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Sunday worship services with communion: 9:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

for week of 2-7-2016

MINISTERS:
+ ALL THE BAPTIZED +

OUR STAFF

Rev. Robert L. Cosmas, pastor
vacancy, music director
Linda Greer, administrative assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL+

Shay Harold, president
Pam Ridgeway, vice president
Brenda Erwin, secretary
Steve Hilgen
Bill Parker
Mary Reis

+ If you have an idea or concern, please
contact Pr. Rob, Shay Harold, or another
council member.

Pastor Rob is available Sunday through
Thursday. If you have an emergency
on a Friday or Saturday, please call the
church office at 407.425.7771.

To submit articles for consideration in
this weekly newsletter, send to
ReformationLutheran@hotmail.com,
subject line: to Herald editor, by **Tues-
day noon** each week.

The purpose of this newsletter is to
inform. All articles will be edited, but
please check your spelling of proper
nouns and verify your facts before
submitting.

This Sunday is the Feast of the Transfiguration. This theophany with Jesus illuminated, clothes shimmering white and a voice acknowledging His divine Sonship, we bring to a conclusion our exploration of Epiphany. This means that Lent is coming... just seven days away as I type. Next Wednesday we commence our Lenten Journey with the imposition of Ashes. This annual Spring Cleaning will feature Wednesday Soup Suppers at 5:30 followed by Vespers at 6:30.

The journey leads us down the mountain from the glory of transfiguration into the discipline of Lent--fasting, penance, prayer and acts of mercy.

Darlene has planned special devotions for the children "Upon this Tree." We will join their exploration of the Tree as an image of life, growth, fruitfulness and sacrifice as we visit the tree of knowledge, tree of life, cedars of Lebanon, the Olive branch, stump of Jesse, the crèche' and finally the Cross. Our key verse stuck me recently as we gathered with the Karnes clan for the interment for Debbie's parents, Betty Jo and Brandon Foster. There we read,

Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain but if it dies, it bears much fruit. *John 12.24*

The journey which leads to the tree of Calvary promises to bear much fruit. The biblical images of ginormous increase for those who plant faithfully comes to mind.

Make plans to join us on Wednesdays for soup and vespers. Also, don't forget your cans of soup this Sunday where Orlando's need is transfigured into abundance through the Souper Bowl of Caring. You may bring cans of soup, spare change or write a check as we join in this national effort to score for those in need.

Pax,
Pastor Rob+

Transfiguration of our Lord
color of the day: white

Readings for 2-7-2016

Exodus 34.29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3.12--4.2

Luke 9.28-36 [37-43]

Servers for 2-7-2016

Greeters - Linda Greer

Ushers - Dick & Joan Cosmas

Acolyte/Crucifer - Kathy Keffer

Lector - Darlene Kaiser

Altar - Lori Schildwachter

Server - Steve Hilgen

Teller - Dick Cosmas

Snacks - tailgate celebration for

Super Bowl Sunday

Flowers - from Tom Brown in
memory of Nancy's birthday

Attendance last four Sundays

	a.m.	+	p.m.	=	total
1/10	61	+	6	=	67
1/17	59	+	10	=	69
1/24	49	+	8	=	57
1/31	69	+	4	=	73

Offering for January:

\$

income needed each month to
make budget: \$15,750

February birthdays

02- Theresa Nguyen

04- Linda Greer

05- Delanee Bogan

08- Emily Ryan

10- Velma Dillion

17- Angie Gonzalez

26- Lori Schildwachter

Please note:

+Saturday night pot luck changed
to Feb. 20.

+No Bible study Wednesday
noon group during Lent--Feb.
10 (Ash Wednesday) -March 27
(Easter)

On-site Service Opportunities

During the annual meeting, cards were passed out asking for volunteers to help with different duties to prepare for or participate in a regular Sunday service.

Unfortunately, not many cards were returned. Volunteers are needed to help with the below duties. Please look the list over and contact Linda in the church office with questions or to offer your services.

SERVER - Assists the pastor for services. Pastor Rob will work with individuals who are interested in serving.

USHER - Assists during the services by handing out bulletins, collecting offering and picking up after the service.

GREETER - Greets our members and visitors on a given Sunday before the morning worship service.

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER - Participates in the service with Pastor. Acolyte will assist with Communion and the Crucifer assists with the Gospel reading and Communion if needed. If you have any questions about this duty, contact Darlene Kaiser.

BANNER BEARER - Participates during Festival Seasons with presenting banners before the service and at dismissal.

ALTAR GUILD - Helps with preparing the altar for communion before the service. The guild member also will wash and iron the linens. If you have any questions about this duty, contact Chris Robinson.

If you have been helping in any of these roles, please let Linda know that you would like to continue. She does not want to assume that anyone will continue indefinitely. In fact, you might want to assist in a new capacity. Thank you for your consideration. Contact Linda Greer or e-mail or call the church office.

The Souper Bowl of Caring

This national service project utilizes Super Bowl weekend to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Its vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend into America's largest youth-led weekend of giving.

Sunday, February 7, is Super Bowl Sunday.

As a church, we will collect cans of soup and/or monetary donations. These will be given to the Community Food & Outreach Center on Michigan Ave. There will be a special box for the cans of soup and a large pot for monetary donations.

Please help with this great event. We never want anyone to go hungry.

In the Footsteps of Martin Luther & the Reformation, 2016

Join Pastor Prehn and his wife Andrea on this wonderful trip. The dates are September 15-23. The price of the tour includes your basic tour and guided sightseeing, round trip international airfare, fuel surcharges and

calendar events

Feb. 6, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. - rummage sale at St. John Lutheran Church, 1600 S. Orlando, Winter Park
Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m. - soup, bread, water supper in social hall;
6:30 p.m. - Ash Wednesday service
Feb. 14, after morning worship - Valentine's pot luck
Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. - soup, bread, water supper in social hall;
6:30 p.m. - Lenten vesper service
Feb. 20, 6 p.m. - monthly pot luck, contact: Tom Bessa;
7 p.m. - concert at St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo
Feb. 21, ~ 11 a.m. - Thrivent-sponsored soup and salad lunch
Feb. 24, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - quilting workday, contact: Joan Brown Williams;
5:30 p.m. - soup, bread, water supper in social hall;
6:30 p.m. - Lenten vespers
Feb. 28, 6 p.m.- pot luck at the Kaiser's house

Fire, Food and Fun!

Enjoy a night of great fellowship on Sunday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. at the home of the Kaisers, 4972 Southfork Ranch Dr. Bring a dish to share for dinner. We will have a bonfire, yard games and s'mores for everyone!

All are welcome to join in the fun! Call Darlene Kaiser at 407.382.0871.

Hand Bell practices start this week

The hand bell choir will resume practices Sunday, Feb. 7, after the 9:30 service in the adult Sunday school room. Practices are 30-45 minutes.

We are recruiting new members. If you can count, you can play hand bells. Please consider this service opportunity.

government taxes, admin. fees, entrance fees, gratuities and program fees, daily buffet breakfast and dinner, deluxe motor coaches, first class hotels and much more.

Please see the poster and brochures in the back of the church. Contact Pastor Prehn at 407.466.4909 for more information.

VESPER SERVICES DURING LENT

Vesper service will be each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. during Lent. The first service will be Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Before the service, there will be a soup/bread/water meal. We need two folks to bring soup each week. If you can provide soup, please sign up on the chart in the back of the church. List your name and the type of soup you will bring. The church will provide the bread, water and paper products.

THRIVENT SUNDAY is February 21 right after morning service

Please come and join us for a Thrivent Financial sponsored event. Thrivent put a challenge out to all the churches in Florida. If a church could complete four Action Team Projects by December 15, then the church could have a celebration and Thrivent would pay for it. Guess what? We did it. We will have a soup and salad lunch. We are tying this in with the Wednesday night soup dinner/vesper service that we host during Lent. Pastor will explain why we do this.

Our celebration is Sunday, Feb. 21, right after the 9:30 a.m. service. Rick Ackerman from Thrivent will be here to talk about what Thrivent has to offer. We will also talk about the four projects that were completed and how they impacted Thrivent members, as well as the church and the recipients of the projects.

You do not have to be a Thrivent member to attend. Please RSVP by sending an e-mail to church or signing up on the sheet at the back of the church. Then we can plan the meal better.

If you have any questions, please see Linda Greer or Darlene Kaiser. We hope to see you there!

FOR THE LOVE OF POTLUCK

Our first potluck of the year will be on Sunday, February 14 (Valentine's Day) right after the 9:30 a.m. service. This is a wonderful time to enjoy some great food and fellowship.

Please bring a favorite dish--a main dish, vegetable, salad, bread or dessert. All paper products and drinks will be provided.

We will also have a guest speaker who will give us some insight into our community garden we are starting at the back of the property. There may even be prizes! Please plan to attend.

Quilting Group needs help

Recently the Material Girls turned in more than 30 quilts to be sent to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland. They also turned in 68 kids' quilts to Lutheran Services Florida Head Start programs.

They love making the quilts but can use some extra hands, eyes and feet. The hands are to cut, sew, etc.; the eyes are to thread needles and match fabrics, etc.; the feet are to push the sewing machine foot pedal and to stand while pinning the quilts, etc. Manpower (or womanpower) is needed. No sewing experience required. Will train.

The next workday will be 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Come for all or part of the workday. You are welcome to drop in and help for whatever time you can devote. All work contributions (and supplies--thread, sheets, fabric, etc.) are greatly appreciated.

February's Saturday night Pot Luck changed to February 20

This month the regular Saturday night pot luck dinner is rescheduled from February 13 to February 20 at 6 p.m. Change this date on your calendar. You know this is the month for sharing Valentines so bring a great food dish you LOVE to make and you LOVE to share with others. Go ahead—put your "heart" in it and cook up something really good. There are excellent cooks out there as we all know, and good food puts us in a happy mood. The meals are held in the fellowship hall. Call Tom Bessa at 407.859.4327 for more information.

Plans for third annual Big Hunt event underway

We are excited to announce that the community outreach event "The Big Hunt in the Big Field" is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. It will be a family fun-filled event with an egg hunt, clowns, photo booth, kids' crafts and games.

Last year the Big Hunt was as successful as it was because of Reformation volunteers. As we gear up for our third annual hunt, we solicit help for the following event activities:

registration helper	bounce house monitor
activities supporter	candy & prize distributor
church coordinator	

An insert in the bulletin can be used to sign up for the Big Hunt. After filling out the form, put it in the collection plate or hand it to Linda Greer after the service. Or, of course, you can e-mail or call the church.

A volunteer event will be held March 5 after the 9:30 a.m. service to go over all the duties, assign specific activities and hand out an event t-shirt.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this wonderful outreach activity for our community. It will not be a success without your help.

THE WHOLE
TRANSFIGURATION
SCENE SEEMS LIKE
A LOT OF WORK
JUST TO FREAK OUT
THE DISCIPLES.



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IT'S NOT
ABOUT THAT.



EVERY PART OF IT IS ABOUT
HOW JESUS IS THE COMPLETION
OF THE WORK OF MOSES AND
THE PROPHETS.



AH! WELL MOSES AND
ELIJAH WERE CERTAINLY
NOT STRANGERS TO THE
GRAND GESTURE!



LUKE 9:28-43