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New Elder Assignments

In Acts 6:1-7, we learn that the apostles needed help in carrying out the ministry to the congregation in Jerusalem. Specifically, certain widows were being neglected in the distribution of food, so it was decided that the apostles would preach the Word, while others would assist in serving the people. ("It is not right that we should give up preaching the Word of God to serve tables." –vs. 2) When all the disciples were gathered, the apostles told them to choose from among themselves seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and wisdom (vs. 3). When the seven godly men were chosen, the apostles laid hands on them and installed them into office.

Traditionally, these men are known as deacons, though that word does not appear in the text. In fact, I think a good case could be made that these men would do much more than merely "serve tables" as if their job was to manage the food pantry or serve in the kitchen. If that was all there was to their service, it would not be necessary for them to be: 1. men, 2. full of the Spirit, 3. wise. Rather, what we see here is something beyond table service. Reading further in Acts, the next time one of these men (Philip) is mentioned, he is baptizing and preaching; that is, he is carrying out the functions of the office of the holy ministry.

In thinking about this passage over the years, it seems to me that this ought to guide congregations in how they select elders. For now, as then, those who serve as elders work closely with the pastor in assisting him in carrying out the functions of his office. It also seems obvious that elders ought to be men (not women, so if needs be, they can carry out the function of the pastor in his absence) of good repute (not those with scandalous behavior, but those whom the congregation recognizes as mature Christians setting a good example,) full of the Spirit (i.e. faithful and spiritually mature Christians,) and full of wisdom (Not merely sincere Christians with personal piety, but men who can discern spiritual matters and make wise decisions.)

Lord of Life is blessed to have several men of God who fit this description. Certainly the men on our board of elders do, but there are others also who meet the aforementioned requirements who have served as elders in the past and some who may serve as elders in the future.

Recently, we added two men to our Board of Elders: Tom Read and Mark Ziegelbein. They will be installed this month in one of our upcoming worship services. Not only will they assist in worship on Sundays, but they along with the rest of the board of elders will have certain families assigned to their care. Like in Acts 6, we do not want anyone to be neglected, and with over 300 members and counting, it is easy for me as the sole pastor to overlook someone in need. To prevent this, the elders are going to make a concerted effort to call on and attend to the needs of the families assigned to their care. To be sure, this is merely our attempt to be organized, but it should be said that if you have some need to be addressed, you may bring it up to me or to any of the elders. Just as I am the pastor to all the members of the congregation, likewise, the elders are elders of the church and not only their assigned families. The assignments are, again, merely our attempt to ensure that no one is neglected.

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In the past, people signed up for certain men to be their elders. This worked well as long as the people serving as elders remained the same, but over time, we have increased the number of elders and we have added new elders and others have retired from serving as elders. Likewise, the congregation is not a static number of people, but new families are added and others are removed. Thus, what we have been doing for some time is randomly assigning families to elders. But now, due to the recent addition of two elders to our board, at our last elders' meeting, it was decided that we would revamp the assignments and try a different approach. We have divided the congregation up alphabetically by household names. Currently there are about 140 families and 8 elders. Each elder has been assigned about 18 households. We think this approach may make it easier as new families are added and if the number of elders changes again in the future. We may also try rotating the assigned lists periodically, meaning elders may be assigned to a different group of families in the future.

This is a new approach we are going to try, but none of this is set in stone. If for some reason it doesn't work we can go back to old ways or try something else. For now, the changes are merely our attempt to provide faithful service to every member of the congregation and to make every effort not to neglect anyone.

The new elder assignments are included in this newsletter, on the next page. If you have any questions or comments about this or anything else, please let me, or your elder, know.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Shaltanis

PENTECOST

prepare for worship in october

2 October: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14;
Luke 17:1-10

Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Help Us Walk the
Servant Way," 857

9 October: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Ruth 1:1-19a; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke
17:11-19

Hymn of the Day: "Your Hand, O Lord, In Days
of Old," 846

16 October: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Genesis 32:22-30; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5;
Luke 18:1-8

Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy
Word," 655

23 October: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Genesis 4:1-15; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18:9-17

Hymn of the Day: "In God, My Faithful God," 745

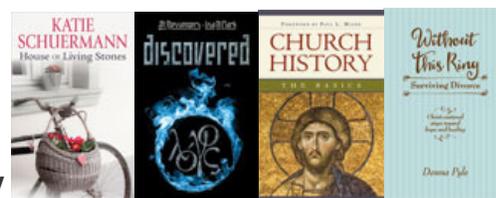
30 October: Festival of the Reformation

Texts: Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John
8:31-36

Hymn of the Day: "A Mighty Fortress," 656



Check Out New Additions
to the
Lord of Life Church Library



Stop by the church library (located in Room 108) to see the new additions as well as the many other resources available to you. Members always are encouraged to check out any of the items.

A few of the new additions include:

Sexual Morality in a Christless World by Matthew Rieger, *Being Lutheran* by A.Trevor Sutton, *The Messengers: Discovered* by Lisa M. Clark, *Living Life Living Faith* by Edward and Aaron Grube, *Church History* with a foreword by Paul L. Maier, *Without This Ring* by Donna Pyle, and several titles by Kate Schuermann: *The Choir Immortal*, *House of Living Stones*, *Pew Sisters*

Ziegelbein

ABBOTT
 ACKER
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 ANDERSON
 ASHBURN
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 BARNES
 BARRY
 BEAUDREAU
 BELCHER
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 BENNETT, Bill &
 CHARIS
 BENNETT, TRAVIS
 BERGER
 BERNHARDT
 BOTELLO
 BOWMAN

Womack

BROWN
 BUCKMEIER, EVELYN
 BUCKMEIER, MARTY
 BUSH
 CARPER
 CARTER
 CHAPPELLE
 CHUMBLEY
 CINQUEPALMI
 CLARK
 CRABTREE
 CRUZ
 DAVIS
 DOLAN
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 DORAK
 EDELMANN
 EHRETT

Peters

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 FRINSKO, LORA
 FRINSKO, JOHN &
 VICKIE
 GEORG
 GIBSON
 GREER, HANNAH
 GREER, PAT
 GROMATZKY
 HACKER
 HAHN
 HALL
 HAWKINS
 HELMS
 HEMINGWAY
 HITE
 HOEPPNER
 HOWE
 ISBELL, JOE & LAURA
 ISBELL, JOE BOB

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KEENEY
 KEFFER
 KLAUSING
 KLEIN
 KOLODZIEJ
 KOSTRZEWA
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 KREHMEYER, PAUL &
 VICKI
 KUN, PETER & RUTH
 KUN, TIBOR
 KUN, THOMAS
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 LUND, EARL & KAREN
 LUND, SHELBY

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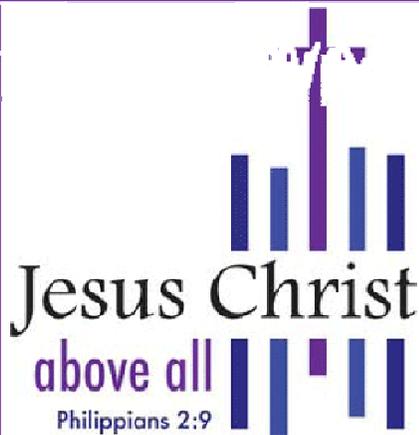
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 SANDI
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 PITTSON, RICK &
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 SANFORD, DANIEL
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 SCHRANK
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 SENTER, DAVE & GAIL
 SENTER, MIRIEN
 SHALTANIS
 SHORT
 SINCLAIR
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 SPRAETZ
 STAGLIANO
 STOFER
 STORMONT

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STUECKLER
 SUMMER
 TABOR
 THIEL
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 TISCHLER, SARAH
 TISCHLER, TIM
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 VESS, KYMBERLY
 VESS, TONY & NEVELLE
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 WILKERSON
 WILLIAMS
 WOLF
 WOMACK
 WOOD
 WOZNAK
 ZIEGELBEIN



**LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION
FALL EVENT**

**WE INVITE YOUR
CONGREGATION TO JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016**

*CELEBRATING **75TH** YEAR OF MINISTRY TO OUR SAVIOR,
OUR CHURCHES, OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE LCMS
MISSION TO THE WORLD!!!*

HOST CHURCH:

MESSIAH LUTHERAN, 1801 West Plano Parkway, Plano, TX 75075

[enter at Administration/Educational Building ...faces Plano Parkway]

Meet and greet: 10:00 AM

**Program: The Dallas Christian Jazz Band, 10:30 AM, in the
Sanctuary (www.dcjb.com)**

Ingathering: Hope's Door Women's Shelter

ZONE MEETING & LUNCH FOR LWML MEMBERS TO FOLLOW

Cost of Lunch will be \$8.00 per person

RSVP REQUIRED - email headcount to reid.priscella@gmail.com by October 10th.

INGATHERING

HOPES DOOR WOMEN'S SHELTER

Full size toiletries

- **Body wash, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap**
- **Pajamas (women and children all sizes)**
- **Robes (women and children all sizes)**
- **Under wear (women and children all sizes)**
- **Toothbrush and toothpaste (full size)**
- **Deodorant**
- **Feminine Products**
- **Body Lotion**
- **Make up**
- **Combs, brushes, hair styling items**
- **Hand sanitizer**

Gently used or new women and children's clothing and shoes

Monetary donations

LOL Life Team News

National Life Chain

Sunday October 2nd 2:00-3:30pm

Annually, on the first Sunday in October, LIFE CHAIN invites the churches in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for **90 minutes**, while holding an approved pro-life message. For more information visit nationallifechain.org.

Real Options

Heroes Walk for Life

Saturday October 8th 8:30-11:30am

Bob Woodruff Park, 2601 San Gabriel Dr., Plano, TX

Real Options, Plano's crisis pregnancy clinic, is once again holding its annual walk. Walk for Life is RO's largest fundraiser of the year. There will be a super hero costume contest for kids and adults, bounce house, games, food, music, face painting and a balloon artist. You do not have to attend the walk in order to contribute. Please see Melanie Scarth if you would like to give.

Connecting Generations

Hosted by the LOL Life Team

Sunday October 9th

The first Connecting Generations event was a success so the Life Team would like to make it a biannual event. Please join the life team, youth, and choir for a potluck following late service and then a visit to The Waterford assisted living community in Plano. This is a come-and-go event where you can visit with the residents of Waterford, play board games, and hear musicians from LOL. LOL member Phyllis Summer is a resident there. BBQ sandwiches and dessert will be provided. Please bring a side dish or salad to the potluck.

It was All Good

On Sept. 23-24, Friday and Saturday, men from Lord of Life and guests joined together at All Saints Camp, Pottsboro, Texas, for bible study and fellowship. Twenty-one men, members and guests, searched what God's Word had to say about vocation, work and stewardship. There were testimonials, sharing of experiences, prayers and fun filled stories during our time together. Food at the camp was very good and plenty of it, but we were more well fed by God's Word and its meaning in our lives. We learned that Scripture points out that we all have many vocations in life well beyond our regular jobs in life; vocations such as being fathers, grandfathers, husbands, mentors or simply being a friend to those who are given to us as blessings from the Lord. Work is a virtue given to us by our Lord, we should enjoy and embrace work and do it to His glory. Stewardship is more than our monetary offerings to the Lord, it's about helping others in need out of love, the love that Jesus taught us.

Our vocations, work ethic, physical/mental gifts, and love for others stems from God's Goodness. It's All Good. I want to share the following message from The Lutheran Hour Speaker.

Blessings,
Dave Peters,
Board of Elders

"It's All Good!"

September 26, 2016

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You." -Psalm 16:2

"I'm sorry," I said.

"It's all good," came the response.

No. It's not all good. That's why I apologized. Here I was expecting a response indicating either forgiveness or not -- maybe even a shot at reconciliation. Instead, I received what was a generic statement excusing all things under the generic statement "It's all good." That just didn't feel right. How does that sound to you? I guess if you've ever wanted to be off the hook, it might be fine, but is that what the world needs today: a generic response of "It's all good," in the face of all the wrongs we do to each other?

The psalmist David didn't think so. He said, "I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good thing apart from You.'"

I have no good apart from God. Do you believe that? Do you believe the only good in your life is God? Or do you consider your life to be filled with lots of generic good things, among which one good is God? Perhaps you place Him as the highest good. But more people today would probably argue that God isn't really that good at all.

David challenges us to live differently, to live a life in which God is the only good for us, for all. How would your daily life change if you looked to God as the only good that you have? How would your life be oriented if you believed that God is the only source of any good you have?

Jesus lived that way. He lived believing that only God is good. And how did He live? It was by one word: love. He loved God. He loved others. Jesus lived love. Because God was His only Source of good, because loving God was His Highest Good, Jesus lived love. Jesus died in love because He was ultimately the good of God for this world. God raised Him from the dead because He is good. And life is good because of Jesus.

Jesus is not just an example of how to live in the light of the goodness of God. Jesus is God's goodness given to you. In place of your sin, God gives you His goodness in Christ. Faith delivers to you God's good gift of forgiveness in Christ. Repentance, forgiveness that's what's needed in people's lives if they seek God as their only good!

That would look like a life of love, of truth, in love. It would be loved by God in Jesus and loved by those God has given you as part of His goodness. It's loving those in your life because God loves them and has given them to you to love. Your life -- when based on God's goodness -- is a life of love.

So, when you repent, when you say you're sorry, God doesn't just say, "It's all good." He forgives you. He removes your sin and gives to you the righteousness of Jesus Christ. God doesn't excuse your sin. He doesn't ignore your sin; He removes it from you. And He treats us as if it never happened at all.

God's goodness is yours because of Jesus. That is good. And when other things aren't all good, we need to take them to the foot of the cross, take them to the Lord in prayer, and follow His lead in humbly speaking the truth in love to others or serving them in His Name. Now that's good, very good, news indeed! Put that to work in your life today.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, what the world needs now is love, not some generic kind, but love in and through You. Let that love be mine; let me know it, believe it, and live it so that real good, real lasting good might be evident in my life, for others. Amen.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

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Lord of Life Small Groups

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

- † For info contact Pastor Shaltanis at PastorShaltanis@yahoo.com
- † Usually meet Sundays after the late service

EMPTY NESTERS' CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Mike and Sandra Paradise at (972) 424-2951 or itsparadise.inplano@verizon.net
- † Will meet on Sat., Oct. 15 at 6:30 PM

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., Oct. 8 at 6:30 PM

Music at Midday Organ Concert, Wednesday, 5 October, 1:05-1:40pm

Benjamin Kolodziej will play music of Bach, Mendelssohn and Sibelius' famous tone poem, "Finlandia," on which the hymn "Be Still, My Soul," based.

The **LOL ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE** invites you to an Estate Planning workshop on Saturday, October 15, 2016 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Local family law attorney, Susan Periquet, will be presenting information about planning with the use of trusts and a will. She will have sufficient time at the close of her presentation for a question and answer period.



For October

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| 1 | Dean Davis |
| 1 | Mike Paradise, III |
| 3 | Frank Edelmann |
| 3 | Curtis Peters |
| 4 | Heidi Pittson |
| 5 | Laura Isbell |
| 5 | Bill Pieper |
| 6 | Norma Martin |
| 6 | Gary Nuschler |
| 6 | Bennie & Paula Lowery (9) |
| 7 | Georgianna Womak |
| 8 | Virginia Chappelle |
| 9 | Susan Gromatzky |
| 9 | Kathy Wilde |
| 11 | Tim Ozlowski |
| 13 | Alex Ozlowski |
| 15 | Joshua Chumbley |
| 16 | Adam Buckmeier |
| 16 | Paul Krehmeyer |
| 18 | Gay Stueckler |
| 18 | Al & Mollie Manning (41) |
| 18 | Rueben & Bette Martin (30) |
| 22 | Jean Spraetz |
| 22 | Sal & Julz Cruz (5) |
| 24 | Elijaz Isbell |
| 24 | Mike & Sherri Kunschke (29) |
| 25 | Tom Kun |
| 29 | Toni Washkowiak |
| 30 | Ashley Sims |
| 31 | Ruth Bernhardt |
| 31 | Jonah Carter |
| 31 | Daniel Ozlowski |

Serving in Worship in October

	October 2		October 9		October 16		October 23		October 30	
	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	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		Hite		Peters		Read		Womack	
Common Cup	Hite	Carper			Lutek	Ziegelbein			Carper	Kunschke
Altar	Bette Martin and Nelda Schrank									
Alcolyte	E Hacker	Tischler	Messinger	Loewecke	Ozowski	H Crabtree	E Hacker	W Gibson	J Hawkins	E Ziegelbein
Crucifer	G Hacker	A Shaltanis			G Hacker	K Crabtree			G Hawkins	N Ziegelbein
Greeter	Martin	McVicker	Schrank	Manning	Sparks	Dorak	Vess	Abbott/McVicker	Martin	Manning
Sound	Wolf	Raj	Botello	Selveraj	Wilkerson	Pittson	Wolf	Hite	Botello	Raj
Usher	Martin Scarth Parrent	Ziegelbein Loewecke	Frinsko Read Paradise	Moudy Dolginoff Cruz	Hawkins Cinquelpalmi	Oltman Berger Dolginoff	Kun Schrank Hacker	Crabtree Buckmeier Short	Hacker Kun Schrank	Short Crabtree Buckmeier

FINANCIAL REPORT

January- August, 2016

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
RECEIPTS:	Regular Offerings	\$492,173	\$443,623	\$48,550
	Other	\$2,031	\$2,570	(\$539)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$494,204	\$446,193	\$48,011
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$494,550	\$460,799	\$33,751
	RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	(\$346)	(\$14,606)	\$14,260

OTHER INFORMATION

1. General Operating Fund Balance	\$78,906
2. Dedicated Funds Balance	\$137,157
3. Building Note Balance	\$506,164