



Lord of Life
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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
614-889-2292 www.lordoflifeluth.org.

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

November 2009

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To reach people with the love of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

Lord of Life Lutheran Church is a community of Christ where we experience God’s grace, comfort and acceptance through each other. From here, everyone is empowered to share, teach and give what each has received.

OUR VALUES

1. The Gospel calls us to unconditional regard for all people
2. Prayer is necessary for our relationship with God, one another, and the world.
3. Scripture provides the foundation for our lives of faith.
4. The authority for our ministry is founded in Jesus Christ, the head of the Church which is the Body of Christ on earth. An elected Congregation Council provides administrative authority; our called pastor(s) provide the spiritual authority of the Office of Word and Sacrament Ministry.
5. Each member is uniquely gifted by God for ministry and is expected to mature in discipleship of Jesus Christ.
6. Any ministry based on our Mission, Vision and Core Values is valid for our congregation, and may, at any time, evolve or end.

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation
November 15**

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be Sunday, November 15th, at **approximately 12:30pm**. Primary business is to approve a 2010 operating budget, elect someone to the Endowment Fund Committee, appoint the 2010 Nominating Committee, and discuss 2009 ministry. **Child care will be available in the nursery.**

A **potluck dinner** will be shared (bring a dish to share; tableware and drinks provided by our Congregation Council) at **approximately 12:15**, immediately following the 11:15 worship.



Coffee with Council

On Sunday, November 8th, there are two “Coffee with Council” sessions scheduled at 10:15 and 12:15 in the Gathering Place. LOL members are invited to meet and discuss with council any questions or concerns they may have regarding the proposed 2010 budget.

Lord of Life Staff

Jeff Ramm
Congregation Council President

Deanna Caudill, Sandy Lawson
Grow Team

Linda Douce, Pastor Jim Wilson
Experience Team

Mission Team

Karen Hilbert
Office Assistant/Bookkeeper

Sandy Lawson
Christian Education Director

Sonny Randall, Pastor Fred Wiese
Ministry Leader Support Team

Sherry Reis, Pastor Bethany Wallace
Connect Team

Suzanne Rippel, Shannen Rook
Wedding Ceremony Coordinators

David Robinson, Eric Saupe
Organists

Marylou Schmidt
Adult Choir Director

Sue Shough
Office Administrator

Irina Shpil
Nursery Coordinator

Susan Smith, Pastor Wallace
Care & Prayer Team

Bob Troutman
Property Manager

Dr. Jim Wilson, Pr. Bethany Wallace
Pastors

Congregation Council

Joe Jude
Curt Loge
Sarah Palmer
Dan Pierce
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.

Going Green!

December 2009 Monthly Newsletter Will be the Last Sent by Mail

Did you know that you can view our monthly newsletter on the Lord of Life website (www.lordoflifeluth.org)? You can even request to receive an email link when a new issue is posted. On the website home page, scroll down the right hand side to view the options under the "enewsletters" heading.

The post office has recently changed bulk mailing requirements which resulted in increased costs for us. In an effort to be friendlier to our environment and to save significant postage and paper costs, we will stop mailing newsletters via bulk mail after the December 2009 issue.

We ask you to do one of the following tasks at your earliest convenience:

1. Visit the Lord of Life website and subscribe to the newsletter via email as described above. *Thanks to our many readers who have already done this.*
2. Or, if you do not have access to a computer, please call the church office (614-889-2292) to discuss alternate ways to receive the newsletter.

Staffing Development Fund

During the past three years, your council has been intentionally adding paid Ministry Team Leadership positions to our Lord of Life staff. God has been so good to this congregation by providing so many talented and willing leaders to serve. It is partially due to these additional staff positions that Pastor Jim is able to be gone for an extended period of time on sabbatical!

Several years ago, a Staffing Development fund was established to allow us the finances to add new staff positions. Over the past three years, several new paid staff positions have been added and the continuing resolutions of our constitution allow us to transfer monies from that Staffing Development fund to our general fund with the understanding that new positions will be fully incorporated into our general operating budget by the fifth year of a new position's existence.

When the parameters for the Staffing Development fund were put into place, the fund was still receiving periodic contributions. Over the past year, there have been very limited contributions to the fund and therefore a potential "negative balance" will develop before the end of this year. **We are asking that Lord of Life members prayerfully consider any additional giving, above and beyond our operating budget, to the Staffing Development Fund as they are able.** Beginning this month you will find an additional envelope for this fund in your monthly packet.

We praise God for the gifts all leaders bring to us here. God has so richly blessed us!

“Everyone ...

... a Minister, a Saint, Gifted to Serve”

What are my spiritual gifts? And what am I supposed to do with them? Our focus for the coming weeks is for **Everyone** to discover and know their unique spiritual gifts and to commit those gifts for God’s work.

The Spiritual Gifts Discovery Survey has been extremely successful in identifying and understanding our spiritual gifts. If you haven’t completed the survey recently or if you can answer “no” or “I don’t know” to any of the following questions, it’s time to spend a few minutes and complete the survey again.

- Do I remember what my gifts are?
- Are my spiritual gifts known in our church?
- What am I doing with these gifts as a disciple of Jesus?

The survey is being offered in several different forms:

1. Online at our website (www.lordoflifeluth.org)
2. A “computer lab” will be set up in room 312 on Sundays, November 1 and 8 for those who want to take the survey online but do not have computer or internet access.
3. If you have not had the opportunity to complete a survey hard copies are available in the narthex and may be filled out at the church or taken home. Completed surveys may be dropped off at the church office.
4. And finally, the Connect Team will offer a “Discover Your Spiritual Gifts” session on Sunday, November 8, at 10:15am in room 309, for those who want to take the survey “live” with the benefit of assistance and discussion.

Please have all surveys completed by November 8, so we can celebrate our gifts at worship on November 15 and commit to using those gifts to help fulfill our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Young Adults Group

Young Adults Group at the Funny Bone — Enjoy food, drinks, and laughter at The Funny Bone at Easton on Sunday, November 7th, at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$20 and you must RSVP and give money to Ashley Hard by Sunday, November 1.

Young Adults Group Christmas Party — ‘Tis the season for parties! Join the Young Adult’s Group for a Christmas party on Sunday, December 6th at 5:00 at Ashley Hard’s house. Please bring an appetizer/dessert to share and BYOB. We will do a white elephant exchange so please bring a gift under \$5. Children are welcome! Please RSVP by Sunday, November 29th to Ashley Hard.

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, Renie Moore

Child Care
Christine Witt

Coffee
Art & Nancy Timms

crossCurrent
David Kuhlmann, Jeff Crisafulli

Dramatic Ministries
Suzanne Rippel, Alex Raabe

Ministry Scheduling
Lynn Kensingler

**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
Sherry Reis

Softball Ministry
Joe Jude, Ron Young

Young Adults Group
Ashley Hard, Jennifer Armstrong

Mission Ministries

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

FELC Thursday Night Dinners
Joel Frederick, Sherry Hemmingsen

Fore Christ Golf
Ron Eppley

Got Church?
Eric Witt

Red Cross Blood Drive
Joanne Dafler

Website
John Kalis

Planning Ahead For Easter Outreach

The Mission Team is searching for a coordinator for next year's Easter Outreach Egg Hunt and Carnival, which will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2010. Easter Outreach is a big family event every year, and in 2009 more than 100 children and their families enjoyed the fun! We've been blessed with talented coordinators whose experience and foresight guided them to develop a planning packet for future coordinators. The Easter Outreach planning packet provides new coordinators with everything they'll need to know and do to successfully coordinate the event. Please contact Schelley Pierce or any Mission Team member if you'd like to share your gifts of leadership and hospitality to help make Easter Outreach in 2010 eggs-cellent fun for everyone!



Red Cross Blood Drive
Lord of Life Church
Thursday, November 19
2:00 - 8:00PM



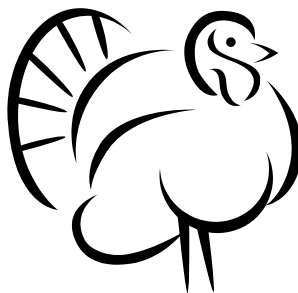
Table of Grace ... Indeed !!!



WOW!! What an amazing evening! More than 200 guests poured in from the east side community around First English Lutheran Church on September 17th to enjoy a fabulous dinner and wonderful fellowship. Fried chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, a variety of salads, a lovely sheet cake (with happy birthday and best wishes for a great year to the kids) and lots of other sweets ... a delicious feast for all! LOL youth, leaders, and parents from mRoad joined in to help serve, and got to see and experience first hand how the love of God being shared was truly the main course of this meal.

We next serve at the FELC Table of Grace on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th and look forward to your support. You can imagine that even though we keep the meals to close to \$2.25-\$2.50 per person, as we exceed 200 guests, we really do need your support ... in prayers *and* contributions: food, funding and time! Thanks so much for helping us to reach beyond our walls here at LOL and into our community. Please join us in November and experience what God is doing at FELC! Sign up on the clipboard at the Mission Team table in the narthex or contact Sherry Hemmingsen.

MISSION: TURKEYS !



Our mission is turkeys! Many, many turkeys! Our third annual turkey collection will benefit Holy Family Soup Kitchen. Please bring your frozen turkeys to the specially marked Turkey Van in the LOL parking lot on **Sunday, November 22nd from 8 am to 12 noon.** Turkeys will be used during the coming months in the soup kitchen and also distributed to families in our community for Thanksgiving dinner. In years past, we've collected 50 – 70 turkeys on Turkey Sundays. With the needs of our neighbors greater than ever, our goal this year is to collect more than 100 turkeys! **Make turkeys your mission on Sunday, November 22nd!**

CHRISTMAS COMPASSION



Mark your calendars now! **Christmas Compassion**, a family Christmas caroling event to cheer those in need will be held on **Sunday, December 12th**! Look for more details in weekly readers and on the LOL website beginning in mid-November!

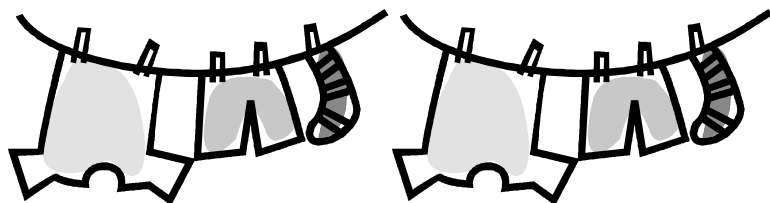
Bowl to Help

Bowl to Help, benefiting the Helping Hands Health & Wellness Center is planned for **Sunday, December 6th**. Helping Hands is looking for teams of four to bowl from **1 – 4pm at the Columbus Bowling Palace**. The afternoon will include bowling, food, a great raffle and a special t-shirt. Don't bowl? No problem! You can also help by sponsoring bowlers!

The Helping Hands Health & Wellness Center, a ministry of Ascension Lutheran Church and a collation of 40 churches, serves the uninsured poor of Central Ohio by providing outstanding medical care and services.



Registration forms are on the Mission table in the narthex. More information about **Bowl for Help**, and the great ministry Helping Hands provides, can be found on their website, www.helpinghandsfreeclinic.wetpaint.com.



UNDIE SUNDAYS UPDATE

During Undie Sundays in July and August, LOL members contributed socks, underwear & toiletries that the Mission team made into care packages for the men and women attending FELC Sunday morning breakfasts. Your generosity was overwhelming! Over 305 pairs of underwear were collected, as well as lots and lots of socks and toiletries! *With your help, we were able to deliver over 100 care packages to those attending the FELC breakfast on September 20th*. Stay tuned for more information on our next Undie Sundays ... coming up in January!



Change for Good

So far this year, more than \$1,700 in loose change has been collected during LOL's Sunday offerings, and donated to the LSS Food Pantry to purchase food for our hungry neighbors.

With our change, LSS has purchased an amazing amount of food at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank! Just how amazing? Take a look at the purchasing power of \$1,700!

20,000 pounds of fresh meat *or*
6,944 cans of soup *or*
20,870 18-oz jars of peanut butter *or*
19,200 cans of spaghetti sauce *or*
44,138 cans of green beans *or*
38,400 cans of applesauce *or*
17,143 boxes of macaroni & cheese
or 17,177 boxes of cereal

Thank you for your continuing compassion in fighting hunger here in central Ohio!



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
Sandy Lawson

C.A.S.T. Groups
Jan Burleigh

Adult Education
Augsburg Bible Study
Frank Rundio

Tuesday P.M. Bible Study
Joanne Dafler

Life Passages (Children's Discipleship)
Sandy Lawson

Stewardship
Brad Signet

Sunday Morning Class

Augsburg Bible Study – “Call Sealed with Promise” — This study deals with important themes of the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. We'll explore how these themes shape our understanding of the character of God and of Israel. We'll explore how the theology flows throughout the biblical tradition into the New Testament. Join us Sundays, 10:15am, rm 217. Frank Rundio leads the study. All are welcome!

Mid-Week Small Group

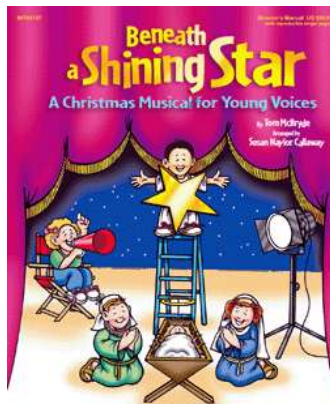
Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study Group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 1:30-3:00pm, at the church in room 307. This year's study, “To God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans,” is our topic through May. The study is written by Rev. Sarah Henrich, who is associate professor of New Testament at Lutheran Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. Come join us in this exciting new Bible study!

LESSON & LATTE

Bring your coffee and join us for **Lesson & Latte on Sundays at 10:15 in Room 202.** Lesson & Latte is open to everyone and offers an opportunity for study and sharing focused on today's Christian life.



Sandy Lawson, Director



It's November which means we are already practicing for our Christmas Program this year. “Beneath a Shining Star” will be on **Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 pm** here at Lord of Life. All children ages 3 years – 6th grade are encouraged to be a part of this special Christmas Celebration. Practice for the program will be on **Wednesdays in November from 6:15 – 6:45 pm.** We will also practice **Sunday mornings on November 1st, 8th, 15th (NOT the 22nd or 29th) and December 6th, 13th and 20th.** Dress rehearsal for the program will be **Wednesday,**

December 16th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed to make scenery for the program and to organize a reception for after the program. If you can help in either of these two areas, please let Marylou Schmidt or Sandy Lawson know.

We will also be going to Worthington Christian Village to sing the songs from the program on **Sunday, November 22nd at 2:00 pm.** Please have your child at the Village by 1:30 pm (more details to follow later).

Our Sunday Life Passages classes continue each week at 10:15 am. On **Sunday, Nov. 1st** we will celebrate November Birthdays at the *Group Opening.* Don't forget your coins for the church bank if you have a November Birthday.

Just a reminder that there will be NO Life Passages on Sunday, November 29th due to the Thanksgiving Weekend.

Thank You Animal Lovers!



The Care and Prayer Team Ministry called all animal lovers at Lord of Life ... and on October 4, you came running with generous donations of pet food, treats, toys, cat litter, sheets and towels! St. Francis of Assisi would be more than proud of his brothers and sisters at Lord of Life Lutheran. My heart was filled with thanks and praise as the donations kept pouring in! We took 636 lbs of dog food, 138 lbs of cat food, treats, toys, and bags upon bags of sheets and towels

to the Franklin County Dog Shelter. (They were in desperate needs of sheets and towels). Most of the cat food went to Colony Cats Rescue (www.colonycats.org) which works directly with Franklin County Dog Shelter.

A big thank you goes to Jeff Ramm and Neal Hauschild for allowing us to borrow and completely fill the back of their Dodge Ram pick up truck with the donations. Also, thanks to Linda Douce for driving the big truck to the shelter — no small task. To Pastor Bethany and Pastor Jim for having faith in us and this important mission. Lastly, to all of YOU who made this mission a success! Thank you so very much!

If you have room in your home or heart to adopt an animal, please check out:

<http://www.columbusdogconnection.com/availnow.htm>

Not to hurt our humble brethren (the animals) is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission: to be of service to them whenever they require it. — St. Francis of Assisi

God's Peace
Shawnda Thompson

Cookies for Sale!

Cookie dough, flavored popcorn, lava-licious fudge cakes, and bundt cakes are back! We are selling these delicious products again this year in support of **Lutherans Concerned - Central Ohio**, an ELCA recognized ministry supporting the inclusion of GLBT persons in the Church.



See Jeff Ramm, Neal Hauschild, or Linda Douce on Sunday Mornings, or Sue Shough in our office during the week to place your order. Cookie tubs (which may be frozen) make 4 dozen cookies. Fudge cakes are in packages of 6 and have a liquid fudge center that melts when micro-waved. Popcorn, depending on the flavor, comes in gallon or half-gallon tubs. Cookie dough, popcorn and fudge cakes are priced at \$9 per item. Bundt cakes serve 24+ people and are priced at \$25 each. Cakes are available in 9 flavors and may be refrigerated for three weeks or frozen for up to six months.

Money is needed at the time of your order and **order deadline is Nov. 15**. Products will be delivered to the church for you to **pickup on December 6**.

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, Karen White

ePrayer
Tami Kuhlmann, Leslie Kuhlmann

Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Susan Smith, Pr. Wallace

Mental Illness Support Network
Anne Robinson, Suzanne Robinson

One Another Meals Ministry
Kathi Brown, Shawnda Thompson

Prayer Bear
Ebie, John & Angela Kindsvatter

Prayer Partner
Pr. Wallace, Susan Smith

Prayer Shawl
Sandy Troutman, Kathy Zaenger

Have a Prayer Request?

The ePrayer ministry team is ready to lift your prayer requests to God. There are two 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



November Birthdays

Dan Borchert	Nov 2
Maegan Kuhlmann	Nov 2
Amanda Eberly	Nov 3
Liam Pierce	Nov 3
Lauren Caudill	Nov 5
Marsha Briggs	Nov 7
Tracy Francis	Nov 7
Janet Hoffman	Nov 7
Delaney Woods	Nov 7
Regina Mutchler	Nov 9
Paul Westrick	Nov 9
Katie Anderson	Nov 12
Neal Hauschild	Nov 12
Drew Dowler	Nov 13
Terry Long	Nov 15
Gwynne Shepherd	Nov 16
Lowell Dowler	Nov 16
Roger Olson	Nov 16
Tate Rook	Nov 16
Bill Birlidis	Nov 17
Mallory Long	Nov 18
Daniel Forbes	Nov 19
Michael Miller	Nov 19
Jennifer Hicks	Nov 22
Schellee Pierce	Nov 22
Sarah Ratcliff	Nov 22
Sherry Harvey	Nov 23
Joanne Dafler	Nov 25
Megan Dowler	Nov 26
Mary Mowery	Nov 26
Jeff Kuss	Nov 28
Lorie Krieger	Nov 30

Anniversaries

Ben & Deanna Caudill	Nov 11
Renie & Bob Moore	Nov 14
Peter & Beth Von Blon	Nov 17
Kathy & Rod Harrelson	Nov 18
Scott & Kris Hinz	Nov 18
Justin & Jenny Lee	Nov 27
Todd & Sharon Rolf	Nov 28



From Lutheran World Relief ...

Disasters and devastation in Philippines and Indonesia — LWR Responds
Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is responding to several major disasters that have wreaked havoc in Asia, destroying communities and leaving scores of casualties with many more people lacking shelter, food, or medical care.

In late September, Typhoon Ketsana slammed the Philippines, leaving hundreds dead and driving thousands more from their homes. In less than 24 hours, the storm brought a month's worth of rain to the capital city of Manila, washing away homes and crops.

"Our partners tell us that the typhoon hit the island of Luzon so fast that residents were unprepared for it and had to seek refuge on their roofs," says Joanne Fairley, LWR's Director for Asia and the Middle East. Recent reports put the death toll around 300, with 700,000 people displaced. On October 3, a second typhoon, named Parma, struck, causing more flooding, claiming 17 more lives, and leaving a large portion of the northern Philippines without electricity. The two storms have caused significant damage to the agricultural infrastructure of the Philippines with officials predicting shortages of rice and other essential crops in 2010.

On Wednesday, September 30, a 7.6 magnitude earthquake struck West Sumatra in Indonesia, toppling buildings and destroying homes and roads. The next day a 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck, causing more destruction and widespread panic but no additional casualties. Most recent reports put the death toll at over 700 people with 1,000 still missing. The total number of deaths may not be known for some time as efforts have shifted to focus on delivering aid to the survivors, many of whom are now homeless.

"Many have tried to seek refuge in places of worship but now even they are full and some are simply living outside their destroyed homes," adds Fairley.

Lutheran World Relief is responding to these crises by working directly with partners on the ground and through its membership in the Action by Churches Together (ACT) International global aid alliance. In the Philippines, LWR is working with partners, including the Lutheran Church of the Philippines, to distribute food and supplies to 17,000 families in and around Manila.

In Indonesia, LWR is also working with local partners to deliver food and supplies and will also provide psychological support to people who have been traumatized by the disasters.

Lutheran World Relief needs to raise \$300,000 to mount a full response to these disasters. LWR is accepting donations for the "Asia Disasters" fund online at lwr.org, by phone at 800-LWR-LWR-2 or by mail at PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21298-9832.

Inside the Numbers:

General Fund Recap – September 2009

	Projected	Actual	Variance	% of Projected
Giving	\$ 51,441.44	\$ 45,170.23	\$ (6,271.21)	87.8%
Expenses	\$ 52,213.45	\$ 50,969.07	\$ (2,144.38)	95.5%
Change in Cash Balance		\$ (4,898.84)		

General Fund Cash Balance	\$ (5,655.48)
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Year-to-Date

	Projected	Actual	Variance	% of Projected
Giving	\$459,328.94	\$447,407.42	\$ (11,921.52)	97.4%
Expenses	\$465,242.79	\$453,232.13	\$ (12,010.66)	97.4%
Change in Cash Balance		\$ (5,824.71)		

September 2009 Statistics

Attendance

	Attendance				Giving	
	8:30	9:15	11:00	Total	General	
Sept. 6	26	103	78	207	\$ 15,950	
Sept. 13	21	128	100	249	\$ 8,533	
Sept. 20	28	134	118	280	\$ 7,922	
Sept. 27	22	108	169	299	\$ 8,041	

Giving

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 Kensing
Kevin Lawson
Dan Pierce

Landscaping

Jens Hemmingsen

Offering Counters

Merle Douce

Office Support Volunteers

Frank & Bev Rundo



Please notify the church office when your home address, email address or phone number changes so we can be sure you continue to receive 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

Scott Flading