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January 2016 Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 14th, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
4355 Butler Hill Road , Cafeteria
Event: Republican Presidential Debate Watch



Our regular meeting will be January 14th 7:00 pm at Abiding Savior Lutheran church, 4355 Butler Hill Road. (North of the Schnucks shopping center at Highway 55 and Butler Hill Road.) We will be set up to watch the Republican Presidential debate this evening. Come join the fun and discussion that will be sure to follow. Our meeting room is located on the lower level of the church and is accessible by elevator. Park in the back of the church to enter.



December Meeting Highlights

The club's Christmas party was held at Frailey's Southtown Grill, 4329 Butler Hill Road. We enjoyed a delicious meal and lively conversation. President Dan Ried recapped the events and achievements of 2015 and outlined some of 2016's big events such as the state-wide Lincoln Days, February 26-28th, St. Louis County Lincoln Day Banquet on March 12th, the Presidential Primary on March 15th, the Tesson Ferry Township caucus on April 9th and our spring fundraiser in April.

Installation of 2016 Officers:

The following were installed as officers for 2016..

President	Dan Ried	Membership	Earlene Judd
Vice Pres.	David Gregory	Sgt-at-Arms	Vince Smugala
Secretary	Larry Eaves	Newsletter	Christy Hessel
Treasurer	Bill Hogan		

Another presidential straw poll yielded the following results:

Carson – 1 vote

Cruz – 11 votes

Rubio – 6 votes

Trump – 4 votes



Elect Mike Tsichlis to Lindbergh School Board

Happy New Year! I am inviting you to join with me in electing Mike Tsichlis to the Lindbergh School Board. Mike is well known from his service as 4th Ward Alderman in Crestwood. He governed with common sense and fiscal responsibility. His peers elected him to be the presiding member of the Board of Alderman. When he moved his family he was intent on remaining in the Lindbergh School District. He and his wife have a son in the district.

He needs money to buy yard signs, literature, et cetera. You can help by making a check out to **Friends of Mike Tsichlis**, 9239 Confederacy Dr. Apt E., St. Louis MO 63126. Mark your calendar to vote for Mike on April 5th. Thank you.

John Judd

Missouri Lincoln Days 2016



I'm inviting to you to attend our 2016 Missouri Lincoln Days which date back to the 1800's. The dates are Friday February 26th through Sunday February 28th. The event will be held at the Sheraton Westport Hotel at the corner of I-270 and Page Boulevard. It's an opportunity for you to meet candidates who will be on the August 2nd primary ballot. You can see pertinent information at www.mogop.org. When you get at the website you'll see "Lincoln Days Registration is now open." Then click on Register Today to merely get more information. For example, you can see the entire schedule of events. I especially like the forum where you can ask a state or federal official a question. The website www.lincolndays.missouri.gop is being constructed. This event is a great kickoff to the sweeping victories we will have in 2016. Also follow #LDMO16. Please call me if I can answer any questions. (Phone: 314-416-4605) I hope to see you there.

Happy New Year!

John Judd – Committeeman



Josh Hawley Addresses Faith-Based Voters Club

Josh Hawley Republican primary candidate for Attorney General will be addressing the Faith-Based Voters Club on Wednesday, January 20th. The club meets at the Daughters of St. Paul Book Store, 9804 Watson Road across from Shop & Save and Walgreens. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm. Enter the lower level of the bookstore through the back entrance. Josh was co-counsel in arguing the Hobby Lobby case before the Supreme Court. This was the most important decision on our First Amendment liberties in decades. He is fiscally responsible, pro-life and supports Second Amendment rights.

Coming Events



- **Wednesday, January 20th, 6:30 pm.** Josh Hawley addresses Faith-Based Voters club, Pauline Book Store. 9804 Watson Road.
- **Thursday, January 21st, 7:00 pm,** Concord-Lemay meeting, Green Park City Hall, 11100 Mueller Road. Speaker, John Brunner, candidate for MO governor.
- **Friday, February 26-Sunday, February 28th,** Missouri Lincoln Days, Sheraton Westport Chalet, St. Louis, MO.
- **Saturday, March 12th, 2016-** STL County Lincoln Days Dinner at Orlando Gardens. Mark Cox will emcee.
- **Saturday, April 9th, 2016, 10:00 am.** - Tesson Ferry Township caucus, Concord Church, 13775 Tesson Ferry Road.



In Memory of Jerome Davis, Member of TFTRC

Mr. Jerome Davis, age 86, died December 12, 2015. He was a member of the TFTRC and attended our meetings faithfully. A strong supporter of the Republican Party, he served as national president of the Pachyderm Club. He was an officer in the Navy during the Korean War, was active in the Toastmasters and the Boy Scouts. We are grateful for his service both to our country and to our community. His quiet presence will be missed.

Renew Your Memberships



Folks, it's time to renew your membership for 2016. A single membership is still only \$20/year and a family membership remains \$30/year. What better value can you find for the money? A membership form is attached.



Good Book to Read

In Nathaniel Hawthorne's classic *The Scarlet Letter*, the Puritan community of Hester Prynne condemns her to wear the scarlet letter "A" on her clothing thereby branding her with the sin of adultery for the rest of her life. Jack Cashill's book *Scarlet Letters: The Ever-Increasing Intolerance of the Cult of Liberalism Exposed* shows how today's "neo-Puritans" of the left brand those who differ with them with similar labels. Cashill explores the seven deadly sins of today's progressives: racism, sexism, Islamophobia, classism, homophobia, xenophobia and climate change denialism. He emphasizes that today's liberals are more focused on condemning those who resist their agendas than they are celebrating their so-called multiculturalism. Unlike Biblical standards of morality, the left's standards change based on circumstances. Each chapter focuses on one of the deadly sins and how individuals have seen their reputations forever damaged as a result. He also gives examples of people who fought back and won. This book is hard to put down. Find it at the St. Louis County Library.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor

Media Literacy



We are immersed in a media-driven society. Various forms of media shape our information, emotions, and opinions; often at a subliminal level. St. Louis author and college instructor Julie Smith has written a concise, informative and enjoyable book *Master the Media* which analyzes different aspects of the media. Her chapters explore television, music and radio, film, news, books and magazines, advertising, the internet

and political media. She presents a short history of these areas and exposes the ways in which commercial interests often determine what is featured or not and how the topic is handled. Each chapter has some thought-provoking questions to encourage readers to critically analyze what they are seeing, reading or hearing: something we all need to do especially in the coming election cycle. Media literacy is a skill that needs to be taught to our young people. Unfortunately this book is not currently available at the library, but can be purchased on Amazon.



Reflections

2016 is upon us. Nearly two terms of Barack Obama’s “hope and change” presidency has truly brought change. Less than 50% of Americans are now “middle class”. Ninety-four million Americans are completely out of the workforce. Islamic terrorism in the United States has occurred repeatedly with the same tired calls for gun control on one end and denials that importing large numbers of Muslims into our midst constitutes a giant security risk. Our huge national debt has nearly doubled. Our healthcare system has been taken over by an inept government. Our foreign policy has alienated our long-term friends and encouraged our enemies to push their aggression ever further. The “hope” part of Obama’s campaign message hasn’t quite happened.

Meanwhile those who worked hard for Republican majorities in the US House and Senate feel profoundly betrayed by the lack of leadership in both bodies. Candidates who campaigned on a conservative message became helpless when making tough decisions regarding budgets or anything that required standing up to a radical president. Republican voters wonder why they worked hard for Congressional majorities only to enact budgets and policies the Democrats support. Congressional approval is at an all-time low. No surprise there.

There’s a tangible sense of fear. People are genuinely afraid of what the future holds for this country. Many of our regulations are written by unelected bureaucrats, but even the elected officials seem totally unaccountable for their decisions. The laundry list of problems in the first paragraph came about with a radical Democrat president, but Republican majorities in Congress didn’t try very hard to stop any of this. Democrats are dragging out the same old class warfare and feminist grievances to fire up their base. Republicans seem unable to deal with all the pent-up anger coming from their own side.

Hopefully they will figure out why voters are so livid. Term limits for Congress might address some of this problem, but not soon enough to fix the current mess we're in.

So what are we to do? We need to connect with others in getting the message out and motivating folks to vote for good candidates. This involves using some newer techniques as well as the traditional ones. We need to let mediocre candidates know in crystal clear terms why we're not happy with them. They will only be accountable if they know that they have to earn our vote. We still have a choice as to whether we vote for a candidate or withhold our support. Considering the projected narrow margins of their coming races, incumbents would be wise to listen to their voters. Finally, we need prayer since the problems we face are bigger than any of us can deal with and God is still in charge despite what many folks say.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor

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