



May 2009 Life Lines

Volume No. 0905

May 2009 Edition

Inside this issue:

BBQ and Bake Sale	Page 1
Preparing for Sunday	Page 1
Painted Churches	Page 1
May Birthdays	Page 2
Library News	Page 2
Pictorial Directory	Page 3
Thank you!	Page 3
Memorials	Page 3
Remember in Prayer	Page 3
Book Discussion	Page 4
Staying Flu Free	Page 4
Worship Leaders	Page 5
Graduating Seniors	Page 6
Treasurers Report	Page 6
Caring for Homeless	Page 6
From Pastor Dave	Page 7
Kindred Sisters 3,6 and	Page 8
Calendar	Page 9

BBQ and Bake Sale

The BBQ & Bake Sale raised over \$700 for our debt reduction fund and that doesn't include the matching funds from Thrivent!

Thank you everyone who donated their time, talent, and money to help make this wonderful annual event a success!



Everyone who went on the Painted Churches tour has raved about how beautiful the churches were. Above is a photo by Pastor Dave of one of the beautiful churches the group visited.

Preparing For Sunday

May 3
Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

May 10, Mother's Day
Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

May 17
Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

May 21, Ascension of our Lord

May 24
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

May 31, Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



Upcoming Fellowship:

- Sunday Worship
- Sunday School
- Kindred Sisters
- Coffee Fellowship
- Pastors Bible Study
- Worship Committee Meetings
- Church Council Meeting
- Adult Bells



Living in God's amazing grace

Do you have or know of a Lord of Life graduating senior?



We have some of them listed on page 6 of this issue of Life Lines but we need for you to let us know of others as we don't want to overlook anyone who is graduating! We also need to know what school they are graduating from, and what their school colors are. Graduates are being recognized on May 17th.

Council Meeting
May 14 th,
7:00p.m.

HAPPY Birthday!



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.

April Giving:
 April 5: 65 Items
 April 12: 40 Items
 April 19: 6 Items
 April 26: 46 Items

May 2
Patti Kasel

May 4
Tanya DaMommio
Derek Mergele
Carl Wiruscheske

May 7
Writ Baese

May 8
Lauren Dowling

May 10
Diane Smith
Paige Vogele

May 11
Deirdre O'Donnell

May 13
Tristyn Kattawar

May 14
Melvin Olfers
Ryan Sellers

May 20
Shane Willenborg

May 21
Allison Caldwell
Harry Dailey
Amber Hart

May 23
Jared Carnes
Shelby Prather

May 25
Brenden Garcia

May 26
Michael Petry
Ed Thurman

May 29
Ethan DaMommio

May 30
Chester Carnes

May 31
Jessika Dalziel



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

What is it? The Pastor's Discretionary Fund has been set up to enable the Pastor to assist individuals and families who have an immediate need, such as assistance to purchase groceries, gas, or assistance with rent or utilities. You may donate to this important ministry by noting that a certain amount of your offering is to go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund or by making a separate donation for it. Thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS

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.

"Books are the blessed chloroform of the mind"
 Robert Chambers

SUGGESTED READING

A NEW EARTH-Awakening to Your Life's Purpose - by: Eckhart Tolle
 (This is my personal copy, but, I want to share it with you because it is such a powerful read.)

Tolle believes that in order to discover the freedom and joy of life that everyone should live "in the now". The book explains how to improve your ego-based stated of consciousness which is ultimately essential to your personal happiness. By doing this, it is the key to ending conflict and suffering throughout the world. Attachment to your ego creates dysfunction which in turn leads to anger, jealousy and unhappiness. This is a profoundly spiritual and uplifting read. I hope you enjoy it!


A PAINTED HOUSE - by: John Grisham
 Set in 1950's Arkansas, the story was inspired by Grisham's own childhood memories. The story is told through the eyes of a seven year old boy, Luke Chandler. The setting is an 80-acre, rented cotton farm and tells of the hardships the family has battling the day-to-day problems not only with the weather but with each other and the problems they have with the migrant workers that help pick cotton. One of my favorite books that I have read over and over again. A quick and enjoyable read.

May Anniversaries

- May 17
Hugo & Loraine Bazan
- May 24
Mike & Barb Petry
- May 24
Frank & Gayle Covington
- May 25
Horace & Nell Pennington
- May 30
Michael & Deanna Brown
- May 30
David & Erica Smith



Mindy Penland and Glenace Klinker at the Davis Spring Eggstravaganza.

LOLLC Evangelism Committee sponsored the Lemonade and Snack table for Davis Spring Eggstravaganza on morning of April 4th. Notice how their outfits are color coordinated? Did they plan that? 

Congregational Life



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE!!

Remember! We need your photos! If we haven't taken one of you for the directory, please email, mail or bring one by that we can scan for the directory.

There is a form that can be completed and emailed or mailed with your updated information on the website. Go to the forms page from the link in the left hand column. Please send photos and information to Marita Rush at: omarush@austin.rr.com

You may also stop by the office during regular office hours (9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.) and have your photo taken. Please call first.

Thank You! BBQ and Bake Sale

The BBQ & Bake Sale raised over \$700 for our debt reduction fund and that doesn't include the matching funds from Thrivent! Thank you everyone who donated their time, talent, and money to help make this wonderful annual event a success!

In-Kind Donations

Horace & Nell Pennington
Bill Saegert
Mike Kamensky
Harry & Barbara Dailey
Rea Wiruscheske
Russell & Jenelle Sellers
Marilee & Raina Parsons
Michelle Kattawar
Deanna Brown
Rex Schroeder
Patti Kassel
Lisa Kincart
Dee Smith
Cindy & Gary Wilks

Meat Cookers

Mike Kamensky
Bob Lane
Dennis Friedrich
Max Kretschmar
Russell & Jenelle Sellers

Cookie Deliverers

Olga Haenel
Mindy Penland
Ryan Sellers
Conner Sellers

Set up & Clean up crew

Rex Schroeder
Chuck Neeley

Sales

Mike & Deanna Brown
Ryan Sellers
Conner Sellers
Rea Wiruscheske
Pastor Dave & Debbie Seddelmeyer

Thank you to Jenelle Sellers for compiling the list of names.



LOLLC LADIES

Monthly Meeting – 1st Tuesday Morning

Upcoming Opportunities

May 5 – 10:30 am @LOLLC Café
Bible Study – Led by Dorothy Kramer-
Hostesses: Rea Wiruscheske & Ingrid Crawford

June 2 – Visit LOLLC Member
Hostesses: Virginia Pfluger & Judi Rusk

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

Hostess Sign-Up Sheet on Kindred Sisters Board in Café – Please sign accordingly

Memorials

In Memory of Shirley A. White by
Paul and Harriet Rohne

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, Maxine Krizov, Melissa Neeley, Harriett Rohne, Horace Pennington, Dorothy Hamilton, Nick Maddern, Elvira Pelphrey, Robert Sopronyi, Diann Sowell, Deb Durling, Cindy Kassel, Nic Shappe, Jerry Babin, Reileigh Mace, Teresa Plessala, Jeannie Jones, Robert Keller, Katelyn Carter, Virgil Horning, Pat Zotzky, Mary Ann McGuire, Roy Poole Family, Jim Lewis, Terry Kinstley, Donald McClure, William & Frances Albert, Dorothy Darnell, Rev. Allison Hoenen, Rev. Jenning Hoenen, Russell Anderson, Kelli Egan, Faye Edwards, Laverne Welch.



Book Discussion Group

The Tuesday night discussion group invites you to join them in a discussion of Peter J. Gomes book, the Scandalous gospel of JESUS, with a subtitle "What's so Good About the Good News?" This book follows Gomes' New York Times Bestseller The Good Book. The New York Review of Books states, "{ Gomes } has emerged as the foremost modern American interpreter of the Bible for a wide and sometimes unchristian audience The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus is his most important {book} yet."...

Peter Gomes is a Harvard Seminary professor and minister of Harvard University's Memorial Church. He was named one of America's top preachers by Time magazine.

In this book Gomes shows that the good news is as relevant today as ever.

The discussion group meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at church. The current session began on April 28th. Check with Olga Haenel if you have any questions.

Staying Flu Free - Prevention, prevention, prevention!

1. Vaccination. According to Dr. Hossalla, (Pediatrician in Georgetown), the nasal mist vaccine is said to have a some effectiveness against the current flu (H1N1) going round.
2. Then, Wash hands often with soap and water or an alcohol based product to minimize germs.
3. Keep some hand sanitizer or germicidal or alcohol based hand wipes with you and use them especially after: getting gas, handling a grocery cart, holding hands, shaking hands, using a door public knob, or anything that the general public has access to.
4. Don't worry about looking silly, just do it and avoid those germs. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as much as possible.
5. Last but not least, if you're not feeling well, stay home, and call the office if we can assist you with anything: meals...



Hail on the Lord of Life Deck during the big hail storm. We were so fortunate that no windows were broken.

Coming Soon to our Website:
A photo gallery

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR MAY 31, 2009

8:15 a.m. / 10:45 a.m.

Presiding Minister - Pastor Dave Seddelmeyer
Acolyte

Assisting Minister Marilee Parsons

Lector David Spilo

Petitioner Tanya DaMommio

Communion Assistant Edith Swartz

ALTAR GUILD Julia & Chuck Neeley, Sherrie Hafner,
Patti Kassel, Melissa Neeley

USHERS 8:15 a.m. Roger Vaughn
10:45 a.m. Robert Scott, Linda Lane,
Robert Lane, Gary Wilks

INSIDE GREETERS Barb & Mike Petry

OUTSIDE GREETERS Gloria & Dennis Friedrich

FLOWERS Martha Orr in Memory of Mother

TELLERS Katherine Stewart & Aaron Stratton



Graduating High School Seniors

Lauren Dowling - McNeil High School
Christopher Kostoff - Leander High School
Lindsey Prather - Leander High School
Travis Saegert - Anderson High School

Graduating College Seniors

Leslie Neeley - University of Texas

Jim Warriner - University of Texas

Please let us know who we should add
to our list!
671-6100 or office@LordofLifeaustin.org

Lord of Life Contributes to Care of the Homeless

The City of Austin charges Lord of Life a drainage fee of \$240.00 per month. However, the City allows religious organizations to divert those fees from the City to the Religious Coalition to Assist the Homeless. In 2008, the Religious Coalition awarded almost \$520,000 in grants to 12 homeless service agencies for 2009.

Lord of Life began this diversion several months ago. Based on new congregations' contributions to the Coalition (including ours), an additional \$45,000 in 2009 grants was awarded in March 2009. Organizations such as Front Steps, Life Works, Community Partnership for the Homeless, Caritas of Austin, SafePlace, and others received the grants.

Sign Up for Simply Giving!

Simply Giving takes the effort out of giving. Simply fill out the form available from the office, void and attach a check or deposit slip, and your contribution will be made even if you are out of town or on vacation.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Roger Vaughn	Marge Kretschmar
George Warriner	Horace and Nell Pennington
Herman Haenel	Marita Rush
Pam Kamensky	Adele Evans

Stephen Ministers are congregation members who are recruited, selected, trained, and commissioned to provide one-to-one lay caring ministry to persons in crisis or with other needs for care.



The Heavy Metal Ringers

The Choir could still use another handbell ringer (Grade 3 or above)
See Dick Fink.

Kindred Sisters To Meet for a Bible Study, Lunch and Fellowship!

Our monthly May meeting will feature Dorothy Kraemer, a former member of our Kindred Sisters group. She will be leading a Bible study for us and she always brings something new to help us better understand the importance of God in our lives. We will also have a lunch and good fellowship. We invite all who can to join us for this event. We will start at 10:30 on Tuesday morning May 5th. See you there. Praise the Lord.

Randall's 'Good Neighbor Program'

Will give Lord of Life 1% of your total bill if you register your Randall's 'Remarkable Card'. All you have to do is register. Forms are available at Randal's and Lord of Life's number is 4716.



Kindred Sisters Cookbooks

Mother's Day is just around the corner and what better way to honor a special Mom in your life than with a custom cookbook by our very own Kindred Sisters!

From Pastor Dave

Mission:

To be a mission center of faith, hope, and love.

Process:

To grow stronger in our relationship with God, to partner together in our ministry as we serve the needs of the community and those seeking hope.

I repeat the first two parts of looking into the future as a reminder how I see us at Lord of Life. As I've said in the past, we can always revise and make it better. So please don't hesitate to share your insights with me.

But to keep moving us forward, I would like to share with you what information the **Past Presidents** have discovered.

Our Community:

We live in a changing community because of past rapid growth. We currently have 67,571 in our area which is an increase of 307% since 1990. By 2013, the expectation is that we should grow by another 25%, which is an increase of 16,383 people.

The population of our area contains 12% in the ages of 0 to 6 years old. This is well above the average for the US. Their parents also make up one of the largest groups called survivors, ages 27-47. This too is well above the US average. Those between the ages of 48 - above 84 is significantly below the US average.

The largest segment of the population of our area are called Survivors (age 27-47) . This is the generation born between 1961 and 1981. These are the neglected children of the younger Silents and the Boomers. Their parents were so busy in pursuit of the self that they left their children to fend for themselves. And the children became quite good at it - they will survive.

Areas of interest for most in our area would include: Marriage Enrichment Opportunities, Cultural Programs (Music, Art, etc.), Adult Theological Discussion Groups, and Family Activities. As an overall category, programs related to Recreation are the most significant based upon total number of households and comparison to national average.

So where to go from here? We need your help and your input. We need to answer questions such as...

What are our strengths?

How can we use them well within the community we live?

With this information, what should our two or three priorities be for the next three years?

I and the council would like to hear your ideas. Please don't hesitate to share them.

Thanks

Pastor Dave



Kindred Sisters Assembles Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Join Kindred Sisters and make a difference in the world! Kindred Sisters meets next on May 5th at 10:30 a.m. in the Café

Monday, April 7, 2009

Kindred Sisters ladies assembled fifty (50) Lutheran World Relief Health Kits with the contributions from LOLLC members. They also gave a \$100 donation to help defray the cost of shipping our Health Kits. The two boxes were delivered on April 15 to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in downtown Austin ... next the truck took them to the LWR In-Gathering in San Antonio where they will then go to Baltimore, MD for distribution.

Thank you to all.



Loaded onto the truck!



May 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Parenting class is each Sunday after worship through May 5th	Remember, May 10th is Mother's Day 	May 25 is Memorial Day 	24th will be 1st Communion 	31st Confirmation Sunday 11:45 	1	2
3 8:15 & 10:45 Holy Communion services. 9:30 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bells Golf Tournament	4	5 10:30 Kindred Sisters meets in the Café 6:30 Cub Scout Troop 150	6 Adult Bells 6:30 - 7:30 Choir Practice 7:30 - 8:30	7	8	9 African Violet Group 10:30 in the Café
10 8:15 & 10:45 Holy Communion services. 9:30 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bells	11 Finance Committee Meeting	12 6:30 Cub Scout Troop 150	13 Adult Bells 6:30 - 7:30 Choir Practice 7:30 - 8:30	14 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. 	15	16 Piano Recital in Sanctuary 2:30-5:30 Julia Hsaiou
17 8:15 & 10:45 Holy Communion services. 9:30 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bells Graduates Recognition	18 Worship Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m	19 6:30 Cub Scout Troop 150	20 Adult Bells 6:30 - 7:30 Choir Practice	21	22	23
24/31 8:15 & 10:45 Holy Communion services. 9:30 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Youth Bells 24th - 1st Communion 31st - Confirmation Sunday	25 Office Closed for Observance of Memorial Day	26 6:30 Cub Scout Troop 150	27 Adult Bells 6:30 - 7:30 Choir Practice 7:30 - 8:30	28	29 Youth Lock-in Cancelled—New Date to be determined	30 Confirmation Class Rehearsal