



LORD OF THE LAKES - LCMS

SEPTEMBER 2010

FROM THE PASTOR...

Supper tonight....

At the Bertram house some things have been changing, especially at the dining room table. For one, and this is a big change for me, I have been trying to eat “healthier” and yes that includes vegetables! We have even had some “vegetarian” meals! But what is more important is not what we have been eating, but who has been there with us. Recently, Emily has moved back in our house and at the same time Tim has gone off to college. Tonight we had dinner with just four of us! Possibly some kind of empty nest syndrome has set in, but things are changing. And I think it is good. It will take some getting used to, but it is good.

It seems to me the church is changing also. The seasons of the church year repeat in a continual cycle of change, helping us to focus our attention on different things. The readings change each week, feeding us with new sections of scripture to challenge us, to encourage us, to motivate us, to support and assure us. The people of the church grow and mature, are born and pass away, join and move. Issues of life and application of God’s word can seem pressing today and not so difficult tomorrow.

Summer is also all but over! But fall brings with it the start of Sunday School and Fall Bible Studies! We also go back to two worship services September 12 (8:00 and 10:30 am). Rally Day or Christian Education Sunday is September 12. Confirmation meeting for parents is September 12 at 6pm and classes begin September 19. The Fall Bible Study/Discussion Group begins the week of September 20th. Kool Kids begins Wednesday September 15 at 5:30pm.

Change and growth...embrace it and become involved at Lord of the Lakes! Be the Church at this time and in this place!

Pastor Bertram

From the Prez....

Summer's just about over. Oh, I know the first day of autumn is still a month away. But we've already had that "Minnesota early warning" when it suddenly gets cool for a couple of days, as if fall is saying "Remember me?" And the State Fair is only a week away as I write this. That'll be followed by Labor Day, the start of school, then Rally Day and we'll be off and running. The Planning Council met a couple of days ago to discuss plans for the coming year. Some things to look forward to in the near future:

- Rally Day September 12.
- Changes in our Sunday School opening.
- A new home bible study, starting in September.
- Participation in the "Feed My Starving Children" program, which puts together meals for those in need around the world.
- The booya, October 2. And, of course, Bethlehem Inn later.
- Several new fellowship activities, including a progressive dinner later in the year.
- A repeat of the Crown financial bible study in January.

Some new properties proposals, including refurbishing the outdoor cross and some alterations to better serve the Sunday School.

So it looks like a busy and exciting fall and winter at Lord of the Lakes. There'll be more details at our next Voters' Meeting, August 29, at 10:15 AM. We have a lot to discuss at that meeting, particularly the properties projects, so I hope you'll all try to attend.

See you in church,

Curt Heacox

DATES TO REMEMBER—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 12th

- ◆ Back to two worship services (8:00am and 10:30am)
- ◆ Missions & Memory (9:15am)
- ◆ Rally Day or Christian Education Sunday
- ◆ Confirmation Meeting for parents (6:00pm)

September 15th

- ◆ **Kool Kids** (5:15-7pm) is for all elementary students grades 1st-6th. A light meal is shared (\$2 donation) together @ 5:30, followed by devotions, games & crafts. Kids are encouraged to bring a friend. Need a ride or have questions, speak to Shelly Carlson.

Senior High Youth

Will continue with the Wednesday night "coffee" fellowship at the Village Inn in Wyoming, 8pm. All students in 9th-12th grade are invited to join us. Bring your own \$ for whatever you want to eat. We share some great discussions and laughs!

LWML News

At our August meeting we celebrated Lynn Lahd's retirement after many years working in the court system in Hennepin County. She joins our other "retired" but busy members.

At our September meeting in addition to business we will be making witness bracelets for MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) feel free to join us September 18 at 9 am. Food and fellowship included at no additional charge.

We will be making T-shirt Diapers again sometime this winter. Start saving those T-shirts. Look for a collection box after Christmas.

Goodsearch

Remember to use www.goodsearch.com for your search engine as you surf the internet. Approximately a penny goes to the charity of your choice each time you use this search engine. There are many charities to choose from of course we suggest you choose the LWML. The Goodsearch site will assist you in designating your charity. Since signing on the LWML has raised over \$12,000. If you shop online you can also shop through Goodshop. A percentage of your purchases are donated to the charity of your choice. A painless way to raise funds for missions, doing something you were probably going to do anyway.

Lord of the Lakes Night at

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Distribution Center, Coon Rapids

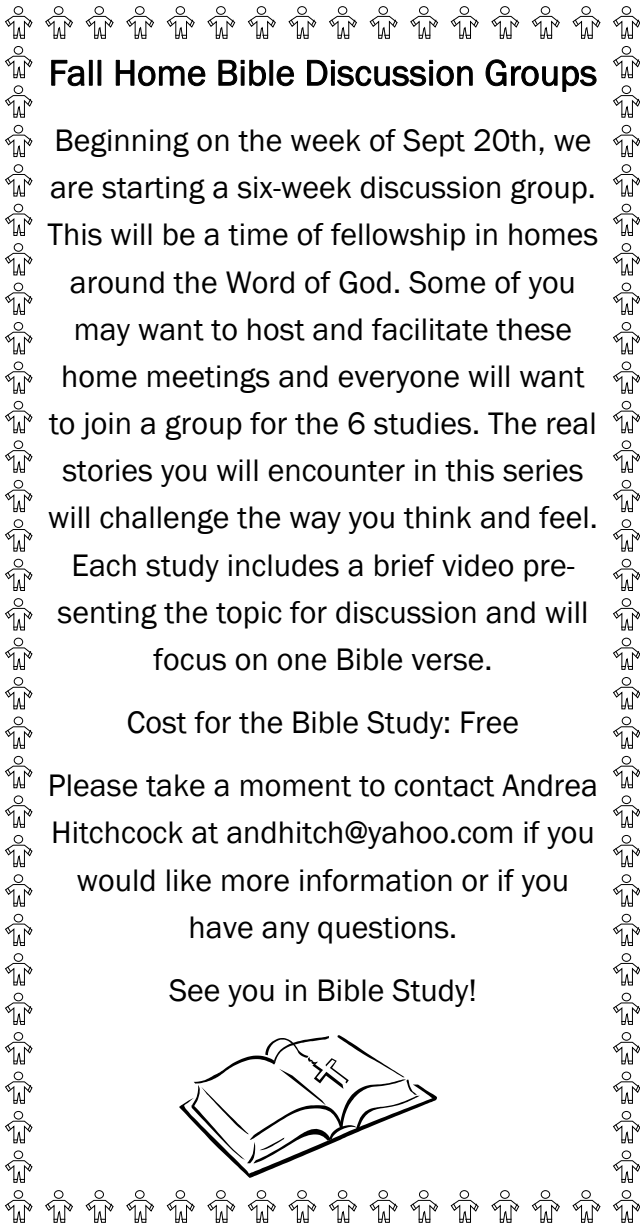
Wednesday, Sept 15th

6-7:30pm

25 places have been reserved for people from the congregation to volunteer to package meals for children throughout the world who are in need of food. Volunteers range in age from 3rd grade on up. A sign-up sheet is available in the church Narthex. If you choose to do this as a family, please call Nancy Heacox for the details regarding adult to children ratios. There will be carpooling available from church for those who indicate the need at the time of sign-up. Maps and driving instructions are available for those choosing to drive by themselves.

Please sign-up by Sunday, Sept 12th as final arrangements need to be made. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Heacox at 651-466-0461 or 612-578-7352.

"Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor." Proverbs 22:9



Fall Home Bible Discussion Groups

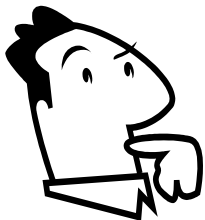
Beginning on the week of Sept 20th, we are starting a six-week discussion group. This will be a time of fellowship in homes around the Word of God. Some of you may want to host and facilitate these home meetings and everyone will want to join a group for the 6 studies. The real stories you will encounter in this series will challenge the way you think and feel.

Each study includes a brief video presenting the topic for discussion and will focus on one Bible verse.

Cost for the Bible Study: Free

Please take a moment to contact Andrea Hitchcock at andhitch@yahoo.com if you would like more information or if you have any questions.

See you in Bible Study!



What has God been doing in your life lately?

Brink's Customer Reward's Cards

At Lord of the Lakes, we use to participate in a program at MarketPlace Foods in Forest Lake, they have since closed. One of our members found out that Brinks in Chicago City does the same thing - but its easier! The idea works like this: you shop at Brink's and when you check out you hand the person a special card and Lord of the Lakes Youth receives cash back for every purchase you make! No messing with getting receipts stamped and remembering to bring them to church! Just hand the card to the check-out person! If you would like a card, please talk to Pastor Bertram.

Parish Concerns

Please remember in your prayers all those who have been hospitalized, anticipating surgery or just need to be remembered in prayer:

Our church staff at Lord of the Lakes.

Your neighbors.

Those who are looking for work.

Our youth off to school and college.

Those serving in the armed forces.

The leaders of our country.

Those who have lost a loved one these past few weeks.



~ SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS ~

9/4 Jenny Andersen
 9/6 Tani Riel
 9/7 Faye Hansen
 9/8 Brian Filbert
 9/9 Tyler Holmberg
 9/11 Taitum Faste
 9/12 Laurie Brand,
 Alex Wolkenhauer
 9/14 Lori Giampaolo
 9/15 Frank Giampaolo
 9/18 Brian Filbert, Corey Schell
 9/20 Ashley Carlson
 9/23 Erin McCleary
 9/24 Kerry Faste
 9/26 Eric Unger

<u>ATTENDANCE in AUGUST</u>	
Summer Sunday Worship Service	
9:00 am	
July 25	83
Aug 1	119
Aug 8	104
Aug 15	102

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