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“With God All Things are Possible”

--Matthew 19:26b



Indeed they are! As we step aside and let God work His ways in our lives and in our church, “all things are possible!”

As I have observed our congregation here at Lord

of Life over the past several months, it is indeed a blessing to see our Lord at work in our midst. God’s people are in ministry, serving Him while serving others and enjoying the privilege. That is always a blessing to see.

Perhaps you have seen God at work among our people too.

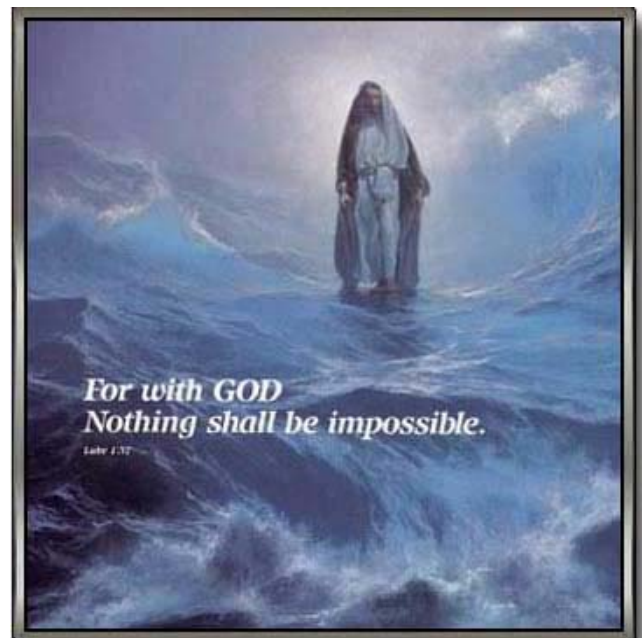
- † On Sunday, September 25 we welcomed 22 new members to our LOL family.
- † On that same Sunday it was a thrill to see and hear 17 children in our Jubilate children’s Choir sing their praises to our Lord.
- † Scott Peters has developed a delightful relationship with our Sr. IMPACT youth group and the youth from Concordia, Garland.
- † Our first Fine Arts Concert this season had over 100 in attendance as we listened to Kevin Hildebrand on the organ.
- † Our Board of Family Ministry is making preparation for our 2nd annual Oktoberfest after our Reformation Service on October 30th.

† The Board of Outreach is making more contacts on new visitors to our worship than we’ve seen in a long time... and we are thankful.

All these ministries are made possible by a God who cares and blesses us more than we realize. If you haven’t taken time in your own prayers and devotions to thank our Lord, this week would be a wonderful time to do so.

May God continue to make many more blessing and ministries possible here at Lord of Life in the months to come. I know He will. Look for them!

--Pastor Lindner



prepare for worship in october

2 October:

Texts: Exodus 4: 10-17; Acts 4: 13-22; Luke 12: 8-12

Sermon Hymn: "For All the Faithful Women," 855

Sermon: "Women in Mission."

This is the annual LWML Sunday. The choir sings Haydn's "The Heavens are Telling," joined by a string quartet.

9 October:

Texts: Isaiah 25: 6-9; Philippians 4: 4-13; Matthew 22: 1-14

Sermon Hymn: "Spread the Reign of God the Lord," 830

Sermon: "A Wedding Invitation"

16 October:

Texts: Isaiah 45: 1-7; I Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22

Sermon Hymn: "All Depends on Our Possessing," 732

Sermon: "You Figure it Out"

The handbell and recorder ensemble play this morning.

23 October:

Texts: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18; I Thess. 2: 1-13; Matthew 22: 34-46

Sermon Hymn: "The Law of God is Good and Wise," 523

Sermon: "Anchored in Traditions"

The Jubilate Children's Choir sings this morning, including the anthem "Love the Lord with All Your Heart" based on the Old Testament lesson.

30 October: Festival of the Reformation

Texts: Romans 3: 19-28; Revelation 14: 6-7; John 8: 31-36

Sermon Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress," 656

Sermon: "Masked or Unmasked?"

We celebrate the Festival of the Reformation with brass, timpani, and full choir.



The first Sunday in October, October 2 this year, is traditionally **LWML Sunday**. Please visit the displays and find out more about LWML, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The theme from this year's national convention is *Being with Jesus-Living on the Edge*.

October 4, 7pm, LOL Women in Mission meeting. The meeting will include a Bible Study, followed by preparations for the Fall Event. All women are welcome!

October 15 9:30 am, Dal-North Zone Fall Event, *Celebrate! You are a Promise*, hosted by LOL. Bible Study Leader, Cherie Linder. All women are welcome!

It's not too early to start collecting items for the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Personal Care Kits which will be assembled and shipped in April, 2012. Kits include:

- One light or medium weight bath-size towel, 52" x 27", dark color
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz) of soap, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (multi-pack toothbrushes may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope)
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers

Items will be collected starting March 18, 2012.

TEEN TIMES

Well it finally happened! We all knew that it would sooner or later but I don't think anyone expected it to be this year. The record for the most days over 100 degrees in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area was broken in September after 31 years. 1980 had been the hottest summer on record with 69 days over the century mark until 2011. 70 days of temperatures passing the 100 degree mark; how did we ever manage to get through it? A few times while driving around Plano, I'd pass a church whose sign would say, "You think it's hot here?" There is some truth to that statement since it refers to the opposite of Heaven and what one can suffer if they do not believe in Jesus Christ for salvation and the forgiveness of sins. Jesus himself even described hell when he spoke the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in the 16th chapter of Luke's Gospel. Jesus describes how the rich man was "in torment" after he died and that he called out to Father Abraham to "send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire." (Luke 16:23-24) Many of us probably thought we were in agony this past summer; or was it just uncomfortable? If Jesus returns to earth in our lifetime or we are called by God through our death, are we ready to give an account of our life to our Heavenly Father? If we don't have Jesus at the center of our lives and the grace, mercy and forgiveness He gives us freely through his death and resurrection, we won't just be uncomfortable, we will be in agony; **forever!** Take part in the gifts of Word and Sacrament; devote time to the studying the Bible in Sunday school or anytime you can. Be sure you know exactly where you want to spend eternity. And keep this in mind; in Heaven, God always has the A/C working perfectly!

Speaking of summer, our experiences in Loving, New Mexico this past July have prompted the next summer mission trip destination to be chosen; July 8 – 14, 2012 in Somerville, Tennessee. There will once again be fundraisers over the next several months to help support the financial cost of the trip including: pizza kit sales, the annual sweetheart dinner, a carwash, and possibly another garage sale among other things. However, if fundraisers are not your cup of tea, simple donations to our LOL youth ministry are always welcome. If you wish to earmark them for the 2012 mission trip, feel free to do so. Our IMPACT youth ministry is constantly overwhelmed at the generosity of this congregation for which we are continually grateful.

In Christ, Scott Peters

IMPACT events in October:

Sat. – Sun. October 8-9; Jr. Confirmation retreat at Mt. Lebanon retreat center

Sunday, Oct. 16; Sr. IMPACT night

Wednesday Oct. 26; Jr. IMPACT Night

Sunday, Oct. 30; Sr. IMPACT party

Coming in November:

Wednesday, Nov. 9; Jr. Confirmation @ Concordia LC

Sunday, Nov. 13; Sr. IMPACT night

Sunday, Nov. 27; Sr. IMPACT night



The Fine Arts/Concert Series of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Plano, presents the **Dallas Saxophone Quartet** in concert on **Saturday, October 8, at 7pm.**

The Dallas Saxophone Quartet is comprised of professional teachers and performers who play throughout the DFW area. Cody Schwarz, soprano and alto saxophone, is owner of Mood Swings Entertainment, a music business, while Frank Wilbanks, alto saxophone, has directed school bands. Roger Ashcraft, playing the tenor saxophone was band director at Bonham High School for 34 years, and Kevin Hamilton, baritone saxophone, is not only a professional musician but also a middle school principal! The Dallas Saxophone Quartet will play jazz standards, musical theatre favourites, as well as some classical arrangements.

This concert is free and all are invited.

MUSIC AT MIDDAY ORGAN CONCERT

You are invited to this month's Music at Midday Organ Concert on Wednesday, October 5, at 1:05pm. Benjamin Kolodziej will play the music that he will play in his concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, NYC, the following Sunday. He would appreciate everybody to attend and to make him as nervous as possible so he is as prepared as possible! Come enjoy this afternoon of fellowship and music.

SWISS/ITALIAN HOLIDAY

Come join other Lutherans in a tour Italy and Switzerland from May 28 until June 9, 2012. After visiting the many historical sites of ancient Rome, we will also spend time in Florence, Venice, and Milan, visiting beautiful Tuscany and finally the Swiss Alps. Although this particular trip is not a choir tour, there will be many churches and pipe organs visited and played along the way! Eskins Tours once again will coordinate the details. More information may be found on <http://www.lol-plano.org/music.europe2012.htm> or contact Benjamin Kolodziej. (bkolodziej@lol-plano.org).

Reformation Day

Oktoberfest

October 30, 2011

The fifth Sunday of October is our Lord of Life family potluck day.

An Oktoberfest pot luck will be held by the Family Ministry to celebrate Reformation Day.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Chris Boyd
- 1 Mike Paradise III
- 3 Curtis Peters
- 3 Frank Edelmann
- 3 James & Jan Wood (41)
- 4 Heidi Pittson
- 5 Laura Isbell
- 6 Amy Klausing
- 6 John Belcher
- 6 Norma Martin
- 6 Gary Nuschler
- 6 Bennie & Paula Lowery (4)
- 7 Patrick Schmidt
- 7 Georgianna Womak
- 9 Lois Gottberg
- 9 Kathy Wilde
- 15 Thomas Shenkenberg
- 15 Dean & Karyn Shenkenberg
- 16 Adam Buckmeier
- 16 Paul Krehmeyer
- 16 Kenneth & Cecilia Anderson (63)
- 18 Gay Stueckler
- 18 Al & Mollie Manning (36)
- 18 Rueben & Bette Martin (25)
- 23 Clara Helmbright
- 24 Diane Wollert
- 25 Tom Kun
- 27 Shane Forrester
- 27 Eric & Julie Baker (10)
- 29 Pam Rogers
- 29 Toni Washkowiak
- 31 Ruth Bernhardt
- 31 Jonah Carter
- 31 Suanne Forrester



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
- † Will meet Sat., Oct. 15 at 7:00 pm

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., Oct. 22 at 6:30 pm

MOMS' GROUP

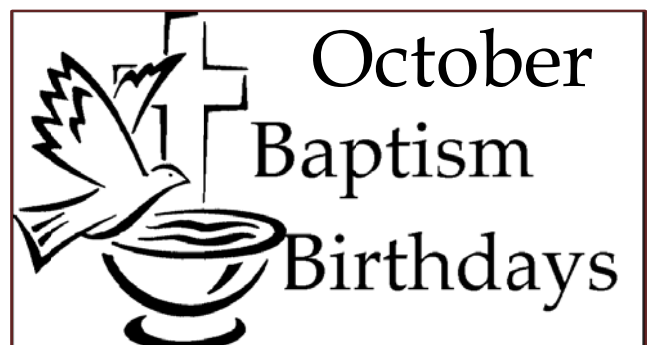
- † For info contact Kris Crabtree at (214) 705-0710 or crabtreefive@sbcglobal.net



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

1 Peter 1:22



Adam Buckmeier-10-29-00

Serving in Worship in October

	October 2		October 9		October 16		October 23		October 30	
	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	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	Womack		Schutz		Peters		Roberts		Roberts	
Common Cup					Lutek	Carper			Lutek	Carper
Altar	June Edelmann and Nelda Schrank									
Acolyte		Ethan Pittson		Nolan Helms	Jacob Hacker	Aaron Raj		Ethan Pittson		Ashley Moudy
Crucifer										Caitlyn Moudy
Greeter	Vess	Womack	Martin	Womack	Schrank	McVicker/Lanning	Ehrett	Gottberg/Mutinta	Sparks	Scaglione
Reader	R. Berhardt	J. Edelmann	S. Paradise	T. Womack	C. Paradise	P. Greer	B. Botello	J. Dolginoff	D. Senter	M. Ziegelbein
Sound	Botello	Wolf	Wilkerson	Pittson	Wolf	Hite	Botello	Wolf	Wilkerson	Pittson
Children's Message			Schutz	Peters			Pastor	Pastor		
Usher	Parrent Martin	Gottberg Loewecke Cruz	Frinsko Paradise	Kuebler Dolginoff	Nance Klausing	Oltmann McVicker Berger	Hacker Schrank	Crabtree M. Buckmeier	Schrank Hacker	M. Buckmeier Crabtree

FINANCIAL REPORT

January- August, 2011

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
RECEIPTS:	Regular Offerings	\$430,488	\$411,472	\$19,016
	Other	\$2,993	\$2,570	\$423
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$433,482	\$414,042	\$19,440
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$422,026	\$429,243	(\$7,217)
	RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$11,456	(\$15,201)	\$26,657

OTHER INFORMATION

1. General Operating Fund Balance	\$55,376
2. Dedicated Funds Balance	\$123,450
3. Building Note Balance	\$1,126,443



OCTOBER 2011 *Fall*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 7:00 AM Men's Min Breakfast & Bible Study
2 LWML Sunday 4:30 PM Child Choir	3 7:00 PM ESL Classes	4 7:00 PM LWML	5 10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study 1:00 PM Music at Midday 4:30 PM Recorder 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Jr. Confirm. 7:00 PM Adult Choir	6 7:00 PM Board of Properties 7:00 PM Stephen Min.	7 9:00 AM Comfort Makers	8 9:30 AM Wills Workshop. 7:00 PM Fine Arts/ Concert Series: Kevin Hildebrand, Organist
9 Endowment Sunday Jr. Confirm. Retreat 4:30 PM Child Choir	10 7:00 PM ESL Classes Columbus Day	11 7:00 PM Elders	12 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 4:30 PM Recorder 6:00 PM Jr. Confirm. w/ Dinner 7:00 PM Adult Choir	13	14	15 9:00 AM LWML Zone Event 7:00 PM Empty Nesters
16 4:30 PM Child Choir 6:00 PM IMPACT night	17 7:00 PM ESL Classes	18	19 10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study 4:30 PM Recorder 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Jr. Confirm. 7:00 PM Adult Choir	20 7:00 PM Admin Cncl	21 9:00 AM Comfort Makers	22 Cruz/Juls Wedding 6:30 PM Mixed Blessings Care Group
23 4:30 PM Children Choir	24 7:00 PM ESL Classes	25 9:30 AM Morning Braille Ministry	26 10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study 4:30 PM Recorder 6:30 PM Jr. IMPACT night 7:00 PM Adult Choir	27 7:00 PM Evening Braille Ministry	28	29
30 Reformation Octoberfest 4:30 PM Children Choir 5:00 PM IMPACT night	31 Halloween 7:00 PM ESL Classes					

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS THE 15TH



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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