

GOOD NEWS

October
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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Make It **OK**.org

Dear Friends,

Over the past 4 months committed members of this community, spanning a number of organizations, agencies and businesses, have met to discuss how we might come together around the conversation of mental health. Our community was truly rocked this past year with too many deaths by suicide. It's time to talk.

Because here's the reality. Each year, one in four Americans experiences a mental illness. Most will wait an average of ten years before seeking treatment, largely due to the stigma. We can do better than that.

At Lord of Life, we are committed to being a part of a local effort to change hearts and minds about the misconceptions about mental illnesses. The effort is part of a campaign called "Make It OK," and is designed to encourage people to talk more openly about mental illnesses and ask for help.

When we start talking, we realize that mental illnesses are more common and relatable than we think. And more importantly, people experiencing mental illnesses will be treated with respect, acceptance and be more apt to get the care they need.

Many of us don't know how to respond to people when they bring up their mental illness. But the answer is that it can be very similar to what you would say to those who have cancer or heart disease. For example:

- "I'm here if you need me."
- "Can I drive you to an appointment?"
- "What can I do to help?"
- "Things will get better."

Visit MakeltOk.org to learn more about the campaign to learn what you can say.

Creating a safe place to talk about mental health is just the first step. Let's start there and see where this journey takes us together, as the body of Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Erika R. Nilsen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9a Worship 30</p> <p>10a Fellowship</p> <p>10:30a Discovering God's Vision for Your Life</p> <p>10:30a Worship</p> <p>11:30a Fellowship</p> <p>5:30p Middle School Youth Group</p> <p>7p District Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>6a Women's AA 1</p> <p>9a SAIL Program</p> <p>6:30p Grief Support Group</p>	<p>7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 2</p> <p>9a Book Discussion</p> <p>1p Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30p Team Meeting Night</p>	<p>9a SAIL Program 3</p> <p>10a Faithful Mothers</p> <p>5:15p Wednesday Night Supper</p> <p>6p Worship</p> <p>7p 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>7p 9th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>7p Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7p New Member Orientation 101</p> <p>8p Teens Upstream</p>	<p>9a Lord of Life Quilters 4</p> <p>10a Men's Fellowship</p> <p>6p Baxter Sandpipers 4-H</p>	<p>6:30a Men's Breakfast 5</p> <p>1p Those Older Folders</p>	<p>9a Pray & Ponder Women's Breakfast 6</p> <p>7p Open AA</p>
<p>9a Worship 7</p> <p>10a Fellowship</p> <p>10:30a Discovering God's Vision for Your Life</p> <p>10:30a Worship</p> <p>11a Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen Ministry</p> <p>11:30a Fellowship</p> <p>5:30p Middle School Youth Group</p> <p>6:30p Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group</p>	<p>6a Women's AA 8</p> <p>9a SAIL Program</p> <p>9:30a Pinetree Patchworkers Class</p> <p>6:30p 3rd Grade Bible Class</p> <p>6:30p Pinetree Patchworkers</p>	<p>7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 9</p> <p>1p Sarah Circle</p> <p>1p Staff Meeting</p>	<p>9a SAIL Program 10</p> <p>5:15p Wednesday Night Supper</p> <p>6p Worship</p> <p>7p 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>7p 9th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>7p Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8p Teens Upstream</p>	<p>9a Lord of Life Quilters 11</p> <p>10a Men's Fellowship</p>	<p>6:30a Men's Breakfast 12</p> <p>9a Fall Clothing Share</p> <p>1p Those Older Folders</p>	<p>9a Fall Clothing Share 13</p> <p>7p Open AA</p>
<p>9a Worship 14</p> <p>10a Fellowship</p> <p>10:30a Discovering God's Vision for Your Life</p> <p>10:30a Worship</p> <p>11:30a Fellowship</p> <p>5:30p Middle School Youth Group</p>	<p>6a Women's AA 15</p> <p>9a SAIL Program</p> <p>6:30p 3rd Grade Bible Class</p>	<p>7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 16</p> <p>9a Book Discussion</p> <p>1p Staff Meeting</p>	<p>9a SAIL Program 17</p> <p>10a Faithful Mothers</p> <p>11:30a L.O.L.L.Y.</p> <p>6p Worship</p> <p>7p Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7p Membership 201</p>	<p>9a Lord of Life Quilters 18</p> <p>10a Men's Fellowship</p>	<p>6:30a Men's Breakfast 19</p> <p>1p Those Older Folders</p>	<p>7p Open AA 20</p>
<p>9a Worship 21</p> <p>10a Fellowship</p> <p>10:30a Discovering God's Vision for Your Life</p> <p>10:30a Worship</p> <p>11:30a Fellowship</p> <p>6:30p Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group</p>	<p>6a Women's AA 22</p> <p>9a SAIL Program</p> <p>6:30p 3rd Grade Bible Class</p>	<p>7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 23</p> <p>1p Staff Meeting</p> <p>2p Prayer Shawl Gathering</p>	<p>9a SAIL Program 24</p> <p>5:15p Wednesday Night Supper</p> <p>6p Worship</p> <p>7p 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>7p 9th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>7p Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8p Teens Upstream</p>	<p>9a Lord of Life Quilters 25</p> <p>10a Men's Fellowship</p>	<p>6:30a Men's Breakfast 26</p> <p>1p Those Older Folders</p>	<p>7p Open AA 27</p>
<p>9a Worship 28</p> <p>10a Fellowship</p> <p>10:30a Discovering God's Vision for Your Life</p> <p>10:30a Worship</p> <p>11:30a Fellowship</p> <p>11:45a Congregational Meeting</p> <p>1p Sophomore Confirmation Ceremony</p> <p>5:30p Middle School Youth Group</p>	<p>6a Women's AA 29</p> <p>9a SAIL Program</p> <p>5p Caring Friends</p>	<p>7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 30</p> <p>1p Staff Meeting</p>	<p>9a SAIL Program 31</p> <p>5p Trunk or Treat</p> <p>5:15p Wednesday Night Supper</p> <p>6p Worship</p> <p>7p 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>7p 9th Grade Confirmation</p> <p>7p Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7p Membership 201</p> <p>8p Teens Upstream</p>	<p>9a Lord of Life Quilters 1</p> <p>10a Men's Fellowship</p> <p>6p Baxter Sandpipers 4-H</p>	<p>6:30a Men's Breakfast 2</p> <p>1p Those Older Folders</p>	<p>7p Open AA 3</p>



Martha Circle - Is a women's Bible study and meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month (Sept.-June). They will meet October 9 at 7 pm, location to be announced. For more information contact Sally Jacobsen at 218-829-1704.

Sarah Circle - will meet October 9 at 1 pm at Lord of Life in Fellowship Hall. Come for fellowship and Bible study. If you would like more information contact Bugs Schmidt at 829-3864.

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

Thursday Men's Fellowship - Join us for Men's Fellowship & Bible study on Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Commons at Lord of Life. For more information contact Ted Anderson 218-831-1372.

Faithful Mothers - Join us for Faithful Mothers. We will meet on the First and third Wednesdays at Lord of Life from 10 am to 11:30 am. Childcare is provided.

LOLLY (Lots of Living Left Yet) - LOLLY will meet on Wednesday, September 17, at 11:30 am for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by Rev. Lilja Behr on Sacred Sites. For more information call either Pat Huhta 218-330-3447 or Mary Anderson 218-330-6171.

Sunday Night Book Club - will meet at Northern Lakes Assisted Living Library, 8186 Excelsior Road, Baxter, on Sunday, October 7 & 21 at 6:30 pm.

New Member Orientation 101

If you are looking for a church home, Lord of Life offers a New Member Orientation 101 class. These classes are for those interested in membership at Lord of Life and those seeking more information on Lord of Life's mission and ministries. Member Orientation 101 class is a one-night event, and attendance is required by all who wish to become members of Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

Here are the upcoming sessions:

Wednesday, October 3 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm
Monday, November 5 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Register at:

<https://lolbaxter.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/43/responses/new>

Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 28 at 11:45 am

A Congregational Meeting will be held for:

1. Reaffirming the budget.
2. Receiving last year's fiscal report.
3. Making adjustments to the budget.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

Promise of Comfort & Resurrection for...

The family of Gladys Myers, Lolly Kalinoski's mom, who passed away on September 17.

The family and friends of Jeff Stirewalt, who passed away on September 7.

The family of Dick Hakes, Tim Slingers Grandpa, who passed away on September 8.

The family of Karen Raynor, Bob Kelling and Gail Massie's sister, who passed away unexpectedly on September 8.

Prayers for Strength, Comfort and Healing...

For Becky Bennett, who has started chemo.

For Seth Pederson, son-in-law of Bruce & Carol Femling, who has cancer of the liver and is having further tests done.

For Tonya, Rick & Renzen Caughey, who lost their home in a house fire. Prayers for Rick who is hospitalized from injuries.

David Schliek, who has stage 4 cancer.

Bruce Femling, as he recovers from a single lung transplant.

Sunday's Lessons

October 7 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8;
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 14 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17;
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 21 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16;
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-48

October 28 Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126;
Hebrews 7:23-28, 7-8; Mark 10:46-52



Greetings,

Fall is in the air and that means many things are needing to get done before winter! One of the most important tasks to get done is to get your flu shot!

There are so many reasons to get the flu shot. Last year alone, flu vaccines helped to prevent an estimated 5.3 million influenza illnesses and about 85,000 influenza related hospitalizations! The flu vaccine is also a important preventive tool for people with chronic illnesses. Vaccination can help protect women during and after pregnancy and the vaccine can be life saving in children. Even if you get the "flu" after being vaccinated, many times it will reduce the severity of the illness. Getting vaccinated will also help protect the people around you, especially those who might be vulnerable. If you are 65+ , you can receive any flu shot that is approved for your age group. There are two flu shots recommended. One is the high dose vaccine, which contains four times the amount of the antigen than a regular shot, which causes a stronger immune response. The other one is a adjuvanted vaccine that has a adjuvant added to it, to help increase immunity.

Any questions, please ask your health care provider or me!!

Blessings,

Deb Bergstrom
Parish Nurse

Deb's Office Hours: Monday 9 am-4 pm

Lord of Life Prayer Shawl Gathering

We will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 2:00 pm at Lord of Life for a Prayer Shawl Gathering and Blessing.

Please join us as we continue this faithful ministry at Lord of Life. Prayer Shawls may be knitted or crocheted and there are patterns available, or any pattern you'd like to use. There is no pressure to complete or deadlines to meet!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Many folks have been blessed by this ministry as they feel the love and care given to them through a Prayer Shawl. Another way to show our love and concern is by knitting or crocheting white Baptismal Shawls.

Questions? Please contact Jeannine zumBrunnen (829-2177) or Brenda Johnson (831-9725).



Start Saving Your Clothing for the Fall Clothing Share

Friday, October 12
from 9 am-3 pm
&

Saturday, October 13
from 9 am-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. Drop off donations the week of October 8, Monday-Thursday 9 am to 3:00 pm.

If you would like to help out during the week and during the giveaway, contact the church office at colleen@lolbaxter.org or 218-828-9374.



Mitten Tree

Winter is not far away, so it's never too early to get out your knitting needles and help us make scarves, hats and mittens for the Giving Tree.

Last year we displayed them here at Lord of Life and took them to a couple other places in town. People in need took them, and they went quickly.

If you do not have yarn, there is some available in the Narthex.

Wednesday Suppers



Join us on Wednesdays at 5:15 for supper. October 3rd will be a potluck; please bring a dish to pass. There will be no supper on October 17th for MEA.

If you would like to bring a dessert or make a Wednesday supper, email the church office at colleen@lolbaxter.org.

Join us on Sunday, October 7, for a pancake breakfast, starting at 9:45 am. Free-will donations go to support our youth going on the mission trip this year.



A Stephen Ministry Story: Barnabas and Mark

Barnabas boldly proclaimed God's Word throughout the Roman Empire at the the same time that Paul did. Though he appears in the New Testament a number of times, we know much less about Barnabas than we do Paul, perhaps because he wasn't the prolific writer Paul was. What we do know is that he was an encourager. In fact, his name means "the son of encouragement." And while we might call Stephen the first Stephen Minister (Acts 6), Barnabas would appropriately be considered the second. He had all the characteristics of a Stephen Minister: full of faith, mercy, patience, encouragement, and compassion. He was probably the ideal companion to travel with on a long missionary journey in a potentially hostile land.

Barnabas' biggest contribution to the Christian church, however, isn't a sermon he preached or epistle he wrote. It may simply have been his role as an encourager and as a "Stephen Minister" to his young cousin Mark.

Acts 15:36-41 recounts the planning of Paul's second missionary journey. It begins with a sharp disagreement between Paul and Barnabas over whether to take Mark on the journey. Paul is strongly against it, citing an earlier journey to Pamphylia in which Mark for some reason had abandoned them (Acts 13:13). The details are sketchy, but it apparently was enough for Paul to lose trust in Mark as a faithful, dependable missionary companion.

But Barnabas assertively stood up for Mark, which may not have been easy to do against Paul. He looked past Mark's flaws and had confidence that Mark was a man he could trust on such an important mission. Paul and Barnabas resolved the incident by going on separate missionary journeys: Paul and Silas to Syria and Cilicia, and Barnabas and Mark to Cyprus. Barnabas' encouragement for and patience with Mark likely had a significant positive impact on Mark's self-image and future as an apostle. We later learn that Barnabas' confidence in Mark was justified, because Mark even earns his way back into Paul's favor (Timothy 4:11).

What would have happened to Mark had Barnabas not stood by his side despite an earlier failing? Would Mark have had the opportunity later to redeem himself and reestablish his reputation? Or would he simply have drifted away, a failed disciple? We can only guess. What we do know is that because Barnabas had faith that a young man could overcome an earlier mistake or misjudgment, the young church was blessed with two missionary journeys instead of one - and we have the Gospel of Mark.

Have you had a Barnabas in your life? Did someone encourage and show faith in you when all others doubted? How can you be a Barnabas to someone this week, believing in him or her despite earlier misjudgments or mistakes?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry of encouragement. A Stephen Minister, like Barnabas, maintains faith and confidence that someone can overcome adversity and reach their God-given potential. The payoff for such confidence can be astounding. Just ask Barnabas or Mark.



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Reformation Sunday



Wear Red for
Reformation Sunday
October 28.

3rd Grade Bible Class

Class will be held on Monday, October 8, 15, 22 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The class will be fun, informative and a great faith bonding experience for all who attend. We will learn together about where the Bible came from, what's in it and how to use it.

Bibles will be presented at the worship service either Wednesday, October 24 at 6 pm or Sunday, October 28 at 9 am and 10:30 am.

If you need child care for your other children, please let us know in advance. Thanks for your faithful participation.

Please sign up at www.lolbaxter.org under forms.



Pray & Ponder Women's Bible Study

Pray & Ponder resumes again on Saturday, October 6th, at 9:00 am for fellowship, lively discussions, food, and coffee. This year we'll discuss Doubt: A Sign of Faith and Life. Here's an intro from the series:

When we think of the disciple Thomas in the gospel stories, what comes to mind? What is he most often called? Doubting Thomas. The one who didn't believe like the others. The one who wondered. Over and over, in countless sermons and Bible studies, Thomas is typically portrayed as the one we shouldn't be like. The one who didn't get it. The one who was right there with Jesus and still didn't believe. The one we should be cautious of becoming. But what if Thomas had the right idea all along? What if his honesty is something to be emulated? That a better name for him is Honest Thomas?

Questions? Give me a call (218-330-6871) or drop me an email at wendyadamson@ymail.com. I look forward to gathering again, and I hope to see some new faces this year. All women are welcome, and feel free to invite a friend.

Welcome to October!



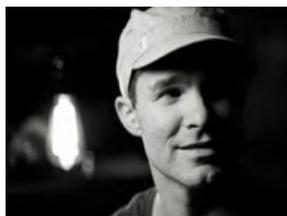
Youth ministry programs are launched for the school year and going well. It is exciting to be a part of this wonderful ministry. Here are just a few events happening that you should mark your calendar for.

Check Out One of Our Weekly Youth Groups

9th-12th Grade Teen's Upstream: Meeting weekly on Wednesday nights from 8 pm - 9 pm in the SonShine room! Gather together with friends for a nice break in the middle of your week!

5th-8th Grade Middle School Youth Group: A great way to wrap up your weekend. Meeting weekly on Sunday evenings from 5:30 pm - 7 pm. Show up on the days you can, invite your friends to join us. Weekly activities include indoor/outdoor games and events nightly faith topic conversations and snacks! Come check it out!

Middle School Youth Gathering Nov. 17th & 18th
Open to 7th & 8th Grade - Registration is now open! Join us at Cragun's resort along with hundreds of youth from the NEMN Synod! For this action-packed retreat!



Guest Speaker Agape

Mark Your Calendars:

Wednesday, October 17th

No Confirmation (MEA Break)

Sunday, October 21st

No Middle School Youth Group (MEA Break)

Questions about youth ministry programs at Lord of Life?

Contact Youth Director

Tim Slinger for more information

Email: tim@lolbaxter.org

Phone: 218-828-9374 (Church Office)

ANNOUNCING SHORT COURSE: How Lutherans Interpret the Bible

You are invited to explore these Lutheran ways of interpreting the Bible through a seven session series that will be offered each week at Lord of Life on both Monday evenings and Thursday mornings beginning October 8. Based on a video series by Dr. Mark Allan Powell, a Lutheran pastor and Bible professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. You'll be invited to explore seven important questions about Lutherans and the Bible. We will not prescribe "the Lutheran way" to read the Bible nor dismiss the way you may have come to understand the Bible. Instead we'll present a variety of Lutheran perspectives for interpreting the Bible. Through our discussions you will discover answers to questions you have always had about the Bible.

Sessions will start Monday, October 8 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Thursday, October 11 from 8 am to 9 am. Email the church office at colleen@lolbaxter.org if you are interested in attending.

The session titles are:

- Session 1: The Word of God
- Session 2: What Lutherans Say About the Bible
- Session 3: Where the Bible comes From
- Session 4: Interpreting the Bible in Context
- Session 5: Determining Right from Wrong
- Session 6: The Many Meanings of the Bible
- Session 7: Devotional Bible Reading

Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen began in 1987 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Brainerd, MN. It soon evolved into a ministry of the wider community of the Brainerd Lakes Area and eventually moved to its current location near downtown Brainerd at 923 Oak Street.

The Soup Kitchen is open seven a days a week Monday through Saturday 5 pm to 6:30 pm and on Sunday's from 12 pm to 1:30 pm. Volunteers come to the Soup Kitchen from every part of the Brainerd Lakes Area community and represent many of our churches, businesses, service groups and neighborhoods. Each day they plan the menu, prepare and serve the food and clean up the kitchen and serving area.

Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen is a great ministry that Lord of Life is part of. Lord of Life serves at the Soup Kitchen the first Sunday of every month.

Never helped at the Soup Kitchen before? We have a booklet with helpful instructions on working the dishwasher and other things you may need to know. There are also recipes if you are not sure what to make.

We still need 6 to 10 people to help in November. To volunteer contact Nancy Smith (820-4273) or sign-up on the clipboard in the Narthex.

SAIL Program at Lord of Life

Walk in place, now put on your weights, take off your weights and walk around the room turning your head!!!!

Do I have your attention? This is just a bit of what we do at our SAIL exercise group, which stands for Staying Active and Fit for Life. We continue to meet every Monday and Wednesday from 9 am - 10 am, and have marked our 6 month anniversary! We usually have between 8-12 who attend each week. We have attendees from age 65 to 87.

As we age 2 forms of exercise are the best: Aerobic or cardio and strength training. By doing these exercises on a regular basis, studies show that they can delay heart failure, improve our mood, increase our immune system and lower the risk of dementia. The strengthening helps to decrease normal muscle decline. SAIL has both of those components and balance and a flexibility portion!

We received a CrowWing Energized grant and have purchase weights to use at our class. Please consider joining us. The class is free, we incorporate prayers, education and FUN!!!! Any questions, ask Val Jones or myself, there is always an open invitation to join! "Fit is not a destination, it is a way of life".

Val Jones and Deb Bergstrom,
Leaders

Greetings from Petrolina!

Sherry and I say "THANK YOU" for the privilege of continuing our ministry with Bethany Gateways here in Petrolina.

During August we hosted Pr. Tito in our home for 10 days. He came to visit his daughter who is studying at our Bible School. He is from the interior of Senegal, a country in western Africa. He is a member of our Mission in Senegal. He has a very powerful testimony.

His real name is Mouhamed Vieux Biaye. He was raised in a Muslim home and converted to Christianity in 1985. We thoroughly enjoyed his stay.

This month we started work on our new men's dorm. The foundation is now laid, and during the last week of September we are going to have a work week at the Bible School. Everyone here is going to be involved along with 15 to 20 volunteers who will be arriving from several different Bethany locations in Brazil to help us with the construction.



We have received about \$3.000,00 in offerings from many different locations in Brazil and this has helped us get the foundation laid and a truck load of ceramic bricks for the walls.

Last weekend Sherry gave a three-day course on Hermeneutics (how to study and interpret the Bible) at the Congregational Church of Sento Sé, Bahia, 125 miles from Petrolina. The pastor of the church is Pastor Adelio, who is blind from birth and is from Sento Sé. This denomination has sent many students through our Bible School because of our strong emphasis on character.

She had 26 students, and gave class Friday night, Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday morning. I was invited to

give the message on Sunday evening. We had a great weekend.

Thanks again for your prayer and financial support. We love being your representatives here in Petrolina.

In Him who we Serve,

Gary & Sherry Hauter



Would You Like to Open Up Your Home and be a Host Home?

We're looking for people who are willing to open their homes for guests who are involved in singing groups, ministries, etc. The people we're seeking will be serving as a concrete expression of the love of Christ through our congregation. Those who say, "Yes!" will be added to a list and will be contacted when there is a specific need.

For example, we anticipate receiving a request for Lord of Life to host members of the Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir next summer. This will require a commitment to provide housing for approximately fifty high school students. In order to be prepared for that very substantial request, we want to build a list of people who would be willing to host people, so that we can quickly consult them when the specifics are known.

From time to time we receive similar opportunities, and our congregation's potential for ministry will be expanded by knowing who would be open to such a request. If you are willing, please sign up on the connection card - or contact the church office at colleen@lolibaxter.org.

Membership 201

Membership 201 session is available for those seeking more information about the Lutheran church. If you have been confirmed in an ELCA Lutheran Church and will be transferring your membership from an ELCA Lutheran Congregation, it is not necessary for you to attend these classes; however, you are highly encouraged to do so. This is a three night session: Wednesday, October 17, 31 & November 7 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

Register at:

<https://lolbaxter.ccbxhurch.com/gotoforms/43/responses/new>

LEGACY MEMBERS GROUP: Building the future one gift at a time

Lord of Life is establishing a Legacy Members Group to ensure the long-term viability of our church through legacy giving in order to build missions and ministries beyond our lifetimes.

Our vision for this group is to educate and encourage future giving for the long-term sustainability of our church and to leave a legacy that will make a difference beyond our generation.

The Legacy Members Group is built on the principle of giving, where we have the opportunity to give back to a church that has so greatly touched our lives, so as to make a difference beyond our generation.

The Legacy Members Group recognizes and lifts up those who have included our church in their will and/or estate plan, helping to ensure the long-term care of the church, its mission and its ministries.

The purpose of a legacy gift is to provide means and sustenance to the church's long-term viability beyond our lifetime. When a gift is received, it is placed in an Endowment Fund, a collection of invested individual funds that enhance the work of the church beyond that which is provided for through the general operating budget. The income from the Endowment Fund will support and sustain the growth of current and future ministries within the church. Whether it's a recurring donation or a one-time gift from one's IRA, will, estate, or life insurance policy, legacy gifts mark a milestone in the donor's life, establishing a legacy in his or her walk of faith and ensuring others have the opportunity to worship for generations to come in this place that has been so important to so many.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, contact the church office at colleen@lolbaxter.org.

Dr. Jennifer Person Lord of Life's Music Director



Jennifer Person, a Brainerd native, started her piano studies at the age of four with Cleo Kuelbs. At the age of 15 she began studying with Dr. Edward Turley from the College of St Benedict, and started regularly accompanying church services and the choir at St. Andrew's

Catholic Church in Brainerd. She became a piano instructor at the age of 16 at Music General in Brainerd. Jennifer continued her studies at Central Lakes College with Michelle Sakry-Winkelman, and in 1995 she spent the year traveling worldwide with "Up With People" as a keyboardist and singer. After serving as an intern for the UWP organization as a vocal coach, Jennifer was subsequently hired by them in 1996, where she served as a vocal instructor and primary keyboardist for the upcoming casts in Denver, Colorado. After her time with UWP, Jennifer attended Hamline University, where she continued her studies in music theory and piano performance while pursuing Associate and Bachelor's degrees in Biology and Human Biology, respectively. She was the pianist and music director of Geritol Frolics in Brainerd in 2014 and 2015.

Jennifer has been involved in many musical endeavors, including directing the Lakes Area Ecumenical Chorus performing with Marty Haugen and Michael Joncas, accompanying the Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota and playing in the Rotunda at the parliament building in Ottawa, Canada. In 2013, Jennifer sang in the mass chorus in Handel's "Messiah" at Lincoln Center in New York City. In 2014 and 2015, she served as pianist and Music Director of the Geritol Frolics in Brainerd. Jennifer enjoys her full-time profession of Chiropractic and acupuncture and is the a co-owner of Family Chiropractic Clinic in Baxter. She has been the pianist at Lord of Life since 2009, has recently accepted the position of Music Director, and is pleased to continue to enhance the worship life at Lord of Life.

RALLY DAY

We started off our Sunday School year with Rally Day on Sunday, September 16. The Children's Ed Team put together fun activities that included, games, bubbles and a cake walk.





God's work. Our hands.

God's Work. Our Hands. was held on Sunday, September 9. After the worship service the congregation helped make cards for Veterans that will distributed for Veterans Day.



We then headed out to two different sites: Camp Confidence and MN Women's Shelter.

At Camp Confidence they helped get ready for the big auction they had on Saturday, September 22.



At the Women's shelter they helped clean up the flower beds and shrubs and worked on cleaning up the kitchen.



After working at the two sites, everyone headed back for lunch at LOL. Thank you to everyone that helped make this day a great success!



Date	Sunday 9 am	Sunday 10:30 am
October	Ushers	Ushers
7	Darren Larson Verdell Bose	Sam Mattson Sophie Mattson
14	Dawn Buckwalter Kurt Buckwalter	Josh Anderson Trent Grams
21	Sandy Schaefer Sharon Johnson	Joel Lofstrom Lofstrom Family
28	Hawk Hawkinson Ted Anderson	Mary Ziese Jeff Mattson
October	Communion Set up	Communion Set up
7	Karen Erickson	Gail Brecht
14	Beth Hensel	Andy Holmes
21	Deb Bergstrom	Deb Bergstrom
28		

Date	Sunday 9 am	Sunday 10:30
October	Scripture Reader	Scripture Reader
7	Karen Erickson	Paul Springstead
14	Carol Rodseth	Paul Springstead
21	Cheryl Plouffe	Vonnie Ferkingstad
28	Carol Rodseth	Andy Holmes
October	Fellowship/Treats	Welcome Center
7	Pancake Breakfast	
14	Henrietta Erickson Jen Grams	Kim Bell
21	Ellen Frank	Help needed
28	Marcia Helmen	Help needed



October 2018

Date	Sunday 9 am	Sunday 10:30 am
October	Communion Asst.	Communion Asst.
7	C.B. Bylander David Goos Renae Goos Tammy Stellmach	Anne Ness David Johnson Kelly McConkey Peggy Voss Tom Ferkingstad
14	Denise Stromme Lori Rehnblom Mark Lange Sue Beck	Andrew Albright Michele Albright Elaine Youngquist Mike Youngquist Andy Holmes
21	Brenda Johnson C.B. Bylander David Goos Renae Goos	David Johnson Kelly McConkey Peyton McConkey Tom Ferkingstad
28	Denise Stromme Lori Rehnblom Mark Lange Sue Beck	Kim Bell Paul Springstead Patty Wallace Kim Bell



Dear Lord of Life Quilters,

Greetings from Luther Crest! Things are busy year-round in outdoor ministry. We are serving more campers and retreaters than ever before with our expanded facilities and programming options. We so appreciate support from our gracious donors and volunteers throughout the changing seasons.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$103. With your help, we can offer needed scholarships for children and youth to attend camp. The Luther Crest "experience" is a memory that lives on in our campers forever.

With Gratitude,

Dave Holtz

Lord of Life,

We are grateful for your support of Operation Sandwich. Through your donation we are able to serve needed lunches to fellow community members. You are truly a positive inspiration of help.

With sincere appreciation,

Your United Way Staff

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Working alongside the youth and your dedicated adults this week was amazing! Your service to your community is inspiring, and SERVE amp is such an amazing program. The church is beautiful, and thank you for letting us make it our home for the week. Good luck in all of your program this year.

Thanks for having us,

Camp Onomia Staff

Dear Members of Lord of Life Lutheran Church,

Greetings from Luther Crest! Thank you for your continued partnership. Your PCM gift of \$154 directly impacts the lives of many.

Our camp was very busy with activity this Summer of 2018, ministering to 1,221 campers, 180 onsite Day Campers, and 920 participants in offsite Day Camps!

At the same time, Prepare the Way the Final Call is beginning to take shape to remove our debts from our cabin, dining hall, chapel and green space projects and to set Luther Crest on a strong foundation once again.

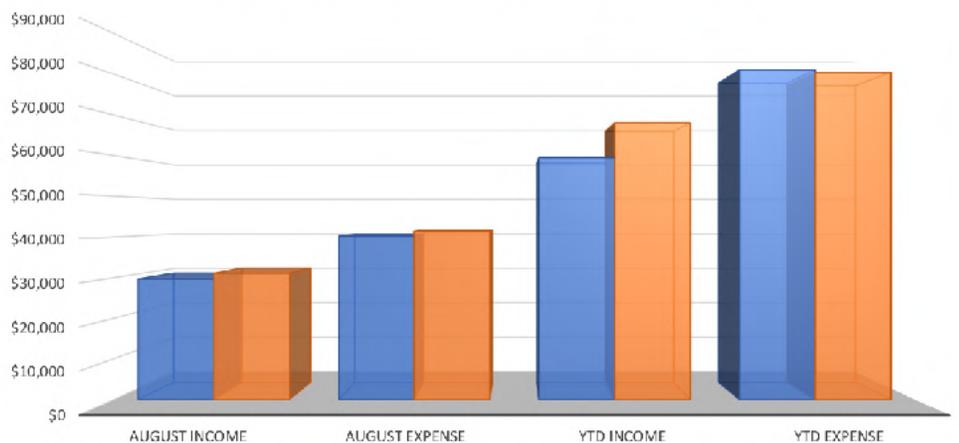
Your congregation's support makes a difference! thank you for your generosity.

With gratitude,

Dave Holtz



August 2018 General Fund Financial Report



	August Income	August Expense	YTD Income	YTD Expense
Actual	\$29,685	\$40,259	\$59,499	\$81,098
Budget	\$31,062	\$41,418	\$68,091	\$80,476

Actual Budget

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 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Commons. (Oct.-May). Experience great food, conversation, inspiration and prayer. Contact Wendy Adamson at wendyadamson@ymail.com

Prayer Chain - Faithfully lift up in prayer the needs and concerns of our church family and their loved ones. Contact Lolly Kalinoski at 828-3699.

Connecting to our Community

Caring for Creation Workgroup

We will meet from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 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@lakesareahabitat.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 p.m. 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 9:00 a.m. 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, 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

Those Older Folders - Our energetic group meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. to fold bulletins for the Sunday services.

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.

September 30-October 6

John & Heidi Anderson	Jerry & Delia Bruggeman
Gladi Eschenbacher	Kala & Guy Henkensiefken
Charles Kelm	Steve & Janell Madison
Kelcie Parrish	Matthew & Jenny Vaughn

October 7-13

Travis & Tracy Banks	Tom & Kari Champion
Jessamyn & Chris Foley	Kurt & Lori Hoelzel
Rod & Deanna Kohout	June McKernon
Terry Peterson	Seth & Danielle Sazama
Janice Sears	Jan Walters

October 14-20

Lilja & Jeff Behr	Rob & Ann Freelove
Andy & Dan Holmes	Kelly & Sean Kramer
Eda & Chad Morlock	Rod & Val Rangen
Becky Clark-Randall & Sean Randall	
Kelly & Alicia Story	Bunny & Bill Window

October 21-27

Robbi & Scott Berry	Eric & Julie Davidge
David & Renae Goos	Paul & Sally Jacobsen
Darren & Sarah Larson	Dorothy Nelson
Dick & Carol Rodseth	Rick & Karla Skwira
Dan & Judy Shire	Tim & Jody Sweet

October 28-November 3

Sarah & Paul Borchert	Steve & Lisa Drietz
Jan Hardesty	Jeff & Kim Johnson
Dave & Rita Linder	Norma Olsen
Miranda Ruzich	Erik & Sarah Speer
Irv & Rony Tollefson	

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Wed Musician Coordinator	Jennifer Person



Newsletter Team

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The **Good News** is published monthly. Articles for the November Newsletter are due October 15.

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 Carson Barrer, Tim Hanske, Jenna Riley, Andrew Rioux, Nancy Smith
- 5 Marlys Armstrong, Michael Bylander, Gary Hill, Bennet Isackson, Steve Metzler, Kevin Olson, Brooke Peterson, Collin Reed
- 6 Jackie Caughey, Jessamyn Foley, Kala Henskensiefken, Jonathan Larson, Jim Miller, Keith Tuma, Joanne Wolf
- 7 Sandra Bergstrom, Paul Jacobsen, Marissa Knopf, Bonnie Nowacki, George Wegen
- 8 Karleen Ahonen, Austin Gapinski, Taryn Mithun, Carter Reed
- 9 Tim Barrer, Dylan Wikoff, Nathan Winter
- 10 Hannah Bankers, Beckett Campbell, Brody Lund, Jessica Mogensen, Fischer Morlock, Lochlan Rauen, Roger Tietz, Jennifer West
- 11 Elsa Borchert, Jerry Kuehn, Sarah Larson
- 12 Bruce Femling, Kyle Hensel
- 13 Evan DeBoer, Landon Lofstrom, Val Rangen
- 14 Andrew Albright, Layne Danielson, Carina Figliuzzi, Landon Fulton, Renae Goos, Tristan Kelm, Jen Krueger, Laura Wadsten, Luke West
- 15 Vonnie Ferkingstad, Rachel Ford, Mike Laber, Riley Pliscott, Alex Workman
- 16 Nicole Harmer, Westin Hanske
- 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, 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 Heidi Anderson, Allison Bergman, Jack Christofferson, Jim Kron, Marvella Larson, Sidney McConkey, Ed Swenson
- 27 Marie Johnson, Olivia Luke, Kinsley Malchow, Claire Rangen, Grace Rangen, Jane Winter

October Birthdays Cont.

- 28 Kayla Bush, Kyle Bush, Deb Cranny, Michael Erickson
- 29 Kaitlyn Borgstrom, Rebecca Manning-Rude
- 30 Rita Linder, Leann Peterson
- 31 John Blong, James Hukriede, Dennis Mackendanz

October Anniversaries

- 1 Alanna & Alison LeBlanc
- 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 Freelove
Neil & Jackie Tyrrell
- 13 Jeremy & Melissa Pape
- 14 Peter & Krista Mithun
- 17 Jerry & Delia Bruggeman❖
Bob & Micky Busch
- 18 Adam & Becky Fulton
- 19 Paul & Deb Cervantez
- 22 Mark & Beth Workman❖
- 25 Pastor Steve & Suzanne Rye❖
- 28 Greg & Becky Bennett

❖=Celebrating 24-49 years!

†=Celebrating 50 years or more!



Put on your Halloween Costumes
and join us for a safe and fun
Trick or Treating
Wednesday, October 31
from 5 pm - 7 pm
at Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Trunk *or* Treat



******Trunks Needed******

Decorate your trunk
and have fun
handing out candy to the kids.
Email colleen@lolbaxter.org
to reserve your parking space.