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**SEPTEMBER
 2017**



LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LIFELINES

September 10th



Sunday School

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Lucille
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SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sunday School will be back in session on September 10, 2017! Registration forms are available on the usher's table and in the Sunday School office. Please fill one out for each child who will be attending.
 Thank you.



LOL HAPPENINGS

- Saturday, September 9**
 Feed My Starving Children
11:30 am-1:30 pm
- Sunday, September 10**
 Lucille On-the-Spot pick-up at LOL
7:30-9:45 am
 Sunday School Rally Day **9:30 am**
- Monday, September 11**
 Feed My Starving Children
6:00-7:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 13**
 Confirmation Orientation **6:15 pm**

Please mark your calendar

RACHEL CIRCLE

Rachel Circle will begin meeting again on September 8th, at Barbara Peterson's home. Please call the church office for address information.

All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Bible Study group will meet on the third Thursday of each month starting September 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

We will be studying John's three letters (1 John, 2 John and 3 John). We meet for an hour. The study book is \$10. Please join us! All are welcome! Contact Cathy Thoma.



LUCILLE ON-THE-SPOT COLLECTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 7:30–9:45 AM

Holy Family Ministries is bringing its truck to the Lord of Life parking lot to collect donations for its Arlington Heights resale store, Lucille. Proceeds support low-income children enrolled in Holy Family's school on Chicago's West Side. Donors receive a tax donation receipt. Lucille specializes in high-quality home furnishings, housewares, and adult clothing, and gratefully accepts donations of the following items that are in good sellable condition:



Help keep tuition affordable for over 330 children in Holy Family's pre-K through 8th-grade school and youth programs!

Yes, please...

Women's and men's clothing (casual wear—no suits)
Housewares and home decor
Small furniture items
Jewelry
Accessories (handbags, scarves, etc.)
Books (adult classics and bestsellers—no children's)
Bikes

Thanks, but no...

Children's clothing
Undergarments
Car seats, strollers, cribs, high chairs
Mattresses, box springs
Small toys and stuffed animals
Entertainment/media centers
Pianos
Plastic tupperware containers and water bottles
Anything stained, damaged, or missing pieces

All profits from Lucille support youth leadership development through education, youth programming, and anti-violence efforts. Help keep tuition affordable for over 330 children in Holy Family's pre-K through 8th-grade school and youth programs! Thank you for donating to Lucille!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



Every day, thousands of children die from starvation. But you can make a difference by volunteering at FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN! A Christian non-profit founded in 1987, FMSC tackles

world hunger by sending volunteer-packed, nutritious meals to 70 countries around the world. Last year, FMSC volunteers packed more than 284 million meals—enough to feed more than 779,000 kids daily for a year! In conjunction with the ELCA churchwide "God's Work, Our Hands" initiative, members and friends of Lord of Life will have an opportunity to volunteer on the following dates:

Saturday, September 9, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (spots for 15 people)

Monday, September 11, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm (spots for 10 people)

There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. Children are welcome if accompanied by parents (3rd grade and older please). Don't miss out on this fun opportunity to make a difference!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you have an hour to spare the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.? If so, we are looking for volunteers to assist the residents of Friendship Village in playing Pokeno (it's just like bingo). It's a lot of fun and the residents really enjoy playing and winning prizes. Currently we have a handful of volunteers. You would not be "locked in" to participating each month. Just let us know which months work for you. Any questions, please contact Pernell Rion.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Club meets at Checkers Pancake House, 506 W. Wise Road, Schaumburg.

The next breakfast will take place on Saturday, September 2, at 8:00 a.m. Join us in sharing fellowship and solving the problems of the world.



Special thanks to our Property Committee who do so much for the church quietly and without much thanks.

I saw Mark Puchalski trimming bushes and Paul Scanlan mowing the Labyrinth. THANK YOU! What have you seen the property committee doing? Or what have you noticed has been done?
Cathy Thoma

THOSE WHO MOURN



The members and friends of Lord of Life offer prayers and condolences to those who have lost family and friends over the summer months:

Ken & Barb Olson on the death of Ken's cousin, Ron Olson.

Jim Shephard, Maggie & Alexis, and their families and friends on the death of Beth Carlsson.

Don & Darlene Klueg on the death of Katie Klueg.

The Russell and Giesler families on the death of Charles Russell, husband of Mary Russell and brother-in-law of Dolores Giesler.

The Baron and Lindsay families on the death of Karen Baron's father, Robert Lindsay.

The Sima family on the death of Carol Sima, sister-in law of Herm Scharm.

May the memory of our departed loved one always be a blessing.

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QUILTING NEEDS

The mission quilters continue to gather each Thursday morning for the purpose of sewing quilts to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to international communities devastated by famine, typhoons, earthquakes, etc. Items currently needed for fillers are gently used sheets, blankets, comforters, mattress pads, batting, cotton drapes, old tablecloths, etc. Cotton fabric, sewing thread, and cotton crochet thread are also needed. Donations may be left in the ushers' cabinet in the narthex or brought to the back door on Thursday a.m. (ring the doorbell). New members are always welcome. Any questions, please contact Barbara Peterson, Chairperson.



A NEW PROJECT

Social Action/Outreach is beginning a new project for homeless individuals. Small plastic bags of sample size personal hygiene products will be collected and packaged and then delivered to a PADS location for distribution.

Items contained in each package are "free" items that are complimentary from dental visits and hotel stays. We ask that you donate the dental hygiene items you receive when you have your cleanings done and the unused soap/body wash, shampoo and lotion that the hotels sometime supply to guests. Each bag will contain: a toothbrush, tooth paste, washcloth, comb, shampoo, and soap or body wash. Dental floss, mouthwash, lip balm and lotion will also be collected and added to the packet based on availability. "Free" bottles of body wash from Bath and Body Works (coupon offers that they mail) are another source to consider.

Monetary donations will also be accepted to cover the cost of washcloths and combs. There will be a collection basket in the narthex for your donations. A sample pack will be available for you to view. We hope to have enough items by early September, so packages can be assembled the weekend of Sept. 9th and 10th, which coincides with ELCA Day of Service. "God's Work. Our Hands". Thank you in advance for your generosity.

BOOK DISCUSSION NEWS:



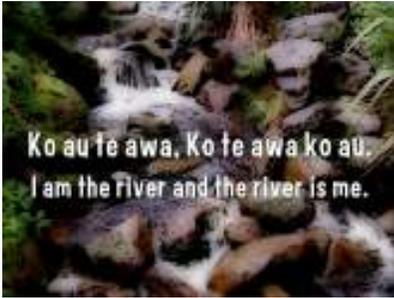
Book Discussion selections for September-November, 2017 will be the following:

- Sept. 11th – A Man Called Ove – Frederick Backman – "At first sight, Ove is certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet. People think him bitter, and he thinks himself surrounded by idiots. Ove's well-ordered world gets a shake-up one morning with the appearance of new neighbors who announce their arrival by accidentally flattening Ove's mailbox. A word-of-mouth best seller about the angry old man next door is an uplifting exploration of the unreliability of first impressions and a gentle reminder that life is sweeter when it is shared with other people."
- Oct. 19th – A Dog's Purpose – W. Bruce Cameron – "Surprised to find himself reborn as a rambunctious puppy after a short life as a stray mutt...Heart-warming, insightful and laugh-out-loud funny, Bailey's story is a dog's-eye commentary on human relationships and the unbreakable bonds between man and man's best friend."
- Nov. 13th – Light Between Oceans – M.L. Stedman – "After 4 harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as a lighthouse keeper. He brings a wife, Isabel. After 2 miscarriages and 1 stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries. Against Tom's judgment, they claim the baby as their own. We are swept into a compelling story about characters seeking to find their North Star where there is no right answer, where justice for one person is another's tragic loss."

The Book Discussion group meets the 2nd Monday of each month (Sept.-May) from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the adult library area. New participants are always welcome. For more information, call Sandy Smith.

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Green Team Message
“I Am the River, and the River Is Me”



How do you define “person”? Some nations of the Southern Hemisphere are including rivers in their definition of “person” in order that they can be put on equal footing with corporations. For well over a decade, this concept has existed within the Constitutions of both Ecuador and Bolivia. A few months ago, at the request of the indigenous Iwi and Hapu tribes, the New Zealand Government conferred legal rights upon the primary river which flows through their lands. So now the Whanganui River is designated by New Zealand as “an indivisible and living whole, from the mountains to the sea, incorporating all its physical and meta-physical elements.” The tribes do not look upon the river simply as a resource. They describe their relationship with it as “I Am the River, and the River Is Me”.

David Bollier is the author of an article describing this development. He notes that this concept would be particularly unwieldy within the legal frameworks of practically any nation of the western industrialized world. But he advocates we might keep this concept as a part of our individual community or spiritual beliefs.

The hymn “Gather Us In” begins with the words “Here in this place...” As we consider our local communities, we do not see the Nile nor the Amazon. We do not see the Mississippi nor the Ganges, nor any of the great fabled rivers of the world. But here in this place we do see Salt Creek, or the East Branch of the DuPage River, or the West Branch of the DuPage River, or Poplar Creek. And we can see, if we look closely enough, that each of these relatively small waterways brings with it some aquatic life within the stream itself and along its banks. Some of us participate in stream bank cleanup programs for our very local segments of a stream. And it is encouraging to note that either upstream or downstream of us, volunteers from other communities are doing the same thing.

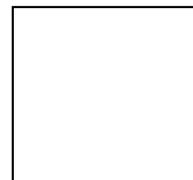
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OUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President – Cathy Thoma Vice President – Jim Dobson Secretary – Tim Gioe Treasurer– Bill Lundeberg Financial Sec. – Bob Hossa	<u>Members at Large</u> Paul Scanlan Candie Wierbowski Brian Rittmueller
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Know, Grow, Serve, Share

Lord of Life is a community of faith that is warm and welcoming. We strive to **KNOW** Christ by honoring traditional forms of worship as well as being open to innovations. We continue to **GROW** in Christ to a closer relationship with our Lord through learning and study. We **SERVE** Christ in the work of ministry by volunteering our time, energy and faith to church services and social programs. We **SHARE** Christ in mission and outreach within our church and community by supporting those who need our assistance and relief.