



LifeLines

August 2015

Connecting with God . . . Connecting with Others . . . Connecting with what God is doing in the world.

The Congregational Council and other leaders at Living Lord are seeking your ideas about how we can be wonderful neighbors to the new Lake Pointe Senior Living Facility being built next door.

Lake Pointe will be the newest Lutheran Senior Services continuing care community located off Dauphine Drive and Civic Center Drive in Lake Saint Louis.

The first phase will include Independent Living for 62 and better, Assisted Living, Memory Care Assisted Living, Long Term Care and REACH Short Term Rehab.

The Information Center will be opening soon and is located at 121 Civic Center Drive in the Schnuck's plaza in Lake Saint Louis. We are excited to share more in the coming weeks. Always feel free to call us at 636-265-3246 or 314-262-8221. We look forward to meeting you!

CALENDAR

Sundays:

Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Family Worship 11a.m. (4th Sun)
Adult Study & Small Group Ops 9:45 a.m.
Grace Place at The Crosswalk 9:45 a.m.
Youth Forum 9:45 a.m.
Children's Worship at The Crosswalk 11 a.m.
Middle School Youth 12:30 p.m.
Transitions Youth Ministry 5:30 p.m.

Mondays:

Grief Share 3 & 6:30 p.m. (1st & 3rd Mon)
Council 7 p.m. (2nd Mon)

Tuesdays:

Peace Quilters 9 a.m. (1st Tue)
Lakeside Recovery 6:30 p.m.
OASIS Food Pantry 7 p.m. (2nd Tue)

Wednesdays:

Band Rehearsal 7 p.m.

Thursdays:

Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m.
Folding Ministry 10 a.m.
Lakeside Recovery 12 p.m.

Saturdays:

OASIS Food Pantry 9 a.m. (2nd Sat)
Band Rehearsal 4 p.m.
Worship 5:30 p.m.

August

1 Visiting Overnight Group
5 Youth Spaghetti Dinner 6pm
9 Youth Messy Event 4pm
(Instead of Middle School & Transitions)
14 Wedding Rehearsal 5pm
15 Newsletter Deadline
 Habitat Build Date
 Wedding 2pm
16 Merge Event 2pm
19 Confirmation Parent Meeting 6pm
20 Baue Workshop 11am
22 LFCS Helping Hands Auction
23 Children's Library Dedication 11am
26 CONFIRMATION BEGINS 5:50PM
27 Newsletter Folding & Lunch

 PASTOR'S LINES – AUGUST 2015

These are those whom David put in charge of the service of song in the house of the LORD, ...

They ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, ...

and they performed their service in due order.

1 Chronicles 6:31-32

and the band played on . . .

From time to time we get inquiries about our musicians. Who were those people?

At 8:30 am, the lead musicians (playing organ and piano) are:

Dr. William Long (retired; who especially loves music of the Baroque period)

Ella Rothgangel (whose day job is at the St. Louis Art Museum)

Johanna Erdman (who teaches music at Dardenne Elementary)

Barry Luedloff (Wentzville native with a corporate job in St. Louis; also still the Music Director at Transfiguration Episcopal Church in Lake Saint Louis and the director of our Ecumenical Choir)

News from Ella: "Just wanted to let you know that baby girl is here. Noel Katherine Nahm ("Noel" rhymes with "Joel") was born Wed July 15th. 7 lb 7 oz and 20 inches long. All went well. She is beautiful. God is good."

We do encourage anyone else with acoustic music to offer for 8:30 worship (vocal or instrumental) to contact any one of them, or Lori GerIt (Congregation Council), or me.

At 5:30 and 11:00, our Living Lord Band (LLB) leaders are:

Shayne Barr (singer, guitarist and composer)

Dave Leacox (singer and guitarist of the note-worthy Prays Twice band).

Pastor Roy (ditto)

The other musicians who regularly play and sing at our Saturday 5:30 pm or

Sunday 11:00 contemporary services are:

Andrew Myers (keyboard and vocals)

Carla Menkes (Saturday keyboard and vocals)

Lori GerIt (keyboard and vocals)

Tim Myers (drums and vocals)

Russ Leesman (drums)

Janet Myers (bass)

Alec Gerke (bass)

Mandy Hilger (vocals, percussion and recorder)

Howard & Sonja Harris (Saturday vocals)

Tom Connelly (vocals)

Karla Gerke (vocals)

Alyssa Nelson (vocals)

Ross Bricklemeyer (vocals)

Heather Kunz (vocals)

Blake Messmer runs our Sound Board for all services and assists with screens.

If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument in the LLB, please contact Shayne Barr, David Leacox, Pastor Roy, or Lori GerIt after the service.

Thanks be to God for all the gifts these musicians share!

Peace and joy,

Pastor Jim

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

Colossians 3:16

Education/Study Opportunities for Adults

Discovery Class If you are new to Living Lord or have been visiting with us for a while and are seeking more information, this class is for you. The 6 week class will help you discover what we believe, who we are, help you to identify your spiritual gifts, discern what it means to be a disciple of Christ and help you to become connected to the body of Christ here at Living Lord. At the end of your Discovery class, you will have an opportunity to reaffirm your faith with the congregation.

Please register for this class in advance so that we have materials ready for you. For additional information and registration contact livinglordoffice@livinglord.org or email Mandy Hilger at mhilger@livinglord.org for more information on the class.

Next Class: Sept 13-Oct 18

Pastor's Forum

9:45 AM Sunday

All are welcome, any week!

August 2 Wisdom (Thomas Merton's Faith)

August 9 Justice (Thomas Merton's Friends)

Movie: "Uncommon Vision: the Life and Times of John Howard Griffin"

August 16 Mission (Kansas City and Kenya)

Special Guest: Dr. John Helgeson and the Kenyan Children's Fund

August 23 Future (Lake Saint Louis)

Living Lord Forum: Brainstorming and imagining together
how special gifts might enhance our ministries.

August 30 and September 6 Mer ton in the 60's

DVD: "The Many Storeys and Last Days of Thomas Merton"

(September 13 = Fall Kickoff)

Adult Sunday Morning Education Classes at Living Lord

Sunday Morning Adult Education classes meet each Sunday from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee and join us for conversation.

- Topical small group study—”Power Hour”
- “Dads at the Crosswalk”
- **Pastor’s Forum**

Disciple Growth and Leadership Development Workshops

1. **September 21 - E.Q. (Emotional Quotient) What is it?** Laura Robbins, Ph.D. (Organizational Leadership)
2. **November 2—Grace** Pastor Roy Christell

The Disciple Growth Workshops were developed so that all people have the opportunity for personal growth, stretching and growing what it looks like to be a disciple of Christ Jesus.

2015 Helping Hands Auction.

Light the way to benefit *Lutheran Family and Children’s Services Foundation.*

*there is a candle in every soul
some brightly burning,
some dark and cold
there is a Spirit who brings a fire
ignites a candle and makes His home*

Help light the way. Join us for the 33rd Annual Helping Hands Auction and Dinner on Saturday, August 22 at the 4 Seasons Hotel, 999 N. 2nd St., St. Louis. \$150 per person or \$1500 per table. Black-tie optional. Register online www.LFCSmo.org (search: 33rd Annual Helping Hands Auction) or contact Debbie Schroeder-Saulnier at 636–561–1056.

Children & Family Ministries

Children’s Worship at the Cross Walk during 11:00 am worship for children ages 4 through grade 3. Designed just for our younger disciples, this interactive **worship** experience is Bible-based, Gospel-driven and centered around the message of God’s grace!

Grace Place at the Cross Walk Offered on Sunday mornings 9:45—10:45am in the Fellowship Room, for children ages 3 through grade 5. We worship, learn through activities and explore topics relevant to daily life.

Living Lord Family Camp

September 5-7 at Camp Mihaska in Bourbon, MO. Join us for a weekend with your church family and enjoy: Campfire, Worship, Hiking, Paddle Boating, Fishing, Pool with slides, sprays, and bubble tub, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Miniature Golf, Ropes Course, Paintball, Gaga Ball. **Register now!**

August Merge Event (4th/5th grade youth)

You are not going to want to miss this month's event. We are going to take a crack at playing Hungry Hungry Hippos - the human edition! All 4th and 5th grade students (and a friend or two) are invited to join in the mayhem that this game will create. We will have a quieter, calmer side service activity that will be put to use in October when we visit the Ronald McDonald House. Have questions? Please contact Kristie Lewis: Griz97@gmail.com, on our Facebook page or call 636-856-0236

When: Sunday, August 16th

Where: Lower Level Sanctuary

Time: 2pm – 4:30pm

Cost: Free!

Need to bring: Wear your Merge tee and please bring a bicycle or skateboarding helmet (if you have one). Also, please bring a can or two to donate to the food bank – Let's help fight real hunger too!

Friends are always welcome!

RSVP: By August 14th to Kristie

Children's Ministry Memorial Library

The family of Don Meyer has given a memorial offering to Children's Ministry. We hope to honor his memory with a Children's Library, and plans are underway. If you have any books for

children you would like to donate to the library, please place them in the basket on the Children's Ministry table in the Gathering Space.

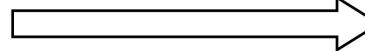
Living Lord Preschool

Living Lord Preschool is currently taking registrations for the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact Michelle Hiatt, Director, through the church office at 327-7729 for additional information about program offerings for children ages 3 - 5.

Even though the Preschool will be closed during the months of June, July and August, any preschool inquiries will be forwarded to Michelle Hiatt.

Continue to follow the preschool on Facebook and check out its website at <http://livinglordpreschool.weebly.com>.

Transitions



Connecting youth to God, each other and the world within a Grace-filled community that supports the youth as they travel through the Transitions of their lives.

Keep up with youth activities on the web!

Like us on Facebook: Transitions. Living Lord Youth Group

Follow us on Twitter @llyouth

Check us out at <http://transitionsyouth.weebly.com>

Youth Ministry continues strong throughout the summer! Join us each Sunday for youth group and at the numerous events we host during the summer. All incoming 6th graders are welcome to join us too!

Middle School Youth Group - Sundays from 12:30-2:00pm (lunch is provided)

High School Youth Group - Sundays from 5:30-7:00pm

Upcoming Events:

The Disciples Spaghetti Dinner - Wednesday August 5th from 6:00-8:00 in the Fellowship Room. Each year we kick off the school year with our not-so-traditional Spaghetti Dinner. We invite all youth (6th-12th) grade and their families to join us for an evening of fun and information. We share the experiences from the past year and what new and exciting things we will be pursuing in the upcoming year. In addition, we also say thank you to those youth who have recently graduated and add their hand prints to the walls of the youth room. Please RSVP to Chad Ryberg so we can be sure to have adequate food and drink.

The 5th Annual Messy Event - Sunday, August 9th from 4:00-6:00. Once again we will bring out the messiest, slimiest, goofiest events we can find to challenge our youth. Please bring a change of clothes as you will get messy (some people just throw away their messy clothes)! This is one of the silliest, most fun-filled events of the year. You are also invited to bring along ammunition (catsup, chocolate sauce, eggs, etc.) for our grand finale: the Messy War.

Habitat for Humanity Build - August 15th. Looking for high schoolers age 16 and older to be part of the Habitat for Humanity build that Living Lord is participating in. Let Chad know if you are interested. No special skills required! Just a servant heart!

Six Flags Day! August 29th. - The youth have asked for it so we will once again head to Six Flags for a day of rollercoasters and rides. We will gather at the church at 10:00. Please RSVP to Chad if you are interested.

We may qualify for discounted tickets if we have enough interest in this event.

Fall Kick Off - September 13th. Looking for a group of youth willing to help coordinate and run games during the Fall Kick Off. We are also looking for a stalwart band of high school youth to serve as overnight security on September 12th to watch over the church lot and all of our set up tables, tents, etc. Please contact Chad if you are interested!

Middle School Lock In - Mark your calendars for September 19th for our Middle School Lock In! More information to come!

CONFIRMATION IS COMING! School is back in session soon and with that we will be resuming Confirmation Classes at Living Lord for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. We gather Wednesday nights from 5:50-7:30 in the Fellowship room. Our Parents' Information Night is August 19th from 6:00-7:30 and regular Confirmation Classes resume on August 26th.

Thoughts from Youth Ministry:

Two weeks ago I was on vacation with my family down in Orange Beach, Alabama. We had an amazing weather, wonderful sights, good food and lots and lots of laughter. It was a wonderful time to just sit back and read (I personally read over 1200 pages), take naps when you were tired, lounge in the surf and just relax. When we finally left, I felt fully recharged and ready to get back into the mix.

And a busy time it has been. Last week the youth had 4 service events and a pool party. This week I am pulling together odds and ends as we prepare to take 16 youth, 1 adult and 7 staff to Leadership Lab next week. Oh yeah, Leadership Lab is next week where we

go strong each day from 7:30 in the morning to 11:30 or later each night. These three weeks have been and will be full of emotional, physical, and spiritual highs and lows. It seems each hour brings something new within this storm of activity and it can be easy to get lost amidst it all.

But something happened during our beach week which has stuck with me and continues to shape my outlook. One day as I sat at the pool, bathed in sunlight, I heard a loud roll of thunder. It took me by surprise since it was bright and sunny and I could only see blue skies over the Gulf. When I looked back inland, fierce storm clouds hung in the sky. From the look of it I was sure we were going to get dumped on so I packed up and moved inside. But the rain never came. The next day the same thing but I noticed most of the people just stayed put.

It turns out this happens all the time down there. The clouds will roll up right to the edge of Gulf coast and hit a wall. The coast will be sunny and bright and just a short distance away will be this menacing storm bringing rain and wind. As I pondered this weather phenomenon, it struck me how this is what God's love is like. Christians are not going to be immune to hurt and pain. We are not guaranteed lives of tranquility and earthly prosperity. Heartache, fear and sorrow won't sidestep our lives. But God can grant us peace within those storms we find ourselves in. We can find a respite and light to gather our strength and renew our hope so we can continue forth. This is what God's peace is.

So I pray that amidst the storms of your week you can find God's peace in which to take comfort and be renewed. May the Light shine on you as clouds rage around you and may the winds of trouble be stilled so you can catch your breath. Peace is there. We just have to trust in the God who provides.

Chad Ryberg

Caring Ministries

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

August 15 will be our build day with Habitat for Humanity St Charles. We are still looking for volunteers and taking donations for this day. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space or you can contact me directly ,also you can drop a check in the offering plate just note HABITAT in the memo.

Here are some facts about Habitat St Charles of which you may not be aware:

Mission: "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."

Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County (HFHSCC) is a faith-based, not for profit organization that transforms lives and neighborhoods as we build affordable homes for ownership and advocate for affordable housing in St. Charles County.

Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County believes in:

The importance of faith.

Diversity and inclusiveness.

A respectful partnership between those who give and those who receive with mutual obligations.

The volunteer spirit.

Home ownership.

Excellence in home construction and the volunteer experience.

St. Charles County – We express our love for our county through building homes and stating loudly and clearly that all families in St. Charles County should have a decent, affordable home.

Who can apply to own a HFHSCC home?

- Families currently renting homes with substandard conditions
- Families with incomes between 30-60% of St. Charles County's median income
- Families willing to invest 350 "sweat-equity" hours per adult (limit 600 hours per family)
- Families who have resided in St. Charles County for at least one year, have established good credit over the past two to three years and have a steady source of income.

As you can see this is not a hand out it is a hand up. Thanks to all who have volunteered and donated already.

For more information you can contact
Lindell Huffman

636-208-5555

hufflin74@gmail.com

Living Lord is looking for an additional, motivated individual to sit on and attend the monthly OASIS board meetings in St. Charles. This individual would be responsible for also reporting back to Living Lord the needs and opportunities available at OASIS. In addition, the person(s) volunteering for this position would need to be creative in soliciting monthly needed donations from the congregation via the monthly newsletter, announcements in church, food drives, etc. The disciples of Living Lord are so giving when it comes to helping OASIS and we could do so much more in terms of donations to help those in need in our community! If interested, please contact Kim Burns at 636-544-0614 or kb4kids@gmail.com.

Living Lord, in partnership with Baue Funeral Homes, will be presenting a workshop "Ten Mistakes to Avoid in Funeral Planning", on Thursday, August 20th, at 11 a.m. at Living Lord. This informative presentation will offer beneficial facts and tips when looking into funeral planning and will also provide time for a question and answer session. Lunch will be provided during this presentation, so please RSVP to the church office (636-327-7729) by Friday, August 14th, to reserve

your spot! There will also be a sign up sheet in the gathering space.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time but hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time-emotionally, spiritually, or relationally-you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Bonnie Peterson, Kathy Wood, or Nancy Corbett

College Students and Parents/ Grandparents of College Students:

Please contact the church office and update information on college students for the prayer list and the up-coming *College Road Trip*.

SHOES - Don't forget to keep bringing in your no longer needed shoes or even new shoes for our Shoeman collection. The proceeds from this collection are used to buy water purification systems or are used for water drilling and wells in remote areas of the world. It takes 2000 pairs of shoes to have enough money to purchase a water purification system for a remote village. Living Lord collected 39 pairs of shoes this month, bringing our grand total to 3,677 pairs of shoes since we started collecting several years ago! Thank you very much for your donations! The donation box is situated below the stairwell at Living Lord.

SUMMER CLOTHING GIVEAWAY - Thank you to everyone who donated clothing and food for the Immanuel-St Philips Northside Outreach in the city. It was quite a success and many people went away with several new (to them) summer outfits. Look for the winter clothing drive in the fall!

Lutheran Disaster Relief

Thank you for your recent gift to the Lutheran Disaster Response. Gifts like yours make it possible for our church to continue its effective and efficient response to disasters. Your support helps families and communities get back on their feet again after they have been harmed. Your gifts also provide resources for preparedness and risk reduction programs.

To neighbors who can feel alone and in despair, your gift brings immediate help and hope for the future. We will partner for as long as it takes to rebuild, reclaim and recover. As Lutheran disaster response, we support and pray for the well-being of people all over the world who are recovering from a disaster, and for our partners and volunteers who assist them in their journey to renewal. Thank you for providing help, hope and healing.

Fellowship Opportunities

Day Trippers Yes, Daytrippers, vacation time is over. We have 2 months planned: September 16 – Jefferson Barracks to tour the Civil War Museum. We will leave church at 10:30 AM sharp. We will eat at Café Telegraph. Cost is \$5 for gas for the van. Please have exact change. Museum admission is \$5 if we have at least 15 people. Under 15 and the cost will be \$6 for seniors, \$7 for adults and \$5 for veterans. If you have any questions, call Helen Reynolds at 314 – 603 – 3533.

October 21, Daytrippers will be going to Crane's Antique Museum, Williamsburg, Missouri. We will have lunch at Marlene's. The menu sounds wonderful. Homemade soup, chili, sandwiches and homemade cobbler. Lunch will be on you. Gas for the van is \$5. Please bring exact change. We will leave church by 10:30 AM sharp. We need to have a firm number for this event 2 weeks prior to October 21 because we have to call with the exact number of guests. Any questions, call Helen Reynolds at 314 – 603 – 3533.

**Pastor's Forum
"Thomas Merton"
See Page 4**

Worship Services

Saturday Evening

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship

Sunday Morning

8:30 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Nursery is available for Sunday services

Growing Ministry

Grace Place at the Crosswalk

9:45 a.m. Sundays

Adult Bible Studies & Small Groups

9:45 a.m. Sundays

Confirmation

Wednesdays at 5:50 p.m.
during the school year

Small Group Ministry

Call Mandy Hilger for dates, times & locations

Lifelines submission guidelines:

Please email submissions to newsletter@livinglord.org.

Please include contact information and special instructions. Submissions are subject to review and/or revision according to availability of space.

Deadline for turning in articles for the September LifeLines is August 15.



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