

# GOOD NEWS

October  
2017

Lord of Life  
Lutheran  
Church  
(ELCA)

## Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 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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Prior to coming to Brainerd, I served as a campus pastor at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Part of my work there included sitting on the Campus Safety and Emergency Planning Committee. Once a month vice presidents and department heads would gather to discuss potential disaster scenarios and how each area would work together.

This committee began shortly after the Virginia Tech shootings as a way of asking, "How would our university respond if something like this happened here?" Much of the conversation centered around more mundane matters like threatening weather approaching during football games, and incidents like the sorority that blocked an emergency exit with bunk beds and then placed lit candles on the stairway, which caught on fire. No one was hurt, but I still shudder when I think how close they came.

We learned of the current standards for setting up an Emergency Operations Center developed after 9-11. These standards were created in response to the haphazard and overlapping chain of command that struggled to respond effectively to the destruction of the Twin Towers in New York. Lessons learned from that disaster help emergency response teams today to work more effectively together.

As a pastor my task was to consider the religious aspects of our response. This experience came flooding back to me when I watched Hurricane Harvey hammer Houston. In the aftermath one pastor was quoted as saying the hurricane was God's way of saying, "You can handle this," a message that strikes me as absurd and unbiblical. Does that mean if you aren't handling this well, then you're letting God down? I don't think so.

What I do know is that God works in the middle of the storm - in the good and the bad. Among many other ways, God has also gifted us with countless folks who have great passion and expertise to solve huge logistical problems. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who spend countless hours preparing and to those who stand at the ready to help us if the worst happens. And in whatever way we can, we ought to support them.

In 1 Corinthians 12:26, the Bible teaches that *"if one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice"*. Now in the days after Hurricane Harvey is no longer in the news and new hurricanes and new worries come to the fore, it is easy to forget the destruction that still lingers there. Much work remains to be done. God calls us, each in our own way, to join them in solidarity.

A way that can happen is for each of us to find a charity to work through. Personally, I prefer the church-based charity of my own denomination because any overhead costs are borne by the church so every dollar given to disaster relief will be directed to that disaster. They also pride themselves on being the last to leave. When my college group went down to the gulf coast six years after hurricane Katrina, they were still there, still at work helping to clean up the 9<sup>th</sup> ward in New Orleans and Gulf Shores in Alabama, which were some of the hardest hit areas and had lasting damage. There are many, many great charities you could choose from, both church-based and secular.

One thing I learned during my time on the Emergency Planning Committee is that there is a part to play for everyone. Please join in and take a part, be it through prayer or some other means. It is God's Work. But God gives us hands and more to help with the healing of the world.

Blessings,

Pastor Steven J. Rye



Deb Bergstrom RN  
 Parish Nurse  
 Spiritual Gifts Coordinator  
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Greetings!

WOW God! That was the theme for the VBS this summer, and I found out how often I can use that!

Please ask me if you would like to have a walking packet for church. Walking in the church is safe, and 6.5 times around the inside is one mile! I have about 7 pedometers left, so the next people who sign up will get one. Walking is one of the cheapest and easiest way to get moving. God has given us bodies that need to move. Walking helps both our body and our mental health. WOW God!

The Breastfeeding Room, which will be in the small room in the Nursery, will soon be ready. It is so important for moms to be able to feed their babies in private. WOW God!

I will be able to add some health teaching to the K-4 grades this year. We will be doing a WOW activity which focuses on healthy eating, physical activity, sleep and other healthy habits. Kari Stengrim will also be helping to introduce Yoga! Very excited to share with our young people who "are precious in our sight!" WOW God!

As you can tell, I am really excited how the Holy Spirit is working in me and others. I am amazed, and again WOW God!

Blessings to you all,

Deb Bergstrom



## Sunday's Lessons

**October 1      Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13;  
 Matthew 21:23-32

**October 8      Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4-14;  
 Matthew 21:33-46

**October 15     Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9;  
 Matthew 22:1-14

**October 22     Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9;  
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

**October 29     Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1;  
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 ; Matthew 22:34-46



## 10 Stewardship Principles

(one principle featured each month)

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.

*"...you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."  
 2 Corinthians 9:7*

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

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

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



## LOLLY (Lot's of Living Left Yet)

LOLLY will meet on October 18 at 11:30 am at Brenny Funeral Chapel for lunch and a presentation on *Mindful Mourning*. If you would like to attend, please call Pat Huhta at 218-855-1882 or Mary Anderson at 218-330-6171.



**Martha Circle** - will meet at Shirley Hansen's Home on October 10 at 7 pm. Sandy Bergstrom will lead Bible Study. For more information contact Mary Anderson at 330-6171.

**Sarah Circle** - will meet at Lord of Life on Tuesday, October 10 at 1 pm. Come for fellowship and Bible Study. If you would like more information, contact Bugs Schmidt at 829-3864.



Join us for Wednesday night suppers starting at 5:15 pm. We will have supper on October 11 and 25. No supper on October 18. Our Potluck supper will be October 4, please bring a dish to pass.

## Volunteers Needed to Cook Wednesday Night Suppers!

If there are any book groups, men's groups, circles or families that would like to cook a Wednesday night supper, please call Sharon Johnson at 218-839-0492.



## Pray & Ponder Women's Breakfast will begin Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 am.

We will gather for food, conversation, and sharing. We will meet one Saturday a month and start with breakfast, watch a short video, and discuss in small groups. There's no homework or commitment. Come as often as you are able to attend. Questions? Contact Wendy Adamson at [wendyadamson@ymail.com](mailto:wendyadamson@ymail.com).

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

Bruce Femling, David Schliek,  
Beth Selinger

### Promise of Comfort and Resurrection for.....

**Marie Johnson & family**, on the death of her husband, Richard Johnson, on Sept. 1st.

**Danielle Sazama and family**, on the death of her mother, Carla Englund, on Sept. 7th.

**Mike Cranny**, on the death of his brother, Joseph Cranny, on Sept. 8.

**Hawk Hawkinson and family**, on the death of his wife, Verna Hawkinson, on September 18.



# Baptism

**September 3, 2017 - Ingrid Elaine Porter**  
daughter of Kate & Kurt Porter

**September 17, 2017 - Easton Neysen Schilling**  
son of Maggie & Troy Schilling

## Fall Clothing Share



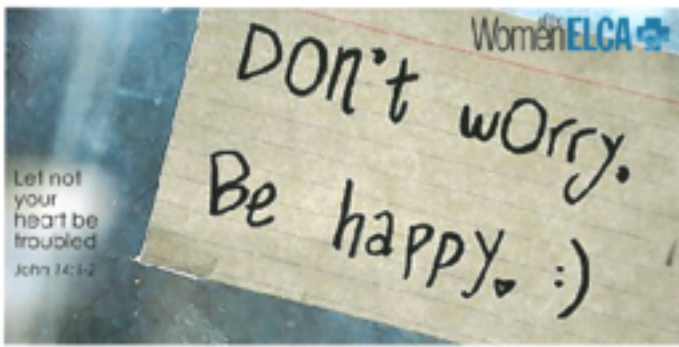
Our Fall Clothing Share will be Friday, October 13 from 9 am to 3 pm & Saturday, October 14, from 9 am to 12 pm. This event is open to the public and all items of clothing are free.

Volunteers are needed during the week for folding or hanging items and during the giveaway. If you would like to volunteer, please email [colleen@lolbaxter.org](mailto:colleen@lolbaxter.org).

Drop off your clothing on Sunday, October 8 from 1 pm to 3 pm and Monday, October 9 from 9:30 to 4 pm in the SonShine Room and in Fellowship Hall Tuesday through Thursday, October 3-5, from 9:30 am to 4 pm.







Heartland Conference **FALL GATHERING**

**Thursday, October 12, 2017**  
**Crosslake Lutheran Church**

35960 County Road 66 ~ (218) 692-3682

**8:30 am** Coffee & Treats

**9:00 am** Holy Communion Worship  
 followed by Brunch & Program  
 Cost \$8<sup>00</sup>

**Mind, Body & Spirit Strategies**  
 to increase happiness & reduce worry

**Gail Smith, RN BSN CCRN**

Parish Nurse, Crosslake Lutheran  
 Nurse Clinician, Minneapolis Heart Institute

Any questions, contact Mary Anderson at 330-6171.



**New Member 2017 FALL SCHEDULE**

**New Member Orientation 101 – Pastor’s Office**

- October 11, 2017 – 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Membership 201 – Pastor’s Office**  
**(this is a three-night session)**

- October 10, 2017 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- October 17, 2017 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- October 24, 2017 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Reception of New Members**

- October 29 & November 1, 2017

**2017-2018 WINTER SCHEDULE**

**New Member Orientation 101 – Pastor’s Office**  
**(choose one class to attend)**

- November 15, 2017 – 7:00-8:00pm
- December 20, 2017 – 6:00-7:00pm
- January 24, 2018 – 6:00-7:00pm

**Membership 201 – Pastor’s Office**  
**(this is a three-night session)**

- January 4, 2018 – 7:00-8:30pm
- January 11, 2018 – 7:00-8:30pm
- January 25, 2018 – 7:00-8:30pm

**Reception of New Members**

- January 28th & 31, 2018

**REGISTER FOR NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Visit the [lolibaxter.org](http://lolibaxter.org) website and click on "Forms" on the upper bar. Then click on "New Member Forms". Each adult needs to complete a separate form. If you have children, please click on the "register child" button. Children do not need to attend the class, however, they are welcome to attend.



**God's work.**  
**Our hands.**

Lord of Life took part in a nation-wide event called "God's Work. Our Hands" on Sunday, October 10. 30 people went out and helped Vets with yard work, painting at New Pathways, cleaning cabins and preparing for a fundraiser at Camp Confidence. The congregation signed thank you cards for the Police, City Hall & Streets/Parks Department, and cookies were made to go with the thank you cards. We also gathered donations for the Middle School food shelf. Thank you to everyone that helped and participated with "God's Work. Our Hands."



**A Closer Look At  
Anne Laechel, Lord of Life's  
Ministry Operations Manager,  
as interviewed by  
Lolly Kalinoski**

**LK: So, Anne, what was your favorite food when you were a child?**

ANNE: My mom's lasagna. There was also a Frito/baked bean/hamburger hotdish that mom made, too.

**LK: What is the #1 most-played song on your Spotify?**

ANNE: "Love" by Psy. The genre is K-Pop, (South) Korean Pop music. I saw the video first, featuring a New Zealand hip-hop dance group, and I just can't stop listening to that song lately. It's basically a song about how people try to get you to stay in the box, to make everybody the same, and you don't have to do that, and you shouldn't do that, and all we need is unconditional love to get over that. The video is all in subtitles. Some of my favorite K-Pop groups are Big Bang, Psy and Shinee. I also watch lots of Korean dramas. I don't speak Korean, but I'm learning some of the more common words and phrases, like how some immigrants learn English by watching Sesame Street and sitcoms. I probably know like 30-100 words in Korean.

**LK: Is there something about the Korean language and their videos that especially attracted you, or did you just pick one language out of many possibilities?**

ANNE: I originally started with Bollywood (Asian Indian) movies about 7 years ago, and then I watched a movie in Korean. And at first it was basically that I liked the sound of Korean versus other Asian languages. But I've since watched movies and dramas (usually 16-episode mini-series) in Korean, Chinese, Taiwanese, Japanese, Thai. I also love this variety show Running Man. They play some really weird games and often end each episode with a nametag elimination game (with lots of running). I'm picking up some of the other languages, too, but more of the Korean.

**LK: Oh, this is so interesting!**

ANNE: I know. I'm weird.

**LK: No! You're fascinating! And Lord of Life is about to learn that about you!**

ANNE: I'm a Nerdfighter, too. This (see photo) is an angler fish, better known as a Hankler fish.

John and Hank Green have a YouTube channel called VlogBrothers, and every year they do this big P4A fundraiser for charities. People make videos promoting their favorite charity, and one of the fundraising perks is Nerd Fighter art, so that's my perk.



**LK: Well, back to the boring questions, what chore do you absolutely hate doing?**

ANNE: Washing dishes. And shredding unwanted mail. It's just clutter. Part of it is, you know, how you're supposed to shred everything that has your address on it? I don't have time to shred all that.

**LK: What sound do you love?**

ANNE: I don't spend a ton of time just sitting outside and listening to the trees and the woods and the water, but that kind of just being outside with no interruptions, the wind through the trees and the waves on the shore.

**LK: If you could paint a picture of any scenery you've seen before, what would you paint?**

ANNE: I think my favorite landscape is mountains and river, like the Columbia River Gorge. The SE Minnesota, the hilly landscape near Lanesboro and Red Wing; that kind of spot. So the really high mountains with the river in the middle is my favorite scene.

**LK: If you could witness any event in the past, present, or future, what would it be?**

ANNE: The discovery of the new world, by Leif Erikson, not Columbus. The sense of wonder of seeing something unexpected on the horizon. Or the funeral of Princess Diana, to feel the collective sorrow.

**LK: If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet?**

ANNE: I've done some genealogy/family history stuff, and at one point commented to my mom - if I could just meet my great-grandma Catherine Fraser, who was born on the Isle of Skye in Scotland, or maybe it was her husband Donald, I don't remember which one it was. They were born in Scotland, and I narrowed both down to one certain spot, kind of, but there were either four Donalds or four Catherines, so I couldn't tell which was which as far as the genealogy went. If I could just talk to them and get the GPS coordinates for where they were born, so I could just figure out where the path leads after that, because that's a roadblock that we've hit.

**LK: Obviously, genealogy study is very important to you and your family.**

ANNE: Yes, it is fun to dig back through the records, figuring out the puzzles of who our ancestors were. We also have some pseudo-cousins. As far as I know, there are only 10 Laechels in the United States - the 5 in my family and a set of 5 in the Chicago area - so we must be related somehow, but I haven't been able to figure out exactly who the common relative is.

**LK: If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money?**

ANNE: Finish paying off my student loans, donate some to Lord of Life and the ELCA, save for retirement. I'd probably do more traveling too.

**LK: When you have free-time, how do you spend it?**

ANNE: I like to read, and I watch a lot of online video, mostly YouTube, DramaFever and Viki (Asian drama sites).

**LK: What do you miss most about being a kid?**

ANNE: Not having any responsibilities! Mom and Dad had to pay all the bills and go buy all the groceries and wash the dishes for the most part, but now I have to do it all by myself. It's so hard being an adult!

**LK: I know!**

**LK: For you, what is the best part of waking up?**

ANNE: That I did wake up - a new chance, starting a new day.

**Sunday, October 1**

- 9:00am Polka Worship/Sunday School (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 10:30am Polka Worship/Sunday School (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen
- 11:30am Fellowship
- 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group

**Monday, October 2**

- 1:00pm Monday Afternoon Book Discussion (C)

**Tuesday, October 3**

- 7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)
- 8:30am Matter of Balance Class (Commons)
- 9:00am Book Discussion Group (Commons)
- 1:30pm Office Staff Mtg (Conference Room)
- 6:30pm Team Meeting Night
- 7:00pm Social Concerns team Meeting
- 7:00pm Worship Team Meeting

**Wednesday, October 4**

- 5:15pm Potluck-Wed. Supper (FH)
- 6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm 9th Grade Scavenger Hunt
- 7:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation w/parents (S)
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:00pm Teens Upstream (SSR)

**Thursday, October 5**

- 9:00am LOL Quilters
- 10:00am Thursday Men's Fellowship

**Friday, October 6**

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

**Saturday, October 7**

- 9:00am Pray & Ponder (Commons)
- 7:00pm Open AA (Rms 7 & 9)

**Sunday, October 8**

- 9:00am Worship/Sunday School (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 11:00am Reformation Worship Service (Tornstrom)
- 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group

**Monday, October 9**

- 12:00pm Finance Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00pm Monday Afternoon Book Discussion (C)
- 6:30pm Pinetree Patchworkers (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, October 10**

- Fall Clothing Share set-up*
- 7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)
- 8:30am Matter of Balance Class (Commons)
- 12:00pm Executive Committee Meeting (Room 1)
- 1:00pm Sarah Circle (Commons)
- 1:30pm Office Staff Mtg (Conference Room)
- 7:00pm Martha Circle (Off-site)
- 7:00pm Membership 201 (Pastor Steve's Office)

**Wednesday, October 11**

- Fall Clothing Share set-up*
- 5:15pm Wednesday Supper (FH)
- 6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:00pm New Member Orientation 101
- 7:00pm 9th Grade Confirmation w/mentor
- 7:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation (FH)
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:00pm Teens Upstream (SSR)

**Thursday, October 12**

- Fall Clothing Share set-up*
- 9:00am LOL Quilters
- 10:00am Thursday Men's Fellowship

**Friday, October 13**

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

**Saturday, October 14**

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

**Sunday, October 15**

- 9:00am Worship/Sunday School (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 10:30am Prayer Chain In-service
- 10:30am Worship/Sunday School (Sanctuary)
- 11:30am Fellowship
- 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group (SSR)

**Monday, October 16**

- 1:00pm Monday Afternoon Book Discussion (C)

**Tuesday, October 17**

- 7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)
- 8:30am Matter of Balance Class (Commons)
- 9:00am Tuesday Book Discussion Group (C)
- 1:30pm Office Staff Mtg (Conference Room)
- 7:00pm Membership 201 (Pastor Steve's Office)

**Wednesday, October 18**

11:30am LOLLY  
 4:30pm Care of Creation Meeting  
 5:15pm Wednesday Supper (FH)  
 6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 7:00pm Prayer Chain In-service

**Thursday, October 19**

9:00am LOL Quilters  
 9:00am PTSD:The Untold Story  
 10:00am Thursday Men's Fellowship  
 7:00pm Council Meeting

**Friday, October 20**

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

**Saturday, October 21**

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

**Sunday, October 22**

9:00am Worship/Sunday School (Sanctuary)  
 10:00am Fellowship  
 10:30am Worship/Sunday School (Sanctuary)  
 11:30am Fellowship  
 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group

**Monday, October 23**

1:00pm Monday Afternoon Book Discussion  
 7:00pm Caring Friends Meeting

**Tuesday, October 24**

7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)  
 8:30am Matter of Balance Class (Commons)  
 1:30pm Office Staff Mtg (Conference Room)  
 7:00pm Membership 201

**Wednesday, October 25**

5:15pm Wednesday Supper (FH)  
 6:00pm Worship (Sanctuary)  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 7:00pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation  
 7:00pm No 9th Grade Confirmation  
 8:00pm Teens Upstream

**Thursday, October 26**

9:00am LOL Quilters  
 10:00am Thursday Men's Fellowship

**Friday, October 27**

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

**Saturday, October 28**

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

**Sunday, October 29**

9:00am Worship/Sunday School (Sanctuary)  
 10:00am Fellowship  
 10:30am Worship/Sunday School (Sanctuary)  
 11:30am Fellowship  
 1:00pm Confirmation Ceremony  
 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group

**Monday, October 30**

1:00pm Monday Afternoon Book Discussion

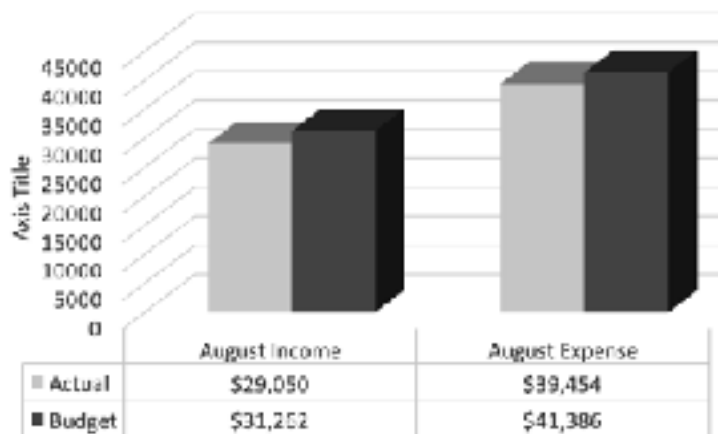
**Tuesday, October 31**

7:00am Baxter Area Kiwanis (FH)  
 8:30am Matter of Balance Class (Commons)  
 1:30pm Office Staff Mtg (Conference Room)



**Save the Date for the  
 500th Reformation Worship Service  
 on October 8, 2017, at 11 am  
 at Tornstrom Auditorium**

Lord of Life will have one worship service with Sunday School at at 9 am on October 8. **There will be no 10:30 worship service that day.**

**August 2017 Financials**





## Youth Update

Fall programming is off to a great start. Wednesday nights and Sunday evenings are full of different youth groups and Confirmation activities! Thank you to all the adult volunteers who are helping out this year with programming. We couldn't do it without you! I'm looking forward to a great year!

This month you may hear about our upcoming summer youth trips. There will be two trips this year, one of which is locked in. We have a group of 36 high school students, along with 7 adults, signed up for the NEMN Synod Journey/ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX! This is going to be an amazing trip, and we all look forward to serving in Galveston and Houston, TX, this summer. Be on the lookout for more information regarding these trips in the near future.

If any of you have questions regarding youth ministry opportunities or how to get involved, please let me know!

Blessings,

Tim Slinger

### Changes coming to Church Community Builder Privacy Settings

To help our members and participants communicate with each other more easily, Lord of Life will be changing some of the privacy settings in CCB. If you have a username and password you will now be able to see the mailing address, home/work/cell phone numbers, and email address for all adults (18+). Children's information will continue to be restricted.

Additionally some information that was previously less restricted will now be available only to persons you mark as Friends: Birthday Month & Day, Gender, Marital Status, Anniversary.

Changes will go into effect on October 20th. Please contact Anne at [anne@lolbaxter.org](mailto:anne@lolbaxter.org) or 828-9374 with comments or questions.

*Interview with Anne continued from page 5*

### **LK: Have you had something bad happen to you in the past that has turned out for the best?**

ANNE: I attended college for English Education, but didn't do that great during student teaching, and had what was known at the time as a "quarter-life crisis" at the end of that last semester. Since I wasn't going to be a teacher, now what? So, I moved back home with my parents for a couple months, and worked for PossAbilities of SE MN, a day placement center for people with developmental disabilities for two years. I had worked for Camp Friendship during college, so I was comfortable working with people with developmental disabilities. One day I was thinking, if I had any other job at PossAbilities, what would I want it to be, and it was to be the Secretary! So, I went back to school for Administrative Assistance. Soon after graduation the job of Office Manager opened up here at Lord of Life, and here I am, nearly 14 years later.

### **LK: What was the last experience you had that made you a stronger person?**

ANNE: I think these two questions are pretty related; I could give the same answer for both, but more recently I think it was last fall when Pr. Steve suggested switching from Office Manager to Ministry Operations Manager. My focus switched from worship planning and general secretarial stuff to bookkeeping and managing Church Community Builder, our membership database software. I love learning the new skills, and I essentially have a new job without having to do all the stressful job search stuff. It has gotten me out of a rut that I maybe didn't realize that I was in.

### **LK: Does it make you proud of yourself to look back and understand how flexible you've become?**

ANNE: Yes. Normally I'm not much for change. I'm an ISTJ on the Myers-Briggs test. It means I'm okay with change as long as you give me plenty of time to adapt to it.

### **LK: What is something you learned in the past week?**

ANNE: Something I learned this week: Don't preempt yourself just because you might be embarrassed. Something good might come out of it instead. A couple weeks ago at a family reunion one of my older cousins asked about the last book I had read. I was embarrassed to tell her the title (Seven Brides for Seven Texans, a set of Christian romance novels) so I said I couldn't remember. But last week I got over it and texted her about it, and now we're following each other on GoodReads and sharing favorite books.

### **LK: What story does your family always tell about you?**

ANNE: [I butchered this story during the interview, so I had to get my mom to tell it]: "Back in our early family days we didn't have much money, and really had no business eating out. But it was supertime and we were all a tad cranky-- at least Dad and I were. So we decided to have supper out, in Waterville I think. Dad and I agreed that we should choose the cheapest thing on the menu. Dad said, When you looked at the menu you discovered that the cheapest thing was a donut. We didn't make you have a donut for supper." I was probably in 1st grade when that happened. We lived in Morristown, MN, near Waterville, while I was in grades K-4.



# 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. (Oct.-May). Experience great food, conversation, inspiration and prayer. Contact *Wendy Adamson* at [wendyadamson@ymail.com](mailto:wendyadamson@ymail.com)

## Connecting to our Community

### **Caring for Creation Workgroup**

We will meet from 4:30-5:30 the third Wednesday of the month. The Caring for Creation Workgroup on ecology and the environment is grounded in a biblical vision of God's intention for the healing and wholeness of creation. This group will meet to discuss ways to help take care of God's Creation. Contact *Todd Holman* with any questions at [tholman@tnc.org](mailto:tholman@tnc.org)

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

**LOL Quilters** - The LOL Quilters will meet Thursdays, from 9 am to 12 pm. Quilts are made for our graduating seniors, local charities and special requests. Thursdays are used for quilt designing, packaging into kits for LOL volunteers to sew into quilt tops, and also for tying and binding. Sewing experience is not required! If you have any questions you can contact *Jan Hardesty* at 218-828-1434.

**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) or sign-up on the clipboard in the Narthex.

## Connecting to Each Other

**Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group** meets on alternating Sundays at 6:30 p.m. (Sept. - May). All book lovers are welcome. Contact: *Jerry Kuehn* at 218-820-8566.

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

**Tuesday Morning Book Group** This group meets on the 1st and the 3rd Tuesdays of the Month at 9:00am and focuses on studying biblical books to expand our knowledge of the bible and grow in faith. Contact *Claire Rud* at [paulclairerud@msn.com](mailto:paulclairerud@msn.com).

**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-May). 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 1-7

Dana Anderson	Gail & Blaine Brecht
Chris & Sandy Halvorson	Donna Hoffman
Jim & Debra Kron	John & Jennifer Larson
Todd & Nena Newman	Justin & Ashley Sjostrom
Joe & Carol VanDenBoom	

## October 8-14

Allen & Jessica Balsley	Mike & Colleen Bush
Charles & Brenda Erickson	Brian & Janice Gapinski
Ron & Nikki Huber	Corry & Teresa Lund
Nelson & Shannon Paysse	Erik & Sarah Speer
Jan Walters	

## October 15-21

Mark & Becky Beckerleg	Lori Carlson
Tiffany Femling	Amy Herboldt
Steve & Valerie Jones	Casey & Christa Miller
Alicia Rauen	Dennis & Gloria Rosenquist
Jon & Kim Stolski	Barbara Wilson-Jacobs

## October 22-28

Mike & Carol Blowers	Kevin & Samantha Cleland
John & Jeanni Foss	Lee & Kathy Hauble
Tony & Jeanne King	Don & Glorya Narveson
Cindy & Dan Pflapsen	Bryan & Ivy Ruzynski
Tim & Jody Sweet	

## October 29-31

Sandy Bergstrom	Layne & Helene Danielson
Jim & Melissa Grover	Eric & Martha Jendro
Don & Mayva Kottke	Mel & Sonja Nefstead
Tom Schuster	Ted & Connie Toensing

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## October Birthdays

- 1 Eva Clough, Ava Grams, Julie Halverson
- 2 David Goos, Nicholas Laber, Alex Stirewalt
- 3 Brynlee Coonfield, Melba Gevik, Darrell Pedersen, Jaes Shanks, Wendy VanMoer
- 4 Tim Hanske, Jenna Riley, Nancy Smith
- 5 Marlys Armstrong, Michael Bylander, Gary Hill, Bennet Isackson, Steve Metzler, Kevin Olson, Brooke Peterson
- 6 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
- 9 Dylan Wikoff, Nathan Winter
- 10 Hannah Bankers, Beckett Campbell, Jodi Cordes, Brody Lund, Jessica Mogensen, Fischer Morlock, Lochlan Rauen, Roger Tietz, Jennifer West
- 11 Elsa Borchert, Jerry Kuehn, Sarah Larson, Kal Runde
- 12 Bruce Femling, Kyle Hensel, Arron Stoen
- 13 Evan DeBoer, Landon Lofstrom, Val Rangen,
- 14 Andrew Albright, Layne Danielson, Carina Figliuzzi, Renae Goos, Tristan Kelm, Jen Krueger, Laura Wadsten, Luke West
- 15 Lindy Cordes, Vonnie Ferkingstad, Rachel Ford, Mike Laber, Riley Pliscott, Alex Workman
- 16 Nicole Harmer
- 17 Brody Bruggeman, Zoe Cervantez, Kris Ott, Cindy Soder, Julia Wallace
- 18 Bob Busch, Andrew Meierhofer, Broc Peterson, Dan Selinger, Kris Zemke
- 19 Larry Borgstrom, Kevin Carlson, Katie Haakonson, Lylia Hoffman, Peyton McConkey, Neil Tyrrell
- 20 Elizabeth Rueger
- 21 Baden Bastian, Verdell Bose, Ashley Kunesh, Nelson Paysse
- 22 Dan Sura, Kennedy Taylor
- 23 Amy Borgstrom, Steve Goll, Kris Harsh, Julia Schmeck
- 24 Willa Borchert, Grant Reller, Kelsey Ott, Taylor Ott
- 25 John Foss, Kamery Hahn, Maxwell Johnson-Ding, Isaac King, Madison Taylor
- 26 Allison Bergman, Jack Christofferson, Jim Kron, Marvella Larson, Sidney McConkey, Ed Swenson
- 27 Marie Johnson, Kinsley Malchow, Claire Rangen, Grace Rangen, Jane Winter

## October Birthdays Cont.

- 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

- 3 Ken & Phyllis Campbell  
Cary & Lori Swanson❖
- 7 Kevin & Leann Peterson
- 8 Scott & Tessa Hall  
Steve & Lisa Metzler❖  
Tammy & Bob Stellmach
- 9 Tim & Pam Caughey❖
- 10 Mike & Colleen Bush❖  
Gary & Kathy Engelmann❖  
Dennis & Deb Lasher
- 11 Chris & Shelly Ford❖  
Rob & Anne Freeloove  
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
- 25 Pastor Steve & Suzanne Rye❖
- 27 Jared & KC Walsh
- 28 Greg & Becky Bennett

❖=Celebrating 24-49 years!

†=Celebrating 50 years or more!





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The ladies bathroom received a new look in August.  
Thank you to Joe and Carol VanDenBoom and Sharon Johnson  
for taking down the wall paper and painting.

