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A Time to Remember

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy..."*
Psalm 103:2-4

On Sunday, September 11, 2011 we will remember... we will remember September 11, 2001. It is a proper time for us to remember the 10th anniversary of the destruction of the World Trade Center, a portion of the Pentagon and Flight 93 as it crashed into a field southeast of Pittsburg. Terrorism has changed the way we live as Americans. It has changed the way many around this world live.

I recall the words of a distant president and his reflections during a somber moment of another conflict within our nation's history.

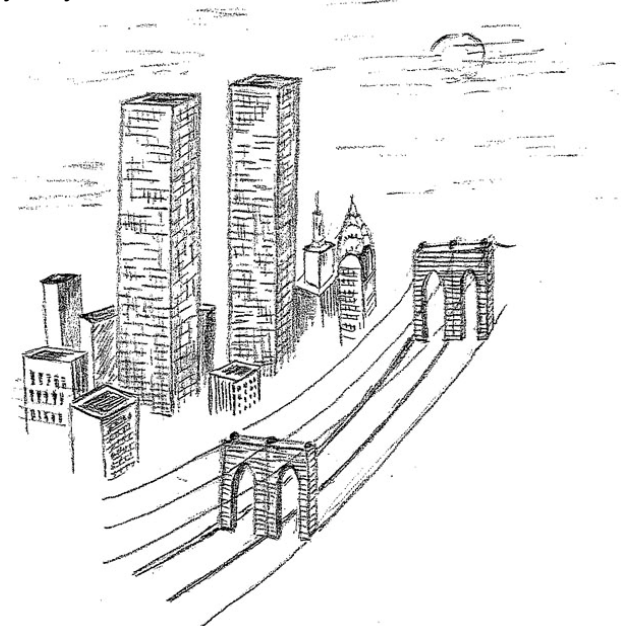
"We here resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain... that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom... and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Abraham Lincoln,
The Gettysburg Address

"We resolve..." That word "resolve" has constantly been on the lips of world leaders since the events of 9/11. For many of us this word has special meaning because of the way Abraham Lincoln used it amid the greatest conflict fought in our western hemisphere, the American Civil War. Through the word "resolve" Lincoln envisioned something more than the defeat of an enemy.

He envisioned – under God – a new birth of freedom and peace.

Since 9/11 what have we seen – under God's almighty hand these past ten years? I pray, that as a congregation, we can gather for worship on September 11, 2011 and remember our Lord. As the Psalmist declares, "we must not forget all His benefits." We must still continue to "Bless the Lord, O my soul" for He has continued to bless us in so many ways.



9-11-2001
9-11-2011



prepare for worship in september

4 September: Pentecost XII

Texts: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20

Sermon: "The Buck Starts and Stops Here"

Sermon Hymn: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive," 843

The choir sings K Lee Scott's anthem, "Thy Perfect Love," as well as a setting of the hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven." Kenneth Wilk joins us as a guest trumpeter.

11 September: Pentecost XIII

Texts: Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-25

Sermon: "9/11 - We Remember"

Sermon Hymn: "There is a Time for Everything," 762

The youth choir sings "Entrust Your Days and Burdens," a hymn of comfort, as we remember Sept 11.

18 September: Pentecost XIX

Texts: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: "They all got the Same!"

Sermon Hymn: "Salvation Unto Us Has Come," 555

The choir sings Eddie Kerr's anthem, "God is Love."

25 September: Pentecost XX

Texts: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18; Matthew 21:23-27

Sermon: "Willpower...Yours or His?"

Sermon Hymn: "What God Ordains is Always Good," 760

The children's choir sings "Christ be My Leader" as the choral invocation, as well as Thomas Ravenscroft's round, "Come and Sing."

MUSIC AT MIDDAY ORGAN CONCERTS RESUME

Benjamin Kolodziej will play the first Music at Midday Organ Concert on Wednesday, September 7, at 1:05 pm. Come for 35-40 minutes worth of entertaining music and fellowship. Visit www.lol-plano.org/musicatmidday.htm for more information and a schedule for the Fall term.

JUBILATE CHILDREN'S CHOIR COMMENCES

All children, ages K-6th grade, are welcome and invited to join us in our children's choir. In addition to fun songs and games, we learn note reading, the basics of singing as well as the important truths of the scripture that church music can reveal. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons at 4:30 pm as scheduled. Complete information may be found on <http://www.lol-plano.org/music.childrenschoir.htm> or contact Benjamin Kolodziej.

SWISS/ITALIAN HOLIDAY

Although our planned trip to England next summer was postponed due to the hassle of the Olympics, you are invited to participate in our newly-developed historical / musical / ecclesiastical tour of 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)



TEEN TIMES

As I sat down to write this month's TEEN TIMES edition for *Lifelines*, the school year has once again kicked into high gear for people of all ages. From preschool to high school, parents and grandparents, collegiates and second degree seekers, everyone is affected by the academic calendar that signals the end of summer. It also coincides with new things that can begin happening in the church at this time every year. The various musical groups, new Bible studies, Sunday school curriculums, and other fall related activities come to life as folks say good bye to summer. Yes, I know it still feels like summer outside, but this is a time for new beginnings and the best time to start fresh on things you may not have experienced for quite awhile. Our Junior and Senior IMPACT youth ministries here at Lord of Life are no different and some exciting things are happening which give us the opportunities to do exactly that; start fresh.

Jr. Confirmation will once again get started with our first Wednesday evening class on September 7 at 6:30 pm. This year, 5 students will begin their instruction of Luther's Small Catechism on their way to becoming communicate members. Incorporated into the Wednesday evening schedule will be dinner once a month hosted by one of the students families, Jr. IMPACT youth nights, a overnight Jr. high retreat in October, and the chance to meet other Jr. High youth as LOL and Concordia Lutheran in Garland combine efforts to have confirmation classes together (once in the fall and once in the spring). The Jr. IMPACT Sunday school will start a new series from Group Publishing called *Grapple*. It includes topics such as "Who do I think Jesus is?", "Is it all about me, me, me?", and "Got friends?" This DVD accompanied series tackles the issues and questions that middle school students in particular can relate to.

The Sr. IMPACT youth group will also be starting something new this month; a new Sunday school series of Bible studies from *Teach Deep*. This is a curriculum specifically designed to help Sr. high youth to discover more about themselves, the Bible, Jesus, and their faith in him as their Savior. Sr. IMPACT youth nights will also be back on the schedule for the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

So get back into the swing of things in September and be a part of the activities available in our IMPACT youth ministry!

May the Lord bless and keep you,
Scott Peters

September IMPACT events:

Jr. Confirmation – Sept. 7, 14, 21
Jr. IMPACT night – Sept. 28
Sr. IMPACT night – Sept. 11, 28

Coming in October:

Jr. Confirmation retreat – Oct. 8-9
Sr. IMPACT nights – Oct. 16, 30
Sr. IMPACT movie night with Concordia Lutheran - TBD

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, September 16, 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.

Children's Ministry Corner



THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers who helped to make **VBS 2011** a success. From August 1-5, **78** children ages 3 through 5th grade participated in "PandaMania – Where God is Wild About You" and enjoyed crafts, games and music!

Fall Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 11.

Help us kick-off the new school year with a movie and donuts during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.) on Sunday, September 4!



LWML

All women of LOL are invited to the LOL Women in Mission meeting Tuesday September 13 at 7 pm. Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Michelle Miller**.

Michelle and her husband Tim serve as Lutheran Bible Translators in Chiang Mai, Thailand. They are in the USA this summer on furlough, visiting family. LOL has been supporting their mission work for the past two years. Please plan to attend and find out about the Miller's work in Thailand.

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.

The LWML District Retreat, *Spirit of Hope*, is in Glen Rose, TX, October 7 & 8, 2011. See the Texas District LWML web site for details and registration. www.lwmltxdist.org

Save the date-

October 4, LOL Women in Mission Meeting 7 pm

October 15, Dal-North Zone Fall Event,
Celebrate! You are a Promise, 9:30 am,
hosted by LOL. Bible Study Leader, Cheri
Lindner



Women's Bible Study

Here it is September and we are ready to get studying again. The Women's Bible Study will begin on Sept. 7 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our study is titled Coffee with the Lord so we will begin with a special cup of coffee. Please let Cheri Lindner know what you would like from Starbucks for that first meeting. Email her at john.lindner@sbcglobal.net or call 972-747-0757 and leave a message if I'm not home. I look forward to some great discussions and, of course, plenty of coffee! See you soon!



Do You Ever See People and Wonder What Their Names Are?

Have you heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial family album. There is no cost to have your photographs taken, and you'll receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. Immediately after photography, you'll be able to view your images electronically. At that time, you'll have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. If you bring an item for the food pantry, you will receive a \$5.00 coupon to be used for purchasing additional photographs. For your convenience photographs will be taken at Lord of Life from 2:30 to 9:00 pm on Thursday, September 22nd, from 2:30 – 8:00 pm on Friday, September 23rd, and from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 24th. You can sign up in the narthex on Sundays or, if you prefer, you can make your appointment on-line via our website www.lol-plano.org.

Lutheran World Relief And the East Africa Drought

Towards the first of August I received a 'thank you' note from Rev. John Nunes concerning LOL's gift of \$800 toward their quilt shipping fund. His letter is in our newsletter. An additional plea also came from LWR in that mailing which concerns the drought in East Africa.

Lutheran World Relief has been in partnership with the Lutheran World Federation since 2008 working in these refugee camps. The needs of this region are very great. I've shared this information with our Elders and they suggested that we make this opportunity to help LWR available to you. A flyer entitled "East Africa Drought—Emergency Alert—Updated July 14, 2011" will be placed in our narthex. If you wish to help with some monetary offering, you may either send your gift directly to LWR or give through Lord of Life where it will show up as a donation on your End of year Contribution Statement. If your gift is channeled through LOL, please write "East Africa Drought" on the "Memo" line. —Pastor Lindner

WORKSHOP ON WILLS

Make plans now to attend a one-hour workshop on the importance of having a Will, sponsored by the Endowment Committee. The presentation is Saturday, October 8th beginning at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Susan Whitson Periquet, a lawyer specializing in Family Law in her own practice in Plano, Texas. She will explain the importance of having a will to stipulate your wishes for your estate, designate a guardian for your minor children and provide for beneficiaries upon your death. Saturdays are busy for families, but you can start your day with this one-hour workshop, have breakfast at the same time and take the first step in a plan to make a Will or update the one you have.



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Dear Friends,

Bless those who mourn, for they shall be comforted – Matthew 5:4

Thank you for your gift of \$803.40 to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund.

Your kind support sends gifts of God's love to places like Sierra Leone, where years of war have left most people below the poverty line. The country is so poor, in fact, that hospitals cannot offer bedding to patients. Those who cannot afford bedding sleep on hard metal bed frames.

Because of people like you and the contributions you make to the Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, LWR can send LWR Quilts to Sierra Leone to comfort the sick.

Bishop Thomas J. Barnett of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone explains, "...with the war, everything was devastated. For those that have absolutely nothing we provide them with warmth – we use your Quilts."

With your help, we can send even more of these gifts of compassion around the world. Thank you so much for your support.

To see where LWR Quilts and Kits go, visit our website, lwr.org/beinvolved, today. If you have any questions, we're happy to answer them by phone at 800.597.5972 or e-mail at lwr@lwr.org.

Again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your gift. Your support keeps this ministry going strong!

In Christ's peace,

John A. Nunes
President and CEO

Thank you!



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Bill Bennett
- 2 Ralph Krehmeyer
- 2 Fred & Ruth Bernhardt (44)
- 3 Gail Senter
- 4 John Anderson
- 4 Vera Hemingway
- 5 Bonnie Schmidt
- 5 Paul & Gay Stueckler (57)
- 6 Katelyn Shenkenberg
- 6 Andrew Short
- 6 Dave & Dee Peters (47)
- 9 Judy Polgar
- 9 Mike & Monique Phelan (1)
- 9 Gene & Susan Pittson (48)
- 10 Chris & Deb Dorak (28)
- 11 Stan Brown
- 12 Susan Colles
- 12 Carrie Ziegelbein
- 12 Bob & Carol Nance (41)
- 12 Dick & Vera Hemingway (64)
- 15 Marian Krehmeyer
- 16 Peter Ehrett
- 16 Andrew Short
- 17 Jacob Abel
- 17 Eric Baker
- 17 Ellen Bowen
- 19 John Ehrett
- 21 Angie Buckmeier
- 21 Mike Scaglione
- 21 Blair Stoneham
- 21 Tom & Kymberly Kuebler (21)
- 23 Nora Parrent
- 25 Curtis Jones
- 25 Rick & Malinda Pittson (18)
- 29 Carl Carper
- 29 David Dorak
- 30 Ardis Bang
- 30 Beverly Moudy
- 30 Ruth Landry

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., 9/17 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., 9/24 at 6:30 pm

MOMS' GROUP

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



- Rachel Adcox – 9-30-07
- Michael Beckemeier – 9-24-00
- Ethan Hacker 9-15-02
- Garrett Hacker – 9-15-02
- Ashleigh Stevens – 9-16-07
- Connor Stoneham – 9-14-08

Serving in Worship in September

	September 4		September 11		September 18		September 25	
	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		Schutz		Peters		Womack	
Common Cup					Roberts	Schutz		
Altar	Marty Underwood and Nevelle Vess							
Acolyte	Hacker	Pittson			Crabtree	A Moudy/C Moudy		
Greeter	Martin	Scaglione	Vess	Manning	Sparks	McVicker/Lanning	Ehrett	Gottberg/Mutinita
Reader	Botello	Greer	Senter	McVicker	Thiel	Dolginoff	S. Paradise	Ziegelbein
Sound	Botello	Hite	Wolf	Wolf	Wilkerson	Pittson	Wolf	Hite
Children's Message			Schutz	Peters			Pastor	Pastor
Usher	Parrent Martin	Cruz Gottberg Loewecke	Paradise Frinsko	Dolginoff Kuebler	Nance Klausing	Berger Oltmann McVicker	Schrank Hacker	Buckmeier Crabtree

FINANCIAL REPORT

January- July, 2011

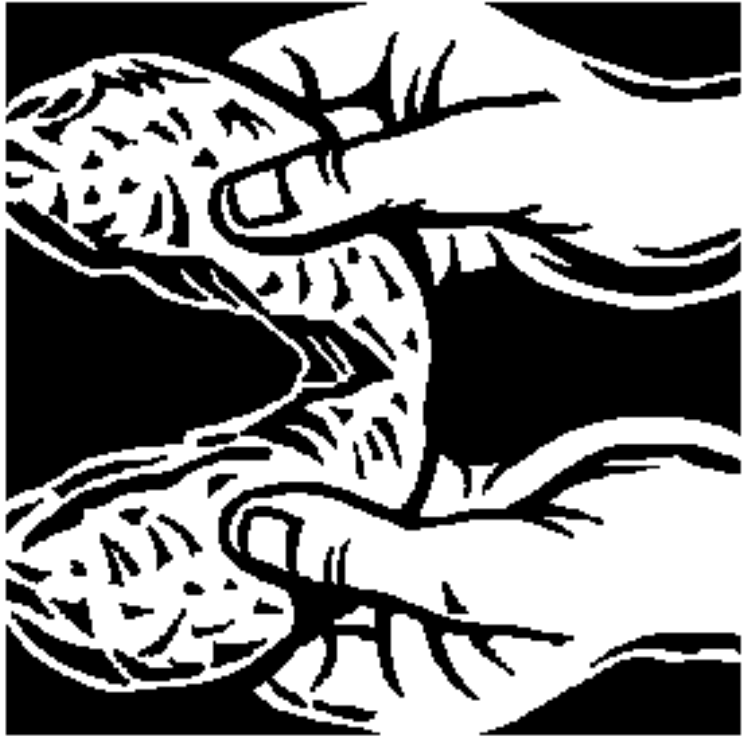
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
RECEIPTS:	Regular Offerings	\$382,338	\$367,516	\$14,822
	Other	\$2,993	\$2,270	\$723
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$385,332	\$369,786	\$15,546
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$363,590	\$373,403	(\$9,813)
	RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$21,742	(\$3,617)	\$25,359

OTHER INFORMATION

1. General Operating Fund Balance	\$66,486
2. Dedicated Funds Balance	\$127,272
3. Building Note Balance	\$1,130,653

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