



## Cougar Chronicle May 26, 2017

### Some Good News to Share

As you know from a previous newsletter, there will be a couple of staffing changes at the kindergarten through eighth grade campus next school year. In addition to the those changes, our morning Pre-K 4 teacher, Mrs. Julie Hawkens, is retiring after a long and fruitful teaching career. Mrs. Hawkens has been a part of the Word of Life faculty for four years as both a teacher and an aide. Before her time here at our school, she served as the director of day camps, children's ministries, and mother's morning out programs. She also served as a special education teacher, a lead preschool teacher, and an assistant director of the New England Nursery School. We are thankful for the time we have had Julie here with us and pray for her as she embarks on this new chapter in her life. She will be greatly missed!

Although change can be hard, God is faithful and reassures us of His constant presence. He reminded me of this as I began seeking candidates to fill the new openings for next school year. I am pleased to share that, after interviewing these candidates with a well-rounded committee (consisting of school board members, teachers, and a pastor), we have found our new teachers!

In addition to our wonderful new music teacher, Gabe Michael, I am pleased to officially announce that we have three other new teachers joining our Word of Life family in the fall.

First, we welcome Mrs. Lorenda Bolling as our new part-time Pre-K 4 teacher at the Timothy Campus. Lorenda graduated from Concordia University in Chicago, and is currently teaching Pre-K at Messiah Lutheran School in Weldon Springs. She has been there for three years teaching in the area of Early Childhood Education. Her husband is our friend from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pastor Gerard Bolling. Lorenda and her husband have a seven month old baby boy named Lincoln. Lorenda will be teaching five mornings a week. Her warm, kind, and enthusiastic personality is contagious!

Secondly, we welcome Mrs. Sarah Maxfield as our 5th grade homeroom/upper grade language arts teacher. Sarah has a Master's Degree in Education from Truman State University, and is currently teaching at Craig Elementary School in the Parkway District. She has been there for ten years teaching language arts and third grade homeroom. She and her husband, Mark, have three children: Noah (who is currently one of our first graders), Ezra (who is currently one of our preschoolers), and one year old, Jonah. Fun fact - Sarah was recognized as Teacher of the Year in her school and was a finalist in the entire Parkway District! Sarah will also potentially be doing some coaching. Sarah is already a member at one of our association churches, Ascension Lutheran Church.

Lastly, we welcome Mr. Nathan Dehn as our 6th grade/upper grade science teacher. Nathan attended Concordia University Mequon for the first part of his college career and finished by receiving his teaching degree at UMSL. Nathan is currently teaching as a long-term upper grade science and math substitute at St. Mark's Lutheran School in Eureka. Nathan grew up in Lutheran schools, and is very excited to serve in one like ours. Nathan will be sharing the duties as athletic director with Allie O'Toole and will be doing some coaching, as well. Nathan will be joining St. Lucas Lutheran Church in the fall.

I have seen God's hand at work throughout the entire process. He has provided us with some excellent new teachers who are excited to be a part of our Word of Life family next year, and we are so excited to have them! God is good! Have a wonderful summer!

In Him,  
Alicia M Klug - Principal

### Summer Office Hours

Beginning on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, the summer office hours will be the following:

Mondays – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Tuesdays – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Wednesdays – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Thursdays – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Fridays – Closed

### Marketing & Outreach Uniform Update

Uniforms can be ordered now through July 17<sup>th</sup> to be delivered at the August Open House.

New for this order are a girl's jumper and pleated skirt option. View and print the new order form here:

<http://wordoflifeschool.net/dress-code/>

Visit [www.jimcopromo.com/stores/wordoflife](http://www.jimcopromo.com/stores/wordoflife) to order.

Sizes are available to try on in the office.

Questions? Contact Jill Pfeuffer at [314.353.8000](tel:314.353.8000) or email [Jill@Jimcopromo.com](mailto:Jill@Jimcopromo.com)

**Fast Direct:** If you have any questions in regards to our school portal, Fast Direct, please contact Devri Davis in the school office at 832-1244, extension 10 or [ddavis@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:ddavis@wordoflifeschool.net).

**Word of Life PTL News****WOL Restaurant Night -  
Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – All Day**

Fuddruckers

10752 Sunset Hills Plaza

Roberta Kern is the contact person.

(Flyers went home last week.)

Thanks to all who attended PTL's General Assembly Meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The ballots were distributed and elections were held. Congrats to the new PTL President, Alisa Woods, and all of the new Members at Large!

**Random Reminders**

**Summer Garden Volunteers Needed -** WOL is in need of families to help take care of our new school garden this summer. Interested families will sign up for one week and water, weed, and tend to the plants. If interested please contact Mrs. Bergholt - [mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net) or Mrs. Moormann - [jmoormann@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:jmoormann@wordoflifeschool.net) or call the school office.

**Re-Enrollment** - The classes are filling up! Please be sure to send in your reenrollment forms for next school year!

**Joy-Worthy News**

God has blessed us with another great school year. Congrats to all of the students and teachers for finishing strong! Prayers as we all go our separate ways for the summer!

**School Mission Statement**

*Word of Life Lutheran School is committed to providing a high-quality educational program in an environment where Christ prevails, where a child's human and spiritual needs are met, and where love, dignity, and professional accountability are valued, promoted, and implemented.*

**Joy-Worthy Auction News**

Thank you, on behalf of the auction committee for your support of our "Come Sail Away" auction on May 12. We had so many in attendance and we are grateful! This was our most successful event in recent history! Below you will find information about our last two events.

In His Service,  
Mrs. Melissa Maxfield  
Auction Finance Chair

**2015**

Paid reservations – 133

Attended- 131

Gross Rev. – \$18,775.00

Net Rev. - \$13,492.22

**2017**

Paid reservations – 169

Attended-163

Gross Rev. – \$27,421.35

Net Rev. - \$20,757.75

We reached our goal by raising enough funds to build a new play structure for the children at our K-8 campus! Thanks to who volunteered, made donations, attended, and purchased items!

**Vacation Bible School in Our  
Association Churches**

Theme: *Maker Fun Factory – Created by God, Built for a Purpose*

When: June 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – Noon

Where: St Lucas Lutheran Church

7100 Morganford Road, 63116

What: Registration information @

[www.stlucaslcms.org](http://www.stlucaslcms.org)**It's free!**

Theme: *Mighty Fortress – In Jesus, the Victory is Won!*

When: June 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM–Noon

Where: Ascension Lutheran Church 5347

Donovan Avenue, 63109

What: Registration information @

[ascensionstl.com](http://ascensionstl.com)**It's also free!**

Theme: *Maker Fun Factory – Created by God, Built for a Purpose*

When: June 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Where: Timothy Lutheran Church

6704 Fyler Avenue, 63139

What: Registration information @

[timothystl.org](http://timothystl.org)**It's also free!**May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Summer Break Begins!  
God's Blessings!

(Office closed on Monday for  
Memorial Day; Regular Office  
Hours Tuesday – Friday)