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Strangers Among Us

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2



It's often said about some congregations that it can be hard to get to know the people who worship there. If it's a church with more than one service on a Sunday morning, you never know if the person sitting next to you is in church for the first time or has been a member for the last ten years.

When I stop to think of our visitors here at Lord of Life, I've sometimes imagined what it may be like for the member. It can be a challenge for some of us to go up to a stranger and ask their name and where they are from. But one of the blessings, one of the strengths, I'm thankful for here at Lord of Life is that we are known as a very warm and friendly church family by many of our guests.

It seems as if every Sunday there is another new "stranger" in our midst, worshipping with us. Often times, as I stand and greet folks after the service, I'll notice that "stranger" and some of our members engaged in conversation. It's always a warm, welcoming conversation that has the interest of the "stranger" at heart. Let me say to those of you who engage in such gracious hospitality... "Thank you!" Families should be warm, fun-loving people who enjoy the company of others.

We never know how our life can touch others, even strangers. In the Old Testament, Abraham

would often welcome strangers into his tent. Once they turned out to be messengers who came to tell him his wife Sarah would have a son. One of those messengers is known in the Old Testament as the "Messenger of the Lord." Because of Abraham's hospitality, both were blessed.

The author to the Hebrews I think understood something about Abraham's hospitality when he wrote the text at the top of our page. We don't know whom we may welcome. It could very well be a "messenger" from the Lord. And, at the very least, it could be someone who would just appreciate a heartfelt greeting and welcome.

If you see someone you don't know at church, at any time, try to take a moment and introduce yourself. Even if that person is a long time member at Lord of Life, you can be thankful as you get to know that person. If you see someone who looks lost or someone trying to find their way through worship, offer to sit with them through the service. Remember at some time in our service to lift them up in prayer that they might be blessed. Yes, it may be a challenge to get to know people here at Lord of Life at times; but God has blessed us with so many wonderful and gifted people who've stayed and become part of our family all because we have welcomed and "entertained strangers." May God continue to bless us so that, when we see them, we also see a brother or sister in Christ.

--Pastor Lindner

prepare for worship in august

7 August: Pentecost VIII

Texts: Job 38:4-18; Romans 10:5-17; Matt. 14:22-33

Sermon Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Sermon: "Storms in Our Lives"

Today we continue our summer review of the catechism with the meaning to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed.

14 August: Pentecost IX

Texts: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Matt. 15:21-28

Sermon Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," 649

Sermon: "Mercy for One, Mercy for All"

We continue by reviewing the Second Article of the Creed.

21 August: Pentecost X

Texts: Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 11:33-12:8; Matthew 16

Sermon Hymn: "Built on the Rock," 645

Sermon: "Blessed Are You"

Our musicians return to our liturgy after summer break. As prelude, offertory and communion music, our baritone section leader, Louis Seymour, accompanied by a small ensemble, perform Bach's Cantata 82, "In Peace I Now Depart," which recounts the old Simeon's joyful praise of God after seeing the young Christ.

28 August: Pentecost XI

Texts: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28

Sermon Hymn: "Come, Follow Me, the Saviour Spoke," 688

Sermon: "Which Way?"

Our choir and bell ensemble leads a setting of the entrance hymn, "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" and leads us in the liturgy of Prayer and Preaching from LSB.



Special Thanks To Betty and Nelda

Our Altar Guild at Lord of Life has been served by these faithful Co-Chairmen, Betty Martin and Nelda Schrank for well over a decade. Betty and Nelda have partnered with our Board of Elders, other Altar Guild members, and me in many wonderful and gracious ways. Their service to Christ and his church has been a blessing to us all.

On Wednesday, July 19 they made an appointment with me and asked if they could pass the torch of leadership on to another team. As I accepted their resignations as Co-Chair for our Altar Guild, they indicated they wished to continue to serve until someone could be found to take their place. And even after a new chair is identified, they will both take their turn and serve on the Altar Guild.

This is a very important and dear ministry position as our Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary for worship each week. Marty Underwood has also re-written the manual for our Guild while Betty and Nelda have indicated they would mentor the new Chair for several months once that person has been identified.

So now, our call goes forth. If you would be interested in serving as the Chair or Co-Chair of our Altar Guild, please give me a call. I would like to share more about this opportunity to serve.

--Pastor Lindner



TEEN TIMES

The Sr. IMPACT youth group of Lord of Life and the Sr. High youth group from Concordia Lutheran Church in Garland returned from the 2011 summer mission trip on Sunday, July 24. Seventeen youth and adults spent five days serving the residents of the Loving and Carlsbad, New Mexico. It was also a time to **Connect** (which was the theme of the Group Work camp that organized the event) within our own youth group as well as teens from California, Ohio, Nebraska, Colorado, and other parts of Texas. Here is what they had to say about their trip; (camp nicknames precede their given names in parentheses)

It was just an awesome experience all together. I really liked everything about it. The evening programs and the devotions that followed were particularly meaningful to me. I really enjoyed sitting and talking with our youth group and growing in friendship and in faith in Jesus Christ.
– Stud (Nick Belcher, LOL)

Things I liked; youth group time, going to the beach (yes, Carlsbad has a beach), serving our resident, worshipping with the youth group. – Teddy (Zach Palisch, Concordia)

What an amazing week! I have loved every second of this trip and I'm sad it's over. Through this week, I've had tons of laughs, games of/with cards, and a chance to grow in my faith. I am so glad I got to go on this mission trip and I can't wait to go back! This week has taught me so much! Not only have I learned what compassion truly is, but dedication and how to serve **without** my phone! LOL, thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity! – Manders (Amanda Belcher, LOL)

My favorite part was reading my care cards at the end of the week. – Lactose (David Kuebler, LOL)

What I liked about our mission trip; how crews got along, how Lord of Life and Concordia became like one group making such an impact on people's lives, working for a common goal, and the evening programs. – Heart (Haley Sparks, Concordia)

One of the best times of my life. It was very life changing. I loved the evening programs; they were very inspiring. – Branbon (Brandon Lund, LOL)

How LOL and CLC became one whole crew and we all act as a big family now. Everyone's working together even though it was at different houses; 1 main goal. The singing and songs.
– Star (Kirsten Klein, Concordia)

I liked getting close to everyone at camp. There were enough people to see them at least twice during the week. I also really enjoyed the music that we sang; I felt like I was really connected and praising God! – Rock (Marcus Peters, LOL)

This trip was amazing. I can not put into words how cool it was to see so many people worshipping God! It was so interesting how a group of people who have never met before could bond so quickly to change a person's life. Connecting with LOL group on such a deep scale. – KTMH (Katelyn Holboke, Concordia)

Things I liked; The rain, getting to know Lord of Life, Playing tag and ninja with glow sticks, working on houses, getting to know my crew, playing cards, being on a card team with

TEEN TIMES Cont'd

Marcus and owning everybody, worship on the Pecos river, the beach, Carlsbad Cavern, swimming. Things I loved; all the Lord of Life people, doing more activities with the Lord of Life people. Things I was close to liking but not nearly loved; the car rides, the view in the car of bushes and dirt. – Moose (Preston Brower, Concordia)

Things I liked; the connections we made with our crew even though we may never see some of the other people at the camp again. The food was pretty good. Concordia and LOL youth groups seem like one large youth group. The facility we used and the people who cleaned it were amazing! – Zippy (Curtis Peters, LOL)

Lesli's mission trip highlights; I loved the program worship music, we sang my old favorites and I found some new ones. I'm lucky to make new friendships with Lord of Life Church. The camp staff was fun and hilarious! I enjoyed doing extra tasks to better my resident's life. Almost all of the houses in Loving, NM looked like the homes of the 16 residents we helped. Being there made me see the abundance of blessings God has given me. It was uplifting to be around so many Christians. We were able to openly talk about God and Jesus everyday. New Mexico was like a different planet; dry and dusty. We also saw many different animals like quail, road runners, chipmunks, and bats. I want to change my life and live 4 Jesus! – Skillz (Lesli Shockley, Concordia)

Talk about life changing experiences! We all changed and grew closer in our relationship with God and in so many different ways. I have to be honest; many people had told me that the mission trip would change/help me. Well, the physical labor did teach me a lot about myself and what I am able to do plus help a person's house change for the better. But what really stuck with me were the Workcamp evening programs. Every single one had a powerful message, each one touching, changing, and **connecting** us in different ways, not only to God but each other. And in the end, we were left not just with an incredible feeling of Heaven-sent joy, but with a challenge to share the experience and the lessons with everyone at home. I couldn't possibly write all of that here, so feel free to talk with me at any time. I'd love to share God's passion with you! – Balien (Bailey Lund, LOL)

Plans are underway for the 2012 summer mission trip! There will be a video presentation of our New Mexico mission trip experience at 9:30am on Sunday, Aug.7 in the fellowship hall. A light breakfast will be served while the IMPACT youth share their stories. Thank you to everyone who has supported the IMPACT ministry and made this trip possible.

IMPACT events in August;

- Sunday, August 7th – video presentation of 2011 mission trip at 9:30 am in fellowship hall
- Sunday, August 14th – IMPACT trip to Hurricane Harbor (12:00pm – 7:30pm)
- Sunday, August 21st – Jr. IMPACT/confirmation meeting in room 119 at 9:30am
- Sunday, August 28th – IMPACT night; 6pm – 8pm

God's blessings, Scott Peters

LORD OF LIFE'S FINE ARTS/CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS FORT WAYNE SEMINARY ORGANIST, KEVIN HILDEBRAND



The Fine Arts/Concert Series of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Plano, presents organist **Kevin Hildebrand** in concert on **Friday, 16 September, at 7pm**. Hildebrand will play music of Bach, Mendelssohn, Buxtehude and Willan on the church's organ, which contains 1,900 pipes.

Kevin Hildebrand is Associate Kantor (Director of Music) at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. His teaching at the seminary includes courses in vocal development, music fundamentals, and music for worship, as well as choir and organ responsibilities for daily chapel and other services. His service to the Church also includes teaching the annual organist workshops at the seminary, and assisting with the seminary's Good Shepherd Institute, a resource for pastoral theology and sacred music. Hildebrand has also founded and directs the Seminary Children's Choir, composed of children from the seminary community. He also directs the Youth Choir at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Ft. Wayne.

Hildebrand is a graduate of Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois, and also holds master's degrees in music and theology from the University of Michigan and Concordia Theological Seminary, respectively. He has studied organ with Steven Wente and Marilyn Mason, and composition with Richard Hillert, Robert Lind, and James Aikman.

Kantor Hildebrand is an active composer and has numerous compositions for organ and choir published with Concordia Publishing House and MorningStar Music Publishers. His hymn tune LORD OF LIFE (used with the text, "O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life") as well as other hymn harmonizations are represented in Lutheran Service Book (2006). He has also been a workshop leader and instructor for the LCMS Commission on Worship, as well as frequent organ recitalist and hymn festival presenter across the United States and Canada. He is a member of the Indiana District Board for Worship and Spiritual Care.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Plano is located at 3601 W. 15th Street (near the Medical Center, one block east of Coit Road). The concert is free. Information about the concert series is available on the church website (www.lol-plano.org) or may be obtained by request from the church office at 972-867-5588.

MUSIC REHEARSALS RESUME IN AUGUST

After a well-deserved summer recess, our musicians will be ready to return to singing, playing, and ringing God's praises. We invite you to participate in any of these ensembles. In all cases, you are not expected to be a finished, confident musician! As long as you can commit to practices and ensemble performances, we will teach you what you need to know. Please visit www.lol-plano.org/music.htm for complete descriptions and Fall schedules for each musical ensemble.

Adult Choir: Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, 24 August, from 7 until 8.30pm. All confirmed members are welcome to join us. We sing two or three times a month for both services, but the choir is dismissed before the sermon in second service.

Youth Choir: Open to kids from 6-12th grades, the youth choir sings about once a month, rehearsing at various times on Sundays after church or Wednesdays before confirmation as suits everyone's schedules.

Children's Choir: Ideal for children grades K-5, we learn notes, rhythms, musical terms, play games, as well as learn serious music. The older children serve as role models for the younger ones, and all learn the importance of singing hymns and praising God through music. We rehearse certain Sundays at 4.30pm according to the online schedule.

Handbell Ensemble: If you are uncomfortable singing, handbells are for you! Reading notes and rhythms are helpful, but are also taught. Rehearsals are sometimes after church and sometimes on Wednesday evenings, scheduled at the players' mutual convenience.

Instrumental Ensembles: Do you play an instrument? We are in particular need of woodwind players (flute, oboe, etc) this year. Our brass ensemble plays on most festival Sundays, and our recorder ensemble

rehearses every Wednesday at 4.30pm. We also have need for string players, too. There are also plenty of opportunities for solos or duets for those who are comfortable. Let us know of your willingness to play!

Sometimes I am able to invite people personally to participate in our music ministry; other times, I don't know what instrument you play or that you are interested in participating! Let Victoria Frinsko (vlfrinsko@tx.rr.com) or me (bkolodziej@lol-plano.org) know how you would like to participate.

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Benjamin Kolodziej
Organist and Director of Worship

MUSIC AT MIDDAY ORGAN CONCERTS RETURN THIS FALL

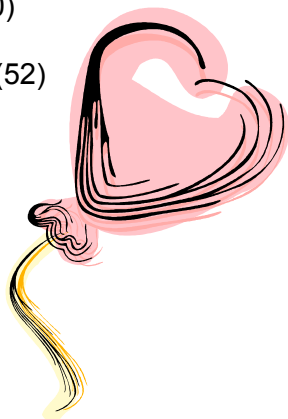
Music at Midday Concerts consist of 35-40 minute mostly organ concerts performed on the first Wednesday of every month plus every Wednesday in Advent and Eastertide. Come enjoy and learn about music whilst enjoying fellowship from our friends from the neighbourhood. About 90% of those attending these concerts and providing financial support of them are from the community and not members of Lord of Life. We rejoice in the community's support, but continue to hope that more Lord of Life people will make an effort to attend whereby these concerts can turn into opportunities for evangelism.

FALL TERM, 2011

- 7 September: Benjamin Kolodziej
- 5 October: Benjamin Kolodziej
- 2 November: Chris and Rebecca Winston
Co-Directors of Music, Lamb of God Lutheran, Flower Mound
- 7 December: Benjamin Kolodziej
- 14 December: Shelbie Simmons
Director of Music, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Plano
- 21 December: Benjamin Kolodziej

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Leo Parrent
- 2 Debbie Olsen
- 2 Travis Bennett
- 3 Dan Georg
- 3 Shannon Nuschler
- 4 Doug & Kathy Hite (10)
- 7 Scott Peters
- 8 Tony & Nevelle Vess (52)
- 10 Ben & Katie Howe (9)
- 11 Ashleigh Stevens
- 13 Barbara Botello
- 13 Earl Lund
- 14 Dixie Hacker
- 14 David Klausung
- 15 Daniel Abel
- 15 David Kuebler
- 15 Gene Pittson
- 16 Rachel Adcox
- 16 Mike Paradise
- 16 Joanne Keeney
- 16 Audrey Thiel
- 16 Ben & Reba Williams (36)
- 17 Duffy & Cindy Carter (15)
- 18 Ben Lutek
- 18 Sharon Adcox
- 18 Christine Messinger
- 18 Dean Shenkenberg
- 21 Laurie Boyd
- 21 Judy Renshaw
- 21 Reba Williams
- 22 Paul Stueckler
- 25 Aimee Lindner
- 25 Brian & Gail Wolf (32)
- 26 Malinda Pittson
- 27 Mavis Anderson
- 28 Nita Berger
- 28 Hayden Crabtree
- 28 Jacquelyn Culp
- 28 Brandon Weber
- 28 Jeff & Nita Berger (18)
- 28 Bell & Charis Bennett (25)
- 29 Jan Carper
- 29 Lance Crabtree
- 30 Doug Hite
- 30 Mary Abel
- 31 Sean & Suanne Forrester (15)



LOL CARE GROUPS

CAREERS IN CHRIST

† For info contact Heidi Pittson at (214) 227-2532 or Carrie Sanford (972) 447-9358

EMPTY NESTERS' CARE GROUP

† For info contact Tony and Nevelle Vess at (972) 931-5748

GOOD NEWS CARE GROUP

† For info contact Chris Oltmann at (972) 727-6330

† Usually meet the 2nd Sat. of each month at 6:30 PM for Bible study

MIXED BLESSINGS

† For info contact Fred and Ruth Bernhardt at (972) 398-0771

† Will meet Sat. 8/27 at 6:30 pm

MOMS' GROUP

† For info contact Kris Crabtree at (214) 705-0710 or crabtreefive@sbcglobal.net



Elise Crabtree-8-15-99

Kaitlyn Hacker-8-20-06

Grace Sanderford-8-26-07

Aaron Schutz-8-10-08

"On behalf of my entire family I want to speak my heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Lindner and Lord of Life members for all the faithful, prayerful support during Virginia's illness and at her death."

Pastor Fred Behrmann

Serving in Worship in August

	August 7		August 14		August 21		August 28	
	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Elder	Roberts		Carper		Womack		Lutek	
Common Cup					Peters	Schutz		
Altar	Bette Martin and Norma Martin							
Acolyte		Crabtree	Lund	Abel	Hacker	Raj	Belcher	Moudy
Greeter	Martin	Scaglione	Schrank	Gottberg/Lanning	Ehrett	Pittson/McVicker	Ehrett	Manning
Reader	S. Paradise	J. Dolignoff	B. Nance	A. McVicker	C. Nance	M. Ziegelbein	C. Paradise	T. Womack
Sound	Wilkerson	Pittson	Wolf	Hite	Botello	Wolf	Wilkerson	Pittson
Children's Message			Schutz	Peters			Pastor	Pastor
Usher	Parrent Martin	Cruz Gottberg	Paradise Frinsko	Dolginoff Kuebler	Nance Klausing	Berger Oltmann McVicker	Schrank Hacker	Buckmeier Crabtree

FINANCIAL REPORT

January- June, 2011

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
RECEIPTS:	Regular Offerings	\$327,237	\$310,519	\$16,718
	Other	\$2,220	\$1,970	\$250
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$329,458	\$312,489	\$16,969
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$309,685	\$320,095	(\$10,410)
	RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$19,773	(\$7,606)	\$27,379

OTHER INFORMATION




1. General Operating Fund Balance	\$63,773
2. Dedicated Funds Balance	\$125,421
3. Building Note Balance	\$1,134,727



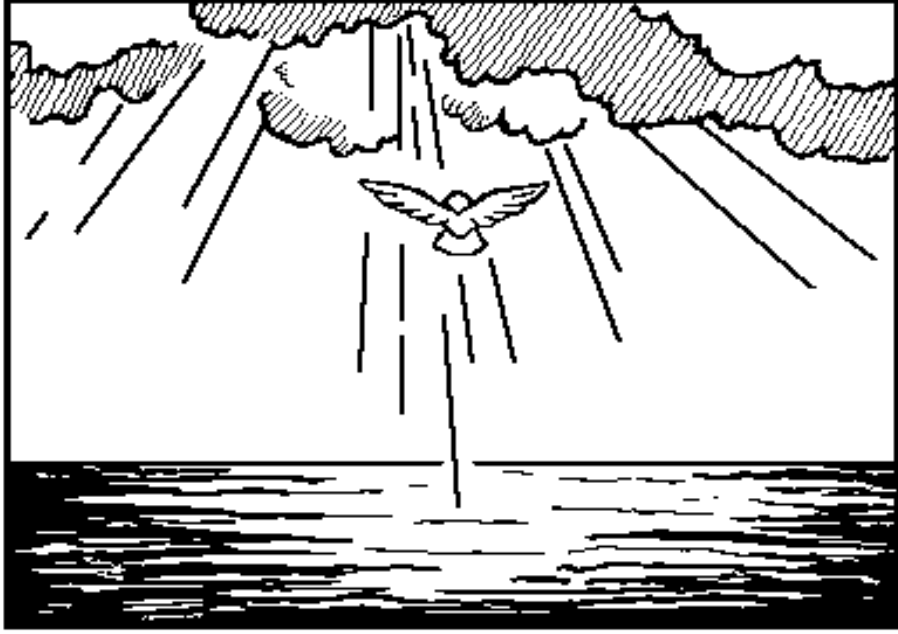
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Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 	3	4 2:00 PM Outreach 7:00 PM Board of Properties 7:00 PM Stephen Min.	5	6 7:00 AM Men's Min Breakfast & Bible Study Lutheran Night at the Rodeo
Pandamania, VBS 9 AM—Noon						
7 	8	9 7:00 PM Elders	10	11	12 9:00 AM Comfort Makers	13
14 Noon IMPACT water park	15	16	17 4:30 PM Recorder 7:00 PM Adult Choir	18 7:00 PM Admin Cncl	19	20
21 	22	23 9:30 AM Morning Braille Ministry	24 4:30 PM Recorder 7:00 PM Adult Choir	25 7:00 PM Evening Braille Ministry	26 9:00 AM Comfort Makers 7:00 PM Movie Night—Robots	27 9:00 AM Comfort Makers 6:30 PM Mixed Blessings Care Group
28 6:00 PM IMPACT night	29	30	31 4:30 PM Recorder 7:00 PM Adult Choir	1	2	3

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS THE 15TH



Those who drink of the
water that I will give them
will never be thirsty.

- John 4:14

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