the basket or shopping cart. Please - no glass containers or clothing. Thank you for your donations!



"CUSTOM CHRISTMAS CARDS"

Christmas cards created by Salem School art students are available from Jenny Gastler. The cards feature four different Christmas tree designs and are sold in sets of 20 cards and envelopes. Each set costs \$7.00 or buy 3 sets for \$20. See Jenny Gastler on Sundays. Proceeds benefit Parents and Teachers for Salem.

HELPING FEED AMERICA'S YOUTH ONE CAN AT A TIME

Reformation Lutheran Church will be conducting a special canned food drive starting November 7 through the 14th. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, this is definitely the time of year to help families in need. Donations of meat products in a can, paper products, and canned food will be appreciated and all donations will go to the Affton Christian Food Pantry.



Food insecurity is a major concern for many families in the St. Louis Area. Many of the families are single mothers with young children. There is evidence that young mothers who are in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) become food insecure at the end of the month. The child hunger rate in Missouri is at 20% which is in the top 10 of the nation. Child hunger has some long term affects such as lacking in social interaction with other people, attention span may be lacking, developmental skills may be slower than other children and depression.

A special “collection basket” will be in the narthex on each Sunday for the collection of canned goods. This school project is being organized by John and Brenda Hargett’s son, John to help bring awareness to the community in regards to child hunger here in Missouri. If each member brought just one canned good to church on each Sunday – we could collect over 300 cans! WOW! Please consider helping us meet that goal!

CPH PROMOTIONS

*Buy Your Christmas Bibles Now
While They Are on Sale*

A Bible is a fabulous gift to give your friends, family, and loved ones during the holiday season. This Christmas, you can give quality, thought-provoking Bibles without breaking the bank.



Concordia Publishing House’s fall Bible sale allows you to purchase any of our Bibles on sale—including our newest study Bible, The Lutheran Study Bible, for just \$34.99 (\$20.00 off the normal price of \$54.99) See the church bulletin board to see how The Lutheran Study Bible compares to other study Bibles.

Give your loved ones the gift of God’s word this holiday season. Visit cph.org or call 1-800-325-3040 to order today. (Use promotional code YFL.)

A Hymnal in Every Home

Bible, Catechism, Hymnal. These three are the foundational texts that have shaped and formed Lutheran Christians through the centuries since the time of the Reformation.



And, as you probably know, the hymnal was generally brought to church from its place in a Lutheran’s home, where it was used for personal devotion, prayer, and meditation.

Concordia Publishing House is offering special prices on the hymnal from now until the end of the year The Pew Edition of the Lutheran Service Book is now only \$20 a copy, and the Personal Edition is now \$30.

To order your copy at a discounted price, use the order form from the poster on the church narthex table and place the completed form along with your check made payable to Reformation Lutheran Church in an envelope and deposit into the box on the table or in the offering plate on Sunday. Hymnals will be ordered by November 15th for Christmas delivery. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 314-352-1355.

2010 Warehouse Sale

Stock up on books and resources at the Concordia Publishing House Warehouse Sale on **Saturday, November 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** Save up to 75% on a huge selection of materials for your ministry and/or mission. Use the materials you find at the Warehouse Sale for visitor and new member packs, outreach ministry, or the church library. Or give them as special gifts during Christmas or Vacation Bible School next summer.



AREA CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS



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 2, 3, 4 and 5th.** Each evening service begins at 7:30 p.m. with an additional 4:00 p.m. service on Sunday the 5th.

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

Tickets are required (limit six per person) and are available starting Monday, November 1st, at 8:00 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis from the church office, 737 Barracksview Road, St. Louis, MO 63125, either in person or by telephone, 314.892.5610. The tickets are free. 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.

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 10, 11, and 12th.** 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 9th.

Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis starting at 8:00am on Monday, November 1. 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 5 per person).

German Christmas Service

The Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb, professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, will preach at the German Christmas Vesper on **Sunday, December 12th at 2:30 p.m.** at Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksview Road.

He will be accompanied by music from the 24 voice Frauenchor (ladies choir) of the St. Louis German Cultural Society. They will render seasonal numbers in the German language. Peace Lutheran Junior Choir, grades 4-6, under the direction of Mrs. Sherry Bierwagen, will sing carols in the vernacular.

The festive setting, including congregational singing, will be in German; however, English helps will be provided. Fellowship and ethnic refreshments follow. The public is invited!

A NEW SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

Faith Lutheran Church, Velda City, Mo., a small congregation in north St. Louis County, has defied the odds against us that have moved other neighboring congregations to close. We feel that our congregation is like a Lutheran mission station in what is considered an impoverished community. With God's help we have determined not to close our doors.

We would like to invite you to share in a spiritual challenge that we have set for ourselves: starting a Lutheran church thrift shop aimed at reaching the people of our community. Every item in this store is only \$1 or less. We feel this will bring people in contact with us with the prospect of reaching them with the Gospel of Christ.



"Everything's a Dollar or Less Thrift Store."

3000 Lucas & Hunt Road Saint Louis, MO

Items needed:

purses, shoes, men's clothing, furniture, books, classware, kitchen utensils, childrens apparel, baby items, women's clothing, jewelry, winter wear, dishes, appliances, ...

This would be a wonderful opportunity to clean out closets, cabinets, garages, and basements! We would also like to encourage, and we would be grateful for, any volunteers that might come to help us in this mission project. If you have any questions please feel free to contact this mission's coordinator Anita Hayes at 314.723.1334. You may also call our pastor, Rev. David Boisclair at 314.385.1426.

ADOPT A VET



The St. Louis Veterans Home Committee seeks your support in an effort to provide every Veteran residing at the Missouri Veterans Home - St. Louis with a holiday gift. A \$30.00 donation will ensure that every Veteran receives a gift. Ten dollars will be placed in each resident's personal account to spend as he/she chooses. The remaining amount (\$20) will be used to purchase a gift.

Missouri Veterans Home - St. Louis is a 300 bed skilled care nursing facility. Donations of all sizes both large and small are always welcomed. This recession has impacted all of us within our community and we are grateful to those who still manage to allot a donation to those Heroes who ensured our nation's freedom.

Please "*Share in the Spirit*" by adopting a vet. Make your check payable to St. Louis Veterans' Home Committee and mail it to: 10600 Lewis & Clark Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63136. Please note "Adopt a Vet" on the memo line.

Thank you for supporting our veterans.



GETTING A BALANCED DIET

Every Sunday we hear readings from God's Word as they have been assigned from the lectionary. Devised by committee (not all of them are bad), the lectionary provides us with a balanced diet of God's Word, instead of just favorite Bible passages. In other words, the lectionary gives us the whole counsel of God's Word. You probably have noticed that the Old Testament readings usually have some direct connection with the Gospel readings, while the Epistle reading is often part of a continuous reading of an entire letter from the apostles.

Part of a balanced diet is the hymns we sing. In our worship folder some of the hymns are designated with OT, E, or G - Old Testament, Epistle, or Gospel - to show that the hymn has some connection with one of the Scripture readings. Usually one hymn in each service is designated with HD - Hymn of the Day - a hymn assigned to be sung on that Sunday. The Hymn of the Day usually has a long heritage that summarizes the theme of the day or the doctrine focused upon that day.

They Hymn of the Day can also be the Hymn of the Week, a hymn that you can read or sing throughout that week as part of your devotions.

Kantor Gerike

