



OUR MISSION
is to reach people
with the
love
OF JESUS CHRIST

Come and Worship with us this Sunday!

8:00, 9:15 or 11:15 am Eucharistic Worship, staffed nursery provided
10:15am Education Hour
2480 W. Dublin-Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43235-2709
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July 2009

Male Singing: A Novice Opinion ☺

A funny thing happened when we went to worship in San Diego last month. The first Sunday we gathered with the community at Christ Lutheran Church in Mission Beach. It was a genuinely welcoming, vibrant, Lutheran worship experience.

(The following week we worshiped right next door at St. Brigid Roman Catholic Church; equally vibrant and alive, just a different flavor. That day we celebrated the baptism of our grandson, Jacob Egan, and his grafting into the Body of Christ. Joyous)

That first Sunday we were dressed casually. The music was familiar. We felt at home. Coffee and ministry displays were hosted outside after worship. We, of course, accepted their hospitality.

While standing there the organist, accompanied by his partner, excitedly approached and said, *"I was told to look for the big guy in the blue shirt. You can evidently really sing. Would you like to sing in our choir!?"*

That has certainly never happened to me before!! The many talented musicians in our congregation are shouting "amen" to that! I can't read a note of music, have difficulty 'hitting' the notes they play, even when it's a liturgy with which I'm familiar for nearly three decades! **But you give me a song I know, a community around me** (or a shower

head and a good bar of soap ☺) **and I can belt it out with the best of them!**

It hasn't always been that way. I spent most of my adolescence with my hands in my pockets during congregational singing. I felt called to ministry at an early age, but wasn't sure how someone without musical gifts could succeed at parish ministry. At some point I figured out that the pastor isn't the whole church ... and the rest is history. Lord of Life Church is blessed with incredible music of every style and form. I am blessed just to worship with us when we gather. Thank you, to all who lend their gifts in our worship song.

But I *can* sing. And I love to sing ... now. It all began in seminary, which was largely male at the time. Sitting in little Schenk Chapel at Trinity Seminary, I was carried by the singing of my classmates. It was the first time I had ever sung with other men ... where the voices (somewhat) matched mine ... and it was inspirational.

Maybe that's why I'm so emphatic about the Male Bonding Choir.

• It's not just that Albert George Schramm conducts us. That's a gift, for sure, and I've traveled miles just to be with George.

• And it's not just because it's fun, though it definitely is. That's why we call it the "Bonding Choir." Everybody is invited to bring a couple of bottles/cans of whatever it is they will enjoy drinking (beer is the norm) and a few cookies/brownies to share.

It has something to do with the fellowship ... losing a little inhibition ... and knowing that others are discovering the same joy of singing as I am.

So, guys, (I don't mean to leave you out, ladies, but ...) you are invited to sing with the "Every-Now- and-Then Post-Teen Male Bonding Choir!"

**Rehearsal is at Jeff Ramm's house:
4310 Sunbury Road
Galena, OH 43021
Wednesday, July 22, at 7:00pm.**

**We'll sing the next Sunday
9:15 and 11:15 worships
Sunday, July 26.**

Seriously, no experience necessary.

Lord of Life Staff

Jeff Ramm
Congregation Council President

Deanna Caudill, Sandy Lawson
Grow Team

Linda Douce, Pastor Wilson
Experience Team

Karen Hilbert
Office Assistant/Bookkeeper

Sherry Hemmingsen
Pastor Bob Ward
Mission Team

Sandy Lawson
Christian Education Director

Sherry Reis, Pastor Bethany Wallace
Connect Team

Suzanne Rippel, Shannen Rook
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David Robinson, Eric Saupe
Organists

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Pastors

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Schelley Pierce
Jeff Ramm
Jason Rook
Diane Saupe
Rob Underhill

Please let us know when you have an idea for how Christ's love might better be shared with others through our facility, our ministries, and our staff.

Lutheran Social Services Annual Meeting Scheduled *Save the Date* September 20, 2009

Walter Wangerin, Jr., award-winning author and Jochum Chair at Valparaiso University, has worked as a university professor, a radio announcer and a book reviewer, traveled with migrant farm workers and has been pastor of an inner-city church. He has written more than 30 books, including: The Book of God, Saint Julian, and The Book of the Dun Cow, for which he was honored with both the National Book Award and The New York Times Best Children's Book of the Year.

The Lutheran Social Services annual meeting will be held at Peace Lutheran Church (455 Clark State Road, Gahanna OH 43230) with a buffet at 5:30pm, the Annual Meeting at 6:15pm, and Walter Wangerin, Jr. at 7:00pm. Adults \$10, Youth \$5. Meeting delegates receive a free ticket to see Mr. Wangerin. Call LSS (614-228-5200) to purchase your tickets. Space is limited.

Lutheran Social Services Day at the Clippers!

Let's gather for an enjoyable evening at the new Huntington Stadium to benefit LSS programs and services by participating in "LSS Day at the Clippers." LSS Day is Saturday, July 18, 2009. The Clippers will host the Syracuse Chiefs, with the game starting at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$4 each or \$21 for a six-ticket Family Pack.

All tickets must be ordered and paid for in advance; checks should be made payable to "Lutheran Social Services." The cut-off date for ticket sales is Sunday, July 5th. For more information and to buy tickets, please contact Bob Wallace.

2009 Fore Christ! Golf Outing

When: Saturday, July 25

Time: 1:30pm (Shotgun start)

Where: Chapel Hill Golf Course
Mount Vernon, Ohio

Cost: \$75 per player (\$20 dinner only) Includes golf, golf cart, range balls, beverages, and pork chop dinner (fantastic!)

Game: Texas String Scramble

Games: Raffle prizes, closest to the pins, long and short drives, and mulligans (all purchased on the day of the tournament)

Charity: 100% of proceeds will go to the **Food Pantry at Faith**, an outreach ministry of Faith Lutheran Church in Wilmington, Ohio. The greater Wilmington community has been devastated by the economic downturn and this congregation has created a pantry, open two days a week, feeding hundreds, as a witness to Christ's love.

Register: Please write check to "**Fore Christ Outing / Lord of Life Church**" and send to:
Lord of Life Lutheran Church,
attn: Ron Eppley / Fore Christ,
2480 W. Dublin/Granville Road,
Columbus, OH, 43235.

Softball League

We've joined the Northwest Churches Softball League, a well established recreational level slow pitch league that promotes Christian values, outreach to the unchurched, relationship-building, and friendly competition.

Games are played on Sunday afternoons at Fancyburg Park in Upper Arlington on Fishinger Road (between Sunset Dr. and Kioka Ave.). Here's the July schedule:

July 5		no game
July 12	4:30pm	Maple Grove UMC vs. Lord of Life
July 19	3:15pm	Meadow Park Church of God vs. Lord of Life
July 26	2:00pm	Lord of Life vs. Riverside UMC

Experience Ministries

Strive to provide as many people as possible an experience of God's grace through weekly worship and welcome.

Adult Choir
Marylou Schmidt

Alleluia Choir
Pete Dunlap, Gretchen Lively

Cherub Choir
Maggie Lay, Allison Moore, Judy Roberts

Child Care
Christine Witt

Coffee
Art & Nancy Timms

crossCurrent
David Kuhlmann, Jeff Crisafulli

Ministry Scheduling
Lynn Kensinger

**Narthex Experiential Welcoming
Space Design (NEWS)**
Neal Hauschild

Sacristan Team
Linda Douce

Ushers
Allan Zaenger

Wednesday Night Dinners
Dan Parker

Worship Arts Team
Kelly Wiechers, Missie Kendall

Worship Assistants
Linda Douce

Connect Ministries

Strive to connect people to one another, and connect people's gifts to Lord of Life ministries.

Parish Friends

Softball Ministry
Joe Jude

Young Adults Group
Ashley Hard

Mission Ministries

*Strive to empower and equip disciples
for a life-long journey of hands-on
mission.*

Fore Christ Golf
Ron Eppley

Got Church?
Jeff Ramm

Red Cross Blood Drive
Joanne Dafler

Extending the Table of Grace May 21st Dinner Thanks and Next Up: July 16th

To all who provided food and supplies, prepared food, prayed for us, and came to serve: Thanks!! We wanted to share what a lovely evening we had at First English on May 21st. Over 125 guests shared in the meal and fellowship. Volunteers from Lord of Life (17) and visiting volunteers from David Lutheran (4) along with the cast of local help, including Tyree, Janee, Jaylin, Donisty, Heaven, Rashad and others (!) enjoyed setting up, serving, and welcoming. There were tons of kids and great energy. We served beef stew with rice, biscuits/rolls, fresh fruit salad, green salad, and had a vegetarian stew available as well. For dessert, cookies and brownies went fast! Ice cold lemonade and water kept folks cool. Everyone was excited about the new stainless steel hot service bar and serving tables. We had fun sharing pictures with everyone from our last visit and brought copies for them to take, too. Stop by our Mission Table and see the impact God's love is having through outreach. We hope you can help us share in other ministries over the summer. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Peace!
Sherry Hemmingsen,
Mission Team Leader

Dear Pastor Jim,

HE IS RISEN!

Easter Sunday at FELC was a glorious, powerful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, with over 100 worshippers! We had 25 new members join our congregation! And, we celebrated 4 baptisms!

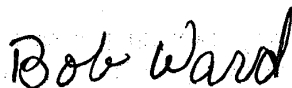
On that *first* Easter Morning, God rolled away the stone from the tomb and the sun rose on a new day. And here at First English, God has rolled away the stone as a new day dawns here too, breathing fresh hope and renewed commitment to making disciples and reaching others with the love of Jesus Christ.

We praise God for **Lord of Life Lutheran** and our partnership together with you! You make these victories possible through your on-going support! With the encouragement of the ELCA and the Southern Ohio Synod, together we are creating a new model for being the "church," a "re-formation" of First English to meet today's needs. With your help, we are redefining the geographical definition of a "congregation." We are discovering what can be done to create respect, acceptance, and participation for all "members" at FELC. And, with you, we are building collaboration — the Body of Christ — for effective ministry in this hungry and hurting world.

On that first Easter Morning, once the stone was rolled away, Jesus' followers were presented with an unknown and challenging path. In spite of the fear and uncertainty, faith led them forward. In this gift-driven ministry, all our partners share in the ownership of this journey. We're not sure yet where the Holy Spirit is leading. But, like the disciples who stepped out in faith, we know that our powerful God, through Jesus Christ, walks with us every step of the way.

Thank You for your generous financial support. And **Thank You** for sharing your time and talents with us. **Thank You** for embracing this congregation and our neighborhood with God's love. And **Thank You** for joining us on this faith journey. We are truly blessed by *your* presence with us.

In Christ,



Pr. Bob Ward

A Mission Right Here at Home

Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio and the Lord of Life Mission Team are partnering together to help meet the needs of Appalachian families served through "A Mission Right Here at Home."

From July 1st through August 16th we will be collecting gently-used furniture, appliances, bedding, cleaning supplies and other household items. Do you have leftover yard or garage sale items? Spring cleaning items that you'd like to find a home for? We'll take 'em! In addition, we'll be collecting gently-used clothing, school backpacks and school supplies.

Please drop off your donations in Room 13A & B, complete a donation form and attach it to your donation. The donation forms will be available on the entry door to room 13A. Following our collection, all items will be picked up by LSS and distributed to Appalachian families in need through their Caldwell distribution center.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Lord of Life Church
July 16, 2009
2:00 - 8:00PM



Revolution 2009

Joyce Meyer Ministries 27th Annual Women's Conference is about believing you can change the world by choosing to *purposely* and *aggressively* help other people. Speakers for the conference all have a heart for outreach and will be sharing inspiring messages about how God is using people like you to reach the poor and the lost around the world.

Joyce Meyer will be joined by guest speakers Pastor Tommy Barnett of Phoenix First in Arizona; Christine Caine of *Equip & Empower Ministries*, Australia; and Pastor Paul Scanlon of Abundant Life Church in England. Weekend worship leaders will be the British Christian band Delirious? and singer/songwriter Israel Houghton.

When: Thurs., 9/17 thru Sat., 9/19
Where: St. Louis, MO
Who: All Lord of Life Women
How: A Road Trip!
Cost: \$60 for the conference, plus a portion of shared hotel/car expenses

If you're interested in laughing, listening, learning and growing while sharing and connecting, contact Kathy Cohen before July 19th!

Change for Good

The LSS Food Pantry uses monetary donations for direct purchase of food from the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. We ask you to place your loose change in the offering plate and we will give the money directly to the pantry. Loose change adds up fast and will make a large difference to those who are hungry.

2009 donations total: \$1,032.48 !

Care & Prayer Ministries

Strive to equip team to facilitate care and prayer within the congregation.

Care & Visitation
Pastor Bethany Wallace

Children's Prayer Workshop
Diane Saupe

ePrayer
Tami Kuhlmann

Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Susan Smith, Pr. Wallace

Mental Illness Support Network
Anne Robinson, Suzanne Robinson

One Another Meals Ministry

Prayer Bear
Ebie Kindsvatter

Prayer Shawl
Sandy Troutman

Have a Prayer Request?

The ePrayer ministry team is ready to lift your prayer requests to God. There are three ways to make a prayer request (any member of the church may do so, you don't have to be part of the ePrayer team):

1. send by email:
ePrayer@lordoflifeluth.org
2. via our website:
www.lordoflifeluth.org click on the link on the "Life at LOL" page

Children's Prayer Workshop Saturday, August 29

One of the core values of Lord of Life Church is that prayer is necessary for our relationship with God, one another, and the world. Research has shown that the concept of prayer can be introduced and understood by children as young as age two. Therefore, we are hosting our second annual Children's Prayer Workshop on Saturday, August 29 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. While the workshop is designed for children ages 2-3, it is open to any young child who would feel comfortable attending.

This brief workshop is an active, fun-filled morning designed for little ones and a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, baptismal sponsor, or neighbor to attend together. Using 4 different prayer stations, children will be exposed to the Lord's Prayer, Bedtime Prayers, Mealtime Prayers and Prayers of Praise.

Because children are given a prayer pillow, several prayer cards to put in the pocket of their pillow and a "Lord's Prayer" coloring book, it is important that each child register in advance so that we have enough supplies on hand.

To register, fill out the information sheet found by the box marked "Children's Prayer Workshop" on the center table in the narthex by August 23.

A BIG Thank You!

Since 2002, Camille Uldricks and Jane Price have served as co-leaders of the One Another Meals Ministry. In order to reach people with the love of Jesus Christ, this ministry team provides meals and visitation to families of Lord of Life in times of extended illness and joy (a new birth). Over 70 meals were provided in 2008 alone. Jane and Camille are now stepping out of this ministry leadership role. We thank them for their outstanding dedication and service to others.

Prayer Partners National Youth Gathering

From July 22 – July 27 fifteen Lord of Life youth and adult leaders will attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The Care and Prayer Team is seeking congregational members to serve as prayer partners specifically for them during this time. Each prayer partner will be assigned to a youth or adult, and will be asked to pray daily for them. In addition, they will either text or leave a voice message of support once or twice during their trip. If you have the spiritual gift of prayer, and would like to offer our youth team prayer support during this time, please let Pastor Bethany know **before July 5, 2009**.

Christian Education

Sandy Lawson, Director

It's finally summer, which is usually a 'down time' for Life Passages – but not this year! We are in the middle of 'SonRock Kids Camp' and having a blast! Each week the campers meet in the Gathering Place at 10:15 am for singing, dancing, Bible stories and crafts. It's not too late to join the other campers if you haven't attended yet - all 3 year olds – 6th graders are invited!!

On **July 5th**, we will *NOT* have regular class, but for those who are in town, we **will** meet to practice our camp songs. We will be singing some of our songs on Aug. 23rd during worship, so come practice on July 5th at 10:15 am.

Our Heifer Project (Lenten service project) was a great success. \$208.75 was collected and sent in to Heifer International to help those in need around the world. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this great cause. And thanks again to Doug Althausser for coordinating this project.

Sunday Video Discussion Vignettes on Forgiveness

Vignettes on forgiveness with discussion and Bible study. The vignettes include: Desmond Tutu, Elie Wiesel, Thich Nhat Hanyh, and Marianne Williamson. We'll meet Sunday mornings, June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19 at 10:15am, in room 202. If you missed the opportunity to view and discuss these videos during Lent, or would like to see them again, please join us.

Sunday Morning Class

Augsburg Bible Study – “**New Creation in Christ**” – This study will explore the new life that God has created and promises to bring to completion through Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17: “*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation ...*” Please join us Sunday mornings at 10:15 in room 217. Frank Rundio leads the study and all are welcome!

Grow Ministries

Strive To help grow a member's faith into discipleship of Christ through bible study, small groups and learning opportunities.

Affirmation of Baptism Courses
Pastor Jim Wilson

C.A.S.T. Groups
Jan Burleigh

Adult Education
Saturday Men's Bible Study
Pete Dunlap

Tuesday P.M. Bible Study
Joanne Dafler

Life Passages (Children's Discipleship)
Sandy Lawson

Mid-Week Small Group

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 1:30-3:00pm, at the church in room 307. The summer bible studies will focus on “Mary: A Woman for all Seasons.” This study was written by Rev. Christa von Zychlin.

New CAST group starting in the Fall for Families with young children

Dates: Flexible (not Tues or Wed)
Babysitting provided (each person donate amount toward babysitter)
Time: 6:00–7:30 pm. Every other week
Will start in August/early fall
Topic: (will decide w/ group input)

July Birthdays

Kyle Rolf	July 3
Bob Scheetz	July 5
Kathy Cohen	July 6
Lauren Harvey	July 7
Sam Kendall	July 7
Bill Sabo	July 9
Wayne Harmon	July 13
Frank Zang	July 13
David Robinson	July 14
Garry Brown	July 14
Amy Lloyd	July 14
Bob Schmidt	July 14
Tia Gamelin	July 14
Ben Caudill	July 15
Scott Lawson	July 15
Meg Thompson	July 15
Hunter Botts	July 16
Kristin Forbes	July 19
Sarah Miller	July 19
Jean Abel	July 20
Missie Kendall	July 20
Chris Malone	July 20
Kolin Hurlbut	July 23
Diane Saupe	July 23
Kate Williams	July 23
Julie Hansell	July 24
Alexander Szoke	July 24
Susan Smith	July 25
Mike Krieger	July 26
Amy Estep	July 27
Sean Durrett	July 29
Bill Bell	July 31
Rob Zahn	July 31

July Anniversaries

Christine & Eric Witt	July 1
Gail & Diane Mutchler	July 3
Jason & Shannen Rook	July 6
Drew & Aimee Krieger	July 7
Dan & Mary Beth Pierce	July 8
Kevin & Sandy Lawson	July 9
Erin & Mark Bruns	July 9
Art & Nancy Timms	July 9
Rob & Mandy Eberly	July 12
Rob & Rochelle Underhill	July 14
Lisa & Nathan Hoening	July 16
Mark & Kathy Nodo	July 16
Sherry & Tom Reis	July 24
Becky & Jeff Kading	July 27
Mike & Lorie Krieger	July 30
Brian & Pam Malcolm	July 30
Michelle & Brad Terry	July 30
Bob & Mary Scheetz	July 31
Amy & Josh Lloyd	July 31
Trish & Aaron Gardner	July 31

LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

“Too many chiefs and not enough Indians.” Too many people in charge and not enough to do the work. Too many leaders and not enough followers. With 78 leaders identified among Lord of Life members, could that be the case?

“Anytime you use your influence to affect the thoughts and actions of others, you are engaging in leadership. So you can be a leader as a parent, spouse, friend, or citizen.” That quote from Ken Blanchard’s book, “The Heart of a Leader,” is worth reading a second time.

According to Blanchard, we have many more than 78 leaders at Lord of Life. The 78 just happen to be leaders of one of the many ministries happening here. Many of us are both leaders and followers, depending on what the particular activity happens to be.

Whether at church, in the home, at work, or among friends, the art and skill of leadership falls inside, not outside, the influence of our Christian faith. In other words, your faith can help you to be a better leader, coach, parent, supervisor, teacher, boss, person in charge.

That’s why, in the days ahead, as the Leadership Support Team picks up steam after the Leaders Workshop on June 27, we hope to be offering support and encouragement not just to leaders of ministries at Lord of Life, but to all members whose discipleship includes “influencing the thoughts and actions of others,” in whatever situation of leadership you find yourself.

Pastor Fred
Leadership Support Team

A Note of Thanks

Dear Members of Lord of Life,

I wanted to take a moment and thank everyone for being so supportive to me the past year and a half as I navigated MIC (Ministry in Context) at Lord of Life. Everyone was supportive and patient as I learned to teach, preach, and lead worship. This congregation gave me a wonderful and positive environment to learn so much about ministry. Although my role as MIC student is now over, my family and I plan to continue to worship at Lord of Life as I continue to work towards my degree at Trinity Seminary. Again thank you all for being so welcoming. I look forward to joining you all in future ministry at Lord of Life.

May you all find peace in the risen Christ,
Sally Padgett

Inside the Numbers:

General Fund Recap – May 2009

	Projected	Actual	Variance	% of Projected
Giving	\$50,854.26	\$54,325.04	\$ 3,470.78	106.8%
Expenses	\$51,701.96	\$50,731.33	\$ (970.63)	98.1%
Change in Cash Balance		\$ 3,593.71		

Month End Cash Balance	\$ 6,955.63
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Year-to-Date

	Projected	Actual	Variance	% of Projected
Giving	\$257,339.36	\$258,119.93	\$ 780.57	100.3%
Expenses	\$254,752.29	\$257,430.95	\$ 2,678.66	101.1%
Change in Cash Balance		\$ 688.98		

May Financial Notes

Your giving continues to be impressive! We remain current on all vendor and member payments and ended the month with a cash balance of just under \$7,000. Thank you all for your faithful support!

And now, the rest of the story . . . May of 2009 had 5 Sundays versus 2008's 4, which certainly allowed us to make up some ground on our budget. However June 2009 has 4 Sundays versus 2008's 5. This could make it difficult for us to keep up with our positive movement made so far this year. June 2008 giving was \$54,561.50, a sizable number. Week 1 for June 2009 giving was \$19,504.32, a very good start for the month. Our challenge is to average \$11,700 each of the next 3 Sundays to meet last years June giving and keep our momentum going. Please keep up your good work!!

God's Peace to All!
Merle

May 2009 Statistics

	Attendance				Total	Giving
	8:30	9:15	11:00			General
May 3	27	94	95	216	\$14,143	
May 10	28	150	91	269	\$13,365	
May 17	28	125	110	263	\$ 6,466	
May 24	28	89	100	217	\$ 7,008	
May 31	31	122	102	255	\$ 8,443	

Administrative Ministries

Strive to steward the resources God has given Lord of Life Church as we cultivate an environment conducive to faithful ministry and spiritual growth.

Endowment Fund

Darin Kendall
Jim Kensinger
Kevin Lawson
Dan Pierce

Landscaping

Jens Hemmingsen

Offering Counters

Merle Douce

Office Support Volunteers

Frank & Bev Rundio

New Address?

Please contact the church office when your address or phone number changes so we can be sure you continue to receive mailings and information. Thank you.

mRoad Leadership

mRoad seeks to empower the youth of Lord of Life with the tools they need to experience and reach others with the Love of Jesus Christ.

Rob & Rochelle Underhill, Team Leaders

mRoad Experience

Christine Griffin

mRoad Grow

Kathy Harrelson

mRoad Mission

Stacie & Jeff Kuss