



Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary October 2017

"C'mon People Now . . ."

My wife and I recently had the pleasure of attending a musical performance by Jesse Colin Young. If you and I are of the same vintage, you will remember the hit from the 60s by his band, the Youngbloods - Everybody Get Together. The chorus has the very catchy call to action that states, "C'mon People Now, smile on your brother, everybody get together, try to love one another right now."

What an amazing line - love your brothers and sisters out there in the world. Do you know what this reminds me of? *"This is my commandment, that you love one another even as I have loved you."* John 15:12.

Loving - Sounds kind of fluffy. Does loving others really make any difference or does it just make us feel good about ourselves? Let me tell you a story. The picture at the right is of a mother, Erlicia, and her fourth grade son, Tamereo. I met Erlicia earlier this summer. It was one of my first days at my new position. She was one of the very first parents I met. She asked if she could speak to me. "I just want to talk with you and share what is going on in our family. I have ovarian cancer. Our mom had it. I have a sister and we knew one of us would get it. I guess it's me."



Erlicia went on to tell me that she is doing better and is back to work but on a shorter schedule than she had before the cancer. She wanted me to know that paying her tuition is important to their family. She is pretty optimistic. We see her or Tamereo's dad at school most days to drop off or pick up their son. They are one family who smile a lot.

Not long ago I started asking families why they come to Unity; I asked what Unity means to them. I asked Erlicia this. She said that they send their son to Unity because the people here care. That was it. A very simple, yet very heartfelt, answer.

Erlicia's story touched me. It still touches me. I share it with you now because I want you to know that reaching out and loving our brothers and sisters does really make a difference. If you did not support Unity in our mission (all of our mission) we could not continue. Thank you. I plan to continue sharing stories with you about how, with your help, the Legacy of Unity Lutheran continues - into the community; into the future.

Unity Sunday

What We Offer

Every month our students perform a couple of musical numbers at Unity Lutheran Church, located at 4200 Caseyville Avenue in East St. Louis. The next Unity Sunday performance will be on October 22. The service begins at noon. Please join us.



Walkathon

Our 2017 Walkathon - "Walkin' With Jesus!" will happen on Friday, October 13, from 1:00 to 3:00. Our goal this year is to raise \$5,000 to be used for technology needs.

Brew in the Lou

LESA Announces Brew, Food & Music Lineup for 5th Annual "Brew in the Lou" at Francis Park - Oct. 14, 2017

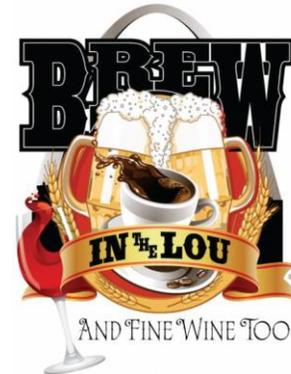
(St. Louis, MO) Sept. 12, 2017 - LESA's 5th Annual "Brew in the Lou" Festival will showcase new brews, aged spirits and home-grown entertainment when it returns to the Lily Pond at Francis Park (5399 Donovan St. Louis - adjacent to Word of Life Lutheran School) Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, from 1-5 p.m.

This year's Brew line-up includes more than 50 local, regional and national breweries and distilleries - one-stop-tasting for St. Louis craft and spirit fans.

Wristbands are \$40 advance/\$50 day-of-event and include unlimited tastings and a commemorative glass. For more information or to purchase a wristband, call (314) 200-0797, or visit www.lesastl.org.

Proceeds benefit students and teachers served by the St. Louis-based Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA). Last year's "Brew in the Lou" sold out for the first time in the event's history and raised a record \$91,000 for Lutheran schools in the St. Louis Metro Area.

More than 9,000 children of all faiths attend LESA member Lutheran schools in the St. Louis Metro Area, making Lutheran schools the second-largest private school system in the Bi-State Region. A Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, LESA represents 31 elementary schools, four high schools and five related agencies. For more information and a list of member schools, visit www.LESAstl.org.





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