

GOOD NEWS

January
2018

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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I'm excited to tell you about a new short course at Lord of Life I'll be offering, that focuses on the book of Revelation. This will begin on January 30th. The course will be offered on Tuesday nights and the same session will be offered on the following Thursday morning at 9 am for those who would prefer a daytime hour or as an opportunity for those who might miss the Tuesday night class.

A study of the book of Revelation is one of the most engaging ventures in biblical studies. Curiosity is fed by the popular use of Revelation in print, film, and other media. Elaborate theological schemes have been imposed on Revelation in order for the events of history and current crises to seem to make sense in God's great plan.

This short course will offer an alternative way to understanding Revelation, one that is designed to give people a sense of hope. What we find when we open the pages of the Scriptures is a message that is often surprisingly different from many of the popular treatments of Revelation's imagery. The visions in the book are not written in a secret code that is designed to confuse its readers. It is a book written to reveal or make known the gracious power of God and Christ, which stands against the forces of sin and evil that seek to dominate our world.

A video created Dr. Craig Koester from Luther Seminary and followup commentary by myself will guide us through the visions of Revelation and emphasize the centrality of God and Christ, who hold our future. Some of the images are disturbing and others are encouraging, but when read together, the visions continue to point us to the God who has created us and the Lamb who redeems us by his blood. When Revelation awakens a renewed sense of faith and hope in its readers, it is having the effect for which it is written.

Here are a listing of the sessions:

Session 1: Popular Ideas of the End Times - January 30th
@ 6:30pm & Feb 1st @ 9am

Session 2: Revelation 1-4 - Feb 6th @ 7pm & 8th @ 9am

Session 3: Revelation 5-7 - Feb 13th @ 7pm & 15th @ 9am

Session 4: Revelation 8-11 - Feb 20th @ 7pm & Feb 22nd @ 9am

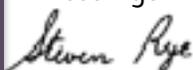
Session 5: Revelation 12-13 - Feb 27th @ 7pm & March 1st @ 9am

Session 6: Revelation 17-18 - March 6th @ 7pm & Mar 8th @ 9am

Session 7: Revelation 19-22 - March 13th @ 7pm @ Mar 15th @ 9am

Hope you'll make time for this thought provoking course.

Blessings!



Pr. Steve

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31</p> <p>9a Worship 10a Fellowship</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6a Women's AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 9a Book Discussion 1:30p Office Staff Meeting 6:30p Team Meeting Night</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:15p Wednesday Night Potluck Supper 6p Wednesday Worship 7p 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p Teens Upstream</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10a Coffee, Donuts, Conversation and Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30a Men's Breakfast 1p Those Older Folders</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9a Pray & Ponder 7p Open AA</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9a Worship 10a Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:30a Fellowship 3p Baxter Sandpipers 4-H 5:30p Middle School Youth Group 7p Synod Journey Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6a Women's AA 1p Book Discussion 6:30p Pinetree Patchworkers</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 12p Executive Committee Meeting 1p Sarah Circle 1:30p Office Staff Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:15p Wednesday Night Supper 6p Wednesday Worship 7p 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p Teens Upstream</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10a Coffee, Donuts, Conversation and Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30a Men's Breakfast 1p Those Older Folders</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7p Open AA</p>
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Deb Bergstrom RN
 Parish Nurse
 Spiritual Gifts Coordinator
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Deb's Office Hours: Monday 9-1,
 Tuesday 1-4 and Thursdays 8:30-11.

Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to 2018 at Lord of Life!

Thank you to everyone who has been so supportive of the Parish Nurse Program! I continue to learn each week about this ministry and I love hearing about new ideas.

I still have walking handouts and pedometers if you are interested in walking in the church and elsewhere, 6 1/2 times around the inside of the church is a mile!

We will be starting a Bone Builders Exercise and information class in January, look for more information in the next few weeks.

I have started to offer some health information classes for the 5th & 6th graders on healthy and safe living. At our first class we learned about "My Plate". We will be talking about tobacco, bike safety and other topics throughout the year.

I attended a training on Advanced Care Planning for Parish Nurses last fall. I have information on advance care directives for all ages and would love to meet with you if you have any questions. I will be presenting this information at the February L.O.L.L.Y.

My goal this year is to set up a "health" library in the Fireside Room on different health topics that you can check out and read.

Thank you for supporting this ministry at Lord of Life! Let us pray for a year full of new opportunities, and abundance of warm people among us and a life with God in our midst!

Deb Bergstrom
 Parish Nurse



Prayers for strength, comfort and healing...

Mel Nefstead, Lolly Kalinoski, Bruce Femling,
 David Schliek, Beth Selinger



Baptism



December 17, 2017

Kaidric Walter Petersen

Son of Brian & Brittany Petersen

Sunday's Lessons

January 7 Baptism of our Lord
 Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;
 Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

January 14 Second Sunday after Epiphany
 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

January 21 Third Sunday after Epiphany
 Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12;
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

January 28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

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 #7:

Commit intentionally means making a statement about your intent and following through. As members in the body of Christ, we are asked to make a commitment of our time, talents, and resources as a faithful response to God and as a statement of support for God's work.

"arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised." 2 Corinthians 9:5



NEW MEMBER 2018 WINTER SCHEDULE

New Member Orientation 101 – Pastor's Office

- 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 28 & 31, 2018

REGISTER FOR NEW MEMBER CLASS

Visit the lodbaxter.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, add their names on the form where indicated. Children do not need to attend the class, however, they are welcome to attend.



Martha Circle - will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 7 pm at Sally Jacobsen's home. Mary Anderson will lead Bible Study. For more information contact Mary Anderson at 330-6171.

Sarah Circle - will meet at Lord of Life on Tuesday, January 9 at 1 pm. For more information, contact Bugs Schmidt at 829-3864.

LOLLY (Lot's of Living Left Yet)

LOLLY will meet on Wednesday, January 17 at 11:30 am at Lord of Life for a potluck and presentation. If you have any questions, please call Mary Anderson at 218-330-6171.

Pray & Ponder Women's Breakfast

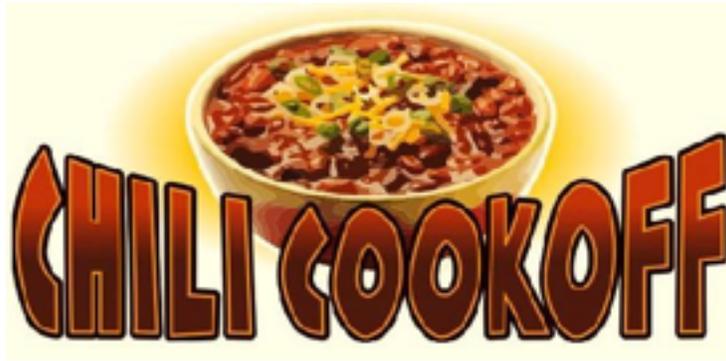
Join us Saturday, January 6 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at LOL, for great food, conversation, inspiration and prayer. If you have any questions contact Wendy Adamson at wendyadamson@ymail.com.

Men's Breakfast

Join the Men's Breakfast every Friday, at 6:30 am at LOL for Bible study, fellowship, fun and food. For more information contact Ted Anderson at 218-831-1372.

Wednesday Suppers and Potluck

We will have a potluck/carry in on Wednesday, January 3 and regular suppers on January 10, 17, 24 and 31 starting at 5:15 pm.



WHEN: Wednesday, February 7, 2018

WHERE: Fellowship Hall at Lord of Life

TIME: 5:15 pm

WHAT TO BRING: A dish to pass for the potluck,
or chili for the chili cook-off

Join us for a great night of food, fellowship, worship and games. Come on Wednesday, February 7 at 5:15 for a potluck/Chili cook-off, stay for worship at 6 pm and games at 6:45. There will be a prize for the winner of the chili contest. If you are bringing chili for the cook off please email or call Pat Huhta at jjhuhta@msn.com or 218-855-1882.

Parents mark your calendars for another Parents Night Out on Saturday, February 3.

Where: Lord of Life Lutheran Church
6190 Fairview Road, Baxter

When: Saturday, February 3 - 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm
(kids need to be picked up by 8:30 pm)

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/LOLPNOF18>

We will have fun activities and crafts for your kids; we will also feed them supper. This is a free-will donation and fundraiser for the youth to raise money for the upcoming Youth Gathering in June.





Snow Shovelers Needed

Winter is here and we are in need of volunteers to help shovel the sidewalks at Lord of Life. You will be responsible for shoveling once in the morning and once in the evening, (if it has snowed that day) and you would be responsible for shoveling for the whole week (Sunday to Saturday). If you would like to volunteer, email the church office at colleen@lolbaxter.org.

Sound Booth

Help out in the sound booth with power point and sound on either Wednesdays or Sundays. It's easy to learn, there are videos to watch and training available. Email the church office at colleen@lolbaxter.org.

Nursery

We are in need of volunteers to help out in the Nursery on Wednesday and both Sunday services. If you would like to be put on the schedule, email the church office, at colleen@lolbaxter.org, with your preference of which service you would like to volunteer at.



Sign up to help at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen. We are in need of groups or families to sign-up in February and March. Sign-up on the clipboard in the Narthex for the month that works for you. If you need more information please contact Nancy Smith at 820-4273.

Thank you from Social Concerns Team

Thank you to everyone who donated food, funds and time for the Thanksgiving baskets, Salvation Army Angel Trees gifts, gas and grocery gift cards and the ELCA Good Gifts.

The generosity of the Lord of Life congregation helped many during the holiday season.

Faithful Mothers

Faithful Mothers is forming once again! We will be starting in February and we are looking for some Moms to connect with, learn with, and grow with in the coming years!

Faithful Mothers is a group that exists for the sake of moms on the journey at whatever stage you're at with your children!

A new group will be meeting on Wednesday mornings time TBD. Look for more information soon in your bulletins.

Volunteering at LOL

Welcome 2018! I have been in the role of Spiritual Gifts Coordinator for little over a year now and I have learned so much! I have learned: how important volunteers for worship are, how important it is to be organized, and to sit back and enjoy seeing it all work out, the excitement of the Acolytes and how willing everyone is to pitch in!

The one thing that I still struggle with is how to get more people involved and have the schedule filled before each service. In order to do this better for everyone, In January I will assign people to different positions using CCB (I do this already so some of you will not see a change). For those of you who do not utilize email, I will have a 3 month schedule for you to fill out and give back to me. I will send out the schedule for 3 months, if you are unable to serve at that time, if you can find your own replacement, that would be very helpful. I will try to rotate so that most months, you will serve about once a month. This is a **Change**, and will hopefully eliminate finding someone before the service starts. When you get the schedule and have an opportunity to look at it, please either accept or decline, then I know what your status is. If you utilize CCB and accept, you will get an email reminder when you are to serve.

I want to thank all who volunteer and have been so grateful to help me out, you have always made this job easier for me! Also, if you would like more training, let me know! Thank you again for all your help, we appreciate your talents!

Blessings,

Deb Bergstrom
Spiritual Gifts Coordinator
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Remembering Martin Luther and ...

written by Lilja Behr

I came to Lord of Life on Reformation Sunday in October. I was asked to teach an art lesson to the Sunday School kids who attended both services that day. I had all the supplies ready to go so that the kids could make their own version of the famous Luther rose. But before we started coloring and painting, I thought I would tell them what happened at Wittenberg 500 years ago.

I showed each class Paul Maier's book, *Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World*. It is a large format children's book with lots of information and drawings of Luther. (It's really an interesting book, and it's in Lord of Life's library. Take it home and read the story to your own family!) We talked about what Luther looked like, because the book's cover featured an illustration of young Luther, tacking his 95 thesis on the church door in Wittenberg. I tried to instill in the kids that Martin Luther was a man whose beliefs and actions brought great changes to the church and the world.

As I held up the book and pointed out the beautiful illustrations of Luther, I noticed that one of the boys in the back of the group was unsettled. His face revealed a number of thoughts: confusion, uncertainty, doubt. After a few moments, the boy raised his hand. I sensed that he had an urgent question that just needed to be addressed, so I called on him. "Yes," I said. "What are you thinking?" The boy wiggled a bit and then he asked with a puzzled voice, "Why doesn't he have black skin?" What a great question! What an inquiring mind! I wanted to shout for joy, but I held in my own emotions and replied, "Oh ... you think that I am speaking about Martin Luther King, Jr., don't you?" Again, with a bit of wonder, the boy answered, "Yeah... we learned about him in school."

I can't tell you how much fun I had being a teacher that day. I was not only able to make a connection between Martin Luther AND Martin Luther King, Jr., but I was also able to celebrate the fact that our children are learning about and remembering courageous people who through the ages have dared to take a stand for what they believe. Those of you who know me well are aware of the fact that I believe we are all called to witness to our faith, even when our witness may be questioned or derided. I was honored to be able to tell the kids that the founder of their church, Martin Luther, risked his life and position to call the church to change, just as Martin Luther King risked his life to call upon our nation to change. I must confess, inside my head, I was shouting a loud "Hallelujah" and making a fist pump, celebrating the fact that a dozen youngsters, ages 6-10, really got it: Martin Luther and Martin Luther King were Christians who witnessed to their faith in order to make this world a better place. I assure you that I kept my cool and finished the lesson, happily helping the kids to paint their Luther rose seals. But when I got home, I decided I needed to write this happy memory down, so that you could both chuckle and be inspired by its lesson in your own life.

DID YOU KNOW? When Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, his birth name was Michael. However, when his father traveled to Germany in 1934, the elder King was inspired by the courage of Martin Luther. When he returned to the US, he changed his name, as well as his five-year old son's name, to Martin Luther King. This month, as we honor the life and death of Martin Luther King, Jr., let us remember that our children need role models. They need to be told the stories of courageous people in their families, in our church, in our country, and in the world. Regardless of the color of their skin, our ancestors in faith can continue to inspire us.



**MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY**

**Monday, January 15
Church office will be closed!**



Blessings in the new year! I can't believe 2018 is upon us. There is a lot going on in the new year with Youth Ministry at LOL. Take a moment to catch up on all that happened in December, but make sure to write down everything coming up as we begin this year together!

Charlie Brown Recap: Great job cast, tree choir and all the volunteers who helped to make this program a success. With four performances, this group shared the Christmas message in a unique way that only Charlie Brown and friends can do!

Confirmation: Our 7th and 8th graders spent time in the community bell ringing for the Salvation Army. You may have seen them around town on Wednesday nights in December. Along with service events Confirmation students focused in on the Apostles Creed for our studies. I encourage all of you to quiz the youth and see what they have been learning.

Synod Journey Fundraisers:

Parent's Night Out: Thank you to the community and congregational members that took part in the event! With 35 kids coming to church to give their parents a night to relax, it was a night filled with lots of joy, games, activities and snacks. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help with the night leading games, cooking and watching all the kids. It was a great fundraiser and look for it to happen again in February!

Pancake Breakfasts: Pancake breakfasts are held the first Sunday of the month. This is a free will donation and the pancakes are served between services. Our youth have been busy cooking and serving all of you! We look forward to seeing you and enjoying a meal together!

A New Mission Trip Experience is being offered! Along with the Synod Journey being offered this summer for our High School students we have a 2nd experience for 7th-12th graders. Please take some time to read through the description of our mission site in South Dakota. Again we will be working with Youth Works which is a organization that offers mission trip opportunities across the United States and beyond. If you are interested in learning more about the trip or signing up please contact me.

Youth Works Site Information: One of the most unique partnerships YouthWorks is developing in Lake Traverse is with the old middle school in the middle of town, which is being converted into a community education and activity center. This group will help facilitate children's programming at this building, serve the residents in local assisted living facilities/nursing homes and help out with other work projects in the community. You'll learn about Dakota culture from a community friend, explore a state park that is spiritually significant to the local tribe, and join the community for a cookout. YouthWorks has partnered with this community since 2005.

Cost: \$350-\$400

Location: Lake Traverse, SD

Dates: Week of July 22nd

Open to 7-12th graders (Sign-up deadline: Sunday, Jan. 21st)

Mark Your Calendars:

- January 3rd 7th & 8th Confirmation/Wed night start up again!
- January 7th Pancake Breakfast
- January 7th Synod Journey Meeting-7:30 pm
- January 14th New Fundraiser Announced
- February 3rd Parent's Night Out Babysitting Fundraiser

Youth Groups:

- Teens upstream: Wednesday night's 8 pm - 9 pm
- Middle School Youth Group Sundays 5:30 pm - 7 pm
- 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Wednesday nights 7 pm - 8 pm

If at any time you have questions about the youth programs being offered at LOL or want to get involved don't hesitate to contact me at tim@lolbaxter.org or 218-828-9374.

Blessings in the new year!

Tim Slinger
Youth Director

9th Grade Confirmation

We have two very exciting months of confirmation coming up where we will have the chance to make some big connections between faith and life.

Our first topic will be **Faith and Science!** Starting **Wednesday, January 10th** from 7 pm – 8 pm, we'll meet at the Forestview Planetarium for a look into the universe and its expansiveness and how, in particular, we might understand ourselves and our God in this massive world!

Wednesday, January 17th from 7 pm – 8 pm we'll meet at LOL to dig deeper into how we think about the relationship between faith and science.

Next we'll explore **Our Neighbor's Faith** on **Wednesday, January 31st** from 7 pm - 8 pm, we'll learn all about other Christian denominations!

Wednesday, February 7th from 7 pm – 8 pm, we'll focus on World Religion.

Saturday, February 10th, we'll travel to Augsburg University and spend the morning and afternoon immersed in conversation and service with our Muslim brothers and sisters. You must be registered for this event by January 15th.

Mark your Calendars - Lent begins on Ash Wednesday this year, February 14th. Each Wednesday night in Lent, 9th graders and mentors will worship together and then spend time in one-on-one conversation.



A Charlie Brown Christmas was put on by our Teens Upstream youth and the Christmas Tree Choir was our Sunday School kids, Little Lambs to 4th graders. We had Four performances, three on Sunday, December 17 and one on Wednesday, December 20. Thank you to all who participated and for all the volunteers that helped make this a fun program.

Directed by: Guy Kelm

Characters

Charlie Brown
Linus
Violet
Lucy
Snoopy
Sally
Frieda
Pigpen
Shermy
Schroeder
Patty
Dancers

Cast

Charlie Rude
David Kelm
Maren Christiansen
Megan Hensel
Jamie Wallace
Brianna Pliscott
Kaysie Carlson
Paul Freelove
Eric Rude
Preston Owen
Hannah Bankers
Renzen Kidd Caughey,
Sarah Nesheim, Hannah Paysse



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 - *Ted Anderson* 218-831-1372

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. (Oct.-May). Experience great food, conversation, inspiration and prayer. Contact *Wendy Adamson* at 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

Habitat for Humanity - *Scott Hall*,

(w) 828-8517- scott.hall@lakesarea.org 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 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) 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.

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-May). 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>



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Operation Sandwich

On Monday, December 18, Operation Sandwich used our building to pack 400 bags of groceries. Kids from Brainerd Learning Center came over and helped bag all the food. These bags will go to the schools in our community and will be given to kids in need, before Christmas break.



Lord of Life Office & Program Staff

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Parent's Night Out!

Crafting and playing at Parent's Night Out on December 2.



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A group from Lord of Life went Christmas Caroling to Excelsior Place and Woodland Nursing Homes on Sunday, December 10. The residents were thrilled that they were there and joined in singing with them.

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