

Doug Stoll, Lay Leader

As one of your new Lay Leaders I would like to introduce myself and give you a little background of my past so you can feel comfortable conversing with me on any church matter. For 35 years I have been married to the love of my life, Jane, who has blessed me with two wonderful sons, 29-year-old Ryan and 27-year-old Grant. I have been a member of LSUMC for 22 years and a Lee's Summit resident for the past 34 years.

I grew up in the Fort Osage School District and I consider myself a true entrepreneur, starting my first business at age 16. This paid my way through Central Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Power Technology's automotive division. I finished up my entrepreneurial career by general contracting construction and starting two new start-up auto repair businesses, Susquehanna Auto Clinic and The Auto Clinic. By January 2003 I accomplished a lifelong goal of early retirement by selling both businesses.

One must understand my definition of retirement: "The opportunity of doing what you want, when you want, while only having to answer to my God and of course Jane." I still do some consulting work in the automotive management field as well as entrepreneurial training. Since my retirement, I have taken on a new career in the field of golf and travel; although I may not live long enough to ever master the fine game of golf.

Being one of the Lay Leaders of this church excites me because of all of the potential opportunities in such a fast-growing community like Lee's Summit. There is not a church in this city better equipped to perform our vision of "sharing God's love and forgiveness through Christ - with everyone, everyday, everywhere." Nothing touches my heart more than knowing that through God we, as members, can make such a gigantic difference to so many people who are looking to find Christ in their heart. As a Lay Leader I want to assist in communicating between our church, members, leaders, staff and anyone else willing to help LSUMC reach out to churched and unchurched to bring everyone closer to Christ.

With Christ In My Heart,
Doug