

September

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 six week sermon series will begin on Sunday September 18 based on our new “Witness, Mercy, Life Together” theme. The Sunday Adult Bible Classes will be coordinated with the series. 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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# September

## September—A Month of New Beginnings

Next to January, September is probably one of the biggest and busiest start over months in the year. A number of congregational ministries which may have been on a summer break start up again. A new school year has started. It is interesting to note that September opens with Labor Day when we pause to thank God for honest and fruitful labor. Perhaps that is appropriate since things pick up after vacations and other summer activities and we have more opportunities for service.

September also marks the beginning of autumn and that will be a welcome change for many people who this past summer were impacted by a record number of tornados, serious flooding around major rivers, heat and drought that broke many records, along with many wild fires that caused so much destruction.

In spite of all the above problems God still richly blessed much of our country with seasonable weather so that seedtime and harvest prevailed and the activities of agriculture, commerce and transportation continued so that the earth was fruitful and yielded its increase to supply food for all of God's creatures. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

God's stewards appreciate new opportunities to start over again after life has become like a long, hot summer. In September many of God's faithful stewards can get involved with new and exciting volunteer activities in their churches and communities. In September many of our students can begin one of their best years of learning. In September many of our churches and schools can get involved with some of the most exciting ministries in their history. A fresh start is always appreciated. The past is behind us; the future is still in front of us but the present is where we do our work as God's stewards. God has some great things in mind for us as His stewards. He wants us to use our talents, our time, our resources and our relationships in ways that honor Him and bring blessings to those around us.

Sometimes we may feel like we just can't get started! We may feel inadequate to take on new challenges. We may remember when we have tried some bold ventures before and they didn't work out. We can chase those negative thoughts away when we remember words like these from one of our well-known hymns:

*Let none hear you idly saying, "there is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying and the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly, let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me." (LSB 826)*

So, keep your eyes open for some new opportunities to put your time, talents and resources to work for the Lord and His people, and when those opportunities come, **GO FOR IT!**

## ESCUELITA BIBLICA DE SORA

The Lord of Life Foundation was recently able to make a gift of \$2,000 to help support the “Sora Biblical School ” in Panama. The Bible school was started several years ago by Marta Peterson (with the support of her husband Ken). Classes were first held in the shade of a mango tree for six children. Enrollment quickly grew. The school eventually led to the establishment of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Sora where Ken and Marta serve as leaders of the congregation. Now, some of the original students are enrolling *their* children in the school!

When Ken worked for Lutheran Hour Ministries he and Marta were members of Lord of Life. Now retired, they make their home in the village of Sora in Marta’s native country.



(Marta with some of the children)

The Foundation also made a recent gift of \$500 to the International Student Ministry of St. Louis. ISM reaches out with the love of Christ to international students on the campuses of several St. Louis area universities. [www.ismstl.org](http://www.ismstl.org)



**ISM, Inc International Student Ministry, Inc.**

A Gospel-Centered Ministry of Friendship and Hospitality  
among International Students, Spouses and Children

## COMMUNITY GROUPS WELCOMED

Two community groups will be using Lord of Life's facilities on a regular basis beginning this month.

As you can see on the calendar, a **Cub Scout Pack** now meets at Lord of Life. The scout leaders and Cub Scout Pack #855 each meet monthly. Not only do the Cub Scouts meet at Lord of Life; they also volunteer their services to the congregation on a regular basis. A recent project was pulling weeds in the congregation's landscaping. Rich Hintz serves as one of the scout leaders. If a boy grades one through five is interesting in joining the Cub Scouts he can contact Rich at 636-530-1613.



**Overeaters Anonymous** will begin to meet weekly at Lord of Life on Wednesday evenings. You can learn more about Overeaters Anonymous by going to their web site at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). There you will learn that OA offers "a program of recovery from compulsive eating using the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA. Worldwide meetings and other tools provide a fellowship of experience, strength and hope where members respect one another's anonymity. OA charges no dues or fees; it is self-supporting through member contributions." The meeting at Lord of Life is "closed," which means it is restricted to those who desire to stop eating compulsively or think they may have a problem with food.



We welcome these groups  
to Lord of Life!

## **E.A.G.L.E.S.**

In August the EAGLES (Engaged Adults Growing, Learning, & Eagerly Serving) heard an interesting presentation from Kyle Armstrong of the St. Louis Alzheimers Society. Brochures concerning Alzheimers are in the revolving tract rack at the church entrance.

On Wednesday September 21 the EAGLES will visit the Museum of Transportation on Barrett Station Road. Phil Hellwege (the father of our member Judy Newell) will serve as our special tour guide. Phil volunteers as a docent at the museum. We will leave church at 9:30 AM. Following our tour we will have lunch together at Nicoletti's restaurant.

### **AARP Driver Safety Course Set for October 11 at City Hall**

The Chesterfield Police Department is renewing its cooperative effort with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in providing the AARP Driver Safety Program.

The course is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course. It reviews the rules of the road with an emphasis on defensive driving practices.

The four-hour course is taught in a single morning session and does not involve a test. AARP members can attend the course for a fee of \$12. Non-members can attend for \$14. Graduates can check with their insurance providers for possible discounts.

The course will be held Tuesday October 11, 9 a.m-1 p.m. at City Hall. Reservations are required to attend the course. For further information or to reserve a seat, contact Officer Paul



## VBS WRAP-UP

At Vacation Bible School in July, we went on *A Faith Journey with Jesus at Big Jungle Adventure!* The truth about Jesus' caring for us, rescuing us from sin, death and the devil, conquering death for us and now in heaven preparing a place for us was shared with over 100 children and their moms and dads throughout the week. Our theme verse was "The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen." 2 Timothy 4:18.

Thanks to our VBS families and Lord of Life family who supported our three VBS Mission Projects and shared the love of Jesus with children in Chesterfield and all around the world. 54 School Bags were filled for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to the Ties that Bind Quilting Group who made the school bags and also cut out 150 bears. The VBS children stuffed the bears, drew on faces, and added a bow. The Chesterfield Fire and Police Department will give the bears to children in the area to comfort them following a loss. Offerings of \$510 were donated to support the ministry of Rev. Ted Krey in the Dominican Republic, as he continues to reach out with the Gospel to children with special needs.

The week began with a **Jungle Fest** on Sunday afternoon, where our VBS families heard an overview of the Bible Stories and Mission Projects, enjoyed Jungle Tunes, Games, Crafts, Treats, and a special VBS souvenir for each child.

A **VBS Celebration** was held on Friday for the families to see and hear all about our *Big Jungle Adventure*, followed by our **VBS Picnic**.

We thank God for our dedicated **Big Jungle Adventure VBS Team** of 54 volunteers who shared the love of Jesus with the children during the week:

Sound-Off Opening & Send-Off Closing	Al Muck
Jammin' Jungle Tunes Leader	Lisa Honz
Audio/Visual Technicians	Colin Bossi, Jenna Rosemann
Faith Journeys Storyteller	Al Muck
Skit Director & Storyteller assistant	Roberta Doebert
Big Adventure Bible Challenge	Connie Threewitt
Go Wild Games Leader	Ken Klindworth
Games assistants	Julian Fabella, Isabella Kendall, Carressa Pounds, Daniel Roux, Nicholas Roux, Rebecca Sosa
Bobo's Banana Hut Snacks	Cindy Gutzler
Snack assistants	Chad Gutzler, Cory Gutzler, Alice McFarland
Kiki's Crazy Creations Craft Leader	Margaret Drury
Crafts assistants	Sue Andrew, Danielle Beirne, Jan Oesch, Kathy Roux, Janet Shaughnessy
Elementary Tribe Leaders	Ginny Conrad, Willie Ewing, Kristie Gutzler, Marla Hofrichter, Meredith Hohl, Lauren Honz, Donna Juergens, Meghan Kelley, Kyle Klindworth, Michele Klindworth, Adam Roderique

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Preschool Department Director	Patty Suchland
Preschool Teachers	Betty Loebig, Bill Loebig, Bobbie Pounds, Donna Bremer, Erica Suchland, Kayla Suchland
Preschool Assistants	Megan Clasen, Roman Ewing, Kaitlynn Ferris, Diane Mapes, Elizabeth Newell, Christine Newell, Jacqueline Ninan, Chloe Reagan, Gabby Zehr
Registration Check-in	Sharon Koch, Krista Reed, Sarah Reed, Janet Shaughnessy
Administrative Support	Sharon Koch
VBS Director	Bev Klindworth

Thanks to Paul, Patty, Erica, and Kayla Suchland, Robbie Doebert, Sharon Koch, Connie Threewit, and Al Muck for all the wonderful Jungle decorations.

Special kudos to “Adventure Al” for his leadership and support, the many hours he spent preparing for VBS, and for sharing the love of Jesus with the children, families, and staff. We thank God for you Al, you are a blessing to us all!



## 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.



Another year of confirmation begins Wednesday, September 1. 16 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth will meet each week, until May, to explore, study and learn about their faith as they study Holy Scripture and Luther’s Small Catechism. Please keep each of these youth in your prayers as the Holy Spirit continues to work in them the faith they received at their baptism:

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Nathan Burlis  
Madison Filley  
Christine Newell  
Christian Sosa

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Lauren Alferman	Chase Mocerri
Tyler Alms	Carressa Pounds
Danielle Beirne	Daniel Roux
Megan Clasen	Rebecca Sosa
Alex Harrington	

**CROSSwalk**



This past summer, we had the opportunity to hear from Pastor Ted Krey from the Dominican Republic about his ministry to the people there but especially those children with special needs. One of the most exciting developments has been the recent formation of the Lutheran Church of the Dominican Republic. Danelle Putnam, Rev. Walter Ries and Rev. Ted Krey have worked to develop Lutheran congregations in Santiago, Santo Domingo and Palmar Arriba. Their work includes leading worship services, Bible studies, youth groups and Sunday school. Bible studies and Christian songs have been incorporated into the programs of the two CONANI institutions serving children with disabilities in Santiago and Santo Domingo.

As we begin to live out our new vision of Mercy, Witness and Life Together, we want to teach and involve the children of Lord of Life by giving them opportunities to be Christ’s witness as they show mercy to others as they live together as members of the body of Christ.

One way in which they will be involved is through the adopting of one of the children who are residents of the group home in the Dominican Republic that Pastor Krey is in ministry to. The commitment is \$35 a month to help provide the need care for this special child of God. Through the offerings the children bring to CROSSwalk, they will learn an important faith lesson of giving of themselves to help supply the needs of others. Each child will be given a special box of offering envelopes in which they will be asked to place ‘their own money’, not something they have received from Mom or Dad. We also want to begin to teach them stewardship principles about returning to God some of the blessings they have received.





# Our Family Page

*If we have missed your September 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.*

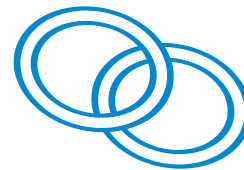


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| 1 Rachael Dickinson | 12 Clayton Alferman |
| 2 Daniel Kirt       | 14 Debbie Schelp    |
| 2 Sharon Rogers     | 16 Stephen Koontz   |
| 3 Sydney Marx       | 16 Regan Reed       |
| 4 Marcella Quinn    | 17 Jackson Babb     |
| 7 Sue Sachtleben    | 17 Tina Jones       |
| 8 Lawton Drury      | 19 Brent Kincaid    |
| 9 Matt Stallmann    | 20 Audra McFarland  |
| 10 Susan Leuthauser | 21 Carla May        |
| 11 Carol Lussky     | 22 Tyler Tampow     |



## September Baptism Birthdays

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Tyler Alms       | Bill Loebig     |
| Erica Babb       | Sue Mowczko     |
| Colleen Clasen   | Joan Romine     |
| Jeannine Corno   | Hannah Schamber |
| Katie Greer      | Marti Schlegel  |
| Shelly Greer     | Matt Stallmann  |
| Dayna Leuthauser | Tanner Tampow   |



## September Wedding Anniversaries

- 9/1 Lawton & Margaret Drury
- 9/1 Ken & Bev Klindworth
- 9/3 Rod & Annette Callies
- 9/26 Don & Judy Stenzel

**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**

<b>Pastor</b>	Mark G. Below
<b>Pastoral Assistant</b>	Jim Rogers
<b>Vicar</b>	Al Muck
<b>Director of Choirs</b>	Matthew Janssen
<b>Assistant Musician</b>	Anna Brandt
<b>Director of Early Childhood Education (Preschool/Kids Day Out)</b>	Elaine Robertson
<b>Office Manager</b>	Sharon Koch

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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: 12 noon Monday September 19.**

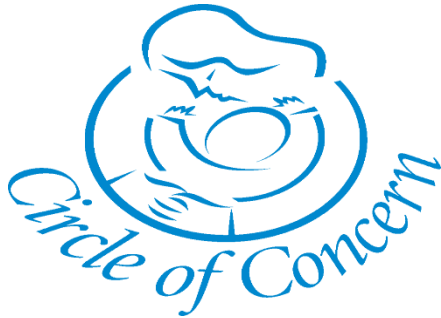
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A Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board outside the workroom. Sign up to sponsor flowers by placing your name and event (birthday, anniversary, in memory of, etc.) next to the date. Cost is \$25 per arrangement and you may put your payment in 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:**

Spaghettios/Canned Pasta  
Cereal  
Pudding/Jello  
Canned Fruit  
Paper Towels  
Shampoo

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 any plastic or paper bag, and place them in the barrel. Remember, they need extra paper or plastic grocery bags too.

Thanks for your support!