

blessing of the driver's license

**sunday , november 8
 11:00 am**

Calling all families with a teen currently driving with a permit OR has recently received his/her license (I'll let you decide how recently is "recent").

Vicky and Jennifer continue to look for ways the church can celebrate the milestones in our LOL families' lives and create opportunities to intentionally add faithful and meaningful experiences along with these milestones.

On Sunday, November 8 at the 11:00 am service, we will bless our newest drivers' licenses and permits and give them a gift. Immediately following that service, we invite parents and new teen drivers to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. We will have guided conversations to help parents and teens set up a covenant of expectations and responsibilities that come with driving. We hope that you will attend.

If this event applies to you, but you have not signed up, please contact Jennifer Seaks asap.

baptism anniversary recognition

2nd sunday of each month

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
 Ephesians 4:4-6

It is by the water and the word we become one in the family of God. This pivotal experience of baptism in our lives was just the beginning of the important formation of our faith. The Faith Formation team invites you to remember your baptism during our worship services.

On the second Sunday of each month starting in November, anniversaries of baptism will be celebrated during the services. Anyone who was

baptized in that month will join together at the font, light your baptism candle and celebrate your relationship in God's family.

All you need to do is contact the office at lol@lordoflifeonline.org with your baptismal month, bring your candle to church on the second Sunday of that month and celebrate the water of love washing over you in your relationship with God. If you do not have a baptismal candle, the church will provide one for you. Please contact the church by Wednesday, November 4.

It is in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit we are united as a family. Let us celebrate the union as a family! Please contact Vicky or Jennifer if you have any questions.

call committee update...

The Lord of Life Senior Pastor Call Committee continues to meet and is working to complete the Ministry Site Profile that must be submitted to our synod office. At its next meeting, the committee will also work on creating a plan and timeline for seeking input from the congregation and staff of Lord of Life.

Members of the Lord of Life Senior Pastor Call Committee are: Phil Beckler, David French, Margaret Hitchcock (Secretary), Jeff Hodges, Katy Lawrence, Linda Nicolosi (Correspondent), and James Walker (Chair). Questions or concerns can be shared with any of the committee members.

Please continue to keep the Call Committee and this process in your prayers.



cliff's comments

by Pastor Cliff Akerman
interim senior pastor

It's that time again for...

...fall back – Central Standard Time returns on Sunday, November 1. Show up for worship, yes; but do it at the right time. The benefit is that for one Sunday the pastors, staff and members should be better rested and ready to go.

...to remember all the saints who have faithfully lived in and died in the Christian Faith. On Sunday, November 1, during our worship we will remember the LOL members who have entered into eternal life during the past year. We will be given time to remember all that have been faithful in living and that have such meaning for us.

...to be thankful. Thanksgiving is not intended to be "turkey day"; but to be a time of expressing thankfulness for the many blessings we have in this life. We gather with family and friends. We give thanks for our unique and wonderful country. We enjoy our favorite pastimes be it a sporting event, exercising, taking a nap, or eating our fill. We can also serve others less fortunate by contributing to, preparing for, or distributing a holiday meal.

...the conclusion to another liturgical church year. Christ the King Sunday on November 22, is a celebration of the source and

scope of our Christian religion.

...to recognize the veterans of the branches of our nation's armed forces. These men and women who have served under and defended our flag as a symbol of our great country. A special service sponsored by Thrivent will be held at 2 pm at Lord of Life.

...to enjoy a "Chili Cook off" on Sunday, November 22 at 6pm which gives you an opportunity to attend the 5pm worship.

...to begin a new liturgical church year on Sunday, November 29, the First Sunday in Advent, and to attend the Advent mid-week worship opportunities.

...to catch up on our intended offerings to LOL if we are behind or to make additional offerings if we are on track or ahead.

...to prepare for the worship for the always inspirational Christmas Eve services.

Yes, it's that time again. It also the time for my usual expression of unity that we share in our Lord's ministry. Thank you for your partnership.

Pastor "Cliff"

lutherhill summer camp

register today!

Register today for summer camp at Lutherhill. Dates for camp are as follows:

Youngn's - completed 2nd-3rd grade

Dates: June 13-18

Fee: \$335

Yearlings - completed 4th-6th grade

Dates: June 13-18

Fee: \$335

They will get to do all the great camp activities that the Youngn's experience PLUS have a campout.

NOTE: 6th graders have the opportunity to attend either the Yearling or Adventurer Program, depending on the age group your camper would like to be grouped with.

You can register directly with the camp at
www.lutherhill.org/summercamp.php

educational and family events

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday mornings - 10:00 am

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday mornings - 9:30 am

Children's Music Program

Wednesdays - 5:00 pm

Word on Wednesday (WOW)

Wednesdays - 6:00 pm

Confirmation/MWM

Wednesdays - 7:00 pm

Adult Confirmation

Wednesdays - 7:00 pm

Sunday School for all ages

Sunday mornings - 9:45 am

4th Grade Old Testament Retreat

Sunday, November 1 - 12:30 pm

Blessing of the Driver's Licenses

Sunday, November 8 - 11:00 am

Veterans Day Worship Service

Sunday, November 8 - 2:00 pm

Family Camp at Lutherhill

November 13 – 15

Chili Cook-off/Gratitude Service

Sunday, November 22 - 5:00 pm

1st Sunday in Advent

Sunday, November 29

Come To Bethlehem

Sunday, December 13 - 2:00 pm

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 13 - 5:00 pm

Jr. & Sr. Hi Advent Retreat at Lutherhill

Friday, December 11 -

Saturday, December 12

fellowship opportunities

Men's Ministry The Men's Breakfast meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 7:30 am.

BUNCO meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Contact Beth Kuper for more information.

Lunch Bunch meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at local restaurants. Our next lunch spot is going to be PM Bistro on November 4 at Noon.

Senior Sages meets the 1st Thursday of each month. Join us on November 5 at the Rise & Dine Restaurant at 10:00 am for fellowship and breakfast/lunch.

prayer opportunities

Prayer Ministry Did you know that nearly everyday those who are on the LOL prayer list are lifted up by a member of Lord of Life's Prayer Ministry team? Please sign up if you are interested in joining.

hospital visitation ministry

If you know you are going to be hospitalized, please let the church know so you will receive a visit from one of our pastors and or a church member. Please email Jeanne Lawson if you are interested in joining this ministry. nickelwoman@aol.com.

opportunities to serve

Front Office: We are looking for volunteers to answer phones and help with general office needs. Contact Kathy Greer 281-367-7016 or e-mail lol@lordoflifeonline.org.

Sound Room Volunteers: We provide audio support for all of the Sunday services plus many other scheduled events. Experience is not necessary - we will train you! Contact Gary Williamson at 281 376-4120 or email at gmwnbw@yahoo.com.

Acolytes: All 2nd through 6th graders are welcome to participate in this program. Contact Becky Havill at 281-681-1732 or rshavill@att.net if you are interested.

Worship Assistants/Deacons: Contact Elizabeth McPherson at 281-298-2845 or rivershark@yahoo.com if you would like to be a Communion Assistant or Deacon at the 8:30 or 11:00 am services.

outreach ministry

Hug-a-bears workshop meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 am in the Resource Room upstairs. Help us make bears to warm the hearts of patients at Woodlands Memorial Hospital and Community Clinic.

Rachel's Remnants meets the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month. Join us as we tie beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Contact RuthAnn Wietstruck at 281-367-2150.

Knitting Group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. Please join us.

Prayers & Squares meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. Join us October 8 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm upstairs in the Resource Room.

nursery help needed

attention: anyone interested in working part-time

Child care / Nursery attendant needed some weekday evenings and Sundays. This is a part time position with 2 hour minimum pay per shift. Get your kid fix and come be a blessing to some very special little folks! Contact Debbie Fraga for details: 936-321-1787 or jdfraga@consolidated.net.

kids of the kingdom

Our Kids of the Kingdom friends have had a great first month of school. We are enjoying our new playground structure as well as the new friends that we are making.

October is a fun month at KOK. Our Bible verse for the month is: *"God has been good to me."* Genesis 33:11

We will be celebrating fall and harvest as well as concentrating on the colors orange and yellow. Happy Fall!

calling 5th & 6th grade boys

Are you ready for some football? The Boys to Men group is planning an outing to the Oakridge High School Football game on November 6. Game time is at 7:30, but the group will meet earlier at the church and then travel to Woodforest Bank Stadium for the game.

Tickets are covered for this event; however students must bring their own spending money. Please email Vicky to sign up by Wednesday, November 4 at vickyroberts@lordoflifeonline.org.

Your child must have a medical release form on file with Lord of Life in order to attend.

thanksgiving celebration and chili cook-off

Come and enjoy some family fellowship while heating up the place with your famous chili at this year's Chili Cook-off on November 22 following the 5:00 service. After a short story time in the Sanctuary, dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. Don't forget the prizes to be won for Hottest, Judge's Choice, People's Choice and Most Original and new this year a prize for Kid's Choice! Come join friends and family to "Give Thanks" for all the special gifts we have received!

worship assistant volunteers

If you are interested in serving at Lord of Life as Deacon or as a Communion Assistant at the 8:30 or 11:00 services, and you have NOT been receiving emails during the past month, please contact Elizabeth McPherson at 281-298-2845 or email rivershark@yahoo.com.



outreach ministry

Food Drive results: Do you know that on October 8, 660 pounds of food was given to Interfaith from Lord of Life (310 pounds were collected by the highschoolers)! Also, Bob Bockeloh, master shopper, wisely spent money donated by Thrivent and gave 90 cases each to Interfaith, and to The Montgomery County Food Bank. Next, food will be given to homeless teens - teens not wanted at home, but who still want to "make it". 81% of these teens still go to school! This is what we want to encourage, through Montgomery County Youth Services.

Rachel's Remnants donated 5 beautiful quilts to Clifton Lutheran Sunset Home to raise money for needed supplies and equipment.

Lutheran Social Services: Sadly, news was sent our way that The Lutheran Social Services has closed its foster care branch here in Houston. For the past 3 years, we have provided presents to the foster children as well as holding a Christmas party for them.

Adopt-a-Senior / Adopt -a- Family: Of course, there are needs here, even in the Woodlands. We will be asking for Christmas gifts for 30 Senior Citizens and 10 poor families through Interfaith. Sign-ups will start soon. (One dear member has already started purchasing gifts!)

Fair Trade: This year there will be a greatly expanded Global Market Fair Trade Sale to be held on Saturday, December 5 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm) and Sunday, December 6 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please bring your neighbors and shop for fun things, while you are actually part of mission work. (The money feeds and educates very poor families.) There are many things necessary to hold this event. If you can help for a 2-hour increment with unpacking and setting-up the week before, or just being present on the week-end, please contact Anne at the church office or sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. It will be greatly appreciated.

Global Barnyard will also be a gift option, and of course, our **Seafarer** friends.

Habitat for Humanity: On October 3, a beautiful, new 4-bedroom Habitat home was dedicated, with Rev. Klempel from Spirit of Joy, presiding. The home was bought by the Chacon family. Jose' is a landscape manager, as well as going to school to become a youth leader. He is a devout Christian. The family put in 350 "sweat equity" hours as part of purchasing this interest-free home. Lord of Life was the lead church working with 4 other Lutheran Churches. Dan Kaldor, Joe Cox and Don Hynek were leaders on the project, along with other LOL members who faithfully worked regularly. Other support given was lunches by LOL members provided to the hard workers. Significant funding was provided by Thrivent to support this project. Diane Kaldor presented a handmade quilt to the family. Lord of Life-Habitat gifted a dining room table and chairs.

our family

We remember in our prayers **Arlyn & Millie Hausman** upon the death of their son-in-law Carl Schaer, and **Lanette Jackson** upon the death of her mother, Estelle Jackson.

Congratulations to **Andy Koch and Sarah Young** upon their marriage on Saturday, October 24.

A big "Thank You" goes Lois Jacobson and Kathy Greer for donating pianos to Lord of Life. Lois' piano is being used in the choir room, while Kathy's piano is being enjoyed by the youth upstairs.



Lois Jacobson, with her daughter Kim at the piano donated to Lord of Life.

veteran's day service

sunday, november 8

Please join us for our annual Veteran's Day Service on Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 pm here at Lord of Life. All are invited, particularly veterans and their families, as we honor those who have served and those who are presently serving. Color Guard, pictures of veterans, refreshments, and fellowship. The service supports the Michael E. DeBakey VA Social Emergency Welfare fund for Veterans in need. Wear your uniforms or any part that fits!! Please join us.



The Chacon family, along with Pastor Klempel of Spirit of Joy! at the Habitat for Humanity dedication.

You and Your Family are Invited

11th Annual FaithsTogether Observance

Speakers & musicians will share Faith Observances
from many religious communities.



**Tuesday Evening
Nov. 17, 2009
7:30 p.m.**

Held this year at:
**Congregation Beth Shalom of The Woodlands
5125 Shadowbend Place**

(Located next to David Elementary School)

Please bring a non-perishable food item for those in need.

**FaithsTogether is a fellowship of religious communities that honors
spiritual diversity by building relationships and understanding
among people of different faiths.**

ladie's bible study
wednesday mornings
october 28 - december 16

A new study is beginning on the book "One Month to Live" by Kerry and Chris Shook. It will be a six week course from October 28 - December 16 with a break Thanksgiving week. Sign up and books are available in the Fellowship Hall.

come to bethlehem
sunday, december 13
at 2:00 pm

December 13 is our annual "Come to Bethlehem" celebration. Not only is this a time to visit the markets of Bethlehem, pay your taxes to the Census taker, visit the animals of the stable (including our friend Clyde the Camel), but it is a wonderful outreach ministry for our non-member families of Kids of the Kingdom!

We are looking for adults/teens to be shepherds, Roman Soldiers and other characters. Or you could help run a station. If you are able to assist with our beloved children's activity, please contact Vicky Roberts at (281) 367-7016 ext. 117.

senior sages

Senior Sages will meet Thursday, November 5 at the Rise and Dine Restaurant for fellowship and breakfast/brunch. We have reserved space at the restaurant at 10:00 am. The restaurant is in a strip mall on SH 242 next to College Park High School. Anyone who needs a ride, call Shelby Bockeloh at 936-273-2668.

family night

wednesday, november 18

Mark your calendars and join us for an enjoyable evening at Family Night. At 6:00 pm following the children's music practice, join us for dinner and a show from the 4th-6th grade W.O.W. class as they present the story of Abraham. Watch the bulletin for more information.

sunday school calendar

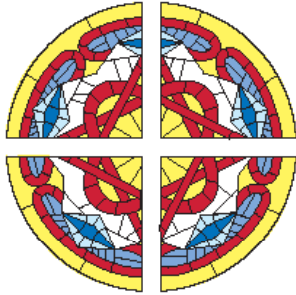
There will be no children/youth Sunday School on Sunday, November 29 due to the Thanksgiving weekend.

Classes will resume the following week and end for the semester on Sunday, December 20.

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*We invite you to join us for
worship on Sundays*

8:30 am	Contemporary Liturgical
9:45 am	Sunday School
9:50 am	New Life Worship
11:00 am	Traditional Worship
5:00 pm	Evening Worship

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