

FOOD DRIVE

Remember to bring Non Perishable Items. The need is greater than ever. Canned meats, vegetables, fruits, sauces and soups are always needed. Other items such as toilet paper, soaps: body, dish and laundry soaps, paper towels, tooth paste, tooth brushes, contact lenses solutions are needed.

Your gifts are graciously appreciated. The need is increasing. A list of 'Most Needed' items is posted in the café.

July Giving:

July 5 65 Items

July 12 44 Items

July 19 77 Items

July 26 See Aug. 2 Bulletin

UNDIE SUNDAY

**Was a huge
Success. You
made it happen!**

August Anniversaries

August 1

Mark and Shari Willenborg

August 11

Jarvis and Julie Lucas

August 12

Chris and Debbie Grunski

August 18

Roger and Mary Vaughn

August 20

Harry and Barbara Dailey

HAPPY Birthday!

August 1
Jarvis Lucas

August 3
Travis Drake

August 5
Michelle Kattawar

August 7
Tinley Schoss

August 8
Blake Covington
Matthew Parr

August 9
Kimberly Baese

August 10
Douglas Caldwell

August 13
Rachel Brown

August 15
Larry Moreau

August 16
Abigail Scott

August 17
Gloria Friedrich

August 18
Angie Parr

August 19
Ken Riley

August 21
Chuck Neeley
David Spilo

August 22
Frank Covington
Joline Olfers

August 24
Ted Klinker

August 28
Malcolm Lopez

August 29
Maxine Krizov

August 30
Gil Prather



LIBRARY NOTES for August 2009

by: Donna Estes

SUGGESTED READING

STEEPLECHASE (A Homer Kelly Mystery) by: Jane Langton

This is an old-fashioned mystery set in the late 1800s and the book is interspersed with 19th century photographs and charming drawings. The story is based on the Reverends Horatio Biddle and Josiah Gideon who have a on-going battle over a 200 year old chestnut tree that stands in the church cemetery. The book goes between "then" and "now", with the "now" characters being Homer and Mary Kelly who are compiling information & history about old churches, as Homer is a writer. They are searching for a "lost church".

A PLACE TO CALL HOME - by: Deborah Smith

This story is about two families, the Maloney's and the Sullivan's who live in Dunderry, Georgia in the 1950s. The Maloney's are wealthy and Sullivan's very poor, but the Maloney daughter, Claire, and the motherless Sullivan son, Roan, are young and very close friends, even though Claire Maloney's parents discourage it. Circumstances cause Roan Sullivan to leave Dunderry for over 20 years, returning a very wealthy man and rekindling the friendship with Claire Maloney and the entire Maloney family.

Books are the legacies that a great genius leaves to mankind, which are delivered down from generation to generation as presents to the posterity of those who are yet unborn ~ Joseph Addison ~

Please remember - if you check out a book write the title/your name/date in the blue binder (on top shelf of the bookcase to the left of the door).

When you return books please DO NOT RESHELF, put them in the plastic bins beside the children's bookshelf. Don't forget to cross the book out of the binder. Thanks for using LOL library.



Memorials

In Memory of **Rose Hausmann** by Alberta Otto.

COMING SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2 TO 9pm AT THE CHURCH

MARTIN LUTHER MOVIE

- This movie is the kick-off for our book discussion of Martin *Marty's Martin Luther*, published in 2008. Join us for the movie even if you will not be participating in our book discussions on the following Tuesdays.



KINDRED SISTERS

Kindred Sisters invite all ladies and friends of Lord of Life to join them on the First Tuesday morning of each month. Tuesday, August 4, 2009, we are invited to the home of Marge Kretschmar for a SOCIAL LUNCH. Please meet at 10:30 am at Marge's home at 12604 Parkland,

Austin, TX 78729. Please sign the "Sign-up" sheet on board in Koinonia Café and if you need a ride. Questions: Marge Kretschmar 258-2988 or Glenace Klinker 671-3690

Eleven Kindred Sisters and guests toured the "Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America Through Galveston Island" at The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum on Tuesday, July 7th. An interesting fact noted is that in our group visiting, there were three ladies who have ancestors that arrived here via Galveston. Lunch at the Museum's Café was also enjoyed before leaving the museum.

LWR "STAMPOREE" information is coming our way in September. So be sure to be saving your used postage stamps (on envelopes you receive) to bring to our meeting.



Thank-you all so much for your thoughts and prayers during my recent surgery and recuperation. I appreciated all the good wishes and cards more than you'll know! God has blessed me richly with a new "family" at Lord of Life, and I thank Him for you every day. Thank-you...and God's richest blessings to each of you!

Love, Debbie Seddelmeyer




LOLLC LADIES – KINDRED SISTERS
 Monthly Meeting – 1st Tuesday Morning

Upcoming Opportunities

Tuesday, August 4 — Social Lunch
Marge Kretschmar's Home
12604 Parkland
Austin, TX 78729
10:30

Tuesday, September 1
LWR "STAMPOREE"
Guest Speaker:
Sara Frank 10:30 am

Questions: Marge Kretschmar 258-2988
 or Glenace Klinker 671-3690

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM ILLNESS:

Ruby Ivy, Fran Hendrix, Junette Gowen, George & Esther Liardon, Alberta Otto, Dot Harrington, Joy Warriner, Ella Symank, Lynsey Thurman, Loraine Bazan, Angie Parr, Jordan Deathe, Gladys Soiseth, Harriett Rohne, Christian Bazan, Nick Maddern, Elvira Pelphrey, Robert Sopronyi, Diann Sowell, Deb Durling, Cindy Kassel, Nic Shappe, Reileigh Mace, Teresa Plessala, Jeannie Jones, Robert Keller, Katelyn Carter, Patricia Zotzky, Mary Ann McGuire, Terry Kinstley, Donald McClure, William & Frances Albert, Dorothy Darnell, Rev. Allison Hoenen, Rev. Jennings Hoenen, Russell Anderson, Kelli Egan, Faye Edwards, Laverne Welch, Steve Oswald, Lauretta Bennett, Ann Nelson, Clyde Czajkowski, Mary Davis.

**ATTENTION BOOK LOVERS **



LOL book sale coming soon! Look for the rolling book cart in the Welcome Center. Hard copy books & large paperbacks are \$1.00. Small paperbacks are \$.50. Proceeds go to the Library fund to help buy items for the library & Senior High Sunday School Room. Please support this sale!

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

The 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering was a huge success! It made international news and even ranked a personal letter from President Obama! Without the support and encouragement from our congregation our youth program would not have been able to grow together in Christ as we did in New Orleans. We humbly thank each and every one of you for your generosity.

To watch a video of Bishop Hanson reading the letter please follow this link:
<http://www.facebook.com/ext/share.php?sid=109127413843&h=7BkiM&u=uReA3&ref=mf>

By continuing what they learned in New Orleans several of the youth helped paint SafePlace in Austin on Saturday August 1st. It is our dream to continue with similar service events throughout the year. Hopefully, you and/or your youth will be available to join in on the fun. If you don't have a youth in our program, don't feel shy give me a call or email and let me know you want to participate!

Both middle and senior high youth have several upcoming events:

August 2nd we will meet briefly after service & brunch to discuss the upcoming youth service scheduled for September 13th.

August 9, 16, 23, 30 we will meet for 45 minutes after brunch to work on the youth service.

The annual Austin area Lutheran **Jr. High Lock-in at Austin's Park** is scheduled for **August 28-29** (Friday evening to Saturday morning). **Cost is still \$30** for this great event which has drawn attendance totals from 275 to 489 since 2003. Please call or email me if your youth is interested in attending. I will be an adult leader for this event.
jenelle@the-sellers.org 512-750-3664

September 5-7th is a middle and senior high youth retreat weekend. All rising 6th-12th graders are welcome to attend this event. Please email Jennifer Scott at jds cott12@austin.rr.com or myself at jenelle@the-sellers.org if you and/or your youth are interested in attending this event.

September 13th is Jubilee Sunday! Opening day for Sunday school and the youth will be leading both services this day.

Helping Those in Need

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

We also have had an increase for help. You have been generous in funding **Pastor's Discretionary Fund**. Any assistance you can give in this way is also greatly appreciated by all. You may make donations to assist with this ministry by specifying on your check or envelope that you want a certain amount to be deposited to this fund.

Hill Country Community Ministries

Our community, like so many communities in our country, are experiencing a rapid increase of individuals and families that need assistance with food, clothing, bills, and all other aspects of daily living. You have been wonderfully generous in giving to them. Thank you.

I would only ask that you keep it up, especially during the summer months, when donations dwindle. They are in need of almost everything. They do post on their website specific items of which they especially need. You can locate that at: www.hccm.org. Or you can call at 512-259-0360.

Again, thank you for all your ministry to those in need.

You May Have Been Wondering What Pastor Schoss Has Been Up To

(From The Torch Magazine, Texas Lutheran University) The Rev. Dr. Carl Schoss is now on the Board of Regents for Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR AUGUST 2, 2009

9:30 a.m.

Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Seddelmeyer
Assisting Minister	Chuck Neeley
Lector / Petitioner	Deb Grunski
Communion Assistant	Gayle Covington
Bread	Frank and Gayle Covington
Wine	Gary and Cindy Wilks
ALTAR GUILD	Deb Grunski, Deanna Brown, Martha Orr

9:30 a.m.

USHERS 9:30 a.m. Max Kretschmar, Mike Brown, Lee Penland, Gibb Prather, Doug Caldwell
 INSIDE GREETERS Katherine Stewart/Martha Orr
 OUTSIDE GREETERS Gayle and Frank Covington
 ASSEMBLE BULLETINS Martha Orr & Katherine Stewart
 FLOWERS: Martha Orr in Memory of her Father
 TELLERS Dick Fink & Chuck Neeley

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR AUGUST 9, 2009

9:30 a.m.

Presiding Minister	Dave Seddelmeyer
Assisting Minister	Mindy Penland
Lector / Petitioner	Mike Petry
Communion Assistant	Katherine Stewart
Bread	
Wine	
ALTAR GUILD	Deb Grunski, Deanna Brown, Martha Orr

9:30 a.m.

USHERS 9:30 a.m. Max Kretschmar, Mike Brown, Lee Penland, Gibb Prather, Doug Caldwell
 INSIDE GREETERS Beverly and Ted Wendlandt
 OUTSIDE GREETERS Michelle Kattawar / Marita Rush
 ASSEMBLE BULLETINS Martha Orr & Katherine Stewart
 FLOWERS: Mary and Roger Vaughn for their many Blessings.
 TELLERS Rebecca Holland & Chuck Neeley

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR AUGUST 16, 2009

Presiding Minister	Dave Seddelmeyer
Assisting Minister	John Paul Crawford
Lector / Petitioner	Marge Kretschmar
Communion Assistant	Edith Swartz
Bread	
Wine	

ALTAR GUILD	Deb Grunski, Deanna Brown, Martha Orr
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9:30 a.m.

USHERS 9:30 a.m. Mark Willenborg, Bill Perry, Katherine Stewart, Josh Vaughn, Roger Vaughn
 INSIDE GREETERS Barbara and Harry Daily
 OUTSIDE GREETERS John Dunn/Lisa Kincart
 ASSEMBLE BULLETINS Martha Orr & Katherine Stewart
 FLOWERS: Deb and Chris Grunski in Honor of their 30th Wedding Anniversary
 TELLERS Rebecca Holland & Chuck Neeley

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR AUGUST 23, 2009

9:30 a.m.

Presiding Minister	Dave Seddelmeyer
Assisting Minister	Rex Schroeder
Lector / Petitioner	Dick Fink
Communion Assistant	Shari Willenborg
Bread	
Wine	

ALTAR GUILD	Deb Grunski, Deanna Brown, Martha Orr
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9:30 a.m.

USHERS 9:30 a.m. Mark Willenborg, Bill Perry, Katherine Stewart, Josh Vaughn, Roger Vaughn
 INSIDE GREETERS Blake Traywick & Savannah Scott
 OUTSIDE GREETERS Horace and Nell Pennington
 ASSEMBLE BULLETINS Martha Orr & Katherine Stewart
 FLOWERS: Steve Holland in Honor of Mom and Dad's Birthday
 TELLERS Dick Fink & Chuck Neeley

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR AUGUST 30, 2009

Presiding Minister	Dave Seddelmeyer
Assisting Minister	Marilee Parsons
Lector / Petitioner	John Paul Crawford
Communion Assistant	Dorothy Crawford
Bread	
Wine	

ALTAR GUILD	Deb Grunski, Deanna Brown, Martha Orr
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9:30 a.m.

USHERS 9:30 a.m. Robert Scott, Linda Lane, Bob Lane, Gary Wilkes, Roger Vaughn
 INSIDE GREETERS Marge Kretschmar & Rea Wiruscheske
 OUTSIDE GREETERS Horace and Nell Pennington
 ASSEMBLE BULLETINS Martha Orr & Katherine Stewart
 FLOWERS: Walter Krizov in Honor of Maxine's Birthday
 TELLERS Dick Fink & Chuck Neeley



We are continuing **FABULOUS FINDS** at the Harvest Carnival and Craft Show November 14th!!

FABULOUS FINDS will include donations from members of new or slightly used items. Suggested donations include: home decor items, glassware, silver, china, unused kitchen appliances, decorative pillows, lamps, pictures/picture frames, linens, antiques and small furniture items. We are asking that you do not donate toys, clothes or books.

Please start saving your new/slightly used items for the Fabulous Finds booth. *No garage sale items, please!* Only items that you might wish to purchase yourself. All profits will go to the church and you can record the items you donate for income tax purposes!!

You may be planning on moving, down-sizing or just cleaning out. Think of us when you do. We will collect the items at church November 1st - 8th.

Pastor Dave's Core Values: Groups

For the past couple of months, I've been sharing what my core values are. I look forward to sharing the remaining ones as well.

Core values are qualities that an individual or group consider most important. They represent an individual's or group's highest priorities.

My values are defined by five "G's"; **Grace, Growth, Groups, Gifts, and Good Stewardship**. I would like to share my understanding of these over the next few months. This month, we look at growth.

GROUPS

It's been said that all people have two great needs. a) the need to be loved, and b) the need to be loving to others. When we experience both of these needs, we live very fulfilling lives.

There's a reason that over 50% of all churches average 75 or less worshipers on a given weekend. That's the size where people know all the people in church. That's size where they feel they can truly belong, be needed, be loved and love.

Belonging is important. That's part of what Baptism is all about. We belong to God's kingdom, His community, His church. And we are accepted and loved. It's when the circle grows beyond our comfort level of knowing "everybody" that we fear that we won't belong to the group, won't be needed, won't be loved.

So what do congregations larger than 75 average worship attendance do? They create groups within the larger where they can belong. They have what are called "Small Groups." This is a very old practice, one that the early Christian church practiced from its beginning.

Small groups consist of usually 8 to 15 individuals. They meet on a regular basis that the whole group agrees to. They practice all that a church does. They are, after all, the church. "Where two or three gather in my name, I'm right there in the middle of you," Jesus said. (Matthew 18:20) They worship, study the Bible, share concerns, seek ways to care for the needs of others – both within their group and within the community they live, and look for ways to invite others into the group to share God's love.

In these groups, everyone always belongs, is needed, is loved, and has opportunity to share as well as receive ministry.

Lord of Life is at that size when these groups would give another level of caring to happen within our community of faith. I ask you to spend time in prayer for this to begin and grow at Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave



The group had a nice lunch at the café in the museum.

Kindred Sisters went to the Bob Bullock Museum here in Austin in July and toured the special exhibit:
The Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America Through Galveston Island



Our Stained Glass Windows!

Donna Estes put an plea in The Vista earlier this year asking for Stained Glass Windows. In March, Florence Baker, Assistant Executive Director, at First Lutheran Church of Gonzales, Texas emailed



our office that they had some stained glass windows being stored in their Bell Tower. A few weeks later she sent photos.

As with any church, the decision had to be made as to a price and whether or not they would be sold at all.

As it turned out, the Council at First Lutheran Church of Gonzales voted to give us the windows.

Aaron Stratton, Dick Fink and Rex Schroeder picked the windows up and brought them home to Lord of Life.

Give these folks a pat on the back and anyone wishing to write the First Lutheran Church of Gonzales a personal note of appreciation may write to:

First Lutheran Church
1206 N. St. Joseph Street
Gonzales, TX 78629

Back to Church Sunday September 13, 2009




According to LifeWay Research, 82% of people say they would be open to attending church if a friend invited them. Statistics show that only 2% of active church-going Christians invited an un-churched person to church last year.

Statistics show that three out of four formerly churched adults are willing to give church another try. More than a third feels a "gap" in their lives since they stopped attending. Almost half wish they could be "closer to God," and more than half would attend if they simply "felt like it was the right time" to go back.



AUGUST 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 Holy Communion services. 8:45 a.m. Bells Camp (all ages) Youth meet after service to discuss Youth service 09/13/09	3	4 10:30 Kindred Sisters meets - Luncheon at Marge's 6:30 Cub Scout Troop 150	5	6	7	1/8
9 9:30 Holy Communion services. 8:45 a.m. Bells Camp (all ages) Youth meet after service to work on Youth service 09/13/09	10	11 6:30 Cub Scout Troop 150	12	13  Meeting 7:00pm	14	15 10:30 a.m. African Violet Group meeting in Café.
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