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Becoming a Generous Giver

Taken from "Becoming Money Wise", Stewardship Advisors, Inc.

Part I — God's Part First

God's Word is clear that you are to be a generous giver of all that God entrusts to you. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament refer often to giving. For example, the Old Testament commands, "*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of your*

[income]" (Proverbs 3:9). In the New Testament Paul wrote, "*On the first day of every week, each of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income...*" (I Corinthians 16:2). Jesus said, "*Freely you have received, freely give*" (Matthew 10:8). God gives you money not only to take care of your needs; He gives it so that you can use it to bless others. In His sovereignty, God has chosen you to help the needy. "*Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality*" (Romans 12:13).

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We give because God first loved and gave to us. He gave us this world and then He gave us the ultimate gift of His Son Who suffered and died on the Cross for each of us. Your giving is your response out of gratitude for His unconditional love and forgiveness. As a redeemed child of God, you give

your gifts to glorify and honor Him. Through faith, giving becomes an opportunity rather than an obligation.

As God increases your faith, you can willingly surrender your firstfruits to Him. Out of love and obedience, You give Him your first and best. Through an intimate relationship with Jesus, your giving becomes an expression of your love for Him. With a transformed heart, you give your gifts of money as well as your time and talents.



Lines from LWML

When you enter the kitchen, it is clean, the counters are cleared. What happened? Thank Gail Fraebel, our Kitchen Chairman. She has rearranged, cleaned drawers and cabinets and the items that go into these spaces. It may take some time to locate things, but everything is placed to be close to where it is used. And a

final remark: please clear any purchase for the kitchen with Gail as she may already know it is needed or she knows where the replacement is.

Our annual garage sale is September 10 and 11. We hope many can help out. Please complete the volunteer sheet you received and give it to Bev Jacobson. Thanks!!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sunday School and Adult Bible Class back in session September 5
- LWML annual sale September 10 and 11
- ORLC planning a second blood drive October 17
- Check out the ORLC Upcoming Events on the back page — we have a lot going on!

Youth Attend National Convention

submitted by LYF

First and foremost we must extend a huge thank you to the congregation for helping fund this trip. The fun we had was beyond imagination! We also must give great thanks to God for bringing us safely there and back, and for filling us with his Word and Spirit.

woman named Gianna Jessen. Her mother aborted her at 7 1/2 months. She survived the abortion, thanks be to God, and has been speaking publicly since age 14. We all really were inspired by her as she got our learning experience off to such a fantastic start.

We made a smooth transition from Lexington to our hotel on International Drive in Orlando. All of the people working for the convention were extremely helpful in getting us where we needed to go.



Each morning was filled with music and Bible studies with 35,000 others. Then, if you were lucky, lunch. Most times we weren't that lucky! During the afternoon, we chose mega or mini sectionals, chat rooms for smaller learning environments, concerts and more. By late afternoon we met for dinner, then 2 miles back to the convention center for the evening mass events. Oh yes! Then you could dance till midnight. We ended our evening sharing our experiences for the day and praying together. What a blessing - we'd start over in the morning!

The first day was very laid back compared to the rest of the trip. We walked two miles down to the convention center and picked up our orange backpacks and Bibles. We were trained for our Servant Event. We had some free time to look around and swim at the hotel before heading back down to the center for the first mass event. We had mass events every morning and night. The themes were Power, Truth, Love, Praise and Live. One for each day we were there.

Again, we can't thank you enough for supporting us. Please join us for a THANK YOU Breakfast on Sunday, September 19 during the Sunday School hour.



The highlight of the second day was the sectional on abstinence and purity. The speaker was a young

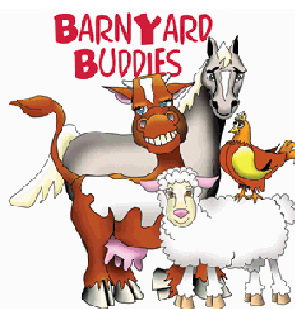
Sunday School News

Becky Jones, Sunday School Superintendent

Now that everyone's had a month away from Sunday School and Adult Bible Study it's time for everyone to get back to the Good Book.

"Haiti Project" during Summer Sunday School and VBS.

We have added an additional class due to increased membership. (This is good!)



Offerings from Fall Sunday School and Adult Bible Study are designated to go a program known as "Barnyard Buddies". The proceeds are used to purchase cows for Lutheran pastors in Kenya. The cattle are valuable to our Brothers in Christ in Kenya because the cows provide milk for their family and also for sale. Typically more cows mean more income.



To keep everyone up-to-date, we collected just over \$500 for the



Sunday School/Adult Bible classes resume Sunday, September 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Pastor's topic for the Adult Bible class will be prayer. Join us and learn everything you wanted to know about prayer to improve your prayer life!

“Walk Thru the Old Testament” (in just 5 hours) Christian Education



Our Redeemer is hosting a “Walk Thru the Old Testament” seminar on Saturday, November 13 designed to identify the major people, places and events of the Old Testament. Placing these events in an easy-to-understand chronological order, a trained instructor of Lutheran Bible Ministries uses drama, overhead visuals, hand signs and loads of humor. This event will be fun and educational. Beginning Bible students will find a framework for further Bible study and advanced Bible students will discover new insights as well.

The cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 for students, which includes the seminar, workbook and lunch.

A free will offering will be taken to help with additional expenses. This program is truly an inter-generational event for ages 10 through adult. Over 75% of “Walk Thru” participants have made a commitment to read the Bible and pray daily.

“Walk Thru the Old Testament” will be held at Our Redeemer from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 13 (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.).

We are thrilled to host this exciting event and encourage you to join us! For additional information, please call Donna Granderson.

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 7



Grab a Gator, Gain Awareness, Share Life!

On Saturday, September 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) and Central Kentucky Blood Center’s Mobile Unit will be at Orlando’s Gourmet Foods & Party Supplies in their Moore Drive parking lot (just North of New Circle, 1st light — go West off Nicholasville Road)

What a better way to prepare for the Wildcats game with the Florida Gators than to.....

- Donate blood (call 278-4369 X109 for appointment); or
- View the Organ Donor Family Memorial Quilt; or
- Make a CASH contribution, with the first \$1,000 being matched by Thrivent Financial for

Lutherans

Each \$10+ donation to these organizations, will receive a \$10 coupon toward a \$25.00+ purchase of Tailgate Baskets, Party Supplies or great FOODS from ORLANDO's that day.

The FIRST 40 donors will receive a complimentary GATOR BURGER !!!



If you can't make it to this event, don't forget that ORLC will be hosting a blood drive on October 17 from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m.



Here's To You

Pastor Bucher thought he could sneak by his 1-year anniversary and he did! Can you believe he's been with us for a year August 3rd? We are very thankful that God led him to our congregation and that we have been blessed with such a wonderful leader. Here are some statistics from his first year that prove that a great leader will bring in more people.

- Average Attendance — 119 per week
- Average Attendance Wednesday service — 12
- Received 28 new baptized members

Don't forget that he created our website, is leading 2 adults and 5 youth through confirmation, and teaches the adult Bible class. Thanks for all your hard work and to many more years to come!



Diversified Investing the Mutual Fund Way



Because stock mutual funds became so popular during the 1990s run-up, some investors now mistakenly believe the word “mutual fund” is synonymous with the rise and fall of the stock market. The recent bear market years have thus soured these investors to the entire concept of mutual funds.

The simple truth, however, is that mutual funds are not just stock funds; they include a range of investing categories and remain one of the best options available to meet long-term investing goals. Perhaps more importantly, despite recent down years, a key reason for investing in mutual funds – i.e. diversifying risk – remains as powerful today as it did decades ago when the first mutual fund was created.

Mutual Fund Basics

- Mutual funds come in a variety of shapes and sizes from a variety of organizations. The four basic types are stock, bond, balanced and money market funds.
- Stock funds generally invest in equities, which are ownership stakes in corporations that tend to rise or fall with the business' success or failure and its market value.
- Bond funds generally invest in debt securities, or loans, issued by companies, municipalities or government agencies, which promise to repay debt obligations on a specific date.
- Balanced funds offer a combination of stock and bond investments. Their objective is to obtain the highest total return possible while maintaining a moderate-risk strategy.
- Money market funds are the only funds with the stated objective of maintaining a stable net asset value of \$1. The short-term securities that money market funds buy, such as short-term

corporate debt obligations or certificates of deposit, are designed to preserve shareholder capital while earning a current market interest rate.

The risk and return connection

With all mutual funds, as with all investments, risk and return are intertwined, so it pays to know your risk tolerance before investing in any fund.

Risk takes many forms, but it essentially is the possibility that stated objectives will not be met and that a loss of capital or money is possible. Higher risk means higher uncertainty that an objective will be met. But higher risk also generally carries the potential for greater gains.

Risk exists in every investment, but its effect can be reduced over time. As a result, higher-risk investments are better suited for long-term plans, because historically time helps absorb losses while allowing for the potentially larger rewards in the future.

Mutual funds can be used to diversify risk even further by allowing investors to allocate their money across different funds. This helps reduce the impact of a dramatic loss by any one fund. Through this asset allocation process, investors can tailor their investments according to their own risk tolerances and time frames with an eye toward meeting their personal financial goals.

“Mutual fund” is not a dirty word in investing. On the contrary, mutual funds offer the right combination of diversification and investment options to help the average investor meet long-term goals. Sitting down with a qualified financial professional is often the best first step to building the right allocation of mutual funds for your personal goals and risk tolerance.



Voters' meeting scheduled for September 19. Don't miss your opportunity to vote for next year's officers and board members.

Good Shepherd Annual Fall Fair Scheduled

You are invited to participate in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's annual Fall Fair.

On Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will host its annual Fall Fair. It will be located at Good Shepherd's fellowship hall and parking lots. The fair is organized each year to help with Gospel outreach, fellowship, identity in the community, and fund-raising for the church and missions.

Volunteers are needed to help with booths and games (including Bible story-telling), set-up and clean-up, special service ministries (gifts and talents), and vendor booths.

- Special Service Ministries (gifts and talents): In addition to the silent auction basket items donated by corporate sponsors, Good Shepherd



would like to offer baskets of services for auction. Do you baby sit? Mow yards? Cut hair? Clean house? Garden? Handyman repairs? Fix computers? If you'd be willing to give of yourself, coupons will be made for the auction.

- Vendor Booths: A new and exciting opportunity this year. If you have a hobby or small business and would like to set up a booth or table to peddle your wares, now is your chance. A 12' X 12' booth is \$25. You provide the wares and any tent or table. You may keep all your proceeds. If you'd like to reserve space, please notify GSLC by September 1. Contact Karen Klisaris (271-6958, cklisaris@kfbol.com).

If you would like to volunteer, contact Sue Puleo (219-1157, dsnap@earthlink.net) †

With the Changing Season, Comes Opportunities to Serve

As we enjoy the blessing of autumn's awesome splendor, remember to serve Him first. Serve in worship, in Sunday School and yes, even with your savings. The ministry of LCEF is your opportunity to support the funding of building over 80% of our churches and schools at one time or another. To God be the Glory! From savings accounts to *StewardAccounts*®. IRA's to Growth Certificates.

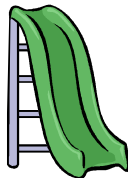
Visit www.lcef.org or call 1-800-THE LCEF.

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..." Matthew 20:28

(This does not constitute an offer to sell or a request to buy. The offering is made solely by LCEF's Offering Circular.) †

Toddler Playground Nearly Complete

After many months of time, money, and effort, the toddler playground is near completion. If you haven't noticed the wonderful play area, you must be cheating to your parking spot and not driving around to the back of the building. If that's the case, I suggest you take a look.



We can't say enough thank you's to Chuck Saylor for his intricate design and detail. He has spent many long hours designing every last detail from the A/C structure, to the elaborate bench, to the make-shift balance beam, and lastly the precise fence with a gate. To show our appre-

ciation of his efforts and everyone involved, we will be hosting a playground dedication on Sunday, September 12 following service. Everyone is invited to attend as Pastor blesses the playground, some minor rules will be addressed, and it will be *officially* opened for play (although it will be ready for play the first Sunday school class).

Also, coming up in October (tentatively Oct. 17), we will be hosting a Harvest Festival fundraiser, with matching Thrivent funds, selling fall baked goods (jams, breads, pies, etc.) and pumpkins with stations set up to decorate them. Watch for details! †

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Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Divine Service.....10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Service.....7:00 p.m.

Missouri Synod



Autumn begins
September 22

We're on the web!
www.orlutheran.com

ORLC Upcoming Events

- September 5: Sunday School/Adult Bible classes resume
- September 8, 8–9:30 p.m.: Confirmation classes begin
- September 10 and 11:..... LWML Annual Sale
- September 12: Playground Dedication after Service
- September 16, 9:30 a.m.:... Ladies Bible Study of Ezekiel begins
- September 19, 9:00 a.m.:... Youth Thank You Breakfast
- September 19 Voters' Meeting after Service
- October 2: Good Shepherd's Fall Fair
- October 17: Harvest Festival Fundraiser after Service
- October 17, 11:30 – 2:30:.. Blood Drive
- October 23: LWML Bluegrass Zone Rally @ St. John's
- October 31: 40th Anniversary Celebration
- Nov 12, 9–3:30 p.m: Retreat at ORLC

Focus on the Family

New Address:
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1st Platoon CL: 26W ATTN: D S Owens
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Congratulations to Rich Rutz
and Heather on their recent
wedding!