CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY
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SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Can you feel it? Can you hear it? What, you may ask, am I talking about? It's the excitement and sound of our gearing up for the new Church school year. The **2010-2011 Church school year** kicks off on **RALLY DAY,** Sunday, September 12, beginning with worship at 9:30 a.m., followed by a potluck and games for the kids. This event is for *all of our students* regardless of whether you attend Church school on Wednesdays or Sundays, and is the first official day of the new curriculum year for Sunday School. Students will be dismissed early from worship so they can meet their teachers. There will not be a separate event for Wednesday students. Make sure you mark your calendars for this fun and exciting day!

Taking place that same day during worship will be a ***backpack blessing*** for anyone who uses a backpack for school, whether you are in grade school, high school, or college!, and anyone who uses a backpack on a daily basis for work. At an appointed time you will be asked to bring your backpacks up and place them in front of the altar. A blessing will be said over them for you. Let's get as many backpacks as we can up there and ask God to bless us as we begin the new year in our daily lives at work or school.

As in the past, Wednesday school is held on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Sunday school is held each Sunday between services at 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Letters, memory work, and parent information brochures will be sent home with each student the first day of class. Please take the time to review all the information that is brought home. You may contact me anytime at the office with any questions you may have. The phone number is 701-223-2986.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR CHURCH SCHOOL

Friday, September 3	RSVP 3rd Grade Bible Postcards due back
Wednesday, September 8, 7 p.m.	Bible Orientation
Sunday, September 12, 9:30 a.m.	Rally Day/Potluck/Games/First day Sunday School [KIDS SING VBS SONGS]
Wednesday, September 15, 7 p.m.	First Day Wednesday school
Sunday, September 19, 9:45 a.m.	Bible Orientation Teacher Commissioning
Wednesday, September 22, 6:15 p.m.	Bible Presentation/Grandparents and Me Teacher Commissioning
Sunday, September 26	Grandparents and Me Bible Presentation 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

TEACHERS, HELPERS, SUBSTITUTES, MUSIC LEADERS, SUPERINTENDENTS: We want you to know how important you are to our ministry of reaching out to our students and giving them a good start on their faith journey. This could not be done without you! To show you this, we are having a commissioning of our teachers and all those involved in working with our Church school students on ***SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 [at both services],*** and ***WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.***

GRANDPARENTS, REMEMBER TO attend Church school with your grandchild[ren] on Wednesday, September 22, and Sunday, September 26. You will be introduced to everyone by them, invited to sit in

class with them, and cookies will be served after Church school on both dates. If your grandparent does not live nearby, or you don't have one, adopt someone to bring along. The kids really enjoy having you there and showing you off to all of us! See you then!

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3RD GRADE BIBLE ORIENTATION/PRESENTATION

Parents, don't forget that the card for RSVPs for bible orientation and presentation are due back in the office by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3. Please make sure you have put on them the date you will attend both the orientation and presentation, and have written on there exactly how you want your child's name to be engraved on the front cover of his or her bible. Orientation takes place on Wednesday, September 8, at 7 p.m., or Sunday, September 19, at 9:45 a.m. The actual presentations will take place on Wednesday, September 22, at 6:15 p.m. during worship, and on Sunday, September 26, at either the 8:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. worship services. IF FOR SOME REASON YOU HAVE NOT GOTTEN A LETTER FROM US YET, PLEASE CALL US AND LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY!!!!

OFFERING PROJECT

This year we are starting off our year by using our offerings to purchase Military Bible Sticks. If you remember from last year, each stick has the entire New Testament recorded on it. The stick is about the size of a thumb drive and comes with earphones. Cost per stick is $25. We will use our offerings in September, October, and November to do this. Hopefully the funds will get to the Faith Comes by Hearing offices in time for military personnel to receive them by Christmas or shortly thereafter. There was such a wonderful response to this last year that I decided to use it again. We do have families in our congregation who have family members still serving in some way. Let's collect as much as we can so we can bring the message of Good News and hope to those serving our country.

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KIDS GET READY ~~~ Amanda and I are working on a schedule of activities for the upcoming year for you. In September we will be traveling out to Pappa's Pumpkin Patch again for a service project and fun time. The date for this is Sunday, September 19. We will leave Lord of Life at 2 p.m. and be back here by 4 p.m. Last year we had 14 students who participated in this event. Parents, extra drivers may be needed if we have the same number again. The October activity has not been set yet, but I did make a call to Tom and LeAna Hug and left a message about a bonfire on Sunday, October 17, in the evening. Smores and hot dogs just may be part of the activity, you never know! As soon as I have an answer on this, I will send notices home with you so you can plan. The full schedule will be given to you and posted on our website as soon as it is set.

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FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

As of the writing of this newsletter, I am still awaiting the arrival of our materials for a Family Narnia Night here at Lord of Life. This will be planned for sometime this fall. There will be a parents' night out on Friday, October 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., with supper being served to your children. Watch future bulletins and newsletters for news on Narnia.
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