

# GOOD NEWS

May  
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

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*Who are faithful and wise servants?  
Who are the ones the master will put in charge  
of giving the other servants their food supplies at the proper time?  
Servants are fortunate if their master comes and finds them doing their job.”  
(Matthew 24:45-46, CEV)*

Last night I had a great meeting with our new member class. We were walking through the entire Bible in one hour. It was a daunting task but aided by some visuals of the Crossways Bible Study I was able to accomplish it with just a little time to spare. We turned the bible timeline over and on the other side was a picture of the world and of human beings each marked with a tag on which God wrote, “My property, given to you to use responsibly.” This image depicts one of the most profound lessons of the Bible: That ownership is an illusion. God has never turned over the title to anything we might think we own. God lays claim to each and every one of His children – including you. What this means is that we appear as if we own many things. Cars, Boats, Clothes, Food. We are free to make use of them — as far as the world is concerned, we have every right to them as long as they’re acquired legally. Still, they belong to God. And by having control over them, we are placed in a relationship of responsibility for how they are to be used.

The essential question for a Christian, then, isn’t how much am “I” going to “give” to God... but rather, how much of what God has given me am I going to keep back for myself? That’s a profoundly different question. It presses us into a relationship in which we are no longer a benefactor who supports God and God’s work. Instead, we are a gracious recipient and we need to ask how our Master wants us to carry out the work of caring for the poor and the needy, and the other aspects of advancing the Mission of God in this world.

Fortunately, this is lived out in grace. We aren’t subjected to a cruel “If...then” that is present in so many other religions. “IF you do this, and this, and this...THEN God will” be good to you. Rather, we live in a “Because...therefore” relationship. Therefore, BECAUSE God was so very generous to us...THEREFORE we are able to be generous to those around us.

May our Lord come and find us generously living out our calling in Christ as this verse in Matthew depicts.

Blessings!  
*Steven Rye*

Pastor Steve +

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9a</b> Worship <span style="float:right">29</span> <b>10a</b> Fellowship <b>10:30a</b> Worship <b>11:30a</b> Fellowship <b>2p</b> Stubbs Piano Recital <b>5:30p</b> Middle School Youth Group	<b>6a</b> Women's AA <span style="float:right">30</span> <b>9a</b> SAIL Program <b>1p</b> Book Discussion <b>6p</b> Brainerd Ski Loons	<b>7a</b> Baxter Area Kiwanis <span style="float:right">1</span> <b>9a</b> Book Discussion <b>1p</b> Office Staff Meeting	<b>9a</b> SAIL Program <span style="float:right">2</span> <b>10a</b> Faithful Mothers <b>5:15p</b> Wednesday Night Supper <b>6p</b> Wednesday Worship <b>7p</b> 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation <b>7p</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>8p</b> Teens Upstream	<b>10a</b> Men's Fellowship <span style="float:right">3</span> <b>6p</b> Baxter Sandpipers 4-H	NE MN SYNOD ASSEMBLY <span style="float:right">4</span> <b>6:30a</b> Men's Breakfast <b>1p</b> Those Older Folders	NE MN SYNOD ASSEMBLY <span style="float:right">5</span> <b>1p</b> Kingsley Music School Recital <b>7p</b> Open AA
NE MN SYNOD ASSEMBLY <span style="float:right">6</span> Youth Rummage Sale Setup <b>9a</b> Worship <b>10a</b> Fellowship <b>10:30a</b> Worship <b>11a</b> Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen Ministry <b>11:30a</b> Fellowship	Youth Rummage Sale Setup <span style="float:right">7</span> <b>9a</b> SAIL Program <b>6:30p</b> Grief Support Group	Youth Rummage Sale Setup <span style="float:right">8</span> <b>7a</b> Baxter Area Kiwanis <b>1p</b> Sarah Circle <b>2p</b> Office Staff Meeting <b>7p</b> Martha Circle	Youth Rummage Sale Setup <span style="float:right">9</span> <b>9a</b> SAIL Program <b>10a</b> Faithful Mothers <b>6p</b> Wednesday Worship <b>7p</b> Choir Rehearsal	Youth Rummage Sale Setup <span style="float:right">10</span> <b>10a</b> Men's Fellowship <b>5p</b> Treasure Trove Thursday	<b>6:30a</b> Men's Breakfast <span style="float:right">11</span> <b>8a</b> Youth Rummage Sale <b>1p</b> Those Older Folders	<b>8a</b> Youth Rummage Sale <span style="float:right">12</span> <b>7p</b> Open AA
<b>9a</b> Worship <span style="float:right">13</span> <b>10a</b> Fellowship <b>10:30a</b> Worship <b>11:30a</b> Fellowship	<b>9a</b> Pinetree Patchworks Learning Event <span style="float:right">14</span> <b>9a</b> SAIL Program <b>6:30p</b> Pinetree Patchworkers	Spring Clothing Drive Setup <span style="float:right">15</span> <b>7a</b> Baxter Area Kiwanis <b>9a</b> Book Discussion <b>1p</b> Office Staff Meeting	Spring Clothing Drive Setup <span style="float:right">16</span> <b>9a</b> SAIL Program <b>10a</b> Faithful Mothers <b>11:30a</b> L.O.L.L.Y. <b>6p</b> Wednesday Worship <b>7p</b> Choir Rehearsal	Spring Clothing Drive Setup <span style="float:right">17</span> <b>10a</b> Men's Fellowship <b>7p</b> Council Meeting	<b>6:30a</b> Men's Breakfast <span style="float:right">18</span> <b>9a</b> Spring Clothing Share <b>1p</b> Those Older Folders	<b>9a</b> Spring Clothing Share <span style="float:right">19</span> <b>7p</b> Open AA
<b>9a</b> Worship <span style="float:right">20</span> <b>10a</b> Fellowship <b>10:30a</b> Worship <b>11:30a</b> Fellowship	<b>9a</b> SAIL Program <span style="float:right">21</span> <b>1p</b> Book Discussion <b>6:30p</b> Grief Support Group	<b>7a</b> Baxter Area Kiwanis <span style="float:right">22</span> <b>1p</b> Office Staff Meeting	<b>9a</b> SAIL Program <span style="float:right">23</span> <b>10a</b> Faithful Mothers <b>4:30p</b> Care for Creation team meeting <b>6p</b> Wednesday Worship	<b>10a</b> Men's Fellowship <span style="float:right">24</span>	<b>6:30a</b> Men's Breakfast <span style="float:right">25</span> <b>1p</b> Those Older Folders	<b>7p</b> Open AA <span style="float:right">26</span>
<b>9a</b> Worship <span style="float:right">27</span>	<b>9a</b> SAIL Program <span style="float:right">28</span> <b>1p</b> Book Discussion <b>7p</b> Caring Friends Meeting	<b>7a</b> Baxter Area Kiwanis <span style="float:right">29</span> <b>1p</b> Office Staff Meeting	<b>9a</b> SAIL Program <span style="float:right">30</span> <b>6p</b> Wednesday Worship	<b>10a</b> Men's Fellowship <span style="float:right">31</span>	<b>6:30a</b> Men's Breakfast <span style="float:right">1</span> <b>1p</b> Those Older Folders	<b>7p</b> Open AA <span style="float:right">2</span>

**Martha Circle** - will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 8, at Deb Bergstrom's home. Contact Sally Jacobsen at sally@jacobsenlaw.com.

**Sarah Circle** - will meet at Marcia Helman's home on Tuesday, May 8, at 1 pm. For more information, contact Bugs Schmidt at 829-3864.

**Pray & Ponder  
Women's Breakfast**

**Will not meet** on Saturday, May 5; we will meet again in September.

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

LOLLY will meet at LOL on Wednesday, May 16 at 11:30 am for a potluck and presentation by Dan Tupy. If you have any questions, please call Mary Anderson at 218-330-6171.



**Sunday, May 6  
starting at 9:45 am**

Free will donation will go towards our youth going on the mission trips this summer.



Sign up to help at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen. We are in need of groups or families to sign up for June. 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.

**Giving Tree**

Thank you to everyone that helped make mittens, scarves and hats for the Giving Tree.

It is never to early to start knitting for next year. If you do not want to store the items you make, you can bring them to the church office and we will store them for you.

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

Bruce Femling, Mary Anne Majerle, David Schliek, Beth Selinger, JP Whalen



**Sunday's Lessons**

**May 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;  
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

**May 13 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 104:24-34;  
Romans 8:22-27; John 17:6-19

**May 20 Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21, 21-26; Psalm 1;  
1 John 5:9-13; John 15:26-27

**May 27 The Holy Trinity**

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29;  
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17



Summer Worship hours will start Sunday, May 27 with one service at 9 am. The Wednesday service will be at 6:00 pm.

**Campfire Worship Service & Potluck**

We will have a Campfire Worship Service starting at 6 pm on Wednesday, June 20. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck, hotdogs will be served.



## Spring Clothing Share

Friday & Saturday, May 18 & 19, from 9 am-3 pm. This event is open to the public and all items of clothing are free.

- Donations of all gently worn adult and children's clothing can be dropped off starting on Sunday, May 13, from 11:30 am - 2 pm and Monday-Thursday from 9 am - 5 pm.
- We are also in need of hangers and hanging clothing racks (you will get back). Volunteers are needed during the week for folding or hanging items and during the Giveaway. Look for volunteer sign ups soon.



## Church Work Day!

Join us on Saturday, June 2 from 8 am to 12 pm, for our Church work Day. Come help us plant flowers, clean windows and clean up around the church.

## Women of the ELCA Gathering

Join the Women of the ELCA for the 31st Annual Convention/Gathering at Sugar Lake Lodge on Monday, June 4 - Wednesday, June 6.

The deadline for registration is May 15. Registration forms are at the Welcome Center.



Join us for our last Wednesday night supper—on May 2.

Pulled pork will be served, please bring a dish to pass.



## Pentecost Red Geraniums

We will be buying red geraniums in honor or memory of loved ones for Pentecost Sunday. These red geraniums will be planted at Lord of Life. The cost of the geraniums are \$5.00. Forms can be found in your bulletins or at the Welcome Center starting May 6.

Deb Bergstrom RN  
Parish Nurse  
Spiritual Gifts Coordinator  
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Deb's Office Hours:  
Monday 9 am-4 pm

Greetings!

Even though we have had a loooooong winter, I think we are beginning to see the start of spring!

Updates on the Parish Nurse ministry: the S.A.I.L. exercise program is going well beyond our expectations! Val Jones and I are so blessed to have 20+ people signed up! We started March 19 and plan to go on forever!!

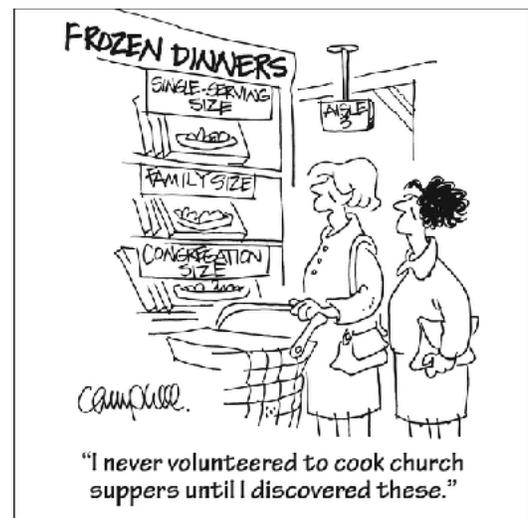
The Grief Support group continues to meet weekly. Brenda Johnson, Lolly Kalinoski and Pat Huhta are helping; Pastor Erika and I are the hosts of the group.

I feel our Lenten Walking program was a success, many people were very conscious of getting their steps in. I did a tobacco educational class for the middle school youth. The materials that we used were purchased from our CrowWing Energized grant money.

I have to say that I am so blessed to be a part of LOL and find I have the best nursing job ever!

Thank you for all your support and God's blessing!

Deb Bergstrom RN  
Parish Nurse





## Youth Ministry Update May

It is hard to believe that it's the month of May. It sure doesn't feel like that outside as we wait for the ice to melt off our area lakes. As May arrives we close a chapter in our programming as we anticipate the arrival of summer. The youth programming that runs throughout the school year is wrapping up. It has been a great year and there are many people that I would like to thank. If you have had a moment to join us on Wednesday nights, you may have seen that this is a busy place with lots happening! Lots of kids gather together for various education classes from Confirmation to Teen's Upstream. Also, joining the kids are numerous adult volunteers and parents. Thank you to everyone of our Confirmation small group leaders and mentors who have walked beside the youth of this congregation this year! You have been there to help guide, explore, listen and share your faith with those you lead. I hope it has been a positive experience for all of you!

If you have kids in grades 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> this coming year you are welcome to sign up for Confirmation next year! We will be needing adult volunteers to help with small groups and our mentor program. Here is a great opportunity to join your child and other kids of this congregation and together we will explore the bible and teachings of Martin Luther! If you are interested in helping out next year, please contact Tim Slinger Youth Director to gather more information.

Yes, our Confirmation program and youth groups will be wrapping up here in May but that doesn't mean our programming stops for the summer. We have lots of exciting programs happening again this summer. Take some time to read through the newsletter to see what is available and scheduled for your child's grade level. Stay tuned to the newsletter, website and weekly announcements for updates on summer programs for your kids. For some kids the summer programs are the highlights of their summer or year! Don't miss out on these great opportunities!

Lastly, I want to thank all of you who have supported the youth ministry program and trips this this year! It is hard to believe that last May I was just joining this great staff and congregation. It has been a blessing in so many ways getting to know all of you. If we haven't met yet I hope our paths cross soon!

Blessings in the month ahead!

Tim Slinger



Wednesday night Teens Upstream having fun creating sweet and salty treats.



Easter started with a 7 am worship service and a breakfast after.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Easter breakfast.

We also had worship services at 9 & 10:30 with the kids having a Easter egg hunt during Kids Time.



### Our 2018 Graduating High School Seniors



Lord of Life will recognize our High School Seniors in worship at 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, May 20 and 6 pm on Wednesday, May 23.

Come and celebrate with them and bless them as they conclude their high school journey and head off on new adventures!



Hannah Bankers  
Brody Bruggeman  
Paige Fitterer  
Megan Hensel  
Zachary Hukriede  
Sidney McConkey  
McCale Peterson  
Nathan Rud  
Ricky Rude  
Joe Stolski

Austin Banks  
Michael Bylander  
Emma Grunenwald  
Jake Hodge  
Maison Jobe  
Regan McElfresh  
Zack Peterson  
Nicole Rud  
Megan Ryder  
Lauren Stolski

Blair Benson  
Anne Campion  
Camille Harmer  
Ashley Huber  
August Johnson-Ding  
Preston Owen  
Brianna Pliscott  
Charlie Rude  
Aaron Sopelle  
Laura Wadsten

Nicholas Bisek  
Signe Devine  
Evan Heittola  
Ellie Hughes  
David Kelm  
Brooke Peterson  
Hannah Rud  
Eric Rude  
Alex Stirewalt  
Jamie Wallace

## Vigil of Pentecost Prayer Concert

This is an Ecumenical Prayer Concert bringing together area church musicians to celebrate the Vigil of Pentecost. The concert is a musical journey through Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Music is the universal language bringing us together on this feast considered the "birthday of the church." This concert will be held on May 19, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa. This is a free concert and a free-will offering will be taken.



### Rummage and Bake Sale

Friday, May 11 - 8 am to 5 pm  
Saturday, May 12 - 8 am to 2 pm

## Recently Baptized



**Luther Steven Skwira**

April 15, 2018

Parents: Karla & Rick  
Siblings: Avery and Quinn

**Our annual Rummage and Bake Sale** is taking place on May 11th and 12th. Please bring in your gently used items for the sale and drop them off Sunday, May 6th from 11:30 am-3 pm, Monday 7 am-8 pm, and Tuesday 8 am-8 pm. Kids and junior clothing are welcome (we do not take TV's, computers, or adult clothing).

We are always in need of hangers, and we are looking for 6-foot or 8-foot tables for our sale. Please put your name on your tables and drop them off by 11:30 am, Sunday, May 6. The tables can be placed in the closet by the Sunshine Room. We are in need of 40 tables.

**Bake Sale items needed** - We are in need of baked goods for our Rummage Sale. If you would like to donate items:

1. Place six 2x2-inch size cookies or bars on a plate and wrap in saran wrap or put the plate in a large ziplock bag.
2. Or make individual size portions that are 3x4 and each wrapped in saran wrap.
3. Bring baked sale items Thursday afternoon or Friday morning by 8 am or Saturday morning by 8 am.
4. You do not need to price your items.

If you would like to help go to: <http://tinyurl.com/ladoh46> to sign-up.

**Ariadne Ray Riley**

April 15, 2018

Parents: Kellen & Soraya



**James Patrick Freeman**

April 15, 2018

Parents: John & Kayelee



**Reve Erin Grams**

April 22, 2018

Parents: Trent & Jennifer  
Siblings: Everett and Ava



### Treasure Trove Thursday Thursday, May 10

Exclusive sale event LIMITED to 50 people. Shop without crowds and get first pick. Thursday, May 10th, 5-7 pm ONLY. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Children under the age of 12 are free with an adult. Tickets go on sale at the church office starting Monday, May 7th, 8 am-5 pm or at the door Thursday if any tickets are left.



## This Changes Everything!

The youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, led worship on April 8 and 11.

Each member of the congregation was given a strip of cloth on their way into worship. Using washable marker they wrote a negative word, regret, shortcoming, sin on the cloth – things that block their hearts from receiving and knowing God's love and sharing it freely with others. They brought their cloth heart to the washing stations where youth took their cloth heart and said "YOU ARE LOVED". They scrubbed the sins out of the heart and gave it back saying "YOU ARE FORGIVEN!" The congregation then placed their clean, forgiven heart on the cross.

Below is the reflection given by Erika Swenson at the Worship Services.

### Reflection by Erika Swenson

I found myself in New Orleans, Louisiana for the third time at the beginning of March. I was there for a healthcare conference, but, yet again the city showed me the holy spirit at work in the world through my peers advocating for their patients, an artist in Jackson square, and a man experiencing homelessness in the Popeye's. I felt a bit like Philip from the reading of Acts we just heard. Transported to experience the ways of the Lord at work in the world, and then promptly thrown back in to a winter snow storm to proclaim the good news.

Finding God in New Orleans was not a surprise to me, however. I first experienced the holy spirit in New Orleans in 2012, when I was sent from this church to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Some of you probably remember our many t-shirts, our youth band, and our blissful excitement for what was in store. It was in New Orleans that first time that I experienced the radical, unconditional love of Christ in new ways and why it was so easy to find God at work there, yet again. I found it in a recovering addict Lutheran Pastor with full sleeve tattoos, a Minister with dreadlocks who looked like he had just emerged from the Boundary Waters, a Drag queen on Bourbon street, and in many of my peers that I had never had the opportunity to know before. It was a blessing of an experience, but the mission didn't end there.

Being a part of the ELCA Youth Gathering set me up to say yes to many other service learning experiences I have had since then, most recently the healthcare conference in March. However, some of the most important were the Justice Journey trips I took during my time at Concordia—where I learned about racism in the United States while journeying through the United States South, and immigration in El Paso, TX. What I found to be so remarkable and maybe a little shameful, is that I had to leave home to learn about what was going on at home. Sure, racism and immigration are blatant problems of the Southern United States, but they are prevalent here at home as well—I just couldn't see it without being completely immersed in a geography far different from my own.

The ELCA Youth Gathering offered this same immersion for me back in 2012. When I went to New Orleans I was immersed in a new culture, a new food group, and a new and radical perspective on what God's love looks like in the world. It is the same way I learned on those Justice Journeys at college.

One thing I love about Justice Journeys at Concordia—the name. I love that instead of a mission trip—which implies a Tom Cruise inspired event with tasks and check lists—a clear beginning and end, the language of a journey implies that this is but a step along the way. SO, as our youth, again, journey to Houston, TX we pray that this is but a step along their journey to say yes to seeking justice in the world around them. To be transplanted in order to experience the love of Christ so that they may continue on to proclaim the good news. This trip they have boldly said yes to, truly will and does change everything.



### Preschool VBS July 9-12 from 9 am - 11:30 am

For ages 3, 4 & 5-pre K

At Vacation Bible School (VBS) kids participate in exciting games and experience God's Word in Bible stories and by exploring and creating through crafts, snacks and games. Youth enrolled in Bible School will have a wonderful opportunity to see how God works in our lives. Cost is \$15.00, family cap: \$25.00. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/yb3v5c5x>.



### Day Camp July 9-12 from 9 am - 3 pm

For ages K-4th Grade

Day Camp is for children who have completed Kindergarten through the fourth grade. Fun activities are led by trained Luther Crest Bible Camp counselors and are designed to give children an opportunity to grow their faith. Cost is \$50. sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/ycmcltob>.

### serveCAMP August 6-10

serveCAMP, a Middle School Mission "trip", is for students who will be entering grades 5-8 in the upcoming school year. Kid's will be building trust, helping others, growing in faith and having fun. There will be activities during the day, a break in the afternoon, and an option to return in the evening for night games, campfire and camping in Lord of Life's backyard. Cost is \$125 - this covers camp activities, servant opportunities, transportation, 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and a week they will never forget. Sign-up at <http://tinyurl.com/serveCAMP2018>.



### Summer Stretch begins June 7

For completed 6th, 7th or 8th Grade Students.

Summer Stretch is a special program for those participating in Confirmation in the upcoming school year. This program ties in with Lord of Life's mission statement extremely well. It is an opportunity for young people to Connect with Christ (short study), to Connect with the Community (doing service work), and to Connect to Each Other (fun summer activities). Summer Stretch 2018 meets Thursdays starting on June 7 for 5 sessions, from 9 am – 4 pm. This is a great way to meet people, hang with friends, have fun, and do something important during your summer. Dates are June 7, 14, 21 and July 19. The Twins game will be Wednesday, July 11. Cost is \$75 for 5 weeks. Sign-up at <http://tinyurl.com/SummerStretch2018>.



Evening Vacation Bible School will be August 12-15 from 6 pm to 8 pm!

# 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 - *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](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

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**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.

## April 29- May 5

Kathy Blake & Nancy Smith	Lisa Dewey
Audrae & Paul Gruber	Tim & Lisa Hoglin
Alex & Ashley Kunesh	Bob & Gina Nelsen
Audrey & Wes Powers	Rick & Deb Smith
Bradley & Nancy Wadsten	

## May 6-12

Jim & Sandra Agre	Allen & Becky Braak
Howie & Terri Bahn	Cynthia Buxton & Tom Eastman
Justin Filas & Nicole Lasher-Filas	
Randy & Lorna Heidmann	Christina & Joe Kadolph
Larry & Karen Lundblad	Ed & Kris Ott
Cliff & Maxine Sanders	Lori & Cary Swanson

## May 13-19

Kyle & Laura Bauer	Brad & Sandra English
Chris & Kelley Ceynowa	Mike & Nadine Fraki
Linda Hansen	Arlo & Gary Hill
Dylan & Cassie Knipple	Jazmin Massie
Brian & Brittany Peterson	Dorothy Schmidt
Jenny & Brandon Thompson	

## May 20-26

Mike & Kathy Bentler	Christine & James Cox
Alex & Katie Getty	Paul & Glenda Hoheisel
Michael & Brenda Jentsch	Dennis & Deb Lasher
Lydia Kraemer	Jim & Lynn Miller
Chad & Amy Price	Betty & Gary Sieckert
Sean & DeeDee Vagts	

## May 27-31

John & Michelle Blong	Eric Ding
James Gruendemann	Jamie & Toni Hukriede
Denise & Joe Laber	Riley Nelsen
Eric & Brooke Nybeck	Janelle & Ken Riley
Scott & Rebecca Rude	Suzie Smith
Dave & Kari Stengrim	

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## May Birthdays

- 1 Kimberly Nelson, Rony Tollefson
- 2 James Einarson, Jace Engelmann, Nate Engelmann, Noah Ruzynski, Alli Quincer, Jared Walsh
- 3 Becky Bennett, Cindy Brichacek, Hakon Haapajoki, Shannon Paysse, Stephanie Peterson, Trisha Spreeman, Tyler Spreeman
- 4 Wendy Adamson, Micky Busch, Camille Harmer
- 5 Kyle Booth, Etta Danielson, Paul Freelove, Nelson Owen, Jenny Thompson, Brienna Wyatt
- 6 Jackson Callian
- 7 Bella Bennett, Mackenzie Davidge, Patty Sura
- 8 Kale Koop, Sue Thoele
- 9 Gus Hanske, Macey Whitlock
- 10 Irelyn Doud, Cole Hames, Hawk Hawkinson, Tom Thoele, Sandy Olson
- 11 Janice Gapinski, Jake Hodge, Ella Hoglin
- 12 Laura Campbell, Lisa Metzler, Landen Stoen, Eli Sundquist
- 13 Josh Anderson, Jolene Fromm, Adam Jensen, Alexa Jensen, Joseph Laber, Wes Powers
- 14 Chris Adamson, Toni Hukriede, Larry Lundblad
- 15 Jim Agre, Len Flesher, Melissa Grover, Megan Hensel, Grace Kulzer, Marie Kulzer, Patrick Mangan, Jenna Meyer, Matt Patrick, Mark Robideaux
- 16 Jackson Hames, Grace Larson
- 17 Alex Bauer, Heidi Hahn, Parker Sundquist
- 18 Tonya Caughey, Will Schultz, Jon Stolski
- 19 Mike Landecker, Amelia Sjostrom
- 20 Dawn Buckwalter, Jason Feigum, Katie Getty, Dorthea Lindquist, Loretta Lindquist, Gus Lund, Jared Winter
- 21 Grace Balsley, Stephanie Ithivongkham
- 22 Brooke Nybeck
- 23 Michael Blowers, Michael Foley, Kylee Mogensen, Aleatha Knopf, Maggie Schilling, Greg Swenson, Bradley Wadsten
- 24 Taylor Budnick, Kevin Hall, Diane Larson
- 25 Sherry Dumpprope, Beth Hardinger, Ingrid Porter, Alyssa Silverness
- 26 Todd Holman, Cindy Peterson, Dinah Sundberg
- 27 Lucille Nelson, Valerie Vandenberg, Joe VanDenBoom
- 28 Tyler Blong, Tom Champion, Audrae Gruber, Shari Nelson
- 29 Jake Caughey, Kaitlyn Fredrickson
- 30 Rose Hanson, Pat Huhta, Darren Nelson, Nicole Pahl, Tom Patrick
- 31 Ted Anderson, Tristan Brecht, David Devine, Brandy Felix, Dan Tupy

## May Anniversaries

- 5/1 Scott & Robbi Berry❖  
Doug Banks & Bonnie Shipman-Banks  
Arron & Rachel Stoen
- 5/2 Erik & Sarah Spear
- 5/3 Eric & Julie Davidge
- 5/4 Kurt & Lori Hoelzel
- 5/5 Ernie & Gail Bruckner
- 5/9 Nelson & Shannon Paysse
- 5/10 Kevin & Kim Larson
- 5/11 Jeremy & Jenny Ryder
- 5/12 Charles & Bonnie Bahr❖  
Jerry & Deb Bergstrom❖  
Larry & Karen Lundblad❖
- 5/13 Joel & Stephanie Kingsley
- 5/14 Mike & Nadine Fraki❖
- 5/15 Darrin & Sherry Dumpprope
- 5/17 John & Jennifer Larson
- 5/18 Eric & Martha Jendro
- 5/21 Steve & Valerie Jones❖  
Marilyn & Keith Tuma†
- 5/23 Bob & Pat Roettger†
- 5/27 Bart & Nicole Harmer  
Wade & Jessica Haapajoki
- 5/30 Jeff & Cindy Peterson❖

❖=Celebrating 24-49 years!

†=Celebrating 50 years or more!





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## ANNUAL MEETING

### **Our Annual Congregational Meeting**

will be on Sunday, June 3  
from 10:15 am to 11:00 am.

**Join the Lord of Life family as we meet to:**

- Celebrate 2017 milestones.
- Review 2017 Activity Reports from Pastors, Officers and Teams.
- Review 2017 Financial Reports.
- Elect 2018-2019 Officers, Council and Team Members.
- Adopt the 2018-2019 budget.

All confirmed members in good standing are eligible to attend, participate and vote.

*Behind the Scenes*