

October

LIFELINES

This newsletter is published to facilitate communication within our Lord of Life family and to keep in touch with our friends.

Witness – Mercy – Life Together

A weekly sermon series based on our new “Witness, Mercy, Life Together” theme continues. The Sunday Adult Bible Class is being coordinated with the series. Several of the small group during the week Bible classes are also studying the theme. To see more about “Witness, Mercy, Life Together” and how our congregation’s mission, vision, and values interface with the theme, go to our web site, click on “About Us” and navigate to “the fuller explanation of our mission, vision, and values based on the Witness, Mercy, Life Together theme.”



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“HAVE TO” vs. “GET TO”

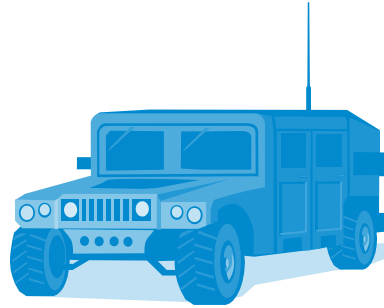
Christian stewardship is the **free and joyous activity** of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes. Many people may argue that Christian stewardship is more about following laws, rules and instructions than it is about **free and joyous activity**.

Historically, believing and living as Christians has also been more about laws, rules and instructions than it has been about a **free and joyous way of living**. On October 31 we will join with Christians around the world in celebrating the 494th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. In the years leading up to the reformation some serious false teachings had crept into the basics of the Christian life and faith so that people felt like they were **slaves** to all kinds of rules and regulations. Christianity was not very **free and joyous**. The good news of being saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our salvation, was in danger of being hidden from God’s people. Jesus died so that we might have life and have it abundantly and joyfully. One of the key passages that opened Martin Luther’s eyes to the true way of salvation was, of all things, from an Old Testament book. He found it in Habakkuk 2:4a: *“The just [righteous] shall live by faith!” [NIV]*

This discovery led to a new and refreshing way to look at the contents of the Bible. It is easy to find all kinds of laws, rules and commandments and get the idea that if you want to be right with God you must obey all of these laws, rules and commandments. The problem is that because of our sinful natures we are not able to keep all these laws, rules and commandments and are pretty much left with the options of either trying harder or giving up. Neither of these options leads to a life that is **free and joyous**.

The Bible contains all kinds of laws, rules and instructions for our Christian living, but these laws, rules and instructions are not written for the purpose of saving us. Rather, they drive us to the good news of salvation through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Forgiveness of our sins frees us from past failures and opens up a new way of living. *“Don’t you know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” [Romans 6:3-4 NIV]*

Through Christ we are freed from *“have to living”* to move toward *“get to living .”* What a refreshing freedom for us to live godly lives not in order to be saved, but because we have been saved. *Truly, God’s redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.”*



Military Project

We are currently supporting one soldier, Chris Osborne (Sharon Koch’s son-in-law). He has been in Afghanistan for a few months and is doing fine but missing his family.

I have been sending him a package each month. Our supplies of goodies have been depleted, so we are once again collecting the following items. Since he is on the move a lot, he would appreciate small to medium sized bottles.

Hand sanitizer, shampoo, body wash, foot powder, nuts, snacks and cookies, gum, hard candy. And he LOVES homemade cookies, especially peanut butter chocolate chip.

If you would prefer to contribute money, it would be used to purchase anything we did not receive and used for postage.

I think it would be nice if we also remember to take care of his wife Stefanie and daughter Olivia with encouraging cards or anything you can think of. You can place them in the “Military Project” box and Sharon can make sure they are delivered.

Prayers for this family and all other families and soldiers are always encouraged.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Elaine Robertson



CHURCH WORK DAY OCTOBER 8

An outdoor work day is scheduled for the church on Saturday October 8 with work beginning at 8:00 AM. Bring your wheelbarrow, shovels, rakes, hedge trimmers, clippers, heavy brooms, etc. A major project will be spreading mulch. The more volunteers we have, the sooner the job will be finished.

Specific Ministry Pastor – Family Life



Two years ago in 2009, the congregational assembly approved Al Muck's entrance into the Specific Ministry Pastor Program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. This 4 year program of instruction is a means by which men can enter the pastoral ministry via distance education. For the last 2 years, Al has served Lord of Life as Vicar. The intent of the SMP program is that after two years, the candidates are certified to be ordained as pastors in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and will then continue with 2 more years of schooling through the seminary. Al has reached the point in the program where he will be certified for ordination. At the chapel service on the campus of Concordia Seminary on Friday, October 14 at 11:15 am, Al along with the 20 other men in his class will receive his Call to serve as Specific Ministry Pastor – Family Life at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. The congregation is invited to attend this Call service.

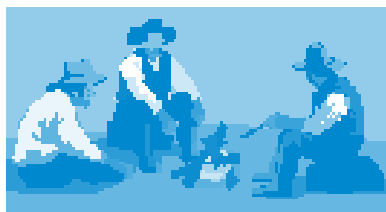
The next event will be the ordination of Al into the pastoral ministry. Ordination is a special event and service where the pastoral candidate takes his vows before God and the congregation to carry the duties and responsibilities of the pastoral office. The date for Al's ordination has not yet been set. The date will be publicized as soon as it is determined.

Between now and his ordination, Al will be involved in leading the congregation and worship and preaching to help in his transition from vicar to pastor. This is an exciting time for Al and Lord of Life

Family Group



On the second Sunday of each month, families of Lord of Life gather together for an evening of fellowship and life together. Parents have the opportunity to spend time with one another and the children have a great time playing and getting to know each other. All families are welcome to attend. The next gathering is schedule for Sunday, October 9 from 5-7 pm. Families will gather at Lord of Life for a bonfire, hot dogs and s'mores. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided, families are asked to bring a dish to share. Don't forget your lawn chairs!





CHILI COOKOFF

Our fifth annual chili cook-off is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, right after the 10:30 service. We are asking for 14 chili entrees (a *large* crock pot) and everyone who attends will have the chance to vote for their favorite. The winner will receive a prize.

Once again, the price to attend will be \$5 per person, or \$15 per family. This will cover all the chili you can eat, drinks and a caramel apple. The money raised will be given to the Concordia Seminary Food Bank.

Look for the sheets in the Welcome Center to enter a chili or to volunteer to help serve.



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

SAVE THE DATE:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 5:00 P.M. More details later.



3 Year Old MWF Preschool Class

New beginnings, new friends, a great start to a year filled with exploration, learning, fun, development, and love – each of these describes how our preschool year started. As September began, we excitedly welcomed a new group of unique, eager little individuals who were created by God and shared with us for the next nine months. Throughout the year our little ones will have many opportunities to learn about the world around them through experimentation and exploration.

During September we focused on a mouse theme while adjusting to new schedules, a new classroom, and new faces. Mice could be found in our books, in our hands-on learning activities, and as a springboard for our artwork and even a cooking activity or two. Mice helped us learn, in an integrated manner, about topics such as colors, shapes, our uniqueness, our families, and even our senses. Mice reinforced the thought that no matter how big or small we may be, God made us special and has a plan for each of our lives.

With the arrival of fall and October, our little ones will experience all that the season brings through both indoor and outdoor activities, hands-on learning, and vicariously through books. How beautiful and amazing this season of change is when we look so closely at the wonders in God's creation. Our large and small group activities will allow us to focus on pumpkins, apples, leaves, and changes in both weather and nature.

No matter whether we are exploring a season of change or an animal theme, our classroom fosters enthusiasm and daily growth in a fun yet educational manner. Our children are encouraged to express themselves through play, song, movement, language activities, and large and small group times. In a typical day our children hear that Jesus loves them and experience this love through their teachers and interaction with peers. They pretend, sing, immerse themselves in theme-based activities which integrate motor skills with language development and readiness activities in developmentally appropriate ways, and explore their world.

Patty Suchland and Anna Mueller



Preschool & Kids' Day Out

We've finished our first month of school. As usual, we had a mixture of children who were so excited to come to school for the day and a couple of younger children who didn't think it was a great idea for mom to leave them there. But, as they always do, the kids adjust and grow. We now have happy classes.

Our Open House was scheduled for September 26. As I am writing this, it has not yet happened, but I know the teachers are busy planning ways to decorate their rooms with the children's artwork so they can show it off to their parents. It's always fun for the children to introduce their parents to teachers and classmates. There is a lot of pride the night of Open House.

We have added some features to our program this year that we hope will make it easier for parents during this difficult economic time. We added a class for children who are 18 to 24 months. And we have extended our afternoon hours to 4:30 p.m. We aim to be a Christian school that cares for children beyond the typical school hours, so that parents who must work have a quality Christian environment for their children. Since both of these features are new this year, we are still growing them. If you know of anyone who could benefit from our school, please ask them to call me or to look on the website at www.lordoflifelcms.org.

Thank you for your prayers for our ministry. We have an awesome school.

Elaine Robertson

SHUT IN OR SHUT OUT?

A shorthand term we often use for those who would like to but are unable to attend worship services regularly is "shut-in." But would a better term be "shut-out?" Because of physical limitations, they are shut out of the opportunity to regularly gather with other Christians in worship. While these people are visited regularly and Holy Communion is brought to them, we will be making every effort to bring these members to Lord of Life on Sunday afternoon October 23. We will have a service of Holy Communion enabling them to enjoy that fellowship. Then the fellowship will continue around light refreshments. The service will begin at 2:00 PM.

The event is open to the entire congregation. We will be listing the members we expect to be there in the Sunday bulletin as the date draws near. You will have the opportunity to renew friendships with those whom you have probable not seen for a while. We are looking for volunteer drivers to assist getting these people to church as well as someone to coordinate the refreshments. If you can help, please contact Pastor Jim Rogers.



Have a **New Kid** *by Friday*

How to Change Your Child's Attitude, Behavior & Character in 5 Days

Dr. Kevin Leman

Is this Possible? What will this new kid look like?



Want a kid without the attitude? Without the behavior that makes you slink away in the grocery store and pretend you're not the parent? A kid with character who isn't a character? If you're tired of defiant attitudes and power struggles with your little ankle-biters or the disrespectful hormone group, join a special video discussion beginning **Sunday, October 30** during the education hour.

Facilitated by Vicar Al Muck and featuring Dr. Kevin Leman, *Have a New Kid by Friday* is your 5-day action plan—Monday through Friday—that really works! With his signature wit and commonsense psychology, internationally recognized family expert Dr. Kevin Leman reveals why your kids do what they do and what you can do about it—starting right now.

Anyone can do it. All it takes is you deciding to stand up and take charge. Want a great kid? Want to be a great parent? Then take the 5-day challenge. Someday your kid will thank you for it.

Upcoming Sr. High Youth Activities

October 2: Annual trip to Alton corn maze

October 8: Workday at Lord of Life

Nov. 5-6: Trout Lodge Weekend

November: Youth to play music at Sunrise Assisted Living - Date to be determined

December 11: Christmas party at the Rosemann's

January 8 – Ice skating at Steinberg arena





Our Family Page

If we have missed your October Anniversary or Birthday, it means we do not have the date in our database. Please call the church office to update our information. Thank you.

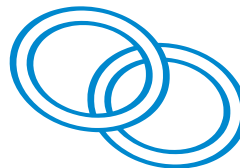


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| 3 Dorothea Becker | 20 Norma Fehrenbach |
| 4 Steve Newell | 21 Lila Schotte |
| 6 Vernon Mueller | Carol Watson |
| 7 Meredith Springs | 22 Ted Greer |
| Marcia Wilkinson | 23 Donna Juergens |
| 9 Anna Brandt | Bobbie Pounds |
| 10 Gloria Kniffen | 24 Lucas May |
| Stephen May | 25 Haley Babb |
| Katie Sachtleben | Allison Filley |
| 11 Chad Gutzler | 26 Mary Scher |
| 13 Helen Pine | 27 Chelsea Corno |
| Michele Rosemann | Jim Hartung |
| 14 Sharon Delmore | Judie Koski |
| 15 Ken Klindworth | 30 Anita Lantz |
| 17 Leah Schamber | Tim Wissmann |
| 19 Brian Andrew | 31 Wanda Jenkins |
| Jim Schlegel | |



October Baptism Birthdays

Clayton Alferman	Carla May
Rachael Dickinson	Karen Mocerì
Robbie Doebert	Kathy Roux
Jeff Heaton	Christian Sosa
Tina Jones	Abigail Tampow
Carol Lussky	Carli Taylor



October Wedding Anniversaries

- 5 Steve & Anna Mueller
- 11 Bill & Laura Clasen
- 14 Eddie & Debra Marx
- 17 Stan & Kathy Roux

Our Mission:

Glorify God by growing Biblical, committed and loving followers of Jesus Christ, by His Mercy, our Worship, Witness and Life Together.

Our Vision:

The vision of Lord of Life is to be a caring and growing Christian family that exists for the sake of others, a church that intentionally cultivates the work of Christ and the growth of His kingdom in our local community, our region and the world.



Our Staff

Pastor	Mark G. Below
Pastoral Assistant	Jim Rogers
Vicar	Al Muck
Director of Choirs	Matthew Janssen
Assistant Musician	Anna Brandt
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The Lifelines can be picked up in the Welcome Center. We have mail delivery to our homebound members and out-of-town friends.

Please submit your articles by noon on the 18th of each month for publication in the upcoming Lifelines. (Or the previous Friday if the 18th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, unless otherwise noted below).

You may submit your articles by mail, by e-mail (the preferred way) or by placing them in the workroom mailbox marked "Jim Rogers."

October Deadline: 5:00 PM Friday November 18.

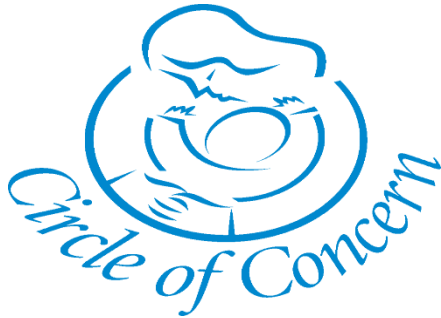
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A Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board outside the workroom. Sign up to sponsor flowers by placing your name and event (birthday, anniversary, in memory of, etc.) next to the date. Cost is \$25 per arrangement and you may put your payment in an envelope marked "Altar Flowers" and place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. You may take your arrangement home following the late service. If you do not want the flowers, they will be taken to the sick or shut-in.

"Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers." Philippians 4:6



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Praise God
From Whom
All Blessings Flow

September Circle of Concern Needs:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Spaghettios/Canned Pasta
- Cereal
- Canned Meat & Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Paper Towels

The Yellow Meal-A-Month Bags are on the Circle of Concern barrel in the entryway. Please take one, bring your items in those bags or a paper bag, and place them in the barrel.

Circle has informed us that they can no longer reuse plastic grocery bags. They can only accept brown paper bags.

Thanks for your support!

