



**Lord of Life**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

10:15am Education Hour  
2480 W. Dublin-Granville Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43235-2709  
614-889-2292 [www.lordoflifeluth.org](http://www.lordoflifeluth.org).

**Come and Worship with us this Sunday!**  
8:00, 9:15 or 11:15 am Eucharistic Worship, staffed nursery provided

**OUR MISSION**  
**Is to reach people**  
**with the**  
**love**  
**OF JESUS CHRIST**

August 2009

## Thinking About 'the Future' ...

The future can fill us with fear. Even knowing the holy history of God's goodness, the uncertainty of the future often incites anxiety. August in particular, a month of looking forward, can be stressful.

- Squeezing the last days of summer vacation to enjoy the last drops of family freedom can be challenging. Back to school, whether locally or collegiate, requires planning. New classmates, teachers, teams. School clothes, supplies ... finances.
- A new academic year begins at the church as well this fall. Newly visioned ministries, as well as those on summer siesta, sometimes awaken with a panicked start this month. Our office has grown accustomed to the "end of summer surge." (*You can help us by planning ahead!*)
- You've granted me sabbatical from October through January. Thank you. I'm looking forward to a time of Sabbath rest and renewal. But before I get there, there's a significant amount of planning, both personal and pastoral. Much has been accomplished already, but think of the last minute surge that happens before one goes on vacation, and then multiply it.

- Our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) meets in its National Biennial Assembly in Minneapolis this coming month. Several of our members and I will attend as observers. The Task Force on Human Sexuality has recognized that, based on tradition and solid biblical study, differing perspectives on homosexuality exist in this church. A formal recommendation has been brought forward to respect the "bound consciences" of all our members. Should the recommendation pass, de facto, same-gender, public covenanted relationships will be recognized. Fear abounds on this subject, some of which is hyped and cultivated for less than holy aim.

- Now add in your personal anxieties about the future ... the economy, your health, family relationships ... and it's amazing we don't just drown in fear, isn't it?

### ... good thoughts!

Each week we profess "*He will come again to judge the living and the dead!*" That's the ultimate security program! Nothing assuages my fear ... about anything ... like the knowledge that Christ Jesus is the judge of all. Not the Bible, not the tradition of the Church, not temporal authority

or cultural Pharisee ... Jesus will judge! In June, ELCA presiding bishop Mark S. Hanson, led a Bible study with delegates at ELCIC (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada) assembly. It was based on John 20:19-23 and titled "Living at the Intersection of Fear and Hope." He noted that after the resurrection, the disciples are hiding in fear, But Jesus arrives and says, "*Peace be with you.*" Bishop Hanson said that unfortunately the church is "*often fearful as the disciples were. We can withdraw and become possessive, distrustful, and anti-neighborly. It can distort itself into a fortress, a military outpost, a retreat center called 'nostalgia' or a competitor in a consumer market.*"

Bishop Hanson suggested that we "*go with the flow ... of the Spirit poured out.*" He quoted Acts 1:8, "*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.*" Instead of giving in to these pessimistic world views ... and living in fear ... he encouraged the church to adopt a "hermeneutic of joy." "*I don't know if the world is particularly interested in our internal conflicts.*" he said. "*I think it would be powerful witness if we learned to engage in respectful discussion ... that in our differences ... we come together in joy.*"

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## Lord of Life Staff

Jeff Ramm  
Congregation Council President

Deanna Caudill, Sandy Lawson  
Grow Team

Linda Douce, Pastor Wilson  
Experience Team

Sherry Hemmingsen  
Pastor Bob Ward  
Mission Team

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Connect Team

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Care & Prayer Team

Bob Troutman  
Property Manager

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Pastors

## Congregation Council

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Schelley Pierce  
Jeff Ramm  
Jason Rook  
Diane Saupe  
Rob Underhill

One mark of the community we share at Lord of Life Church is that we do *“come together in joy.”* It is a key to the growth we are experiencing. We’re trying to love like Jesus loved ... to practice extravagant grace, radical inclusion, relentless compassion ... because we know that the future is secure in Jesus ... so bright we gotta wear shades.



**May God turn your fears to faith this month ... all worries into hope ... anxiety into trust!** May we all learn to “go with the flow” of the Holy Spirit.

*Pastor Jim*



## Upgraded: Website 3.0

Our mission of reaching people with the love of Jesus Christ extends to the Internet too. With that in mind, the Lord of Life website has recently received a major upgrade to version 3.0, with the goal of facilitating outreach by utilizing the most up-to-date technology available, inviting people into a Christ-centered community.

A variety of gifts will be needed to make this ministry a continued success, namely people with an understanding of the culture of our congregation and gifts of communication to shape an online picture of Lord of Life that expresses our community. Maybe this means you are a writer, photographer, or graphic designer... or, yes, even the tech geek who gets a thrill out of debugging PHP code. If you are interested in joining this ministry, contact John Kalis.

Sincere thanks go out to the entire version 2.0 website team, especially Chris Lay, who arranged hosting and support for the website from January 2008-June 2009. The important innovations of version 2.0 laid the groundwork for continued expansion in the new version 3.0.

These upgrades are being funded through generous donations of time and labor, as well as the technology fund of Lord of Life Church. **Your gifts to the technology fund will greatly assist in keeping this evangelism and communication tool effective.**



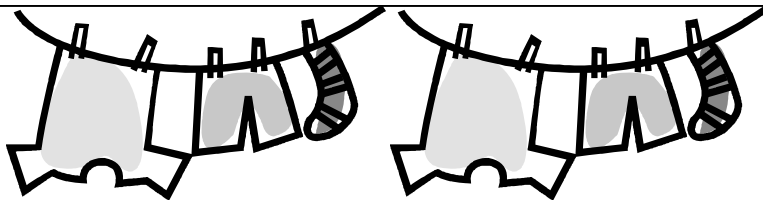
## A Mission Right Here at Home

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 1<sup>st</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you'd like more information or have questions, please contact LOL member Kathy Cohen.



## UNDIE SUNDAYS

The Mission Team is collecting items to be made into care packages for the men and women who attend the Sunday Morning Breakfasts at First English Lutheran Church. The items for the packages include: socks, underwear, travel shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc. The packages will be delivered Sunday, August 23rd; so ***please place donations in the hamper in the narthex by Sunday, August 16th.***



## EVER WONDER ....

why poor people have big screen TV's?

whether it's true that if people just went to work they wouldn't be poor?

## FIND OUT!

Hidden Rules of Class  
Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
10:15 - 12 noon  
Room 202

## 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

## 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

## 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

## ELCA Central Ohio Conference Prayer Service & Potluck Dessert

August 16 — 3-5:30pm

Ascension Lutheran Church  
1479 Morse Road

You are invited by the ELCA Central Ohio Conference to participate in prayers for the work of the ELCA Church Wide Assembly and for our sisters and brothers who will represent the Central Ohio Conference at the assembly.

The conference will add to the 50 days of prayer requested by Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson.

Please contact Central Ohio Conference President, Pastor Orinda Brinkley to register your attendance and potluck dessert intention.

## 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

## 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 understood by children as young as age two. 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 2-4, 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 table in the narthex by Aug. 23.



## 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](mailto:ePrayer@lordoflifeluth.org)
2. via our website: [www.lordoflifeluth.org](http://www.lordoflifeluth.org) click on the link on the "Life at LOL" page

## Young Adults Group

**Wine Festival** — Join the Young Adult's Group for the Columbus Wine Festival at the Franklin Park Conservatory on Saturday, August 8, from 4-8:00pm. Enjoy wine tasting, Festival Program, food and wine demonstrations and musical entertainment. If you are interested, please contact Ashley.

**Gallery Hop** — Visit the Short North with the Young Adult's Group for the Gallery Hop on Saturday, September 5th from 7-10. We will meet at the church parking lot and drive down together. If you are interested in going, please RSVP to Ashley Hard.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*Sandy Lawson, Director*

Here it is August already and our last day of SonRock Kids Camp will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>. On that day we'll be singing some of our camp songs for the congregation. We're having a great time during camp learning new songs and Bible stories, playing games and making crafts. If you haven't had a chance to attend one of our camp sessions, it's not too late. We would love to see all kids, ages 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, every Sunday at 10:15 am!

Plans are already underway for Life Passages this fall. Rally Day will be **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. We will be using a new curriculum this year called *Spark*. The Bible serves as the key learner resource with this curriculum and is the cornerstone of each lesson. Every week the children will open their Bibles and engage with God's Word in each and every lesson.

All children will have a Bible that goes along with the curriculum. The *Spark Story Bible* is for children ages 3 years – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and uses creative language for reading aloud and wonderful pictures and text that's easy to understand. The *Spark Bible* is designed for kids in grades 3 – 6. This Bible includes wonderful insights to the stories in the Bible and includes stickers that help kids think about the text in a personal way by highlighting questions or statements.

With Rally Day right around the corner, I have already begun recruiting teachers for the coming year. If I have not contacted you yet and you would like to teach or be on the sub list, please let me know!

Just a reminder that **August 30<sup>th</sup>** and **September 6<sup>th</sup>** there will be **NO** Life Passages. But, mark your calendars for **September 13<sup>th</sup>** as we begin another wonderful year together!



**EXPLORING**  
LORD OF LIFE.

## Interested in Membership?

"Exploring Lord of Life Church" begins Sunday, September 13, 2009. It's our membership course ... but it's really about discovery; exploring why this church exists and whether God is calling you to join us on the journey of discipleship! It's led by a team of ministry leaders at LOL and designed for dialogue. No commitment or knowledge is necessary to attend.

## Sunday Morning Class

**Augsburg Bible Study – "All 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!

## 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

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)  
**Contact:** Jim and Jenise Harmon

## 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. Contact Joanne Dafler for additional information.

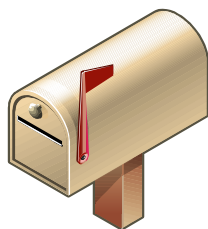


## August Birthdays

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Becky Burchett      | August 3  |
| Rachel Neiger       | August 3  |
| Bob Troutman        | August 5  |
| Morgan Prachar      | August 5  |
| Bill Pierce         | August 6  |
| Dan Pierce          | August 7  |
| Luke Pierce         | August 7  |
| Zac Herr            | August 9  |
| Jennifer Howard     | August 10 |
| Gretchen Lively     | August 10 |
| John Woods          | August 10 |
| Suzanne Rippel      | August 11 |
| Amelia Loge         | August 12 |
| Christine Griffin   | August 13 |
| Fred Schlupe        | August 15 |
| Jean Szabo          | August 15 |
| Lisa Hoening        | August 15 |
| Lucy Crisafulli     | August 15 |
| Emma Thompson       | August 16 |
| Alex Szoke          | August 17 |
| Emily Von Blon      | August 19 |
| Annabelle Wiese     | August 19 |
| Todd Finneran       | August 21 |
| Bill Roberts        | August 21 |
| Becky Neiger        | August 21 |
| Kelly Wiechers      | August 22 |
| Deanna Caudill      | August 22 |
| Bryce Caudill       | August 22 |
| Sherry Reis         | August 23 |
| Jody Schuld         | August 24 |
| Sam Bates           | August 25 |
| Camille Uldricks    | August 25 |
| Dick Gudesen        | August 26 |
| Judy Bell           | August 26 |
| Jacob Self          | August 26 |
| Aidan Harmon        | August 26 |
| Michael Althaus     | August 27 |
| Brennan Williams    | August 27 |
| Mallory Katz        | August 28 |
| Dick Abel           | August 29 |
| Helen Westinghouse  | August 29 |
| Gary Elliott        | August 30 |
| Chip Herr           | August 30 |
| Lynette Van Arsdale | August 30 |
| Gail Mutchler       | August 31 |
| Claudia Plumley     | August 31 |
| Keigan Thompson     | August 31 |
| Mira Woods          | August 31 |

## August Anniversaries

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Eric & Diane Saupe         | August 1  |
| Heather & Jud VanSyckle    | August 3  |
| Dan & Melissa Parker       | August 5  |
| Brian & Katie Anderson     | August 7  |
| Jacob & Kelly Wilson       | August 7  |
| Jay & Tia Gamelin          | August 10 |
| Randy & Sandy Miller       | August 14 |
| Sean & Michelle Durrett    | August 17 |
| Tom & Sherry Harvey        | August 19 |
| David & Anne Robinson      | August 22 |
| Gary Katz & Leslie Mihalov | August 22 |
| Chip & Vicki Herr          | August 24 |
| Jens & Sherry Hemmingsen   | August 24 |
| Bill & Jan Hoffman         | August 24 |
| Shawnda & Billy Thompson   | August 25 |
| Bob & Jane Price           | August 28 |
| Joe & Catherine Turcer     | August 29 |



## In the Mail

*Editor's Note: The following note is from an Alcoholics Anonymous group that used our building for a special workshop.*

Pastor Wilson,

We are writing to thank you and your congregation for the use of space at the church during the months of May and June 2009. We have completed our workshop and are very thankful to have had the opportunity to meet at the church. Enclosed is a donation we have collected to express our thanks for the use of the church. Your willingness to extend your helping hand in our spiritual growth is truly a blessing from God. May God bless you and keep you in his service.

*Editor's Note: The children in the Life Passages Ministry raised nearly \$200 for Heifer International as a service project.*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind support of Heifer International. Your gift provides the foundation for a better future for those in need through increased nutritional and educational measures that will last a lifetime.

It is no exaggeration to say that your support and kindness make our work possible. Entire communities are transformed by Passing on the Gift, a time honored cornerstone that makes Heifer's work so unique.

Thank you once again for being Heifer International's partner for a better world — one family at a time. Together we can end hunger while caring for the Earth!

Jo Luck, President and CEO  
Heifer International

## Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Economic & Investment Update

Tuesday, August 11, 6:30pm

**Berwick Manor — 3250 Refugee Road — Columbus, OH 43232**

Are you looking to renew your investing confidence? Join us and learn about important strategies for coping with changing economic conditions, key economic factors that affect financial markets, and ways to put the market into perspective.

This event is free and dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by calling (614) 396-4137 by Friday, July 31.

*Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a faith-based,  
non-profit financial services organization.*

## Inside the Numbers:

### General Fund Recap – June 2009

|                        | Projected    | Actual        | Variance      | % of Projected |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Giving                 | \$ 49,341.08 | \$ 42,184.05  | \$ (7,157.03) | 85.5%          |
| Expenses               | \$ 52,836.52 | \$ 49,848.83  | \$ (2,987.69) | 94.3%          |
| Change in Cash Balance |              | \$ (7,664.78) |               |                |

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| General Fund Cash Balance | \$ (1,096.66) |
|---------------------------|---------------|

### Year-to-Date

|                        | Projected     | Actual        | Variance      | % of Projected |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Giving                 | \$ 306,680.44 | \$ 300,303.98 | \$ (6,376.46) | 97.9%          |
| Expenses               | \$ 307,588.80 | \$ 307,279.78 | \$ ( 309.02)  | 99.9%          |
| Change in Cash Balance |               | \$ (6,975.80) |               |                |

### June 2009 Statistics Attendance

|         | Attendance |      |       |       | Giving    |  |
|---------|------------|------|-------|-------|-----------|--|
|         | 8:30       | 9:15 | 11:00 | Total | General   |  |
| June 7  | 31         | 125  | 117   | 273   | \$ 16,499 |  |
| June 14 | 31         | 102  | 83    | 216   | \$ 6,839  |  |
| June 21 | 31         | 74   | 75    | 180   | \$ 6,924  |  |
| June 28 | 22         | 76   | 92    | 190   | \$ 7,051  |  |

### Leader Support Team Make-up Date Set

Leaders who were unable to make the recent workshop in June are invited to attend the make-up session on Sunday morning, August 23. It will be scheduled to allow for worship attendance at either the 8:00 or 11:15 worship. Questions? Contact Pastor Fred Wiese.

## 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



Please notify 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