

# GOOD NEWS

October  
2016

Lord of Life  
Lutheran  
Church  
(ELCA)

## Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am &  
10:30 am  
Wednesday 6:00 pm

## Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
9:00 am-12 pm  
1:00-3 pm

## Ministers

The Lord of Life  
Family of Faith

## Pastors

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Dear Friends,

During the month of September, Wendy Adamson and Tammie Benson turned in their resignations as Spiritual Gifts Coordinator and Youth Ministry Assistant respectively. This follows on the heels of the resignation of Michael Carmack in August, who followed his wife to Wisconsin and her new call in a parish there. So, quite unexpectedly, we find ourselves in a "kairos" -- or a pivotal -- moment in the life of our congregation.

I am deeply appreciative of both Wendy and Tammie's faithful service while I have been here, and for the past decade of faithful service each have given to Lord of Life prior to that. Both have demonstrated great passion and dedication to their vision for work here. Each of their resignations included a statement of intention to remain connected and involved at Lord of Life, for which I'm grateful. Ahead is a time of discernment - both for them in their new role in this place - and for our congregation moving forward. I do hope you will take the opportunity to thank them both for their service.

Even before Michael, Tammie and Wendy's resignations - as far back as last fall - I've been actively engaged in planning the future configuration of Lord of Life's staff.

As I write this, a proposal has been presented - but not yet adopted - to make the following changes:

- \* Hire Guy Kelm for 20 hours/wk to work with the middle school & high school youth groups.
- \* Seek an assistant for 30 hour a week--as soon as possible!--to come alongside Pastor Erika.
- \* Shift Colleen Bush's work away from bookkeeping, and come more closely alongside me in her work of communicating to the congregation.
- \* Anne Laechel's focus will be on running Core Operations. She'll take over bookkeeping while continuing on as financial secretary, overseeing the Church Management Software, event scheduling and supporting the work of the rest of the staff.
- \* Hire an additional Property Coordinator at 10 hrs/wk that will coordinate all property matters including custodians, office staff, and the property team.
- \* Hire an additional Worship Coordinator at 10 hrs/month who will coordinate the work of musicians, sound techs, etc. to facilitate excellence in a worship experience.
- \* Hire a part-time visitation pastor at 7-10 hours per week to help shoulder some of the pastoral care needs of the congregation.
- \* Hire a Spiritual Gifts Coordinator at 15 hours per week - to seek to identify, cultivate, and utilize the gifts of all members of the congregation.

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One important thing to say is that at this point in time Guy's role is understood to be an interim position. But as we seek to discern what program staff needs to be hired in the future to replace our former Youth Director, we may revisit this. At this point, Guy has expressed a willingness to continue indefinitely. I believe we will definitely hire someone in the future to do Youth and Young Family programming and we will do what we need to in order to preserve our ability too. We need more time - and to seek the right person and the right staffing balance.

Another thing to say is that Tammie - who left us to take a position in the school system — will be staying on to help Erika for a little while. In the meantime, as I mentioned, all of the above is just at the proposal stage. Look for more updates as the month progresses.

Finally, I'm struck that last year at this same time, I was recovering from a hospitalization in September which led to an entire fall full of unexpected events. Through it all, God demonstrated His awesome presence in our midst and I expect nothing less this Fall.

Thanks for being a partner with me in ministry!

God Bless!

*Pastor Steve*

Pastor Steve



Join us for  
Property work Day  
at Lord of Life  
on October 29  
from 8 am to 12 pm.



Next blood pressure screening  
October 2nd,  
from 9:30 am-10:00 am

Greetings!

*Then God said, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days and years." Genesis 1:14.*

I looked up verses about Autumn and found this one and it made me marvel at God's mindfulness when he created our world! The beauty of the earth is a wonderful medication, especially at this time of year, with the changing colors. I want to mention "mindfulness". How long has it been since you were mindful of what you actually are doing, what did you eat for lunch, what did you say to a co worker, friend or family member?

October is Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental illness has touched all of us at one time or another. Mental health is a serious issue in the United States and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate as much as 25 percent of the American population has some form of mental illness. If you or a loved one is dealing with the effects of a mental illness, it can be difficult to find the right information or know what to do next.

Understanding mental illness in its various forms is the best way to start. Unfortunately, there is still a stigma to mental illness and not sufficient places of treatment. If you are dealing with a mental illness, please talk to someone you can trust and seek treatment. If you are dealing with a family member or friend, the best way to help is to be there, listen and be informed about their type of mental illness. If you are not dealing with a mental illness, remember to take good care of yourself and practice mindfulness so that you truly can be in touch with yourself!

Remember Blood Pressure checks the first Sunday of the month!

Any questions, please contact me!

Deb Bergstrom



### Help Needed in the Church Nursery

I've loved staffing the nursery for the past three and a half years, but I've

missed being in worship on Sunday mornings. So Lord of Life needs your help! We need someone or a number of people to volunteer for this very special ministry on Sundays during the 8:30 am service.

I believe this is an excellent opportunity for confirmation members and their mentors or parents to provide a much needed and appreciated service. Please contact Pastor Erika if you are interested/able to volunteer.

Thank you

Mary Anderson

## New Evangelism

It used to be that Evangelism in many congregations simply meant (1) developing a nice, well organized, membership packet. (2) Holding regular membership classes for those who flocked to join the congregation. And (3) providing a "sponsor" a member on the inside -- to help with introducing the newcomer to the rest of the congregation. The rest was left up to the newcomer to negotiate.

Often the process was hit or miss. If the newcomer had an effective sponsor, then they had a good experience and more often than not - that person stuck around. On the other hand, sadly, many struggle to find a place in the congregation and without of point of connection - can easily fall away. Not everyone who joins a congregation wants a place on one of the congregation's core teams, but all who join seek to make a meaningful connection to the church. The "one-process-fits-all" approach to evangelism is a thing of the past.

So too is the "one-communication-method-fits-all" approach. In the past, printed communication - usually in the form of a bulletin given out weekly, and a newsletter given out monthly - would adequately serve the communication needs of a congregation. These days, people are far less likely to read a newsletter cover-to-cover and want the information that comes their direction tailor made for them. We've done a great job with the youth program at Lord of Life—directing texts to those who need them, etc. ... but it's time for us to catch up as an entire congregation.

As we've talked in other parts of this newsletter about the incoming Church Management Software, it's important to see that this online tool is much more than just a database of membership information. It is specifically designed to facilitate connecting people rapidly with each other and with others who share similar passions and interests, and supporting their work together. It will also help these groups communicate with each other, be reminded of important things, and draw in new people who might also share their interests, passions, and God given callings.

The truth that drives it all is that engaged people remain connected to the congregation and contribute to it's overall vitality. Disengaged people tend to drift away, and finally drop out. Much hard work has already taken place to position Lord of Life to be much more effective at engaging people. If you have a chance - please specifically take the time to thank Anne Laechel for all of her behind the scenes work.

When we roll out this new communication and evangelism tool please give it a test drive and let us know what you think.

## CHMS UPDATE

For some time now, we've been working hard to replace our Church Management Software solution, with some other - superior - platform called Church Community Builder. All of this work has been undertaken so that we might more effectively advance our mission, which is to inspire a deeper and richer connection with Christ, our community, and each other.

In seeking to transition from the Church Management Software that we currently use to a different platform, we envision a future in which we've drastically reduced or eliminated the "tripping" that the staff currently experiences related to the limitations of our current computer systems and software.

For example, in our envisioned future, we'll be able to easily print pledge documents that look acceptable... and that invite a generous response much better than the means we have now.

So, after completing the switch to the new software package, we envision we will dramatically improve our congregation's relationship with its members. This will come as a result of having a staff be freed from the frustrations of an inadequate system in order to engage members and support volunteers in the important work that they accomplish on behalf of the congregation.

We also envision solving some deeper issues that Lord of Life has been struggling with, issues like: How to empower the entire community around a cause and focus when there are so many people who need to be communicated with, and where it is easy for things and people to fall through the cracks. Our new system, Church Community Builder, will help us stay on top of people's needs and help us focus on the work that Christ called us to: Building a Christian community dedicated to fulfilling God's mission in the world.

We envision devoting an adequate amount of time, attention and resources to effect a successful and graceful transition.



**Sarah Circle**

Will meet at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, October 11, at Lord of Life. For More information contact Bugs Schmidt at 829-3864 or [shmidye@cloud.com](mailto:shmidye@cloud.com).

## CONNECTION CARDS

We've had people ask, what happens with the Connection Cards that are filled out and put in the offering baskets each Sunday? And so, we'd like to answer that question. But first, please know that filling out of these cards by "everyone" is a ministry. It's not just a ministry that involves yourself, but a ministry to those around you. Very often, people who attend worship for the first and second time are looking to the regulars for how to fit in. If the person sitting next to them fills out the card, they will. If the person sitting next to them does not, neither will they. Because Connection Cards are our single best way to make a connection with those newcomers, your filling out a connection card is the single most important way you can help us reach out to newcomers.

Now, to answer the question. When we receive those cards in the office, the first thing we do is scan the cards and archive them. This is because we currently do not have enough volunteers to record attendance in worship, but we hope to in the future. We prayerfully look to a time when we may be able to reconstruct past attendance from those archived cards. There are constitutional implications to attendance and recorded communion cards, so it's worthwhile for all who commune to check the box indicating you've taken communion.

Cards that require pastoral followup are also given to Pastor Steve and Pastor Erika. These include cards in which someone is attending for the first or second time, if they would like to join, or if there is a prayer request and/or a comment made. The pastors then pray and follow up as their schedule and other commitments permit.

One need for the congregation in the future is to enlist a small group of volunteers who can ensure that the followup is timely - ideally within 36 hours of someone attending church. Please pray that someone (perhaps yourself?) might step forward to take this ministry on.

For the cards that request name tags, offering envelopes, etc. - currently Anne takes care of those requests. Cards that request prayers, either in the bulletin or on the prayer chain are handled appropriately.

If you're wondering what happens when you fill out the connection card and place it in the offering - please know that the answer is: Quite a lot. Thanks for your involvement in this important ministry.



## PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

### Join us for the 499th Anniversary

The following Brainerd Lakes Area Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregations will gather for worship to celebrate the 499<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation at 11:00 am on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd.

We will be joining with Bethlehem (Brainerd), First (Brainerd), Trinity (Brainerd), Lutheran Church of the Cross (Nisswa), and Cross Lake Lutheran (Cross Lake). Bishop Tom Aitken (ELCA Bishop of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod) will be present to preach and preside during communion. The service will include a mass choir from members of the six congregations under the direction of Marcus Aulie, the Trinity Lutheran bell choir, and a joint procession of retired and active clergy along with other lay leaders. We give God thanks and praise as we celebrate and seek to engage God's ongoing mission in the world through Jesus Christ in the power and promise of the Holy Spirit.

### Interested in Becoming a Member of Lord of Life?



Individuals and families interested in joining Lord of Life are invited to attend our next New Member Class, Sunday, October 16, 2016. Class will begin at 1:30 p.m. (this is a time change due to the worship service at Tornstrom Auditorium). Participants will learn more about Lord of Life, what it means to be a member, and ways that you can get involved in the ministry happening here at Lord of Life. Class ends with supper at 5:00 p.m. Please call the church office to register for this class.

The entire congregation is invited to attend the potluck supper at 5:00 pm, for fellowship and to meet and greet our new members. Please bring a dish to pass.

### Martha Circle



Will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 11, at Jeannine zumBrunnen's home. Mary Anderson will lead the Bible Study. For more information, call Mary Anderson at 218-330-6171.



## You can help reduce Lord of Life's Carbon Footprint!

A new program with Crow Wing Power allows its customers to buy shares in a community solar garden, which will be built near its building on Highway 371. Each share costs \$1300, which entitles the subscriber to one percent of the electrical output from the solar array for the next 20 years. Each subscriber can buy up to five shares. By donating money to Lord or Life for this project you can reduce Lord of Life's electrical bill for twenty years and help Lord of Life care for God's wonderful creation by using pollution-free power from the sun. You can make donations of any size, and the church will order shares as the money becomes available. Please fill out the pledge card with your donations, no money is due at this time. Crow Wing Power will close subscriptions when 100 shares are sold, and the project is already over a quarter subscribed. For further information, you can go to <http://cwpower2.coopwebbuilder2.com/node/139>, or contact Paul Jacobsen at [paul@jacobsenlaw.com](mailto:paul@jacobsenlaw.com) or 829-1726.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl ministry at Lord of Life started 10 years ago, and many Prayer Shawls have been given to people along the way. There are several of us who knit or crochet Prayer Shawls and we would like to have others join us in this ministry. We work on the shawls at our own leisure. There is no pressure to complete; or deadlines to meet. Prayer Shawls are intended to be given to anyone needing to feel God's love being wrapped around them, whether through a medical crisis, loss of a loved one, or other difficult circumstances. Recipients do not need to be members of Lord of Life.

We will be meeting Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm at Lord of Life and we encourage you to join us in our Prayer Shawl ministry. Please contact Jeannine zumBrunnen (829-2177) or Brenda Johnson (831-9725) for more information. Or, check out this website: [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com)



## Men's Fellowship Thursday Mornings -

Join us Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at LOL for Bible study, fellowship and fun.

Contact Ted Anderson with any questions at 831-1372.

## CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS

Throughout the month of October, Pastor Erika and Pastor Steve will be conducting final interviews for the confirmation candidates in anticipation of their confirmation on Reformation Sunday - the last Sunday in October.

Each interview includes reflections on the meaning of confirmation by the pastor, a presentation of a faith statement by the confirmands, as well as the presentation and explanation of a project that they have prepared for the occasion. Also included are letters written by parents and their confirmation guide.

Please remember the confirmands, sponsors, mentors, parents, and our pastors in your prayers during this important time in their spiritual journey.



## LOLLY (Lots of Living Left Yet)

LOLLY will meet on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. The potluck will begin at 11:30am. The program (to be announced) will follow the potluck. Please feel free to join us for good food, great fellowship and an interesting program here at Lord of Life. For more information call Mary Anderson at 218-330-6171.



## Pray & Ponder Women's Breakfast

Pray & Ponder will meet October 22, in connection to the Women's Heartland Conference Gathering. If you have any questions contact Wendy Adamson at [wendyadamson@ymail.com](mailto:wendyadamson@ymail.com).

## Prayers for strength, comfort and healing...

Verna Hawkinson,  
Kristen Zemke, Carol Carlson  
Nancy Bacon,  
Quinn Leonard, Bruce Femling

## Lord of Life Lutheran - October 2016

### Saturday, October 1, 2016

7:00pm Open AA (Rms 7 & 9)

### Sunday, October 2, 2016

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:30am Fellowship (Commons)  
9:30am Connection Time/Sunday School  
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:00am Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen (923 Oak St)  
11:30am Fellowship (Commons)  
12:00pm Middle School Youth Group (SSR)

### Monday, October 3, 2016

1:00pm Monday Book Group (Commons)

### Tuesday, October 4, 2016

7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)  
9:00am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Rms 7 & 9)  
1:30pm Office Staff Mtg (Conference Room)  
6:30pm Team Meetings (FH)

### Wednesday, October 5, 2016

5:15pm Wednesday Supper (FH)  
5:15pm Wednesday Musician Rehearsal (S)  
6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)  
7:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)  
7:00pm Senior Choir (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, October 6, 2016

9:00am LOL Quilters (FH)  
10:00am Men's Fellowship (Commons)  
7:00pm Baxter Sandpipers 4-H (FH)

### Friday, October 7, 2016

6:30am Men's Breakfast (FH)  
9am-3pm Fall Clothing Share (FH, Commons)  
1:00pm Those Older Folders (Commons)

### Saturday, October 8, 2016

9am-12pm Fall Clothing Share (FH, Commons)  
7:00pm Open AA (Rms 7 & 9)

### Sunday, October 9, 2016

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:30am Fellowship (Commons)  
9:30am Connection Time/Sunday School  
10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:30am Fellowship (Commons)  
12:00pm Teens Upstream (SSR)

### Monday, October 10, 2016

12:00pm Finance Team (Commons)  
1:00pm Monday Book Group (Commons)  
6:00pm Pinetree Patchworkers (FH)  
6:30pm Worship Planning Meeting

### Tuesday, October 11, 2016

7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)  
12:00pm Executive Meeting (Rm 1)  
1:00pm Sarah Circle (FH)  
2:00pm Office Staff Mtg (Rm 1)  
7:00pm Martha Circle (off site)

### Wednesday, October 12, 2016

9:00am Matter of Balance (Commons)  
2:00pm Crow Wing Energized Class (Commons)  
5:15pm Wednesday Supper (FH)  
5:15pm Wednesday Musician Rehearsal (S)  
6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)  
7:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)  
7:00pm Senior Choir (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, October 13, 2016

9:00am LOL Quilters (FH)  
10:00am Men's Fellowship (Commons)  
5:00pm Thursday Book Group (Commons)

### Friday, October 14, 2016

6:30am Men's Breakfast (FH)  
1:00pm Those Older Folders (Commons)

### Saturday, October 15, 2016

7:00pm Open AA (Rms 7 & 9)

### Sunday, October 16, 2016

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:30am Fellowship (Commons)  
9:30am Connection Time/Sunday School  
11:00am 499th Anniversary Worship Service (Tornstrom Auditorium)  
12:00pm Middle School Youth Group (SSR)  
1:30pm New Member Class (FH)  
5:00pm Congregational Potluck (FH)

### Monday, October 17, 2016

1:00pm Monday Book Group (Commons)  
7:00pm EveryDaySonDay Rehearsal

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

- 7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)
- 9:00am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Rms 7 & 9)
- 1:30pm Office Staff Mtg (Rm 1)
- 5:00pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study
- 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

- 9:00am Matter of Balance (Commons)
- 11:30pm LOLLY (FH)
- 5:15pm Wednesday Musician Rehearsal (S)
- 6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, October 20, 2016**

- 9:00am LOL Quilters (FH)
- 10:00am Men's Fellowship (Commons)

**Friday, October 21, 2016**

- 6:30am Men's Breakfast (FH)
- 1:00pm Those Older Folders (Commons)

**Saturday, October 22, 2016**

- 8am WELCA-Heartland Conferenc (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm Open AA (Rms 7 & 9)

**Sunday, October 23, 2016**

- 8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30am Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:30am Connection Time/No Sunday School
- 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30am Fellowship (Commons)

**Monday, October 24, 2016**

- 1:00pm Monday Book Group (Commons)
- 7:00pm Caring Friends Group (Commons)

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016**

- 7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)
- 1:30pm Office Staff Mtg (Rm 1)

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016**

- 9:00am Matter of Balance (Commons)
- 5:15pm Wednesday Supper (FH)
- 5:15pm Wednesday Musician Rehearsal (S)
- 6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)
- 7:00pm Senior Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm Sophomore Confirmation-Affirmation of Baptism Class (Commons)

**Thursday, October 27, 2016**

- 9:00am LOL Quilters (FH)
- 10:00am Men's Fellowship (Commons)
- 5:00pm Thursday Book Group (Commons)
- 7:00pm Church Council (Rms 7 & 9)

**Friday, October 28, 2016**

- 6:30am Men's Breakfast (FH)
- 1:00pm Those Older Folders (Commons)

**Saturday, October 29, 2016**

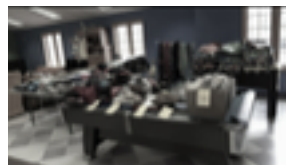
- 8am-12pm Fall Property Work Day (LOL)
- 7:00pm Open AA (Rms 7 & 9)

**Sunday, October 30, 2016**

- 8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30am Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:30am Connection Time/BLAST
- 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30am Fellowship (Commons)
- 1:00pm Sophomore Confirmation Ceremony (S)

**Monday, October 31, 2016**

- 1:00pm Monday Book Group (Commons)

**4th Annual Fall Adult Clothing Giveaway**

We will be having our 4th annual clothing giveaway at Lord Of Life Friday, October 7 from 9 am-3 pm and Saturday, October 8 from 9 am-12 pm. Drop off clean, gently used adult clothing and blankets Monday-Thursday, October 3-6, from 9 am to 3 pm.

Our role as God's stewards is one of many dimensions: grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ.

**Stewardship Principle of the Month #4: Give Willingly**

As moved by the Holy Spirit. We have been prepared to give ourselves. We give our time, talents, and resources freely.



*"For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave..."*  
2 Corinthians 8:3

## Spiritual Wellness

article from: Portico



Living well is a personal journey that presents each of us with unique opportunities to steward our gifts in all dimensions of our lives. Each month we will look at one of the well-beings on the wheel.

The Wholeness Wheel is increasingly used by ELCA individuals and organizations as an important learning and discernment tool. It illustrates that wellness is multi-dimensional — made up of spiritual, vocational, intellectual, emotional, physical, social, and financial dimensions of well-being. Spiritual well-being is intertwined with and influences our well-being in all other dimensions.

It is up to us to tend these dimensions of our well-being so we may live as resilient people for the sake of the world. At the center of the wheel,

we are a new creation through the waters of baptism. Christ lives in us and through us, and calls us out to love and serve one another. What does it mean to be a new creation? We have received the gift of grace through Christ, who came that we might have abundant life. Abundant life is living as a new creation, being grounded and centered in Christ and loving our neighbor as ourselves. It is when we are living well in Christ that we are best equipped to pass on our faith.

### Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by Lord of Life on Sunday, October 2, 9, and 16 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am and on Wednesday, October 5 and 12 from 5:30 pm to 6 pm for fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

The books are now on display in the Narthex, orders will not be taken until October 2nd. Payments are due at the time of ordering either with cash or check.

### FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: CELEBRATE GENEROSITY

You're invited to begin praying for our Fall Stewardship campaign entitled, "Celebrate Generosity." This will be a four-week program held in the month of November, designed to help members discover the joys of giving through growth in giving. The focus for this financial stewardship program will be spiritual growth. People find that as they discover the joy of giving, they also grow spiritually.

Celebrate Generosity is designed to help people grow spiritually through: (a) Growth in giving, including the prayerful deliberate growth toward or beyond a tithe, (b) Growth in their understanding of stewardship, (c) Growth in joyful celebration of the mission and ministry of their congregation; And (d) Discovery of a simple yet deliberate way to grow that nearly everyone can adopt.

You'll be receiving more information as we get closer to the beginning of our campaign in November.



### Men's Breakfast

We meet Friday mornings at 6:30 am for Bible study, fellowship, fun and food.

Contact Roger Tietz with any questions 820-3923.



# Lord of Life Lutheran Ministry Opportunities

## **Connecting to Christ**

**Circle, Martha** - Meets the second Tuesday of the month off site at 7:00 p.m. (August-June) For more information contact *Mary Anderson* 330-6171 [maryteda@charter.net](mailto:maryteda@charter.net)

**Circle, Sarah** - Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. (Sept-May) at Lord of Life. For information contact *Bugs Schmidt* 829-3864-[shmidye@icloud.com](mailto:shmidye@icloud.com)

**Men's Breakfast** - Fridays, 6:30 a.m. at LOL for Bible study, fellowship, fun and food - *Roger Tietz* 820-3923

**Men's Fellowship** - Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. at LOL for Bible study, fellowship and fun - *Ted Anderson* 831-1372

**New Member Class** - For individuals and families interested in joining Lord of Life. Childcare is provided upon request. - *Pastor Steve* 828-9374 - [steve@lolbaxter.org](mailto:steve@lolbaxter.org)

**Pray & Ponder Women's Breakfast** - A gathering of women on one Saturday each month, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Commons. (September- May). Experience great food, conversation, inspiration and prayer. Contact *Wendy Adamson* at [wendyadamson@ymail.com](mailto:wendyadamson@ymail.com)

## **Connecting to our Community**

**Habitat for Humanity** - *Scott Hall*, (w) 828-8517- [scott.hall@lakesarea.org](mailto:scott.hall@lakesarea.org) [habitat.org](http://habitat.org)

**LOL Quilters** - Piecing lap quilts for local charities and working on personal projects. Fabric donations are welcomed. Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. at LOL (Sept-April)

**Prayer Shawl Group** - Meets 3 to 4 times a year. Anyone who is interested in this wonderful ministry is welcome to join our group. Please contact *Jeannine zumBrunnen* 829-2177-[zummyb@brainerd.net](mailto:zummyb@brainerd.net) or *Brenda Johnson* 831-9725- [brensid@brainerd.net](mailto:brensid@brainerd.net) Check our website at [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com) for more information.

**Soup Kitchen** - Serving meals at Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen (923 Oak St., Brainerd), first Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. - *To volunteer contact Nancy Smith* (820-4273).

## **Connecting to Each Other**

**Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group** meets on alternating Sundays at 6:30 p.m. All book lovers are welcome. Contact: *Tom Koop* at 218-820-8566

**Monday Afternoon Book Group** will meet at 1:00 pm each Monday. For more information contact *Nancy Smith* 820-4273.

**Thursday Book Group** will meet on alternating Thursdays at 5:00 pm. All book lovers are welcome. For more information contact *Nancy Smith* 820-4273.

**Caring Friends Ministry** - Find out how to become a Caring Friend or to receive this ministry as you navigate life transitions. Meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Contact *Jeannine zumBrunnen* 829-2177- [zummyb@brainerd.net](mailto:zummyb@brainerd.net)

**LOL Ministry Teams** - Congregational Life, Children's Education, Youth/Adult Education, Evangelism, Finance, Property, Social Concerns, Stewardship, Worship, Youth - *Pastor Erika* 828-9374 [erika@lolbaxter.org](mailto:erika@lolbaxter.org)

**LOLLY (Lots of Living Left Yet)** - Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; ages 55+ (Sept-June). Call *Mary Anderson* at 330-6171 or *Ted Anderson* at [maryteda@charter.net](mailto:maryteda@charter.net) for more info.

**Pre-Marriage Retreat** - For couples preparing for the joys and struggles of married life. This is a pre-requisite for couples planning to be married at LOL. For more information, contact *Anne* in the church office at 828-9374 or [anne@lolbaxter.org](mailto:anne@lolbaxter.org)

**Wednesday Night Supper Prep & Serving** - Assist with cooking and serving of our Wednesday evening meal. (Sept.-May) Contact the church office at [www.lolbaxter.org](http://www.lolbaxter.org)

For updated information on the above events, check out our website: <http://www.lolbaxter.org>



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# Daily Prayers and Staff

The Scripture tells us to pray for each other (James 5:16). As a body we pray for our congregation, alphabetically rotating through our church family on an annual basis. Each week we will pray for specific Lord of Life families. Although you may not know each member of our congregation, our God listens to the prayers we bring on each other's behalf before his throne. Please make a commitment to include your brothers and sisters at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in your daily prayers.

## **October 1-8**

Kathy Blake & Nancy Smith	
Kevin & Andrea Carlson	Henrietta Erickson
Marty & Janice Halvorson	Todd Holman
John & Conith Mackner	Dan & Bonnie Nowacki
Shane & Kayla Rauen	Dan & Beth Selinger
Anne Stricker	

## **October 9-15**

Debbie Bachel	Dean & Monica Clink
Tiffany Femling	Steve & Ellen Frank
Paul & Sally Jacobsen	Leanne Kozitza
June McKernon	Kevin & Joyce Olson
Rick & Ann Smallman	Dale Tougas

## **October 16-22**

James & Beth Bastian	Allen & Becky Braak
John & Millie Davidson	Steve & Ronni Gilbert
Lloyd & Helen Henke	Jeff & Kim Johnson
Bruce & Kelly Jo Mogensen	Glen & Donna Peppel
Bryan & Ivy Ruzynski	
Paul & Diane Springstead	

## **October 23-29**

Jim & Joslyn Bentson	Perry & Cindy Bunting
Jeff Grunenwald & Shari Nordean	
Steve & Patty Hins	Korey & Shelli Kampen
Marvella Larson	Mel & Sonja Nefstead
Jeremy & Tami Pliscott	
Steve & Brenda Schaitberger	

## **October 30-31**

Mike & Andrea Anderson	Erik & Ellen Dovre
Wayne & Aleatha Knopf	Alex & Ashley Kunesh
Diane Hauan	Bob Roehrich
Nikki Tabaka	Peggy Voss
Kristi Weideman	
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## October Birthdays

- 1 Eva Clough, Ava Grams, Julie Halverson, Zachary Heidmann, Andrew Roach
- 2 Emma Blowers, David Goos, Nicholas Laber, Alex Stirewalt, Matt Wadsten
- 3 Brynlee Coonfield, Melba Gevik, Jaes Shanks, Wendy VanMoer
- 4 Tim Hanske, Jenna Riley, Nancy Smith
- 5 Marlys Armstrong, Michael Bylander, Gary Hill, Ian Holmes, Megan Holmes, Bennet Isackson, Steve Metzler, Kevin Olson, Brooke Peterson
- 6 Jim Armstrong, Jacqueline Caughey, Kala Henkensiefken, James Miller, Keith Tuma
- 7 Sandra Bergstrom, Paul Jacobsen, Marissa Knopf, Bonnie Nowacki, George Wegen
- 8 Karleen Ahonen, Sam Branstner, Austin Gapinski, Taryn Mithun, Avery Ross
- 9 Dylan Wikoff, Nathan Winter
- 10 Beckett Campbell, Jodi Cordes, Ron Gilbertson, Brody Lund, Jessica Mogensen, Lochlan Rauen, Roger Tietz, Jennifer West
- 11 Elsa Borchert, Jerry Kuehn, Sarah Larson, Kallem Runde
- 12 Bruce Femling, Kyle Hensel, Arron Stoen
- 13 Evan DeBoer, Landon Lofstrom, Valerie Rangen, Timothy Roehrich
- 14 Andrew Albright, Layne Danielson, Millie Ennis, Carina Figliuzzi, Renae Goos, Grace Larson, Jennifer Perez, Laura Wadsten, Luke West
- 15 Lindy Cordes, Babette Ferkingstad, Rachel Ford, Michael Laber, Riley Pliscott, Alex Workman
- 16 Nicole Harmer
- 17 Broden Bruggeman, Taylor Fanjoy, Krisanne Ott, Cindy Soder, Ethan Sweet, Julia Wallace, Mason Woodman
- 18 Bob Busch, Andrew Meierhofer, Broc Peterson, Dan Selinger
- 19 Larry Borgstrom, Kevin Carlson, Lylia Hoffman, Peyton McConkey, Thomas Razidlo, Neil Tyrrell
- 20 Elizabeth Rueger
- 21 Baden Bastian, Verdell Bose, Ashley Kunesh, Nelson Paysse
- 22 Dan Sura, Kennedy Taylor
- 23 Amy Borgstrom, Steve Goll, Kristin Harsh, Julia Schmeck
- 24 Willa Borchert, Grant Reller, Kelsey Ott, Taylor Ott
- 25 John Foss, Kamery Hahn, Maxwell Johnson-Ding, Vincent lasher, Madison Taylor

## October Birthdays Cont.

- 26 Allison Bergman, Jack Christofferson, Mason Ennis, James Kron, Marvella Larson, Sidney McConkey, Edwin Swenson
- 27 Phillip Dewey, Claire Rangen, Grace Rangen, Jane Winter
- 28 Kayla Bush, Kyle Bush, Deb Cranny, Michael Erickson, Parker Vandermay
- 29 Kaitlyn Borgstrom, Rebecca Rude
- 30 Rita Linder, Leann Peterson
- 31 John Blong, James Hukriede, Dennis Mackendanz

## October Anniversaries

- 1 Kurt & Donna Hoffman†
- 2 Peter & Lynn Lowe, Steven & Lori Rehnblom❖
- 3 Ken & Phyllis Campbell, Cary & Lori Swanson❖
- 6 Kermit & Anne Ness†
- 7 Kevin & Leann Peterson
- 8 Scott & Tessa Hall, Steve & Lisa Metzler❖
- 9 Timothy & Pamela Caughey❖
- 10 Mike & Colleen Bush, Gary & Kathy Engelmann❖, Dennis & Deb Lasher
- 11 Chris & Shelly Ford❖, Rob & Anne Freelove, Neil & Jackie Tyrrell
- 13 Jeremy & Melissa Pape
- 14 Peter & Krista Mithun
- 16 Clint & Staci Headley
- 17 Jerry & Delia Bruggeman, Bob & Micky Busch
- 21 Grant & Carolyn Reller
- 22 Mark & Beth Workman
- 23 Tim & Linda Bowman❖
- 25 Pastor Steve & Suzanne Rye❖
- 27 Jared & Kristyn Walsh
- 28 Greg & Becky Bennett

❖=Celebrating 24-49 years!

†=Celebrating 50 years or more!





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## Thank you



Thank you to the property crew for removing the old concrete and pouring new concrete at the youth entrance doors on September 13th.

*Behind the Scenes*