

MESSENGER

"Loved By Christ Sharing Christ's Love"

September 2016

It's Still All About Jesus

Dear people loved by Christ,

You many have noticed posters around the church lobby and hallways which read "Reformation 2017—It's Still All about Jesus." The celebration of Reformation Day 2017 is special because it marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 thesis to the church door in Wittenberg Germany, which many acknowledge as the beginning of the Reformation.

The Reformation worked to return the emphasis of the Church, and Christian life, to Jesus. Luther, and many others, proclaimed that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus (see Ephesians 2:8-9). Salvation is not earned by good works or bought with money. Instead, forgiveness and life comes only through our Savior. It's all about Jesus! This truth is as important today as it was nearly 500 years ago.

At Ascension, we'll be using Reformation Day 2016 to start a yearlong celebration as we anticipate the 500th anniversary on Reformation Day 2017. I would like to highlight just some of the ways we will be marking the Reformation in the coming year.

Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study will utilize some of the great Reformation-related resources that have been recently released. These include a DVD series called "A Man Named Martin," a series entitled "Faces of the Reformation," which focuses on key people in the Reformation, and a film called "Walther," which covers the founding of our own church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Worship

In worship we will be marking four main events in the Reformation. These milestones include: Luther's birth, Luther's death, the presentation of the Augsburg Confession, and Reformation Day. We'll also be utilizing hymns written by Lutherans through the years. This will include a new hymn written specifically for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation called "Though All Our Life is Like a Scroll."

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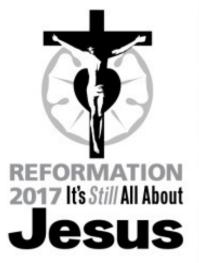
Website

There is also an excellent website which has been launched for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Its lutheranreformation.org, and I encourage you to take a look.

I look forward to the coming year as we learn more about the Reformation and what it means for our lives today. Rooted in God's Word, we will see how it's still all about Jesus!

God be with you,

Pastor Clark



This logo takes many elements from Luther's seal, which is the most easily recognized symbol for Lutheranism. It was common in Luther's day for people to create a seal or coat of arms for their families, and that seal told the world what the family cared about or did for a living. It's no surprise, then, that Luther's seal was all about Jesus!

At the center of Luther's seal, and at the center of the Reformation 2017 logo, is a red heart in the middle of a white rose. (The heart and rose together are commonly referred to as Luther's rose.) As Luther explained in one of his writings, "The heart in the middle of white rose shows that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. It immediately sets [the believer] into the midst of a white, joyful rose, not like the peace and joy the world offers. That is why the rose should be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and all angels."

At the center of that rose is Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Jesus is the center and Rock of our faith. He has been since He came to Earth in the flesh, and He still is today. The word "still" bears witness to the ever and ongoing relevance of this one, saving truth for sinners.

- See more at: http://lutheranreformation.org/resources/reformation-logo/#sthash.5v4i0jxk.dpuf

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ASCENSION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Services: Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 8:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy & Music Sunday 11:00 a.m. Traditional Liturgy & Contemporary Music

Sunday School for Children and Adults: 9:45 a.m.

REV. MATTHEW CLARK - Pastor SHERRY ELLIOTT - Administrative Assistant PAMELA FOX - Office Manager JAMES THIELKER - Organist/Choir Director WANDA KUNTZ - Worship Team Director BARBARA HARTUNG - Parish Nurse **KATHY THIES** - Housekeeper **JERRY KASSING -** Coordinator of Member Ministry **GAGAN GURUNG** - Nepali Evangelist **REV. PETER & KRISTIE KOLB-**Asia

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Member Changes . . .

Baptism: Benton George Duerr on 8/28/16; Jaime Elizabeth Falbe on 9/2/16

Change of Address: Wesley & Lois Schnitzmeier, 727 S. Laclede Sta Rd, Apt. 235, StL, MO 63119-4911, (314) 962-3817

<u>Transfer Out</u>: Michael Sr.& Patricia Hellweg, 365 Lafayette Ct, Ellisville, MO 63011-2137 to St. John's Lutheran, 15800 Manchester Rd, Ellisville, MO 63011on 9/2/16

A Word of Thanks . . .



A sincere thank you to my church family for your cards of sympathy at the recent death of my daughter, Elaine Peter.

Grace Noll

Andy sent me a text to say hi to all at Ascension, that he thanks you for prayers and he is doing well. From Roger Jensen



WELCOME NEW SEMINARY FIELD WORK STUDENTS!! Ascension welcomes our new seminary field work students, Joshua Brakhage & his wife Suzy and Sean Carpenter. Joshua is a first year student at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Joshua is originally from the Tulsa, Oklahoma area and Suzy is from the Kansas City area (by way of Australia). Both Joshua and Suzy have a love for music. Sean is a new first year seminarian from New Hampshire and a recent graduate of Concordia University in Nebraska. Where he earned a degree in church music. Please introduce yourselves to Joshua & Suzy and Sean as you have opportunity and welcome them to Ascension as they serve, learn, and lead among us this coming year.

Kolbs Korner . . .



August 2016

The Lord has truly blessed us with daily bread this month. Christopher was hospitalized again in Hong Kong. He spent eight days hospitalized and during this time the LORD continued to deliver His daily bread.

Beginning with a mom and a dad knowing it was time to go to the emergency room. Christopher's cold moved into his lungs and was igniting his asthma. A taxi transported us to the hospital, where nurses and a doctor administered God's daily bread which took the form of a a nebulizer, a shot, an X-ray, a nose and throat swab, blood draw, and a hospital bed on the second floor pediatrics ward. Soon breathing treatments, steroids, antibiotics, oxygen, and a host of meds were administered to clear up his lungs. Food consumption suspended for four more days; IV only. The doctor wanted Christopher's body to rest and heal, not spend energy digesting food. It was wonderful to see the LORD blessing Christopher with all kinds of daily bread, even some respiratory therapists "pounded" on his back to give him some percussion therapy. In the end the LORD has given Christopher back His health through healing and daily bread

Jesus came to be that bread from heaven to take care of our greatest need, the forgiveness of our sins. Forgiveness splashed on our foreheads, spoken in our ears in absolution, and placed in our mouth at the Lord's table. As God's children, we should and will pray to God for the things we need. Not only that, but we will readily acknowledge that He supplies those needs and for this we continue to thank Him for doing so. Even isn sickness there is healing either now in this life or heaven, and for this we rejoice.



ANGLE PARKING

With new bicycle lanes around Francis Park, there will no longer be angle parking on the church side of Donovan on Sunday mornings. Angle parking is on the park side of Donovan and the church/school side of Eichelberger 24/7. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (314) 832-5600

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Ascension Activities . . .



FALL SERMON SERIES: CALLED TO SERVE Beginning the weekend **CALLED TO SERVE** of September 10 and 11 through October 22 and 23, our sermons will focus on our epistle readings from 1 & 2 Timothy. As we look at the Apostle

Paul's words to young Pastor Timothy, we consider how we are called to serve as the people of God—the priesthood of all believers. Come and hear how each of us have been "Called to Serve!"

CALLED TO SERVE SERMON SERIES SCHEDULE

| September 10/11 | 1 Timothy 1:12-17 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| September 17/18 | 1 Timothy 2:1-15 |
| September 24/25 | 1 Timothy 6:6-19 |
| October 1/2 | 2 Timothy 1:1-14 |
| October 8/9 | 2 Timothy 2:1-13 |
| October 15/16 | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 |
| October 22/23 | 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-1 |

CALLED TO VOTE BIBLE STUDY on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month, Pastor's 9:45 am Bible class in the Fellowship Hall will be taking part in a Bible study named "Called to Vote." This study does not endorse any particular political party or candidate. Instead, this study provides us with a tool designed to spark a biblical conversation about voting in a democracy. All are welcome to attend!





NEW MEMBER CLASS Pastor Clark will lead a class for those who are not Lutheran and interested in possibly becoming a member of Ascension. The class will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm beginning October 18. We

will meet in the Concordia Room on the main floor of our building. This class is as great way to learn more about what Lutheran Christians believe. It's also a great time to ask any "Godsize" questions you might have. All are welcome!

WE NEED YOU...If you are looking for a new way to help serve the church, please consider becoming an usher during one of our 3 services. Simple duties include greeting and handing out bulletins to guests, taking attendance, gathering the offering and guiding communion service. Ushering can be a rewarding way for you to help Ascension. If interested, or if you have any questions, feel free to call Rob Bremer at (314) 481-5260.

SAVE THE DATE Sunday, October 30 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Ascension will partner with



Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at the Word of Life gym REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER for a blood drive. This is an opportunity for Word of Life to win a \$250 grant! Our Parish Nurse, Barbara Hartung will be making calls

to members for be potential donors. Please note: If you plan on giving blood on this date, please do not give blood anywhere else after September 4. Contact Barb Hartung for more information at (314) 772-6651. Thanks in advance for your support.

VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION CELEBRATION Ascension VANDRANS will recognize our veterans in the weekend services on November 5 & 6, 2016, followed by a reception in the church lobby. If you would like to help serve refreshments after one of the three services, please contact the church office at (314) 832-5600.

> A SMALL SHOEBOX CAN HAVE A BIG IMPACT. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. OCC is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, a non-denominational

Christian organization providing physical and spiritual aid to victims of war, poverty and disease since 1970. Shoeboxes and all instructions for filling them are located on a table near the church office. Return filled shoeboxes by October 30. Please consider helping with this ministry! Any questions, call Lisa Holderle, 314-962-9979.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP Ascension is blessed with a group of voung adults in their 20s and 30s who meet on a weekly basis to MINISTRY grow in God's Word, support each other, serve others, and have some fun! The group will be meeting each Thursday evening from 6:30-8 pm in the Concordia Room at Ascension. The group meets for supper together followed by Bible study. Childcare is also available on site at the cost of \$5 per child. Our Young Adult Group began meeting on September 8 and will continue each Thursday through November 3. All young adults are welcome to this group and can start attending at any time.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AT LACLEDE GROVES Laclede Groves, the Lutheran Senior Services facility on Watson Road, is in need of individuals to help residents to and from chapel worship the 4th Sunday of each month. Helpers would need to be at Laclede Groves from about 9:30 to 11:30 am. Contact the church office or Donna Bedwell, if interested.



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EVENING GUILD SPONSORS FOOD DRIVE FOR LFCS "When she got there the cupboard was bare". Lutheran Family and Children's Services is always in need of food for their food pantry, but now more than ever because the pantry was depleted while children were off all summer not receiving a breakfast or free lunch from school



These are items really needed:

Peanut Butter Canned ravioli Spaghetti O's Spaghetti /Pasta Crackers Apple Juice

Canned vegetables Soup Canned fruit Breakfast bars **Applesauce** Breakfast Cereal

Pasta Sauce Cookies Can Tuna Canned chili



Snacks for children on the go.

Fruit snacks Goldfish crackers

Applesauce cups Dried fruit Pudding cups Fruit cups Breakfast bars Juice boxes Pretzels Cheese crackers

Peanut butter crackers

The Ladies Evening Guild will be collecting any of the above items the month of September and October. Many families will benefit from your kindness.





DO YOU LOVE POPCORN? Do you love supporting your favorite Boy Scout(s) and Cub Scout(s)? If you do, we have a great opportunity for you. Troop 34 and Cub Pack 34, which are chartered by Ascension, are selling popcorn. This is the only fundraisers the boys do all year. The profits provide funds for awards they earn, camping expenses, off site activities and general supplies needed to complete activities during the

meetings. If you are open to supporting our boys there are two ways to purchase popcorn. You can order from any Boy or Cub Scout before October 15 or you can purchase some on Sunday, October 8 after the 8:15 am service and before the 11:00 am service. The boys will have a "Show and Sell" display set up in the lobby of church. Popcorn prices range from \$10.00-\$60.00. What if you don't like popcorn? There is also an option to purchase popcorn for the military. Through the military donation option, popcorn could be sent to military personal, their families or veterans' organizations.



THE PLANT PEOPLE AT THE CHURCH HAVE A MESSAGE FOR

YOU! Won't be long and fall will be among us. First, thank you for all your donations of plants, containers, items for the garden and allowing us to dig in your yard in the spring. This year's plant sale profited about \$609 which is used for children outreach ministry at Ascension Lutheran Church. We are gearing up for the plant sale for next year and I want to ask you for items and tell you about a new exciting idea we have planned. First, as you

put away your plants for fall, remember we will take empty containers, empty hanging baskets, plant stands, garden decorations, stepping stones, etc. If in question, just ask us. You can put the items in the coat alcove which is left of the elevator with the name of 'Karen'. I will pick up from that location.

We are planning on having the plant sale earlier next year to allow people to get plants in their garden sooner. The date planned is <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 29, 2017</u>. If we have left-over plants, they may be sold at the rummage sale the first weekend of June but the majority will be in May.I am excited to tell you that we have been working with a wholesale company to allow us to purchase plants from them (wholesale and re-sale in May). This supplier works with many of our local nurseries. Our intentions will be to take orders from members, friends and businesses in April to be picked up at the plant sale. We will also have our plants and other flowers for sale too. More details about this will come after January 1. The more flowers and plants we sell the more profit for our children outreach ministry. Businesses can purchase from us also for their company landscaping. We hope the plant sale in May 2017 bring more profits to the congregation and are excited about working with this wholesale nursery. If you have any questions, just ask us.

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Did You Know . . .



9/4 In 2016, Ascension's Young Adult (20's & 30's) Group completely redecorated and furnished our nursery. Painting, new furniture and toys were provided. Plans are under way to add a TV to allow the service to be fed into the Nursery. Hats off to our Young Adult Group

9/11 From their 3 bake sales each year, the Evening Guild helps to defray the cost to the church for, the Easter Egg Hunt, Confirmation Costs, Advent by Candlelight and the Ladies Mini-Retreat. Thanks to all who support the bake sales and make this possible.

9/18 Ascension's lobby and hall recently received a new coat of paint. The attractive paint color is :Macadamia Nut"

9/25 New photos that highlight different scenes from Ascension's ministry now line the walls next to the church office. Take a look!

Youth Yammerings . . .



| 10/2 | Youth Disciples/Jr. Youth | Minute-to-Win-It | 12:30 pm-3:00 pm |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10/28-10/30 | Jr. Youth | Retreat | |
| 10/16 | Sr. Youth | "The Gathering" | 4:30 pm-8:00 pm |
| 10/22 | Sr. Youth | Six Flags | 11:00 am-3:00 pm |



Ascension Members and Friends – Christmas Luncheon at the Missouri Athletic Club Thursday, December 1, 2016

Members and friends of Ascension have organized a Christmas luncheon and celebration for <u>all</u> who would like to participate. The date is <u>Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.</u> in the fourth floor Veterans Room at the historic Missouri Athletic Club (MAC) at 405 Washington Avenue in downtown St. Louis. Validated parking is included for the garage directly behind the MAC on Lucas Street. The surface parking lot next to the MAC is not included for validated parking. Those who would like to carpool from Ascension can contact Charlene Cook at (314) 752-3843.

After lunch, Christmas Carols will be led by our seminary field worker at the piano. Bring your camera and enjoy the elaborate Christmas tree, gingerbread village and the display of trains in the lobby of the MAC before or after lunch.

You will select a meal from the superb buffet. This includes three soups, six entrees, two potato or other starch dishes, two vegetables, three to four vegetable, meat or fruit salads plus ingredients for an elaborate green salad, a selection of house-made breads, a variety of sandwich makings, and a dessert buffet where everything tastes as good as it looks. Also included are coffee, tea and soft drinks.

Join us in celebrating the Advent season leading to Christ's birth. Complete the form below and mail it to Judith Hanses at 6700 Eichelberger St., 63109 along with your check for \$20.00 for each luncheon reservation. Keep the top section of the form for your reference. Charlene Cook will be happy to take your reservation by phone or answer any questions. Her phone number is (314) 752-3843.

Make checks payable to Judith Hanses. Reservations and payment must be received by Sunday, November 20.

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| Name: | | |
| Address: | | |
| Phone: | Cell: | |
| Number of Reservations: | X \$20.00 per attendee = | |
| Names of Attendees: | | |
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Sunday School Scene . . .



ASCENSION HAS A DEDICATED GROUP OF PERSONS who serve

as Sunday School teachers. Occasionally, a teacher is not able to be with their class. In order to ensure that our Sunday School classes serve children well, we would like to have substitute teachers on those occasions. To help make that work, we would like to maintain a list of substitute teachers we can call on when needed. Persons on the list would have the option whether to serve when called. Our classes are staffed by two persons, so substitutes would not have to serve alone. On most occasions there would not be any preparation that would be required. Please consider this opportunity to serve. If you would like to serve, or have questions, please contact John Brink – (314) 265-4844; john.brink@tblawfirm.com.

BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL

| <u>Class</u> Toddlin' to Jesus | Room Bethany C | Teacher(s) Vacant/ |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Pk3-Kdg | WOL Kindergarten | Ellen Hetz |
| Gr. 1-3 | Bethany A & B | Jane Fryar/ Nicole Jordan |
| Gr. 4-5 | Dorcas | Carl Anderson/ Rich Schaefer |
| Gr. 6-8 | Youth Room | Jeff Jenkins |
| Gr. 9-12 | Connections Café | Chris Thies/ Lisa Clark |
| Adult Bible Class Adult Bible Class | Concordia Room Fellowship Hall | Pastor Clark |
| Nepalese Fellow Bible Class 1 st Sun | ship Hall day of Month | Pastor Clark/ Gagan Gurung |

Sunday School Superintendent John Brink



CFNA 4TH **ANNUAL GOLF BENEFIT** at Norwood Hills Country Club on Tuesday, October 11, 2016. We invite you to participate in the 2016 Golf Benefit. Providing funds so that New Americans (refugees and immigrants) in our St. Louis community. Register now at cfna-stl.org/golf. Send a check to CFNA or pay later. Meet you on the green!





SUPPORT CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS' 9th Annual Trivia Event for refugee work. Silent auction baskets, gift certificates, tickets & coupons, and/or items (new or gently used) are ct Carol (314) 517-8513 or buckmancal@aol.com. Trivia Family Fun

needed now! Contact Carol (314) 517-8513 or buckmancal@aol.com. Trivia Family Fun Night is Saturday, November 12, Doors Open 5:15, Games Start at 6:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens, 8749 Watson Road, 63119. www.cfna-stl.org/Trivia

Word of Life Lights . . .



WORD OF LIFE 2016-2017 THEME Word of Life recently announced the theme for next school year. It's "Anchored in Christ" and comes from Hebrews 6:19 which says, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Just as an anchor holds in a storm, Christ holds our students secure in all circumstances of life. Children are prepared for life when they are anchored in Christ!

THE WORD OF LIFE PTL is sponsoring a restaurant fundraising night at the Culver's in Kirkwood, Tuesday, October 11, 2016 from 5:00-8:00 pm. No need to bring anything other than your family and friends to enjoy a meal served by our very own WOL students.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for "Brew in the Lou" on October 15, 2016 1:00 pm-5:00 pm in Francis Park benefiting the Lutheran Elementary School Association. Visit http://www.lesastl.org for more information!



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OCTOBER WORD OF LIFE TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

JILL MOORMAN Kindergarten



Experience: This is my 13th year at Word of Life. Besides, kindergarten, I taught first grade for 5 years.

Education: Missouri University, Columbia, Bachelor's degree, Elementary Education; Southwest Baptist University, Master's degree, Curriculum and Design in Education

Personal Education Philosophy: Every child is gifted. They just unwrap their packages at different times.

Classroom Goals: My goal is to make my students responsible Christian citizens who enjoy learning.

Interests: My family, cooking, traveling, exercising

Favorite Bible Verse: "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs."

Psalm 100:2



SARAH HEADRICK 1st Grade

Experience: This is my second year teaching at Word of Life. I taught for 5 years in the Hazelwood School district, 3 years in first grade and 2 years in preschool.

Education: Truman State University, B.A. in English; B.S. in Early Childhood Education. I am currently working on my Master's degree in Elementary School Administration.

Personal Education Philosophy: My philosophy is to create a love of learning in each child, as well as a love for Christ, while fostering the growth of strong citizens.

Classroom Goals: My classroom goals are to keep each child engaged and to provide opportunities for learning through independent play and exploration.

Interests: Reading, running

Favorite Bible Verse: "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail us not. They are new every morning, great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

Neighborhood News . . .





CONCORDIA HISTORICAL INSTITUTE Help move Lutheran history forward! Concordia Historical Institute (CHI) is seeking volunteers to assist visitors and tour groups at the CHI

museum at the LCMS International Center in Kirkwood, MO. We are looking for those willing to volunteer regularly and to occasionly fill in when a volunteer needs a day off. If you would like more information or want to serve as a Greeter, please contact Kristen Meuhler at: chireception@lutheranhistory.org or 804 Seminary Place, StL, MO 63105-3014 (314) 505-7900. We look forward to hearing from you!

OUARTER AUCTION at St. Lucas Luthran Church, 7100 Morganford, StL, MO 63116 on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm. What is aquarter auction? Upon arrival you will purchase a numbered paddle. Auction items will be on display with a bid price of 1



to 8 quarter. As the items are presented, if you want to bid, you place the bid amount in the basket provided and hold your paddle in the air, If the auctioneer picks your paddle number out of the bucket you win the item!!! FUN and EASY to play! For more information, or to make reservations, please contact Sarah at (636) 373-4095 or SKISLA@hotmail.com. Proceeds help defray tuition costs for the children of St. Lucas who attend Word of Life, Green Park, Lutheran High School South.



REFORMATION 2017 It's Still All About Jesus

Celebration begins November 6, 2016 for the 500th Anniversary of Lutheran Reformation.

It's finally time to begin. It's Still All About Jesus. Join fellow Lutheran for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's official opening celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105 on Sunday, November 6 at 2:30 pm. the schedule includes teaching, worship, a meal and fellowship. Lectures will begin at 2:30 featuring Michael Trinklein and Rev. Dr Erik Hermann, followed by a festival worship service at 4:00 pm in the Chapel of St. Timothy & St. Titus. LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison is the scheduled preacher. The celebration will end with a light meal of bratwurst and beer and fellowship served at 5:30 pm. At the event donation checks can be made out to either "Concordia Seminary" or "LCMS with "Reformation" in the memo section. The total offerings received will be spli evenly between Lutheran Hope Center in Ferguson, MO and ministry to refugees in Germany through our partner church, the Selbständige Evangelish-Lutherische Kirche (SELK). Fro more information, the LCMS at infocenter@lcms.org, call (888) 843-5267 www.lcms.org/events/reformation-celebration-2016. Plan to attend this celebration.

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GRIEF SHARE a weekly grief support group at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2846 S. Grand Blvd, StL, MO 63118, meets on Monday evening from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm beginning September 12-December 12, 2016. Everyone is

welcome! For more information, please contact Linda Boyd-Shell at (314) 393-8193 or the church office at (314) 772-4475.

LADIES GUILD RUMMAGE SALE at Salem Lutheran Church, 8343 Gravois Rd, StL, MO 63123, on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 8:00 am-3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donations of rummage are welcome beginning September 19th during normal business hours, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday-Friday.





ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN SOUTH are invited to Homecoming 2016 Food Trucks & Music on Thursday, October 6, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at LHSS. Enjoy music by Adam Groerich, LHSS '05, and purchase food from Blues Fired Pizza (A.K.A. Pyro Pizza), Curbside

Cookery and Destination Desserts. Then join us on Friday, October 7, at 7 p.m. for the Homecoming football game against Bishop DuBourg. Go Lancers!

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 100 ANNIVERSAY HYMN HOPE \$\frac{1}{4}\$ 100 FESTIVAL, 5218 Neosho, StL, MO 63109 on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Featuring Organist, Dr. Jeffrey Blersch, University Organist-Concordia University, Nebraska with Hope's adult and children's choirs and instrumentalists, presenting premiere of festival hymn "As Stone on Living Stone Is Set" by Kevin Hildebrand. We are hopeful that you will mark your calendar and join us for this special celebration!



SAXON LUTHERAN MEMORIAL ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL We invite you to join us in celebrating our heritage at this festival on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Saxon Lutheran Memorial, 296 Saxon Memorial Drive, Frohna, MO 63748. Friends and families can enjoy

together the demonstrations and activities at his historic site. Treat yourself to the variety of handmade crafts, food, and beverages available throughout the day. A suggestion donation of \$5.00 per car would be appreciated. For more information call (573) 824-5405, email slmhistorymuseum@gmail.com or visit www.saxonlutheranmemorial.org



FAMILY SHIELD BENEFIT DINNER "Go First Into the Home" on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at Webster Gardens Lutheran church, 8749 Watson Rd., StL, MO 63119. Doors open at 5:30 pm. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz of Lutheran Hour. The dinner is \$35 per person with tables of 8 available. Please RSVP by October 3. Learn more at witnesstofamily@gmail.com or

www.familyshieldministries.com.



66TH ANNUAL WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

at Christ Lutheran Church, 123 Church Rd, Augusta, MO on Sunday October 9, 2016 from 11:00 am-6:00 pm. Served cafeteria style all you can eat! Adults: \$11, Children Ages 6-12: \$4; Under 6: FREE. Please call (636) 228-4642 or

visit www.clcaugustamo.org or more information.

TRIVIA NIGHT Women of the Word of St. Johns Lutheran Church invite you to join us for trivia on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the St. Louis Police Officers' Association Hall, 3710 Hampton Ave. The doors open at 6:00 pm with play beginning at 6:45 pm. The cost is \$17.00 per person or \$120.00 for a table of 8, which includes soda, cookies and light snacks. Beer and wine will be



table of 8, which includes soda, cookies and light snacks. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Alcohol and coolers are NOT permitted. For tickets, contact the church office at (314) 77300126 or call Maureen at (314) 352-6266.

4TH ANNUAL "BREW IN THE LOU" Sponsored by 103.3 KLOU to Benefit the Lutheran Elementary School Association on Saturday, October 15, 2016, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Francis Park - The Lilly Pond (new location) 5399 Donovan St. Louis, MO 63109 - Adjacent to Word of Life Lutheran School "Brew in the Lou" will showcase St. Louis' best beer, wine, spirits, coffee and good eats. Proceeds benefit the 8,500 students served by the



Lutheran Elementary School Association. Festivities include the Deutschmeister German Brass Band and other live entertainment, arts and craft vendors, the "People's Choice" Home Brew Contest, Bratwurst and Chili competitions. KTVI/KPLR's Jeff Bernthal will serve as the Event Emcee. Vendors will be on-site conducting product sampling and selling their wares. Wristbands are \$40 in advance and \$50 the day of the event, and include tastings for beer, home brew, spirits, wine and coffee; delicious food samples from many restaurants such as LeGrands Market, Gobble Stop Smokehouse and Vernon's BBQ and Catering; and a commemorative glass. For more information, please call (314) 268-1525



CELEBRATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSAY OF THE REFORMATION 2017

by joining Missouri District President, Dr. Lee Hagan and First Vice-President, Rev. Bill Marler on a tour of Germany and the Czech Republic from June 21 to July 1. The eleven day tour will visit all the major Luther sites such as Wittenberg, Eisleben, Erfurt and the Wartburg and Coburg Castles, as well as the cities of Berlin, Prague, Leipzig, and Dresden. The tour includes 9 nights of first class hotel

accommodations (with private bath), air-conditioned motor coach, professional tour manager, a dinner cruise on the Elbe River, as well as five dinners, one lunch and breakfast daily. For more information go to www.luthertours.com or call 1-(866) 777-1517 or email President Hagan at lee.hagan@mo.lcms.org. Come join us a we explore our Lutheran heritage and celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

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LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Mark your calendars for October 21-23, 2016 at St. Louis Union Station to join us for an exciting weekend that commemorates the anniversary of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Registration is \$125 per person (youth \$25), and

includes Friday night Oktoberfest, Saturday speakers and a Saturday night Gala Celebration at Union Station, followed by a Sunday sending service and breakfast on the campus of Concordia Seminary. Register today at www.lhm.org/100years or call 1 (800) 876-9880.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD BRUNCH

Friday, Oct. 21, 2016
"It's All About GRACE . . . GRACE within our families"
Seminary Guild Rally Day



Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

Registration, brunch and program to follow in Koburg Hall Speaker: Celina Haupt, women's coordinator, Families in Transition

The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please make check payable to Concordia Seminary Guild. Checks must be received by Oct. 7, 2016.

Please mail reservations with your check to: Marie Springer, 1115 Oakleaf Cove Court, Fenton, MO 63026

Visitors and new members are always welcome!

You can find the Seminary Guild at http://www.csl.edu/friends/seminary-guild/ and Facebook - Concordia Seminary Guild



BBQ ST JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 3738 Morganford, StL, MO 63116 on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm. Dinner include main entre, two sides, bread, and dessert. Delivery is available for rfour or more orders. Any questions or advance orders, call Craig a6 (314) 302-4771. Email orders to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com by October 21, 2016. To order the day

of the barbeque, call (314) 773-0126. Sponsored by the members of St. Johns Lutheran Church Ushers.



LHSS BAND TRIVIA NIGHT, 9515 Tesson Ferry Rd., Stl, MO 63123 on Saturday, October 22, 2016, doors open at 6:30 pm. cost is \$15 per person,, or \$90 for a table of six. Light snacks and prizes for top scorers. Proceeds help fund this year's band tour of the Midwest. For ticket information, call Mrs. Laurie Senkbell at (314) 308-9271 or ask a band member.

THE GATEWAY RINGERS PRESENT "Soundtrack: Music from the Silver Screen" at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2846 S. Grand Blvd, StL, MO 63118 on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm. This falls program feature both familiar and unusual selection. The Gteway Ringers concert is free.



General admission seating with on tickets requires. Go to www.gatewayringers.org for more information



Please join us in recognizing those in our congregation who are celebrating them when you see them in worship. Contact the church office if your birthday or anniversary is not listed so we can add it to our member data base. Our In-Home Ministry members are indicated by an*

Happy Birthday to . . .

| 10/2 | Kenneth Bohlmann, Jane Fryar, |
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| | Parker Stus |

10/4 Sharon Headrick

10/5 Larry Loveless, Marcia Passanise

10/6 Austin Danback, Mark Duerr

10/8 Patrice Russo

10/9 Donna Bedwell, Brenden Chambers, Sara Freer, Keegan Watz

10/10 Olivia Muhlke, Jaylee Schulz

10/11 Owen Bickel

10/12 Matt Sonderman

10/13 Christine Mueller

10/14 Aaron Nickolotsky, William Taylor III

10/15 Jordan Arand, Cavin Coleman, Kathleen Komorech, Robert Moore Jr.

10/17 Michelle Kitson

10/18 Darla Moran, Debbie Pierson, Angelo Russo

10/19 Pamela Todd

10/20 Donald Cognata, Alexander Hinton, Anna Muhlke

10/21 Emily Albers, June Bardle

10/22 Keerstin Wiederhold

10/23 Marion Hares, Debbie Hummel, Carolyn Matlick

10/24 Abbey Keller, Teresa Knott, William Maxfield, Joesph Russo Sr.

10/25 Laura Lane

10/26 Rob Bremer, Richard Edinger, Dorothy Hellmann, Robert Kieffer

10/27 Alexa Dickerhoff, Bill Muhlke, J. Schulz

10/28 Donna Arrigo, Dandip Gurung, Mark Shaffer, Jack Tervort, Helen Troll

10/29 Jean Capriglione, Nari Gurung, Laurie

Jones, Allen Pfeuffer, Gerry Thompson

10/30 James Sheets

10/31 Kevin Duffy

Happy Anniversary to . . .

10/2 Carlos & Marla Lopez, Ralph & Katie McMeans, Paul & Jaina Stus

10/3 Lee 7 Jo Enders, Philip & Carie Green

10/7 Regina & Andrew Beaugard, Kasey & Edward Bickel, Rob & Joanne Bremer,

10/14 Carl & Marian Bergman

10/16 Barbara & Frank Gaal

10/17 Robert Sr. & Regina Morton

10/18 Aaron & Stephanie Nickolotsky, Carl & Mildred Wiederhold

10/21 David Jr. & Jennifer Hartung

10/24 Larry & Pearline Degenhardt