Soli Deo Gloria - To God alone be the glory

One of the new hymns in Evangelical Lutheran Worship, number 878, is entitled “Soli Deo Gloria” and was written in 1999 by hymn writer Marty Haugen. This hymn of praise and thanksgiving calls to mind the long tradition of music as a gift from God given to people of all times and places. Stanzas 3 and 5, printed here, speak particularly about the many and varied ways in which songs and instruments may enhance our worship and prayer.

All praise for music, deep gift profound, through hands and voices in holy sound; the psalms of David, and Mary's praise, in wordless splendor and lyric phrase, with all creation one song we raise: Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

A billion voices in one great song, now soft and gentle, now deep and strong, in ev’ry culture and style and key, from hill and valley, with sky and sea, with Christ we praise you eternally: Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

We in the twenty first century are fortunate to have inherited hymns and other music of the church which has been preserved from the long history of our faith. The Psalms and canticles of the Old and New Testament and hymns from the early church and every generation since are part of the heritage of the Christian Church. There are those which have stood the test of time and others which have served the needs of a particular time and place and then vanished into obscurity. There are hymns and songs of many cultures and languages. Over the generations, translators and researchers have made it possible for these texts and tunes to be shared throughout the world, enriching worship with each other’s treasures.

The next time you have the opportunity to browse through a copy of Evangelical Lutheran Worship or any other hymnal, spend some time looking at the information following each hymn, usually at the bottom of the page, to find the answers to these questions: Who wrote the text? Who translated it? Who composed the music? When were the text and tune written? What is the name of hymn tune? What is the meter of the text?

There is also a wealth of information about the contents of the hymnal, beginning on page 1169.

May God bless us as we “speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs....always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:19-20)

This Latin phrase “Soli Deo Gloria” was the signature which Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)”signed” his cantatas and many of his other compositions. His music was composed “to the glory of God.”
R.E.F. – Reformation Enjoys Fun!

This logo represents Reformation Lutheran Church fellowship. Whenever you see this logo, you know it is introducing some upcoming activity or event that the Fellowship Board has planned for you—the congregation. Some of the possible events might be attending a baseball game, play, concert, scrapbook day, game night, etc. When you see this logo, think fellowship and fun!

Grill -n- Chill
5 - 7 p.m.
Third Summer Sundays
June 20, July 18, and August 15

Whether yours is one, two, four, or many more, your household is welcome to this summer’s journey into building households of faith.

Come together for Grill -n- Chill. We’ll grill our dinner, then chill with some discussion about tools for strengthening our households of faith. On June 20, Father’s Day, question a panel of Faithful Fathers about their joys and trials in parenting and faith.

Bring something to toss on the grill and a side dish or dessert to share, potluck style. Childcare will be provided.

Our summer hosts:
Korey and Deana Torgerson
1843 N. Columbine, Andover
744-0098

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact Tera Michelson, 733-1760

Find Peace at the Heavenly Harp Concert

The Heavenly Harp duo, featuring harpists, Karin and Joy Gunderson, will present a special concert “Summer Serenity” at Reformation on Thursday, June 10, 7:00 p.m. Joy Gunderson, at age eleven, was already performing the Handel Harp Concerto; and now at age nineteen, as one of the top three harpists in the Phoenix, AZ metro area, plays with professional mastery and sensitivity that will truly inspire you. Joy has just finished her Freshman year at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN where she studies harp with the Minnesota Orchestra harpist, Kathy Kienzle, who has won numerous awards in teaching harp. Her mother Karin is a music teacher and serves as a Harp Practitioner in hospice facilities, as the “singing harpist.” Enjoy a combination of harp duets, solos, inspirational stories from Karin’s work as a hospice harpist and peaceful music featuring flute, and vocals along with harp.

There is no admission charge; offerings are accepted. For more information, contact Reformation at 634-0586 or view the Web site www.HeavenlyHarp.org.

Summer Music

During the summer, while the choirs take a break from their usual routine, soloists, small ensembles and instrumentalists are invited to provide music for worship.

Please contact Marlene Hallstrom if you are interested. She will help you find something appropriate to sing/play, or you may suggest music which you have already prepared. There is also the opportunity to sing in a “one time” choir. Sign up in the narthex if you would like to participate.

Do You Have an Article for the Re-Focus
Please E-Mail To: debbie@reformation-lutheran.org or leave in office mailbox
Deadline for the July Re-Focus is June 15, 2010
The Least Coin

Our women’s circles put out a basket at each monthly meeting for the collection of pennies. Yes, pennies... the least important of all U.S. coins. No one penny means much by itself, but a bunch of pennies together can make a big difference in the world.

We combine our pennies with those of Church Women United all over the country to assist women and children in developing countries. Last year, The Least Coin worldwide was able to supply grants totaling more than $133,000 to enhance education and life skill opportunities for women and girls in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and other areas in need. Our Reformation circles contributed more than $61 in pennies during the last collection period.

Got some extra pennies? If you can’t join us at a circle meeting but would like to donate your “least coins,” please contact Dallas Cronk to find out how you can be involved.

The Reformation Library YEAH!

A community resource center for faith and life

We are so excited to have our new library open and available for you and your children to check out books. Big Thanks to all who helped plan, build, paint, finance, organize, and then fill the shelves with books and other resources. Please enjoy using this space, and don’t worry if the books get messed up.

- Don’t try to re-shelve books, please. If the kids get books all over the place, just leave books on the floor or stack them on a counter and leave re-shelving to librarians.

We're not really prepared to integrate new arrivals into our computer system. We are planning a “Back to School” book drive for August. Please hold any donations until then.

In the coming months, we'll also install new carpet and place furniture. Please stop by the library and browse or pick out some summer reading using the self-check out.

Thanks from your Library Team
**A special thank you!**

+ A big thank you to all the visitors, persons who sent cards and persons who included me in their prayers while I underwent a repair in the hospital and have been at home, healing. Both pastors visited me, Jette Mortensen came several times to the hospital, and I received several cards. Thanks to you all for your kindness.

Mikelle Fraizer

+ I want to sincerely thank all those who phoned, visited, e-mailed and sent cards to me during the week of my surgery and following. A special thank you to Pastor Lowell, Pastor Kristin, Jette and Barb for the hospital visits, calls and prayers. The prayer shawl has been comforting also. I certainly appreciate my Reformation family and all the concern shown to me the past weeks.

God bless you,
Judy Carlson

+ Garden clean-up great success!!
Many thanks to all the hard working gardeners who managed in 2 ½ hours on April 24 to clean up, trim and mulch our church gardens. Your work is greatly appreciated! Our high school youth have "adopted" the large area in front of the main church doors to weed, plant and tend during this growing season and we thank them and their sponsors for volunteering to do this as a service project. If you or your family would like to "adopt" an area to care for, please call Lotus Gerards 683-8602 and it will be arranged!!

+ Thank you Reformation friends for your cards, phone calls, encouraging words, and many kind acts when Mother passed away. How reassuring it was to experience the support of a caring Christian community.

Marsha Sears

+ What a wonderful surprise to receive the cards and well wishes of the Reformation family in honor of the fifth anniversary of my commissioning as an Associate in Ministry of the ELCA. I am thankful for our ministry together.

Marlene Hallstrom

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**Summer Sunday Coffee Hosts**

During the summer months (June through August), coffee hour transitions to Summer Sunday Coffee. The host(s) provides 4-5 dozen muffins, bagels, donuts or host's food choice to serve 50-60 people as well as one gallon of juice. If you would like to host a Summer Sunday Coffee, please see the sign-up sheet posted on the refrigerator in the church kitchen, and sign your name by the date(s) you wish to host.

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**Stephen Ministry News**

On June 13, one of our Stephen Ministers, Marsha Sears, will leave for Orlando to attend a week-long Stephen Leader Training Course. We are delighted to know Marsha will be joining our Stephen Leader team upon her return. Please keep her in your prayers for safe travel, an inspiring learning experience and enthusiasm for helping plan the future of our Stephen Ministry here at Reformation. This fall, a training course for those interested in becoming Stephen Ministers will be offered. Marsha along with our other Stephen Leaders will be conducting this course. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Rich McDiffett, 282-0598, or Lotus Gerards, 683-8602, for more information.

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**Book Club in June**

The book club decided we would meet every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the church. We also chose to look at books we can buy in paperback and/or buy at used bookstores to help keep book expenses down rather than buying new releases. We have chosen the following:

- **June 15:** *Eat Pray Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert
- **July 20:** *The Shop on Blossom Street* by Debbie Macomber

If you are not on the book club e-mail distribution list, and you would like to be included, please e-mail Kalynn Blum and request to be added to the list. Please join us on June 15!
Reformation Lutheran Church

Community Breakfast

Hello again from the monthly community breakfast volunteers. We just wanted you all to know that we again served breakfast to approx. 110–115 less fortunate brothers and sisters this past weekend (May 15) at St Paul Lutheran. And, we had some new volunteers show up to help this time. Woohoo...and thanks! Of course, thank you goes out to all who also donate clothing, needed items, money and prayers. We could not do this ministry without your support. Since it is getting warmer, we figured it was time to republish our list of needs...and here it is:

- Backpacks/tote bags
- Pants/slacks/shorts (blue jeans, Dockers, etc.)
- T-Shirts/shirts/blouses
- Jogging/athletic Suits
- Socks (lighter weight)
- Shoes/boots/sandals/athletic shoes
- Baseball caps/hats/Belts
- Toiletries/lotions/sunblock (Individual)
- Sunglasses
- Compact retractable umbrellas
- Paperback Books
- Insulated hot/cold cups
- Refillable water bottles
- Plastic sacks (Walmart/Dillon’s, etc.)

So as you are spring-cleaning, garage sale-ing, estate browsing or picking up bargains, remember our list and how you can help. We can also use individual snacks, like crackers, cookies, applesauce, etc. So if you see a bargain, we could use the help. Sam's Club sells snacks in bulk and they are probably somewhat cheaper. But all help is welcomed. If you have an extra dollar or two, we would appreciate that too. Remember this is a self-sustaining ministry that does not rely on the church budget to fund it. It is strictly from your generosity. Thank you so much and God Bless You All.

Until next time, please pray for this ministry.

Bob L. Livingston,
Community Breakfast Volunteer
Susan Martin, Coordinator

New Member Orientation

Wednesday, July 7
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Are you interested in learning more about Reformation Lutheran Church? Are you interested in becoming a member of this congregation? Join us for a new member orientation. We will have some refreshments as we get to know one another and have a chance to learn more about Reformation Lutheran Church and the ministries of this congregation. Childcare is available upon request. Please RSVP to the church office, 634-0586 by July 2.

Reformation Lutheran Church
Financial Results through April 30, 2010

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* Includes pledges, loose or unpledged offerings, interest income and all other sources of income. Pledges were $128,013, of which $121,439 has been received as of April 30, 2010.

Thrivent Magazine

Extra copies of the Spring 2010 issue of the Thrivent Magazine are now available at the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans display in the narthex. This issue's features are...
- Helping your college grads find financial footing after returning home.
- Preparing for and surviving a disaster.

The Thrivent magazine is mailed to all members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. If you are interested in becoming a member and enjoying all the available member benefits please contact Justin Carlson, Financial Associate, 729-2631, e-mail justin.carlson@thrivent.com.
There’s something fishy about the growing need for food assistance in greater Wichita. The ministries of Open Door are seeing a continued increase in need for assistance due to the poor economy, layoffs, and lowered job availability. This is a trend that affects all of us.

Jesus made a miracle when one small boy shared his lunch in the Bible story of the Feeding of the 5,000. From two fish and five loaves of bread, Jesus fed a hillside of people, with leftovers. Make a miracle in the lives of our neighbors in need. Dare to share your lunch.

This month’s food challenge is Canned Tuna and Salmon. God is using you and your food donations to make a miracle and feed the hungry.

Please contact Tera Michelson with questions, suggestions, or to partner in this ministry, 733-1760.

Calling All Youth!
Summer Youth Ministry
Senior & Junior High

Don’t miss these great events in your busy summer schedules. Senior High and Junior High will combine for double the fun at these three events:

June 6, 5:30 p.m.
Mystery Dinner and Jonathan Rundman Concert
Meet at the church for dinner and an exclusive meet-and-greet with singer, songwriter Jonathan Rundman.
Bring money for the concert - $5 suggested fee for students.

July 4, time to be announced
BBQ and Fireworks, Too!
Let’s say Happy Birthday to the USA with a barbecue and fireworks in the Reformation parking lot. Pack a lawn chair or blanket to share.

August 1, 11:30 a.m.
Wacky Water Fun
Stay tuned for more wet and wonderful details as summer gets geared up! Meet in Parish Hall right after worship with a bathing suit and a towel. Don’t forget your sunscreen!

The baobab (pronounced “bay-o-bab”) is a gigantic tree found in Africa that creates its own ecosystem. A baobab tree’s hollowed-out trunk, leaves, foliage, nectar, fruit, and bark provide basic life needs for many different creatures. The enormous trees can grow to 98 feet tall and 36 feet wide, and are one of the world’s oldest life forms and serves as a meeting place for many people to gather, discuss, and share stories.

At Baobab Blast, the baobab tree is the central figure—the hub of activity, energy, and life. The baobab tree supports and invites community. In fact, the baobab tree is a symbol of community.

Come! Be a part of our Baobab Blast community! There are all kinds of ways to join and support this fun-filled ministry. Watch for donation sign-ups, volunteer sign-ups and registration opportunities in the weeks to come!
Contact Katie Johnson, 619-3165 or katiea.johnson25@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining this celebration of God’s great get-together.

Sunday, July 11-Thursday, July 15
5:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Preschool through 5th Grade
(childcare available for younger children)

Friday, July 16
5:45 p.m.
All Congregation Picnic and VBS Program
"Reformation's "Praise the Roof" Concert
Critically-acclaimed Minnesota singer/songwriter

Jonathan Rundman
Sunday, June 6 at 7 p.m.

Suggested donation adults $10/children $5

This versatile performer “can add a wistful violin to a song, while the next track has guitar churning
and pop-punk charm” HIGH PLAINS READER, Fargo

Rundman is "bright, catchy indie-pop" THE NEW YORK TIMES

National touring Christian singer/songwriter, Jonathan Rundman, will be performing at Reformation’s “Praise the Roof” Concert on Sunday, June 6, at 7 p.m. Many of us had the privilege of seeing Jonathan in 2008 when he played an exciting Area 5 ministry event and led worship at Reformation.

This June, Jonathan will be the worship leader at the Central States Synod Assembly and then will make a stop at Reformation as part of his summer tour. He will also be featured in the June issue of The Lutheran magazine as part of the outdoor ministry article. More information on this exciting artist can be found at www.jonathanrundman.com.

Jonathan is helping us kick off our FUNdraising efforts to reduce the roof loan. FUN is a key element in our upcoming loan repayment opportunities. We would like everyone to enjoy the fun and to contribute as they are able. With that in mind, here are some opportunities for you to participate in the June 6th “Praise the Roof” Concert:

• Sunday, June 6 at 7 p.m., all ages are welcome to come to the Jonathan Rundman concert. A free will offering will be taken in lieu of ticket price with a suggested donation of $10 for adults and $5 for children. Jonathan has graciously agreed to donate his honorarium toward the roof!

• Invite your friends to come to the concert and share news of the concert in the community.

• Contribute to and/or bid on the Silent Auction theme baskets. Some of the suggested themes include WSU, KU, K-State, Wingnuts, golf, and quilt themes. If you are interested in donating toward baskets, please call, text, or e-mail Karen Vlamis (210-8764 / kvlamis@usd259.net).

In addition to the June concert, be on the lookout for additional upcoming events that will invite us to have fun as a community at the same time that we chip away at the roof loan.

You are invited to share your ideas to aid in these efforts with your Stewardship Ministry Board: Bob Weaver, Korey Torgerson, Les Riggle, Dallas Rakestraw and Karen Vlamis.