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God is our Victory!

Paul says in *1 Corinthians 15:57*, “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

This year our Vacation Bible School theme was “A Mighty Fortress,” which was a way of celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. However, the focus was not really on Luther or even the Reformation, but was about what the Reformation was all about – namely Jesus. And that Jesus has given us the victory in our lives.

The week of VBS was full of medieval images such as knights, castles, and yours truly was even a king. It was fun and it helped teach the kids that Christ is our strength and shield. Throughout the week I was reflecting on the truth that God has indeed given us victory through Jesus. This concept might sound simple but it’s really profound if you think about it.

When we say this we are confessing first that there are hardships in life. The whole point of having a castle or a stronghold is to help hide from the enemy and to retreat to a place of safety. Sometimes life seems unmanageable and it’s when we feel the most unsafe and worried that we can turn to God, our fortress and refuge.

These hardships can be the most difficult when they are outside of our control. As many of you know, Jillian and I lost our unborn baby, Jude, at 14 weeks gestation. The worst part about this is that we could do nothing to prevent this. Sometimes things happen that are outside of our control.

It's moments like this that we recognize how weak we really are. We often feel immortal and able to control the outcomes we face. But in moments like ours we see how little control we have over our lives. But this is where God comes to us and tells us that we have THE VICTORY, and this is through our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is one who is stronger than death and He himself is our strength. We are weak, but he is strong. Death can take each one of us at any minute, but death does not have the final say.

This is what our VBS was about. The best part is that it's not just a kids' message but is something that is eternally true and is a message of hope for each one of us. No matter what you are dealing with, no matter the hurts that you have, we have a God who is stronger than anything in this world. Jesus, our God, rose from the dead and when we believe in Him, we too have the victory!

Grace + Peace,
Pastor David Edge



The Houston Lutheran Chorale is seeking new singers to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in music and song.

Who: All who love to sing - no required auditions

When: Rehearsals begin August 20 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. two Sunday afternoons each month.

Concerts are scheduled for:

December 1 at Memorial - Katy

December 2 at St. Timothy - Houston

December 3 at Trinity - Downtown

A very special Reformation performance will be part of a Reformation celebration on October 22 at St. Mark Lutheran, Houston.

For More Information: Call 832-489-6773 or for a proposed rehearsal schedule visit our web site at www.hlc-tx.org.



St. Andrew Members mark your calendar for the celebration of the year. All the churches in Area D, which includes, St. Andrew, St. Mark, Family of Faith, Messiah, St. John's, Immanuel, Epiphany, Memorial Katy, Christ Memorial, Life Bridge, St. Matthew, these are a few of the 108 congregations that will be hosting the **500th Reformation Celebration on October 28, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Mark, Houston.**



CONTESTS

Music: Reformation type hymns, compositions, solo, quartets, instrumentals, etc.

Art: Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Pencil, Tie-Dye material, quilting, wood, banners, using any info of Reformation and/or Scripture, verses pertaining to Lutheran Doctrine.

Gameboards: Build a gameboard relating to Reformation (think Monopoly)

Speech/Debate: Must use any info of Reformation, especially Scriptures

Poetry, Drama Plays, Short Stories- 500 words for Elementary School students, 1,000 words for High School, College/U and Lutheran laypeople. Poetry-at least three verses. Plays, drama to be performed.

ENTRANTS: Please let Aletha Jeske know what you are entering. Include your name, address, age group, by Sept 25 through e-mail or mail so that the judges have time to work thru schedules. Judging will begin on Oct. 4

The committee needs a couple of members from each Congregation/school - volunteer judges. Principals or even congregations might have a contest; then enter the top two of all of the above. Contests entries in Art, Music compositions, and Short Stories-Poetry, Gameboards must be in first week of October. Music soloists-voice, instrumental, speech, and debate will be judged Sat., Oct. 15, 9:00 a.m. at Christ Memorial Lutheran, 14200 Memorial Drive, Houston. All first,

second, and third place winners in art, writing (stories and poetry), gameboards will be on display on Oct. 28. All music areas, speech, and debate winners may perform on that Oct. 28 date.

Aletha Jeske - djeske2@aol.com or 281-752-8268 or 12751 Whittington Dr., Houston, 77077, Lutheran Hour Ambassador, Member of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, (also with Lone Star LLL President Gary Rohloff) Chair: Contest/

Board of Education– Karen Bohls

Sunday School for All Ages

Ages 2 years to Kindergarten-Miss Marquise, room 5

Growing in Christ-Jesus is Alive

August is special craft month for the Sunday School children. Each week they will hear a Bible lesson and then make a special craft to help illustrated the story. Next month you will get to see pictures of their art work.



Elementary-Cross Explorations-Mr. Emery-room 6

The third Sunday the children will hear “**Jesus Ascends into Heaven**” to prepare a place for us there with Him

(Acts 1:1–11; Luke 24:44–53). The last Sunday in August the children will study “**John’s Vision of Heaven.**” Those who believe that salvation has been accomplished by the all-availing sacrifice of Jesus’ blood on the cross will bear the name of Christ, written on their forehead in Holy Baptism, and will have the right to the tree of life.



Confirmation Class-Pastor Edge-grades 6th-High School, room 6b

Students will learn the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine through a review of Luther’s Small Catechism. Beginning with God’s Will (*Law and Gospel; the Ten Commandments*) These lessons will introduce and develop the topic, then it will allow the students to respond with real-life applications of the material learned.

High School-Mr. Murray - room 10 & 11

Spiritual Gifts: Spiritual Bodybuilding, What are Yours?, Putting Them to Work

The lessons are constructed around a solid teaching that digs deep into Scripture and applies God’s Word to the lives of the students. Spiritual Bodybuilding, What are Yours?, Putting Them to Work.

Thank You to ALL!

Vacation Bible School was a great success due to the 45 adult volunteers and the 15 teen helpers. This would not have been possible if it had not been for all the volunteers. Thank you to all the parents who brought their children to spend a week with us, in all we had 136 children from the ages of 3 years to 16 years. The 7th & 8th graders went to serve at MAM, Yahweh and Turning Point, three local missions in Spring Branch. The other highlight of the week was the offering challenge and the children made it happen. Together we raised \$1,008.49 for Lutheran Hour Ministries. This money will allow more people to hear God's word in places that Christianity is not allowed through churches, Bibles or missionaries but can be heard through radio. What a blessing, praise God for a wonderful week!







Pray For Us Calendar

These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission.

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — AUGUST 1–31 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) officially began work in the Dominican Republic in 2004. Over the years, a group home was established to care for orphaned children with disabilities; congregations and mission plants were started; the first Dominican pastor was ordained, and several other men are currently studying for the ministry; and a deaconess-training program was launched. In addition, a new seminary and mercy center will open later this month to train students from around the Latin America region.

Remember God's works in the Dominican Republic

1. for the first class of seminary students who will enter the new seminary this fall, that they would be able to acquire their student visas and other documentation needed to study in the Dominican Republic.
2. for seminary students and their families, that they would have a smooth transition to life in a new place away from family and friends. Praise God for these dedicated students who are willing to leave home to obtain a solid theological education.
3. that God would grant the seminary students determination and endurance, so that they might be diligent in their studies and make the most of their education.
4. that for the women studying to be deaconesses, that the theological coursework and intensive practical experience would form them into capable and effective deaconesses.
5. that God would grant strength to our deaconesses as they support the work of pastors by caring for the poor, the marginalized and the sick.
6. that all construction on the new seminary and mercy center would be finished on time for opening day.
7. that God would grant safety to the workers who are finishing work on the new seminary building and mercy center.
8. with thanksgiving for all the faithful and generous people who have prayed or given of their time or treasures to make this new seminary and mercy center a reality.
9. for the seminary professors, that they would be well prepared to impart wisdom and knowledge to their students.
10. that the new Spanish-language theological library at the seminary would be well used and a blessing to the students and faculty.
11. for the families of the professors, that they would adapt easily and find joy in a new country and culture.
12. for all the missionaries and leaders of the Dominican church, that they would discern God's will so that they can build a firm foundation for the church for generations to come.
13. for Lutheran congregations in Latin America, that they would be prepared to care for and support their pastors physically, mentally
14. for seminary students who are serving vicarages, that they would learn much from their experience and be better prepared for their
15. that God would raise up individuals and congregations to support our LCMS missionaries in the Dominican Republic.
16. that God would raise up faithful and capable men and women to serve as missionaries, both in Latin America and around the world.
17. with thanksgiving for faithful men and women who have given up the comforts of home and family to faithfully serve on the mission field.



Starling Mendez is baptized by missionary pastor Rev. Joel Fritsche at Amigos de Cristo Iglesia Luterana in Las Americas (Friends of Christ Lutheran Church) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

18. for that God would grant health and safety to all missionaries and their families.

19. for that many in the Dominican Republic would hear God's Word and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray that they would make the commitment to be in church each Sunday to receive the Word and Sacraments.

20. that the Dominican Christians would continue to study God's Word and be strengthened to live faithfully and serve their neighbors in love.

21. with thanksgiving for the willingness of the Dominican people to hear and learn God's Word. By God's grace, the LCMS has established congregations and mission stations around the country.

22. that the five Lutheran mission churches in the Dominican Republic would continue to grow and mature through regular worship and Bible study.

23. that God would raise up many Lutheran school teachers and school administrators — especially from among the Dominican churches — to meet the needs of the large number of eager students.

24. that the families of our Lutheran school children would also hear God's Word and be brought to faith.

25. with thanksgiving for the large and ever-growing number of students seeking education in our Lutheran schools in the Dominican Republic.

26. that the construction of a worship facility and day school for the Lutheran church in Licey, Dominican Republic, would go smoothly and would be a blessing for many.

27. with thanksgiving for the many faithful Christians who regularly worship in our mission congregations.

28. with thanksgiving for Hogares Luteranos El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Lutheran Home), which provides a safe and nurturing facility for six young people with developmental disabilities.

29. that God would grant patience and endurance for the faithful workers who care for the group home's six residents. Praise God that He has used these wonderful young people to teach the Dominican Lutheran church about His love and mercy.

30. with thanksgiving that the six residents have become active members of the local Lutheran church, where they are eager to hear God's Word and to serve in any way possible.

31. with thanksgiving for the willingness of faithful and gentle caregivers who serve the residents of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home.

SASC TRIP TO MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE -



On August 23 we will leave St. Andrew on a precinct 4 bus at 10:00 a.m. We will see the IMAX "Dream Big" - a breathtaking documentary about engineering that celebrates those who build, design, invent and construct. The giant screen offers gorgeous panoramas of natural and man - made marvels. We will have lunch at the Golden Corral.

The cost of the trip will be \$11 and lunch on your own.

For questions or to make reservations call Vi at 281-373-9393.



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More info: Jesús 713-826-6573, Perla 832-267-3862**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Another school year is fast approaching. It is a time for children to return to the classroom and for fall schedules to resume.

We are asking that all students/teachers come to church on **Sunday, August 20th at 9:30am**, with backpacks or any kind of school bag. The Blessing of the Backpacks will require students to be present for recognition and for prayers. Every parent wants his or her child to have all the advantages possible for a good education. This year, that includes a blessing. Thank you!



Christian Yoga at SALC

Alex Von Sehrwald is studying to be a Christian yoga instructor and would love to practice with the members of St. Andrew. If you are interested in having a healthier body then this class is for you. A day and time has not been selected but **you can sign up or call the church office with your preferred day and time**. The time and day will be selected from times suggested.

What yoga can do for your body?

Yoga poses stretch your muscles and increase your range of motion. With regular practice, they'll improve your flexibility. ...



And even though yoga is not aerobic, some research finds it can be just as good as aerobic exercise for improving health. Between lowering blood pressure, increasing circulation, and lowering bad cholesterol, it's no wonder that yoga helps to lower a person's risk of heart disease. The various poses and deep breaths help the heart do its job, increasing blood flow throughout the body, and improving the entire circulatory system.



Coffee donations in August will go to the Mission of Yahweh, a faith-based refuge where homeless and abused women and their children are provided with food, clothing, shelter, and the chance for a better life through training and rehabilitation.



Miguel & Antoinette Garcia.... August 2
 Michael & Gayle Kellar..... August 9
 Wesley & Katie Paben..... August 13
 Dan & Joyce Leitko..... August 16
 Chip & Dawn Dudley..... August 17
 Harold & Jean Fleischhauer... August 17



Angelo Okuma..... August 1
 Mary Ann Bryant..... August 5
 Marquise Murray..... August 6
 Cara Dudley..... August 7
 Carol Stojan..... August 10
 Lola Farmer..... August 11
 Ashley Chancey..... August 13
 Shirley Gauger..... August 13
 Brennan Asher..... August 18
 Harold Fleischhauer..... August 21
 Charles Hansen..... August 29
 John Lee..... August 31



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Please Notify the Church Office When...

- ☒ You or a member of your family is hospitalized.
- ☒ You have a change of address
- ☒ Your phone number has changed.
- ☒ Your email address has changed.
- ☒ Your board or committee changes a meeting date or time.
- ☒ Members of your family are students attending school away from home or are living at a different address

Your help with all of the above is very much appreciated!

Duties Schedule for the Month of August

Date	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Duty	Name(s)	Name(s)	Name(s)	Name(s)
Acolyte	Tarik Dandy	Ava Cantu	Kirby Garcia	Caleb White
Altar Guild	Vi Steinsiek	Vi Steinsiek	Vi Steinsiek	Vi Steinsiek
Elder	Angelo Okuma	Angelo Okuma	Angelo Okuma	Angelo Okuma
Counting	Dick & Irene Peyton Terry Hansen	Dick & Irene Peyton Terry Hansen	Dick & Irene Peyton Terry Hansen	Dick & Irene Peyton Terry Hansen
Trustee	Charles Hansen	Charles Hansen	Charles Hansen	Charles Hansen
Greeters	Dan & Joyce Leitko	William & Allen Meinecke	Hal & Betty Marquadt	John & Ruth White
Usher Team	Rearick	Marquardt	Steinsiek	Leitko

St. Andrew Early Childhood Center - ECC– Shatha Razzook

Welcome to another school year, "Training children to live in eternity".

The Joy of Learning-How to Motivate Your Child

Do your children ever get up late on their birthdays? Probably not, most children leap out of bed when they're excited.

It would be nice to see them eager to learn as they are to have fun. One of the keys to school success is being motivated to learn and that learning can be fun! As a parent, you are the most important influence on your child's school success.

Try the following motivating tips:

Show your interest

Focus on the positive

Show that hard work pays off

Connect learning with real life

Make the rules clear. Children do best when they know what to expect. Talk about family rules, explaining the consequences clearly.

For Example, for a rule such as "take care of belongings", you might say to them if they leave their bikes out, they don't get to ride them the next day. As your children learn to read, write down the rules and put them on the refrigerator as a reminder.

Tip: Children are more likely to remember the rules if there are a few broad ones, rather than many specific ones.



ECC continued...

SAECC will be closed on Friday August 18th for In-Service

We thank you God for a wonderful busy summer and our terrific school age children, as well as for all the children in our care.

The school year officially begins at SAECC on August 21st.

All School Age Parents:

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child need pickup from the elementary school.

Vacation Bible School:

The children enjoyed a very exciting week at Vacation Bible School.

Thanks to our Leader Monica Murray for a well-done job, and thanks to all our teachers.



August's Birthday Blessings

8th Esther Sanchez 8yrs

19th Jose Solis 7yrs

19th Samuel Apple 4yrs

21st Sarah Guerra 4yrs

31st Alexandra Torres 5yrs

Emergency release:

The school staff must be ensured that each child be released only to a parent or an adult given written permission by the parent.

If someone else is picking up your child, please call the school office when sending a note even if you have informed your teacher.

Bad Weather Notice:

St. Andrew will close if Spring Branch Independent School District closes
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

Please watch your TV news broadcasts or radio news about SBISD.

The policy applies throughout the school year!

But Jesus said, let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to me: for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

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