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Spring has Sprung Change is in the Air

*"For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven."*

Ecclesiastes 3:1



After his initial comment in Ecclesiastes 3:1, Solomon pens a poem. Most of us have read those words:

"A time to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck up what is planted..."

One poetic line after another Solomon covers the entire gamut of life. Each line covers the extremes:

"a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;"

Seeking and losing, tearing and sewing, silence and speaking.

We see in these first 8 verses of Ecclesiastes 3 the ever-changing events in human affairs in contrast to God's unchanging will through the rest of Solomon's writings. Often times Solomon will express the frustrations of life in conjunction with the firmness of God's Word.

As I reflect upon the past several months here at Lord of Life, I can see aspects of Ecclesiastes 3 in our own lives. There have been weddings, and there have been funerals. Baptisms and confirmations have graced our services. Illnesses, surgeries and hospitalizations have visited some of our members, while graduations,

new jobs, and promotions have occurred with others.

Martin Luther made this observation on the ebb and flow of our lives: "All human works and efforts have a certain and definite time of acting, of beginning, and of ending, beyond human control. It is not up to us to prescribe the time, the manner, or the effect of the things that are to be done; and so it is obvious that here our strivings and efforts are unreliable. Everything comes and goes at the time that God has appointed..."

Even though I've titled this article, "Spring has Sprung," changes still occur throughout the year. It has just seemed that the Lindner household has seen more changes this spring with two daughters getting married and the addition of two new sons-in-law, and how thankful we are to welcome them into our family.

I think those of us who have grown in our wisdom of God's presence in our lives, realize there is a certain rhythm to life. And, while we cannot alter those rhythms, we can understand God's faithful word at each chapter of our life. He does give us a firm foundation in His Word. He does give us a Good Shepherd to follow and the assurance that, no matter what happens, we are His. He knows us by name.

After Solomon's poem in verses 2-8, he makes these observations about God's presence and promises in our lives: **(Continued on page 5)**

**LORD OF LIFE'S ANNUAL
FREEDOM SUNDAY PICNIC**

(food will be provided)

SUNDAY, JULY 3RD

Immediately following the
9:30am worship service

**GOD
BLESS
AMERICA**



prepare for worship in June

5 June: The Ascension of Our Lord

Texts: Rev. 5: 1-14; Acts 1: 1-11; Luke 24: 44-53

Sermon Hymn: “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build,” 492

Sermon: “A View from St John’s Revelation”

Normally celebrated 40 days after Easter, we observe Ascension the Sunday following. The choir’s anthem, “When in Our Music God is Glorified,” celebrates Christ’s life as the liturgical year—shaped around His life and ministry—soon comes to a close.

12 June: The Festival of Pentecost

Texts: Numbers 11: 24-30; Acts 2: 1-21; John 7: 37-39

Sermon Hymn: “Come Down, O Love Divine,” 501

Sermon: “Spoken in His Own Language”

This is the final (festival) Sunday of the liturgical year, and our full choir and brass ensemble will lead the music before summer recess. Tim Miller, a missionary with Lutheran Bible Translators, will share a perspective of Pentecost as it relates to missions.

19 June: Holy Trinity Sunday

Texts: Genesis 1: 1 -2: 4a; Acts 2: 14a, 22-36; Matthew 28: 16-20

Sermon Hymn: “God, Whose Almighty Word,” 979

Sermon: “God’s Gift of Creation”

26 June: The Third Sunday of Pentecost

Texts: Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Romans 7: 1-13; Matthew 10: 34-42

Sermon Hymn: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus,” 685

Sermon: “What Can We Learn from a Prophet Named Jeremiah?”

TRAVEL TO THE BRITISH ISLES IN 2012

What are you doing the first eleven or so days of June, 2012? Why not visit Britain with us? Close enough in culture for some to consider it the 51st state, but distant and foreign enough to be able to capture that intangible European mystique, the UK is a fun destination for the seasoned and novice traveler alike. We will be spending several days in London as well as visiting Canterbury, Oxford, York, the peaceful Scottish highlands and Edinburgh. For the sake of complete honesty, this will be somewhat of a “choir trip,” as singers from LoL as well as other local Lutheran churches will be singing at Southwark Cathedral in London, St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Canterbury Cathedral, as well as a special performance for our brothers and sisters at Luther-Tyndale Memorial Church in London, a congregation affiliated with the LCMS. But you do not have to be a singer to attend and enjoy the trip – there are already several non-singers attending! You do have to enjoy churches, music, and be willing to hear me rattle on endlessly in the bus about pipe organs. This is my fourth European trip to coordinate (Germany, 2006; Eastern Europe, 2008; Scandinavia, 2010) through Eskins Tours. We travel comfortably and all the details are professionally arranged in advance with just enough flexibility in the schedule to allow the seasoned traveler to escape on their own at times, but to allow more timid individuals just to stay with the group. If you are interested, please email me (bkolodzi@smu.edu) or watch this space in July when we will have the exact dates, itinerary, and prices confirmed.

Benjamin Kolodziej



Stephen Belcher-6-16-02
 Sarah Brown 6-99
 James Hawkins-6-19-05
 Nicholas Moudy-6-9-02
 Sam Ziegelbein-6-3-01



It's that time of year again – time for the Baby Bottle Boomerang! Starting on Mother's Day there will be empty baby bottles located in the narthex. Please take one home with you, fill it with change (dollars or checks are also accepted!), then bring it back on or before Father's Day. The money that we collect will be given to Lutheran's for Life and Real Options for Women in Plano. Thrivent will be matching funds.

MUSIC AT MIDDAY ORGAN CONCERTS

You are invited to the final concerts of the 2010-2011 season as our Easter season draws to a close. Come each Wednesday at 1.05 to hear inspiring (or entertaining) music as well as fellowship with the neighborhood friends of Lord of Life. Each program is between 35 and 45 minutes in length.

1 June: Susan De Kam, St Luke's Episcopal Church, Dallas
 8 June: Benjamin Kolodziej

Music at Midday organ concerts resume on September 7, and are always held on the first Wednesday of every month plus every Wednesday during the Advent and Eastertide seasons.

Comments from the Board of Elders

It has been in the national news lately that the current Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Senator John Boehner, is weak because he cries "at the drop of a hat". As I read God's word, tears do not make a man weak but, it shows concern and compassion. In Luke 19:41 we read that Jesus, Son of God, wept as he entered Jerusalem and saw what was going on in the City. John 11:35, the shortest verse in the bible says, "Jesus wept".

A verse from the gospel song, HE WASHED MY EYES WITH TEARS, is the perfect expression of what happens when we let Jesus take control.

*He washed my eyes with
 tears that I might see,
 The broken heart I had was
 good for me;
 He tore it all apart and looked
 inside,
 He found it full of fear and
 foolish pride.
 He swept away the things
 that made me blind
 And then I saw the clouds
 were silver lined;
 And now I understand 'twas
 best for me
 He washed my eyes with
 tears that I might see.*

So, maybe the next time we see "a grown man cry", we should take time to think about *why* he is weeping, and *then* judge his level of weakness or strength! I suggest that Senator Boehner never apologize for the tears.

Carl Carper – Elder

MUSIC MINISTRY CONCLUDES A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Since Easter was so late this year, Lord of Life's musicians have had an extended season working through Pentecost Sunday, the end of the liturgical year. The liturgical year reflects the life of Christ – from His birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and then, of course, the giving of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church at Pentecost – and church music always seeks to enhance our understanding and progress through the church year, Pentecost being no less important than any other portion of the year. Yet, we still anticipate taking a break in the summer for rest and rejuvenation.

From late August, 2010, until this month, our adult choir has sung 30 weeks (including a few evening services), our children's and youth choir have sung monthly, and our handbell ensemble and various other instruments have likewise played at least once a month. Lord of Life is blessed with many fine musicians, all of whom work very hard, not to perform, but to edify God's people through their musical offerings. To attend weekly rehearsals, awaken early on Sunday mornings and sit through two services is not an easy task. Be sure to thank any musician (be they child, youth, or adult) whom you may run across this summer. They work hard and deserve a break!

A few highlights of the year included singing for the Lutheran Hymn Festival in September, preparing for our regional worship conference in October, our community-wide Lessons and Carols in December, Boar's Head at Holy Nativity in January, as well as all the usual spring events such as Holy Week and Easter. The Fine Arts/Concert Series continued throughout the year, featuring a variety of quality programs from choral to instrumental. One concert this year even featured a silent movie! Our Wednesday Music at Midday

concerts continue, reaching a segment of the community who is reluctant to travel at night, but who enjoy the weekly fellowship at church.

As our summer services will be without our musicians, we likewise keep in mind that, as important as interesting liturgical music is, Word and Sacrament happens regardless, as long as the simplicity or the liturgical complexity of the Divine Service is based on the truths of scripture and God's Word. It is His Word that infuses life and faith into our worship and liturgy throughout the year, allowing us to respond in joy to what Christ has already done for us. We may feel this especially at Christmas and Easter, but the truth of the gospel pervades all season, even into the depths of the sweltering summer!

Whether you are trained or talented as a singer or instrumentalist or not, we invite you to join us at the end of August as rehearsals resume. There are plenty of musical opportunities prayerfully to consider at Lord of Life.

INJ+
Benjamin Kolodziej

P.S. We would also like to congratulate our cantor/bass section leader, Louis Seymour, who traveled with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Chorus to sing at Carnegie Hall in May!

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"God has made everything beautiful in its time."
(verse 11)

"I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it." *(verse 14)*

O what a powerful and awesome God we worship, who watches over us every step of the way during our walk of faith.

Thank God that He is there.

Pastor Lindner

TEEN TIMES

This is the time of the year when we look back at the last 9 months and recognize the accomplishments of our kids and what exciting things the future holds for them. Lord of Life is blessed to have so many talented and gifted youth that represent Christ and His kingdom. Here is the chance to meet some of them and congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Bailey Lund; Junior, Prince of Peace Christian School – selected to the all-tournament team for the TAPPS state soccer tournament, 1st place in the district TAPPS historic academic competition, has her own YouTube site where she creates her own music video creations.

Marcus Peters; Junior, Plano Senior High School – selected to the all-region concert band as French horn (1 of 300 musicians out of 1600), named student president for the 2011-2012 Plano Senior High School Marching Band, recently inducted into the German National Honor Society.

Nick Belcher; Junior, Boyd H.S. in McKinney – captain of the 2010-2011 junior varsity soccer team and a member of the national junior honor society for the 3rd year in a row.

Brandon Lund; 8th grade, Prince of Peace Christian School – Brandon is the valedictorian of his 8th grade class, and a member of the POP all-star basketball team.

Curtis Peters; Freshman, Vines High School – selected to the 9th grade all-region band as French horn, member of the 2011-2012 Vines Wind Ensemble, starting goal keeper for the Texas Longhorns 96 Boys soccer club.

Cecilia Paradise; Freshman, Williams H. S. – had role in Williams H. S. theatrical presentation of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Received Girl Scout Silver Award and 10 year membership award, will work as a Girl Scout unit leader at Twilight Hollow Girl Scout evening camp, traveling with grandparents to Branson, MO. and Minnesota this summer. Cecilia is also an artist and some of her artwork will soon be on display in the fellowship hall.

Pete Ehrett; Junior – chosen “Best Delegate” at several model government conferences including a regional conference at the University of Arkansas, this summer, he'll be taking part a week-long, Scout SCUBA adventure in the Florida Keys, attending a two-week Christian worldview/leadership conference (Summit Ministries) in Colorado, and attending a 3-week "Management and Technology Institute" (engineering/ business) in Philadelphia at the University of Pennsylvania.

Kenneth Tabor; Freshman, Vines High School - He played in the Vines band and on the Vines freshman basketball and baseball teams. He served as assistance senior patrol leader in his Boy Scout troop from Sept-Mar. He was recognized by his troop for most miles hiked during 2010 (25 miles). Kenneth will participate in several baseball tournaments this summer, attend a scout camp in Colorado (white water rafting and hiking), and take part in a 75 mile hike at Philmont in New Mexico.

Amanda Belcher; 8th grade – played in the symphony orchestra in her middle school, a member of the national junior honor society, and selected to the Boyd High School (McKinney) 2011-2012 varsity drill team as a freshman next year.

Jacob Hacker; 5th grade – received his Arrow of Light and has been accepted into Boy Scout pack 226 (based on Proverbs 22:6)

Job well done to all of you for being leaders in your schools and organizations!

Congratulations to Andrew Raj; class of 2011 at Plano Senior High School. Andrew is planning to attend the University of Texas at Dallas this fall! Andrew, his brother Aaron, and their family will be traveling to India for 2 months shortly after school is out for the summer.

IMPACT activities in June:

Sunday, June 12 – Ellyn, Joel, and Sarah Miller visit from Thailand

Sunday, June 26 – Car wash; 9 am (During Sunday school and late service), followed by picnic lunch and movie out.

Coming in July:

Jul 16 – 24 – 2011 mission trip to Loving, New Mexico

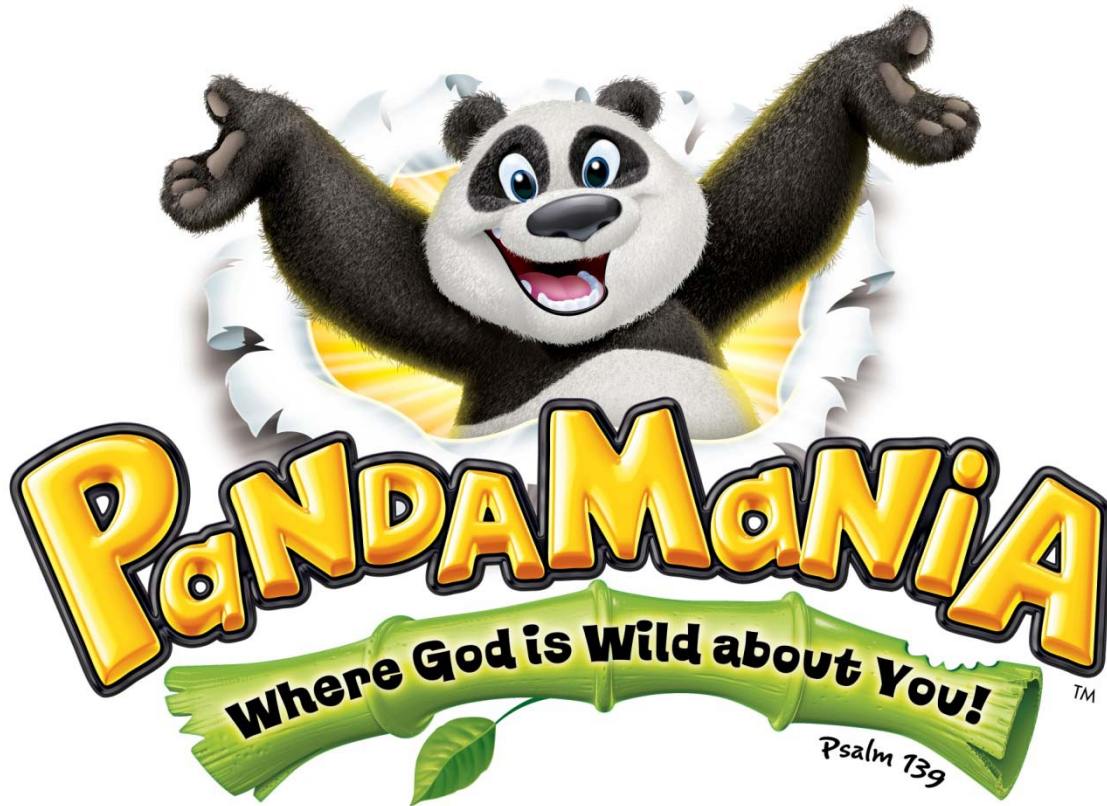
IMPACT CAR WASH



Sunday, June 26
Starting at 9 am

Get your car washed while you are in
Sunday school or in 10:45 worship service.

Proceeds benefit 2011 summer mission trip to Loving, New Mexico.



**YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUN WEEK OF
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

AUGUST 1 - 5, 2011

9:00 am - Noon

** Registration forms are available in the church office or register online at
<http://lol-plano.org/children.vbs.htm>

** Open to children ages 3 years (as of June 1) and potty-trained through those entering 5th
grade in the fall!

** For more information or to volunteer as an adult or youth, please contact Kris Crabtree.



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Thrivent Choice program began in 2010 where benefit members help direct some of Thrivent's charitable funds. Choice Dollars nationwide in 2010, the programs first year, amounted to \$26 million dollars going to almost 18,000 Lutheran congregations and organizations. Lord of Life is an eligible organization and has received Choice Dollars in 2010 and will continue to receive these funds each year in the future.

With the advent of the Thrivent Choice Program, Lutheran congregations were asked to appoint a congregational advocate; a person who serves as an advocate for their congregation, community, and Thrivent Financial. I have been selected to be your Thrivent Congregational Advocate at Lord of Life. Therefore, if you have any questions about Thrivent's fraternal programs, including Thrivent Choice, or if you are presently directing Choice Dollars to Lord of Life, please contact me with any questions that you may have. The Thrivent Financial representative for Lord of Life is Gerry Hughes and he may be reached at 972-612-0220.

Dave Peters

Serving in Worship in June

	June 5		June 12		June 19		June 26	
	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		Lutek		Peters		Carper	
Common Cup					Schutz	Womack		
Altar	Ruth Bernhardt and June Edelmann							
Acolyte		Kostrzewa	Lund	Abel	Hacker	Belcher		Pittson
Crucifer								
Greeter	Sparks	Scaglione	Vess	Gottberg/Mutinta	Ehrett	McVicker	Schrank	Womack
Reader	C. Paradise	P. Greer	Tim Miller	Tim Miller	B. Botello	A. McVicker	D. Senter	J. Dolginoff
Sound	Wolf	Pittson	Wilkerson	Pittson	Botello	Wolf	Wolf	Pittson
Children's Message			Pastor	Pastor			Peters	Pastor
Usher	Martin Parrent	Cruz Gottberg Loewecke	Frisko Paradise	Kuebler Dolginoff	Nance Klausung	Berger Oltmann McVicker	Hacker Schrank	Crabtree M. Buckmeier

FINANCIAL REPORT

January- April, 2011

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
RECEIPTS:	Regular Offerings	\$220,935	\$202,928	\$18,007
	Other	\$1,554	\$1,370	\$184
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$222,489	\$204,298	\$18,191
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$204,461	\$208,195	(\$3,734)
	RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$18,028	(\$3,897)	\$21,925

OTHER INFORMATION

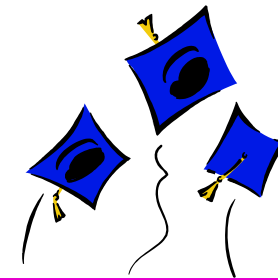
1. General Operating Fund Balance	\$62,249
2. Dedicated Funds Balance	\$130,824
3. Building Note Balance	\$1,157,763






Happy Father's Day



June 2011

Lord of Life Lutheran Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 	30	31	1 1:05 pm 4:30 PM Recorder Ens. 6:00 PM Brownie Mtg 7:00 PM Adult Choir	2 7:00 PM Board of Prop- erties	3 Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Pick-Up	4 7:00 AM Men's Min Breakfast & Bible Study 2:00 PM Student Trom- bone Recital
5 Admin. Installation 	6	7	8 1:05 Music at Midday 4:30 PM Recorder Ens. 7:00 PM Adult Choir	9 7:00 PM Stephen Min.	10 9:00 AM Comfort Makers	11 9:00 AM Comfort Makers
12 Tim Miller Family	13	14  Flag Day	15	16 7:00 PM Admin Cncl	17	18 6:30 PM Mixed Bless- ings Care Group
19  Father's Day	20	21 7:00 PM Elders	22	23	24 9:00 AM Comfort Makers 7:00 PM Movie Night	25
26 9:00 AM IMPACT Car Wash	27	28	29	30	1	2 

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS THE 15TH

*T*rain up a child
in the way
he should go:
and when he is old,
he will not depart
from it.

Proverbs 22:6, KJV



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