

GOOD NEWS

March
2017

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 in Christ,

"I almost wish I had more kids so I could go through this First Communion class again...It's so wonderful to be reminded about what it means... It's such a renewal!"

Mom of a 5th grader after First Communion Class.

As the ELCA enters into a year of celebrations – honoring the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation – this kind of “renewal” mentioned by the 5th grade mom is precisely the hope of the church! The ELCA’s Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton has invited all congregations to dust off and study together *Luther’s Small Catechism* during the season of Lent. She offers such encouragement so that all the church might be renewed in both its understanding and its practice of faith.

Every time I teach the First Communion Classes or a lesson in Confirmation about the Lord’s Prayer or Baptism, my mind and heart are blessed with new insights, new meaning and new understanding, that deepens my experience of faith. We live in a fast paced, information saturated culture and we can easily slip into meaningless routine going through the motions – feeling as if we don’t even have the capacity to take in anything more or new. Yet there is so much to be gained by setting aside both time and space in which to be renewed.

Will you give yourself the gift of time and space this Lenten season? Time to gather in worship. Time to connect with your family. Time to be with God in the quietness of your heart. And space – space in your mind for new understanding – space in your heart to let the holy spirit move in you – space in your life that is free from distractions and allows you to be renewed by the treasures of our faith.

Rediscover what it’s all about through the study of *Luther’s Small Catechism*. I believe that we will be renewed, refreshed and blessed with new eyes, to see who God is and how God is at work in the world and through you and me.

Let the journey begin!

Pastor Erika



Next blood pressure screening;
March 5, 2017
9:30 am-10:00 am



Ash Wednesday March 1
Services at 12 pm & 7 pm

Greetings,

Proverbs 17:22 says, "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bone." If you remember in November we put up the Attitude of Gratitude Tree in the Sanctuary. The tree was an activity to remind us what we are thankful for in our lives. So why practice gratitude? Scientific research done over many years, by many researchers and institutions, proves that without a doubt, focusing on what is good in your life will help you become a happier, healthier, more sociable person. Try to spend 5-10 minutes at the end of the day to write three things you are thankful for. Try it for 30 days and see what a difference it will make!

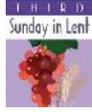
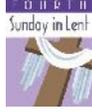
So, what are we grateful for at Lord of Life? I looked at all the leaves from the tree and this is what I learned! Many of us are grateful for the love of God and Jesus, our church family, family and friends, being able to accept and give love, children, music, a job, spouses, rambunctious children, a warm home, healing people, technology, pets, to be faithful, give love and joy. I would say our tree was healthy and abundant with gratitude. It is always good to remind ourselves to step back and count our blessings, both in good and hard times.

I am also getting together a informational sheet on local support groups. Being new to the area, I did some checking and found many groups that meet in this area. If you have questions about a group or are looking for a specific group, let me know and I will try to help you.

Remember to practice gratitude, because it will change your life for the better!

God's blessing to you all

Deb Bergstrom
 Parish Nurse
 deb.bergstrom@lolbaxter.org

	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
	Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Starting on March 8th-Wednesdays at 12:00pm – come for a soup and bread lunch and a time of study which will follow the weekly themes!

Wednesdays at 5:15 – Soup Supper



Wednesdays at 6:00pm – Worship with Communion and interactive prayer stations. Each week will focus on a different aspect of *Luther's Small Catechism*. There will also be a faith story shared each week by a different member of the congregation.

Weekly Wednesday Themes:
 3/8 – 10 Commandments
 3/15 – Apostles' Creed
 3/22 – Lord's Prayer
 3/29 – Baptism
 4/5 – Holy Communion



For personal Devotions:

- Pick up your copy of **Free Indeed: Devotions for Lent 2017**. It takes readers through Lent with daily readings from the Small Catechism. Each daily reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, reflection and prayer.
- Confirmation Families are invited to read and reflect on a small portions of the small catechism every day.

FROM THE FOLKS AT OLD LUTHERAN

Give it up for Lent!

Throughout history there has been a spiritual practice of giving up something up for Lent. More recently, rather than giving something up, a new discipline of taking on spiritual renewal has begun. But whether you plan to "Give up" something or "take on" something this lenten season, we think it will be worthwhile for you to take a moment to consider the "Give it up for Lent" resource below. Here you will find seven words, each with a slightly different look at what it means to "Give it up". We hope this will inspire you to ponder, study, and prepare to "Give it up" for Lent.

Here is just a little start for you to dream, study and prepare to Give it up for Lent.

Refrain

For a brief time in our life we "give up" some vice or practice. We may refrain from eating dessert, or drinking alcohol, or watching television. This may be difficult for Lutherans, but what if we refrained from drinking coffee for Lent so we better experience the joy or energy that it gives us when we drink it again on Easter Sunday?

Engage

What if we try to "GIVE IT UP!" as in getting really excited? Lent is here and we can as a community of believers gather together and celebrate this often somber season in the church year. It could be completely possible to **CELEBRATE** Lent with our whole heart while we remain quiet and contemplative.

Retreat

What if we were to evaluate our lives and realize that we fight or resist a regiment of prayer and the use of scripture as a tool to experience our life of faith. What if we "Give up" the fight and actually spend more time in prayer or intentional relationship with God.

Sacrifice

Different than giving up sweets or caffeine, sometimes we take life's comforts for granted. It is more difficult, but could be much more poignant to actually sacrifice so that we can better understand those without such comforts. Could you consider "giving up" hot showers or warm blankets or your car for a time to experience the life of those less privileged?

Let Go

Stress can be a badge of honor as we go through our daily lives. We can with great satisfaction proclaim that life is hard and I am muscling through. Imagine rather than embracing or enduring through stressful situations actually "Giving it up" to God in prayer.

Thanksgiving

We live in a do it yourself society. We are quick to accept the credit for our successes and accomplishments. What if it became more common place to "Give up" the credit to God. Recognize daily that day to day activities are a result of God given abilities.

Accept

Sometimes we need to be challenged to "give up" our prejudice or bias that keep us from experiencing a broader more diverse community.

However you "Give it up!" this year, be it avoiding, experiencing or retreating, we hope that these weeks leading up to the resurrection will fill your soul and guide you to "The peace that passes all understanding."



**There will be no
Pray & Ponder
Women's Breakfast
in March!**

Women of the E.L.C.A.
**Heartland Conference
Spring Gathering**
Saturday, April 1st
at Zion Lutheran in Milaca
245 Central Avenue South

*Romans 5:1
Therefore,
since we are
justified
by faith,*



*we have peace
with God through
our Lord
Jesus Christ...*

Registration starts at 9 a.m. A brunch will be served starting at 9 a.m. Cost for brunch and snacks is \$8.

Please bring something for the silent auction. Proceeds go toward helping costs of attending the Triennial Convention in Minneapolis in July.

Please bring Penny Offering. Our penny offering goes to New Pathways this year. New Pathways serves 7 counties for families with children who are homeless. The goal is to find affordable housing and employment. We will share more information at the gathering.

Our speaker for the gathering will be Ilene Chapman. Pastor Beverly Robinson from Emanuel Bock will conduct our worship/communion service.

Prayers for strength, comfort and healing...

Nancy Bacon, Verdell Bose, Carol Carlson,
Bruce Femling,
David Schliek, Verna Hawkinson

Promise of Comfort and Resurrection for.....

Marlys Armstrong and family, on the passing of her husband, Jim.

Becky Beckerleg and family on the passing of her father, Ernie.

Donna Hoffman and family, on the passing of her husband, Kurt



Baptism
celebration

Isaac Michael King
February 5, 2017

Parents: Anthony & Jeanne King
Siblings: Nora & Greta King

Church Community Builder (CCB) at Lord of Life <https://lolbaxter.ccbchurch.com>

Q. What is Church Community Builder

A. Church Community Builder (CCB) is Lord of Life's new membership software. In the past month, 41 users have logged into the system, of course including staff, but also people who now have the ability to update their own contact information, check their giving online, interact with others serving in the same ministry group and much, much more. We expect that number to grow steadily as we grow into our use of the system.

Q. I am nervous about putting my information online. How secure is CCB?

A. Security is of the utmost importance. Your information is secure and well protected, and the infrastructure has been vetted by a number of private and public organizations. [Click here](#) for more information on CCB's security or contact the church office.

Q. I would prefer that my information not be shared, and I'm nervous about how much of my information is available.

A. It is very important to understand the difference between what information is available in CCB and what you choose to share. For the sake of the pastoral and administrative staff, it is requested that you put as much information into the system as possible. Maintaining basic contact and demographic information is particularly important. However, from a privacy perspective, once you've entered that information, you may choose to display as much or as little of that information to the rest of the church as you choose. We have set the default privacy settings at a level that keeps your private information private, but also encourages a sense of community. Individuals with logins will be able to see your mailing address, phone number, email address and your birth month and day. You can adjust your own settings as you see fit, either by logging into CCB, or by contacting Anne in the church office.

Q. What are the privacy setting options?

A. There are four privacy setting options for each piece of information you enter.

1. **Everybody:** This is the most public level for viewing information. If someone has a username and password, they can see the information in this field.
2. **Friends & My Group Members:** Fields with this setting can be viewed by members of "members interact" type groups you are involved in, as well as other people with a login who are on your friends list. (Adding friends is a great shortcut to find the information for people you contact often, but whose information you don't have memorized). Appropriate church leadership can view the information as well.
3. **Friends Only:** Fields with this setting can only be viewed by other people with a login who are on your "My Friends list". Appropriate church leadership can view the information as well.
4. **Church Leadership Only:** This is the least public level for viewing. Fields with this setting can only be viewed by appropriate church leadership (people who have been given additional administrative privileges.)



Wedding Coordinator Needed

Lord of Life is currently searching for a Wedding Coordinator who would coordinate arrangements with the pastors and couples. This is a paid-stipend position (paid out of fees charged to the couples). Contact Pastor Steve for more information steve@lolbaxter.org.



all anew

WOMEN OF THE ELCA
TENTH TRIENNIAL GATHERING

Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 13-16, 2017

Join the conversation as we explore the triennial gathering theme "All Anew." Listen to inspiring speakers; participate in worship and praise; learn by attending workshops, viewing films and engaging in servant events.

Visit the exhibit hall where you can gather, shop and connect. And don't forget our special events where women in their 20's and 30's can eat chocolate and join others to run it off later. And where's it all happening? In Minneapolis, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

For more information and to register go to www.welcatg.org.

Women's Circles



Martha Circle Meeting

Martha Circle will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 14 at Dorothy Schmidt's home. Carol Rodseth will lead the bible study. For more information, call Mary Anderson at 218-330-6171.

Sarah Circle Meeting

Sarah Circle will meet at 1 pm on Tuesday, March 14 at Lord of Life.



L.O.L.L.Y.

Lots of Living Left Yet

LOLLY (Lots of Living Left Yet)

LOLLY will meet on Wednesday, March 15. The potluck will begin at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to pass and listen to Aaron Sopelle and Elise Sopelle talk about their trip to Washington D.C. and the inauguration. For more information call Mary Anderson at 218-330-6171.

3RD Grade Bible Class

Just in case you thought you missed it . . . you didn't! Now is the time to mark your calendars. 3rd Graders and parents, you are invited to 2 weeks of class where we will dig into and discover the treasure that is God's word! Class dates: Monday, April 10th, April 24th. From 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Bibles will be given in Worship on Wednesday, April 26th and Sunday, April 30th!

Changes in Online Giving

Lord of Life has recently partnered with eChurch Giving and PushPay to offer online giving and online payments. Now, transactions will automatically integrate with your profile on Church Community Builder, making it easier for staff to reconcile giving and payments for activities and events.

If you have automated giving already set up, we will be contacting you with information about how to transition to our new system.

Why have we made this change?

In regard to **online giving**, switching to PushPay makes it easier to set up your giving, allows you to give sooner, and use more payment methods. With our old system, you had to fill out a form, staff had to enter the information online, and then store your information securely. Contributions could be made only on the 1st, 15th, or weekly on Mondays. Want your recurrence set to every other Thursday? Now you can! And the church staff never have access to your account information, which protects both you and them from concerns about fraud.

For online payments, you previously had two options, cash/check or online payment through PayPal. Reconciling Cash/Check payments took hours of staff time (dozens of payments for Day Camp, Mission Trips, etc.) and Online payments were inconvenient because you had to go to a separate webpage to enter your payment information, and there were issues with the buttons not working correctly. Now, with CCB and PushPay, we can integrate the payment buttons directly into the form you use to register for the event, and reconciling payments to registrations will take minutes instead of hours.

Where do I go to give Online?

Visit <https://pushpay.com/pay/lolbaxter/recurring> and set up your automatic gift using Pushpay. The recurring gift option should already be selected and you can simply set up your automatic gift. After you set up your recurring gift, you will be prompted to complete the setup of your new account! Alternately, text "LOLBAXTER" to 77977 for a link to our online giving page to set up one-time or recurring gifts.

Wednesday, March 1

- 9:00am Crow Wing Energized Class(Commons)
- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service(Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service(Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 2

- 9:00am LOL Quilters (FH)
- 10:00am Thursday Men's Fellowship (Commons)
- 6:00pm Baxter Sandpipers 4-H

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5

- 8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30am Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:30am Connection Time/Sunday School
- 9:30am Blood Pressure Screening (Room 4)
- 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00pm Middle School Youth Group (SSR)
- 6:30pm Sunday Night Book Discussion Group

Monday, March 6

- 7:00pm ESDS Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, March 7

- 7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)
- 9:00am Book Discussion (Commons)
- 1:30pm Office Staff Mtg (Room 1)
- 6:30pm Team Meeting Night (FH)
- 7:00pm BHS Swim Team Ice Cream Social (Commons)
- 7:00pm Social Concerns Team Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, March 8

- 9:00am Crow Wing Energized Class (Commons)
- 12:00pm Lenten Soup and Devotions (Commons)
- 5:15pm Wednesday Supper (FH)
- 6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)
- 7:00pm 9th Grade Confirmation (Commons)
- 7:00pm Family & Faith (Rooms 7 & 9)
- 7:00pm Senior Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 9

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

Friday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 12

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

Monday, March 13

- 9:00am Pinetree Patchworkers (FH)
- 6:30pm Pinetree Patchworkers (FH)

Tuesday, March 14

- 7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)
- 12:00pm Executive Committee Meeting (Room 1)
- 1:00pm Sarah Circle (FH)
- 1:30pm Office Staff Mtg (Room 1)
- 7:00pm Martha Circle (off-site)

Wednesday, March 15

- 9:00am Crow Wing Energized Class (Commons)
- 11:30am LOLLY (FH)
- 12:00pm Lenten Soup and Devotions
- 5:15pm Wednesday Supper (FH)
- 6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)
- 7:00pm 9th Grade Confirmation (Commons)
- 7:00pm Family & Faith (Rooms 7 & 9)
- 7:00pm Senior Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 16

- 9:00am LOL Quilters (FH)
- 10:00am Thursday Men's Fellowship (Commons)
- 7:00pm Council Meeting (FH)

Friday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19

- 8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30am Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:30am Connection Time/Sunday School
- 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00pm Middle School Youth Group (SSR)
- 6:30pm Sunday Night Book Discussion Group

Monday, March 20

Tuesday, March 21

- 7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)
- 9:00am Book Discussion Group
- 1:30pm Office Staff Mtg (Room 1)
- 5:00pm Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, March 22

- 9:00am Crow Wing Energized Class (Commons)
- 12:00pm Lenten Soup and Devotions (Commons)
- 5:15pm Wednesday Supper (FH)
- 6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)
- 7:00pm Family & Faith (Rooms 7 & 9)
- 7:00pm Senior Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm 9th Grade Confirmation

Thursday, March 23

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

Friday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 25

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

Sunday, March 26

- 8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30am Fellowship (Commons)
- 9:30am Pancake Breakfast
- 9:30am Connection Time/Sunday School
- 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00pm Summer Mission Meeting (FH)

Monday, March 27

- 7:00pm Caring Friends (Commons)

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

- 9:00am Crow Wing Energized Class (Commons)
- 12:00pm Lenten Soup and Devotions Commons
- 5:15pm Wednesday Supper (FH)
- 6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)
- 7:00pm Family & Faith (Rooms 7 & 9)
- 7:00pm Senior Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm 9th Grade Confirmation (Commons)

Thursday, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

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



Thank you for your gift of \$6,708.38 to ELCA World Hunger.

On Epiphany, God reveals Jesus to the nations by the leading of a star. We pray for God to lead us by faith to know God's grace and mercy and witness to the light that shines brightly through Christ to all the nations.

Thank you for accompanying companion churches and trusted partners as they work together to provide water and sanitation, education and training, agriculture and nutrition, income and savings, healthcare and prevention - whatever it takes until all are fed.

With gratefulness, and in the light and life of Christ,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

thank you!

LOL
Thank you so much for the "parting" gift. My time at work or life will ALWAYS hold a very special place in my heart. Thank you again
Tammie Benson



Care of Creation Summit

A Watershed Moment: Reformation for the Next 500 Years

March 25, 2017 9:30 am-2:30 pm

St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Hosted by Leadership Team of the Northeastern Synod/ELCA EcoFaith Network

A "watershed moment" is defined as a critical turning point in time that marks an important, often historical change. A moment in time when nothing after it will ever be the same! The phrase is derived from the hydrologic term "watershed," which is a boundary—or turning point—that causes waters to flow in different directions; a crucial divide. As a society we are at a critical turning point—a watershed moment—to protect the water on which all aspects of our lives depend. As Christians, we have a stewardship responsibility to protect and improve our waters and insure their use for future generations.

The waters within the Northeast Synod/ELCA are generally of high quality. How can we as Christian stewards protect the future quality of our waters? As Christians we can learn from our watershed—the water, the ground, the wildlife, the people—that which is in need of restoration and how our story is interwoven with God's to work toward a right relationship between all living things and the natural resources they depend on.

Come and learn more about the state of our waters and how Lutheran congregations can be effective watershed disciples.

Saturday, March 25, 2017 AGENDA

- 9:00** Registration/Coffee
9:30 Welcome:
John Hanson, EcoFaith Leadership Team (Suomi Area Lutheran)
- 9:45** **A Watershed Moment: Reformation for the next 500 Years**
Pastor David Carlson, Gloria Dei Lutheran, Duluth
- 10:00** **Watershed Discipleship: A Panel Discussion**
Everyone Lives in Watershed: We Are All Connected to Water
Paula West, Communications Coordinator, EcoFaith Network (Lutheran Church of Cross, Nisswa)
What's the Quality of our Waters?
Kevin Stroom, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (French River Lutheran, French River)
Threats to Our Watersheds
Todd Holman, The Nature Conservancy (Lord of Life Lutheran, Baxter)
- 11:45** **Lunch** with roundtable discussion
12:15 **Lutheran Congregations in Action Caring for Our Watersheds**
Emilie Bouvier, Congregational Organizer for EcoJustice, Minneapolis Area Synod
- 12:45** **Taking Bold Actions to Protect Our Waters**
Tammy Walhof, Lutheran Advocacy
- 1:15** **As We Depart: How Can NE MN Synod Congregations Respond? Next Steps?**
1:45 **Worship: Honoring the Waters of Creation**
Led by Reverend Kristin Foster, Messiah Lutheran, Mt. Iron
- 2:30** **Adjourn** (optional) Showing of the video "Before the Flood" for those interested in staying.

Cost: \$10 free will offering; collected at the door. **Questions,** call Paula West at 218-838-5010.

To Register: <https://nemnecofaith2017.eventbrite.com>



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

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

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

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

Connecting to our Community

Habitat for Humanity - *Scott Hall*, (w) 828-8517- scott.hall@lakesarea.org 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 or *Brenda Johnson* 831-9725- brensid@brainerd.net Check our website at 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: *Jerry Kuehn* at 218-820-8566.

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

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

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 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

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

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



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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.

March 1-4

Chris & Wendy Adamson	Darlene Christensen
Len & Diane Flesher	Jill Heinen
Dorothy Karlson	John & Conith Mackner
Mike & Bev Owen	Bryan Rude
Matt & Denise Sundquist	Keith Tuma

March 5-11

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Jason & Emilee Freed	Arlo & Gary Hill
Mary Jo Kobes	Tony & Jeannie Maurer
Dave & Kris Peterson	Gloria Salthe
Ben & Katie Starns	Mark & Amber Taylor

March 12-18

Tim & Jenny Barrer	Brandon & Amy Borgstrom
Todd & Marcie DeBoer	Steve & Renae Goll
Paul & Glenda Hoheisel	Marilyn Kraemer
Bruce & Kelly Jo Mogensen	Dave & Kris Peterson
David & Vicki Schliek	Charles & Margie Young

March 19-25

Carroll Benedict	Jerry & Delia Bruggeman
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Jamie & Toni Hukriede	Denise & Joe Laber
Ruth & Chuck Nelson	Chad & Amy Price
Jimmy & Sindy Shanks	Peggy Voss

March 26-31

Mike & Judy Bialka	Charlie & Amy Campbell
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March Birthdays

- 1 Mason Kruse, Justin Semmler
- 2 Kobe Ahonen, Jacob Booth, Addy Helmricks,
Steve Mau, Evan Nelson, Bev Owen
- 3 Evan Heittola, Marilyn Kraemer
- 4 Gary Dirlam, Amber Heittola
- 5 Rob Freelove, Claire Nybeck, Paul Rud, Trevor
Wangsness
- 6 Erin Einarson
- 7 Blair Benson, Joe Bisek, Jan Walters
- 8 Shelby Fitch, Lucy Houde, Jan Sheets, John
Zemke
- 9 Lindsey Jensen, John Larson
- 10 Becky Beckerleg, Sarah Borchert, Boone Fromm,
Doug Schultz, Karla Skwira
- 11 Ken Campbell, Deb Koop, AJ Felix, Gloria
Narveson, Mark Parrish, Olivia Stirewalt, Ryan
Weihemuller
- 12 Sayali Blowers, Kelly Jo Mogensen, Rachel Stoen,
Mandy Wangsness, Jean Weizenegger
- 13 Keith Binggeli, Lizz Coonfield, Emilee Freed, Emily
Isackson, Sid Johnson, August Johnson-Ding,
Shaelie Shanks, Tina Smude
- 14 Thomas Getty, Deanne Joy, Avery Rauhen
- 15 Tanner Heinlen
- 16 Jody Blowers, Sharon Freelove, Conith Mackner
- 17 Jacob Blong, Teresa Lund, Rachel Monasmith,
Curtis Nelson, Craig West
- 18 Linda Bylander, Clara Carlson, R. J. Campbell,
Anabelle Holcomb-Smith, Jake Meyer, Eli
McConkey
- 19 Aiden Gilbert, Wade Haapajoki, Kathi Lind, Seth
Sazama, Erica Swenson, Sara Thesing
- 20 Bob Nelsen, Isla Porter, William Porter, Aron
Sopelle
- 21 Connie Fordyce, Gary Krall, Margie Young
- 22 Paula Mangan
- 23 Alex Donth, Darren Larson
- 24 Sydney Foss, David Johnson, Megan Marlatt,
Saydie Olson
- 25 Darlene Blake, Diane Flesher, Hailey Nameniuk,
Jackie Sliver, Cally Robertson, Christopher Rud
- 26 Russell Heittola, Diane Hoglin, Jordan Peterson,
Brandon Thompson
- 27 Atlie Danielson, Joshua Hukriede, Tammy
Stellmach
- 28 Dean Clink, Hanson Devine, Kim Larson, Kelsey
Pape, Kaden Schilling
- 29 Joseph Anderson, Christine Cox, Trayton
Lofstrom, Erik Speer
- 30 Raegan Coonfield, Rory Peterson
- 31 Leesha Bisek, Jim Jackson

March Anniversaries

- 3/2 Dave & Rita Linder
- 3/4 Gary & Diane Hoglin❖
- 3/5 Mark & Karin Roach❖
Dave & Kari Stengrim
- 3/8 Charles & Brenda Erickson❖
Dan & Lisa Tupy
- 3/11 Gary & Iris Weihemuller❖
- 3/12 Dick & Carol Rodseth
- 3/20 Dan & Beth Selinger❖
- 3/24 Amber & Mark Taylor
- 3/28 Gary & Betty Krall†
- 3/30 Chris & Wendy Adamson❖

❖=Celebrating 24-49 years!

†=Celebrating 50 years or more!





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HELGA LIVES ON! HER LIGHT STILL SHINES!

If you find yourself in the SonShine Room – be sure to check out the new art hanging on the wall. In the shape of cross – bits and pieces from our old church van, Helga remind us of Christ’s presence in our lives. Helga, was used for mission trips, summer stretch outings, going to the soup kitchen, gathering up teens for early out servant events, and much more. She was indeed a servant of the ministry of God’s church! Thanks to Reese Benson for wanting to keep her memory alive and to always point to Christ!