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I am happy to announce that this month we welcome our new Director of Music, Mrs. Victoria Frinsko. Vicki is well-known and loved as a member of our congregation and as a talented musician who has worked with our music program for years. Vicki studied both piano and organ at Concordia College Seward, Nebraska and Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois –where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in education. She is an excellent organist and a very talented musician. While this announcement will come as news to some, actually Vicki's hiring has been in the works for months.

Last summer, a committee made up of various musicians and leaders in the congregation was formed to hire a Director of Music. (Special thanks are due to Paul Grabow for helping to organize this group. Also involved were Fred Bernhardt, Carol Ozlowski, Dave Senter, and Elders: Dave Peters and Doug Hite.) We met and discussed what we wanted the position to look like, whether we were looking to hire primarily an organist or a choir director or some combination. The decision was made that it would be best for the congregation to have a primary organist, that is, one organist who plays the majority of the time. This would allow both the congregation and the choir to have consistency and know what to expect in worship. Next we talked about the qualities we were looking for in a Director of Music as well as some things we wanted to avoid. Then we came up with a job description and a salary package. We had many discussions and the information was conveyed to the Administrative Council and the Board of Elders. The more we discussed what we were looking for and the picture of the ideal person became clearer, the more people kept asking: "What about Vicki?" That question was repeated over and over until it turned into: "What would it take to get Vicki to do the job?"

Well, I am happy to say that we found what it would take and Vicki accepted the position a few weeks ago. She will be installed on Sunday, March 4th. All of us on staff are really looking forward to having Vicki come on board. Please pray for Vicki to thrive and do well as the Director of Music for Lord of Life.

Also, the Lenten midweek services –especially the midday service at 1:30- are a success. Despite rainy weather for the last two weeks, the attendance has been higher than expected at the midday service. I also really like the theme this year on Old Testament types of Christ that comes from a series published nearly a century ago, and the response has been very positive as well. (See last month's newsletter article for more information on this series.) Please join us for these brief Midweek services that offer an important time apart from work and ordinary life to be in the Word together. And don't forget about Holy Week services at the end of the month. (Maundy Thursday, March 29th and Good Friday, March 30th.) These special services truly prepare one for the joyous celebration of Easter.

Blessings in Christ,
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Remaining Lenten Services Schedule

March 7 4th Midweek Lent

The Burnt offering as a Type of the All-Atoning Sacrifice of Christ
Leviticus 1:1-9

March 14 5th Midweek Lent

The High Priest of the Old Testament as a Type of Christ
Leviticus 8:6-12

March 21 6th Midweek Lent

The Great Salvation
Numbers 21:4-9

March 29 Maundy Thursday

Jesus Christ as the Bread of Life
Exodus 16:35

March 30 Good Friday Tenebrae

Reading of the Passion from the Four Gospels

April 1 Easter Sunday

Resurrection of Jesus Christ
Is. 25:6-9
Psalms 16
1 Cor. 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

This year's theme is based on a series called "Lenten Sermons on Old Testament Types" by Rev. H.J. Schuh 1851-1934. This series was published in: *Lenten Outlines and Sermons* by Rev. R.E. Golladay and others. Lutheran Book Concern, 1920



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Personal Care Kits

Lord of Life women will be assembling kits on April 6th to ship out on April 7th. These kits give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Please sign up to contribute the items needed for the kits and leave them in the LWR collection box in the narthex by April 1st.

The kits include:

- (1) light or medium weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 27" x 52") dark color recommended,
- (2) bath-size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz) in original wrapping,
- (1) adult size toothbrush,
- (1) sturdy comb,
- (1) pair of metal nail clippers.

Cash donations are also needed to cover shipping costs. (Make checks payable to LOL, note for LWR shipping)





Teen Times

Once again I am completely overwhelmed by the support from the members of Lord of Life. Last month, twelve IMPACT youth group members and 4 parents, set up, prepared, cooked, served, entertained, and cleaned up for a very successful Valentine dinner. Although the attendance was lower than in years past due to weather not cooperating as best as it could have, we were pleased to provide 54 guests with good food and fellowship for this annual fundraiser. The response from our patrons was a record amount of donations that will help fund the Sr IMPACT youth trip this summer. So how many youth are going and where? What's the theme this year? Well, here are a few details that might interest you.

The Sr IMPACT youth group will travel via charter bus to The University of Southern Illinois in Carbondale, Illinois for the Higher Things youth conference from July 9-14, 2018. This will be the first time that a charter bus will be used for the means of transportation because we have the highest number of youth and adults going on this trip than ever before. 26 participants from Lord of Life will join many other fellow Lutherans for three days of worship and catechesis instruction. This tops last year's number of participants which was 22. Thanks be to God!

The theme for Higher Things 2018 is *Sanctified* focusing on the Ten Commandments and how God has called us to be His own people in Christ. The range of ages for those attending the conference this summer will be from newly confirmed youth who are transitioning from 8th to 9th grade through young adults who have finished their freshman year of college. Regardless of the age range it is always good to keep our minds fresh and filled with the Word of God and Luther's teachings contained in the catechism.

As you can imagine, a youth trip of this length and this distance with this many people does not come cheap. Like I stated at the beginning of this letter, I am overwhelmed at the generosity with which our youth ministry is so exceedingly blessed. I am also thankful that God is working in the lives of our youth and for them to share the gospel with their friends. You see, out of the 26 attendees on this trip, 4 are not members of Lord of Life, but friends who were invited! Again, Thanks be to God! I look forward to sharing more about our youth ministry next month. Until next time, God Bless

Scott Peters – Director of Youth Ministry

Science and the Age of the Earth

In recent Bible classes, we have considered various arguments concerning the age of the universe and the earth. Any scientific "measurement" of age will depend on assumptions. Every measurement assumes that whatever physical parameter or process is used for the calculation has always been what it is today. For example, measurements based on light travel assume that the speed of light has not changed throughout history. Those measurements also assume that the light originated from the distant star, rather than having been present right after creation. Calculations based on radioisotope measurements from various rocks assume (1) that the decay rate has not changed, and (2) that we know what the starting conditions were. There are other assumptions involved with both light travel and radiometric dating, but I won't belabor the point.

There are at least two cataclysmic events in the Bible that would seem to cast doubt on the assumption of constancy of physical parameters. After Adam and Eve sinned, God cursed the creation. Genesis 3:17. Indeed, "the creation was subject to futility . . . and has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now." Romans 8:20-22. Additionally, God subjected the whole world to the flood. Genesis 7:1-24. Did either of these events cause changes in the physical parameters that are used to infer an age? I don't know, but it would seem that some things had to change when the creation was subjected to "futility."

I don't know what the correct answer is for the age of the universe or the earth. I do know, however, that any scientific measurement is only as good as the assumptions that it is based on. Thus, I wouldn't be too surprised if the scientific estimate of the age ends up being wrong.

Mark Ziegelbein,
Board of Elders



40th Biennial Convention - LWML Texas District July 5-8, 2018 - Waco Convention Center



*Whoever believes in me, as the
Scripture has said, "Out of his heart
will flow rivers of living water"
John 7:38 ESV.*

Information on Texas District LWML website:
<http://www.lwmltxdist.org/2018-waco-convention.html>

Lord of Life Small Groups

EMPTY NESTERS' CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Mike and Sandra Paradise at (972) 424-2951 or itsparadise.inplano@verizon.net
- † Will meet on Sat. March 17th at 6:30 PM

EPIC PARENTING

- † For 30ish couples with kids
- † For info contact Ben Scarth BenjaminScarth@yahoo.com
- † Usually meet one Sunday a month in the afternoon or evening

GOOD NEWS CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Chris Oltmann at (972) 727-6330 or Mike Kunschke at (847) 951-6974
- † Usually meet the 2nd Sat. of each month at 6:30 PM for Bible study

MIXED BLESSINGS

- † For info contact Fred and Ruth Bernhardt at (972) 398-0771
- † Will meet on Sat. March 10th at 6:30 PM

TWENTY SOMETHINGS

- † For couples and singles in their twenties
- † For info contact Pastor Shaltanis at PastorShaltanis@yahoo.com
- † The group is currently in transition, but has usually met on Sundays after late service

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

- 1 Tammi Chumbley
- 2 Barbara Sinclair
- 3 Sam Ziegelbein
- 4 Sarah Tischler
- 7 Gary Holtzman
- 7 Caroline Loewecke
- 9 Karen Ashburn
- 10 Tom & Carol Read (39)
- 13 Deb Dorak
- 13 Pastor Joel Shaltanis
- 14 Hillary Klausling
- 14 Shelby Lund
- 16 Russ & Brooke Wilkerson (16)
- 18 Greg Kostrzewa
- 21 David Beaudreau
- 24 Andrew Raj
- 27 Mark Ziegelbein
- 29 Cheryl Tyler
- 30 Nevelle Vess

Save the Date!

Take me out to the ballgame!

*Frisco Rough Riders Game
vs Arkansas Travelers*

Friday June 1st. 7:00 pm game, \$20 per ticket includes premium seating, all you can eat hotdogs, brats, peanuts, chips and Dr. Pepper products, Rough Rider souvenir, \$10 concession stand voucher. Parking is not included--\$5-\$10 depending upon where you park. See signup sheet in Narthex.



Serving in Worship in March

	March 4		March 11		March 18		March 25	
	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Elder	Lutek		Lutek		Ziegelbein		Kunschke	
Assist	Read	Hite	Peters	Kunschke	Read	Kunschke	Peters	Ziegelbein
Altar	Lynda Abbott, Kay Oltmann, Mary Ravitz							
Acolyte	Ashley	Emma	Cadence	Sarah	Ashley	Hayden	Madeline	Noah
Greeter	Martin	Dorak	Schrank	McVicker	Vess	Abbott/McVicker	Martin	Barnes
Sound	Wolf	Hite	Hacker	Raj	Botello	Selvaraj	Wilkerson	Pittson
Usher	Scarth Bunger	Loewecke Ziegelbien Ozlowski	Paradise Frinsko Read	Moudy Cruz	Bunger	Berger Oltmann	Schrank Hacker	Short Crabtree Buckmeier

Midweek

	March 7		March 14		March 21		March 29	March 30	
	1:30 PM	7:00 PM	1:30 PM	7:00 PM	1:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	Mid-day	7:30 PM
Elder	Read	Peters	Peters	Read	Read	Peters	Lutek	Peters	Ziegelbein
Assist							Hite		
Sound		Selvaraj		Pittson		Raj	Wolf		Hite

FINANCIAL REPORT

January - December, 2017

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
RECEIPTS:	Regular Offerings	\$641,802	\$741,121	(\$99,319)
	Other	\$3,737	\$200	\$3,537
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$645,539	\$741,321	(\$95,782)
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$647,570	\$704,174	(\$56,604)
	RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	(\$2,031)	\$37,147	(\$39,178)

OTHER INFORMATION

1. General Operating Fund Balance	\$104,176
2. Dedicated Funds Balance	\$153,215
3. Building Note Balance	\$332,258