# GOOD NEWS

June 2019

Lord of Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Summer Worship Schedule
Sunday 9:00 am
Wednesday 6:00 pm

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
9:00 am-12 pm
1:00 pm-3 pm

Ministers
The Lord of Life Family of Faith

Pastors
Steven J. Rye
Erika R. Nilsen

Contact Info
Phone:218-828-9374

Email:
office@lolbaxter.org
www.lolbaxter.org

*May the God of HOPE fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in God, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit.* Romans 15:13

Each day I walk into church and am delighted by those colorful origami butterflies swooping through the commons. They are indeed a visual proclamation of hope. I'm so grateful for them because I believe in part, they help me shift my focus to hope each and every day. They remind me that God's spirit is on the move. They tell me that many hands make light work. They invite me to keep my eyes open for other signs of hope that might just be fluttering nearby.

One of those signs of hope is YOU and the beating of God's heart that is felt in and through this congregation and its ministries. As I write this reflection the rooms and hallways of this building are filled with clothing and shoes for men, women and children of all shapes and sizes and will be given for free. That gives me hope.

Two weeks ago our Care for Creation team gave away reusable bags to reduce the use of plastic in this community. Members of the church are asking businesses to make changes to their use of plastic bags. Teens are asking for NO STRAWS at restaurants. That gives me hope.

When my parents were visiting for Easter my mother gifted me with a beautiful book entitled "Drawdown." It lifts up 100 tangible, real, do-able ways in which all of God's people can work together to reverse the negative effects of global warming. I have to admit sometimes when I hear reports of melting ice caps and islands of plastic garbage floating in the ocean, when the dots are continually being connected between extreme weather patterns and global hunger and migration, I can tend to lose hope. But, that book gives me hope.

Ten teens met at church this past Wednesday night because they wanted too. They didn't want to take a break from their weekly youth group just because school and life was getting hectic. In fact, they knew they needed to be here all the more. That gives me hope.

Each Tuesday afternoon I gather with 5 members of Lord of Life who are being trained to be Stephen Ministers. They are eager and skilled and willing to walk with another through a difficult situation in life. That gives me hope.

During the Vision Brunches I invited the congregation to support our Summer Internship Program both financially and in prayer. Both were covered by the end of the brunch. That gives me hope.

May your eyes be opened to see signs of hope fluttering all around you too!

Hopeful,

Pastor Erika

*"Hope is the thing with feathers*
*That perches in the soul*
*And sings the tune without the words*
*And never stops at all." - Emily Dickinson*

# June 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26<br>**9a** Worship | 27<br>Church Office Closed - Memorial Day | 28<br>**7a** Baxter Area Kiwanis<br>**9a** Staff Meeting | 29<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**11a** Paul Gruber Visitation<br>**12p** Paul Gruber Funeral<br>**6p** Worship | 30<br>**10a** Men's Fellowship | 31<br>**7:30a** Men's Breakfast<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**1p** Those Older Folders<br>**7p** Friday Family & Friends Al-Anon | 1<br>Campbell & Ferrazzo Wedding<br>**7p** Lots of Love Open AA |
| 2<br>**9a** Worship<br>**11a** Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen Ministry | 3<br>**9a** SAIL Program | 4<br>**7a** Baxter Area Kiwanis<br>**8:30a** Life Line Screenings<br>**9a** Book Discussion<br>**9a** Staff Meeting<br>**6:30p** Team Meeting Night | 5<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**6p** Worship | 6<br>**9a** Summer Stretch<br>**10a** Men's Fellowship<br>**6p** Baxter Sandpipers 4-H | 7<br>**7:30a** Men's Breakfast<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**1p** Those Older Folders<br>**7p** Friday Family & Friends Al-Anon | 8<br>Einarson-Van Hon Wedding<br>**7p** Lots of Love Open AA<br>**7p** Open AA |
| 9<br>**9a** Worship | 10<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**5:30p** Legacy Chorale New Member Auditions<br>**6:30p** Pinetree Patchworkers | 11<br>**7a** Baxter Area Kiwanis<br>**9a** Staff Meeting | 12<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**6p** Worship | 13<br>**9a** Summer Stretch<br>**10a** Men's Fellowship | 14<br>**7:30a** Men's Breakfast<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**1p** Those Older Folders<br>**7p** Friday Family & Friends Al-Anon | 15<br>**8a** Property Work Day<br>**7p** Lots of Love Open AA |
| 16<br>**9a** Worship | 17<br>**9a** SAIL Program | 18<br>**7a** Baxter Area Kiwanis<br>**9a** Book Discussion<br>**9a** Staff Meeting | 19<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**11:30a** L.O.L.L.Y.<br>**6p** Worship | 20<br>**9a** Summer Stretch<br>**10a** Men's Fellowship<br>**5:30p** Sons of Norway Mid-summer | 21<br>**7:30a** Men's Breakfast<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**1p** Those Older Folders<br>**7p** Friday Family & Friends Al-Anon | 22<br>**7p** Lots of Love Open AA |
| 23<br>**9a** Worship<br>**10:15a** Congregational Meeting | 24<br>**9a** SAIL Program | 25<br>**7a** Baxter Area Kiwanis<br>**9a** Staff Meeting | 26<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**6p** Worship | 27<br>**9a** Summer Stretch<br>**10a** Men's Fellowship | 28<br>**7:30a** Men's Breakfast<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**1p** Those Older Folders<br>**7p** Friday Family & Friends Al-Anon | 29<br>**7p** Lots of Love Open AA |
| 30<br>**9a** Worship | 1<br>**9a** SAIL Program | 2<br>**7a** Baxter Area Kiwanis<br>**9a** Book Discussion<br>**9a** Staff Meeting<br>**6:30p** Team Meeting Night | 3<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**6p** Worship | 4<br>**10a** Men's Fellowship | 5<br>**7:30a** Men's Breakfast<br>**9a** SAIL Program<br>**1p** Those Older Folders<br>**7p** Friday Family & Friends Al-Anon | 6<br>Caughey-Tautges Wedding<br>**7p** Lots of Love Open AA |

## Our Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, June 23, from 10:15 am to 11:00 am. Join the Lord of Life family as we meet to:

- Celebrate 2018 milestones.
- Review 2018 Activity Reports from Pastors, Officers and Teams.
- Review 2018 Financial Reports.
- Elect 2019-2020 Officers, Council and Team Members.
- Adopt the 2019-2020 budget.

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

## Sunday's Lessons

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **June 2** | **Seventh Sunday of Easter** | *Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14; John 17:20-26* |
| **June 9** | **Pentecost** | *Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34 Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17* |
| **June 16** | **Holy Trinity** | *Proverbs; Psalm 8 Romans 5:1–5; John 16:12-15* |
| **June 23** | **Second Sunday After Pentecost** | *Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39* |
| **June 30** | **Third Sunday After Pentecost** | *1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62* |

Baptisms

Tiano William Ornelas
Parents: Christian & Chelsea Ornelas
April 7, 2019

**Promise of Comfort & Resurrection for…**

**The family and Friends of Rick Caughey**, Tonya Caughey's husband and father to Renzen Caughey. The funeral was on May 25.

**Riley and Anja Nelsen,** as they grieve the death of their infant son Leif and Bob and Gina Nelsen and family as they grieve the death of their infant grandson.

**The family and friends of Paul Gruber**, Audrae Gruber's husband and Jeff Johnson's stepdad, who passed away. The funeral was held on May 29.

**Prayers for Strength, Comfort and Healing for…**

**Sarah Aamot**, who is home from the hospital, and is recovering from MS related symptoms.

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

**David Schliek,** who has stage 4 cancer.

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

**Our members & family in the Military:**

Eric Nelson, James Nelson, Aaron Sopelle, Ben Correll

Baptisms

Laurel Jean Sietsema
Parents: Chad & Erin Sietsema
April 28, 2019

**Watering and mowing schedules** are made for the summer. If you would like to volunteer to help keep our grounds watered and mowed, email the church office at colleen@lolbaxter.org.

## NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA Summer Convention/Gathering

Sugar Lake Lodge, near Grand Rapids, June 24 - 26, 2019. Registration packets are located in the Narthex. Additional information at www.nemnsynodwomen.org.

## Property Work Day

Mark your calendars and come join us on Saturday, June 15, from 8 am to 12 pm. We will be doing outside yard work, washing windows and planting flowers.

serveCAMP will be the week of July 21st-25th. This is a Middle School Mission "trip" for students who will be entering grades 5-8 in the upcoming school year. Kids 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.

https://lolbaxter.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/84/responses/new

## Campfire Worship/Potluck

We will have an outdoor worship service on Wednesday, June 19, at 6 pm. Bring a dish to pass for our potluck supper; hotdogs are provided. Outdoor Worship will also be on July 17 & August 21.

### Attitude of Gratitude VBS

July 8, 9 and 10
from 8:30 am to 11 am
PreK to 4th Grade
$20 a child

Kids will learn about the importance of gratitude and how to appreciate God's creation and family through art, drama, games, and devotionals!

https://lolbaxter.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/91/responses/new

## Roar! Into the Wild VBS

August 11th-14th
6 pm -8 pm
$20/child
Family max of $30

Join the herd on an epic adventure as we explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that encourages us through this wild life!

https://lolbaxter.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/92/responses/new

## Parents Night Out

Saturday, July 13
4 pm to 8:30 pm
All ages

Drop the kids off at Lord of Life for games, crafts, dinner and a movie! Free-will donations go to support the Youth Mission Trip. Register by July 10th!

https://lolbaxter.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/93/responses/new

**June Youth Update!**
Summer has arrived and we are ready for you at Lord of Life! Take a look at what is happening this summer and what we are looking forward to this month!

**Annual Rummage Sale Recap:**
Thank You… Thank You… Thank You!!!
To everyone who volunteered their time and energy before, during and after the sale. I want to say thank you! To everyone who donated items and helped price them. Thank you! This year's sale was another success. We raised over $9,400! These funds will go towards our summer mission trip to Warrensburg, New York.

**Summer Stretch Kicks Off June 6th!**
A group of confirmation students are all signed up and ready to gather back together to serve the community, engage in weekly Bible study and fun afternoon activities. We are partnering with other Lutheran churches in the Brainerd lakes area for our annual Summer Stretch program. If you happen to see us out in the community, don't hesitate to stop by and say hi! Check out next month's newsletter for pictures and updates about the program!

**Coming Soon: Registration for Fall Programming**
It's hard to believe but we will soon be launching our registration forms for fall programming. Keep a lookout for future emails and mailings regarding dates, programs offered and how to register!

**Upcoming Calendar Events & Dates:**
June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th Summer Stretch Program
June 23rd Fish Fry
July 21st- 25th ServeCAMP for youth in grades 5th- 8th Registration now open
July 28th- August 3rd High School Mission Trip to Warrensburg, NY

I hope all of you have a great start to your summer, and I look forward to connecting with you all again soon!

Blessings,

Tim Slinger
Youth Director

OPERATION SANDWICH

Operation Sandwich is a program that exists to end hunger by feeding people during the summer months when school lunch is not readily available. Last summer just over 10,000 lunches were distributed. Operation Sandwich is solely funded through the generosity of this community and needs donations of individually portioned:

- Fruit snacks
- Granola bars *(chewy and crunchy; kid friendly)*
- Trail mix
- Fruit cups *(in natural juices)*
- Goldfish

You can bring your donations to Lord of Life Lutheran Church or Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Avenue NE, Brainerd. For more information or to volunteer visit https://www.unitedwaynow.org/operationsandwich

## Congratulations Seniors!!!

On May 15th & 19th Lord of Life seniors were recognized by the congregation along with their families and friends. Thank you to everyone who prayed for these students and blessed them on the next step in their life. Thank you to the quilters from Lord of Life that created beautiful quilts that were presented to each senior during the worship services.

Kayla Blong
Katie Campbell
David Dewey
Joshua Hukriede
Benjamin Krall
Ryan Mau
Kayden Olson

Sayali Blowers
Kaysie Carlson
Austin Erickson
Mikaela Kadolph
Mason Kruse
Jenna Meyer
Libby Zemke

Wyatt Bunting
Rezen Caughey
Calvin Foss
Morgan Kohout
Ethan Marichalar
Zach Olds

## INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST STAFF ADDITION!

Susan Rioux has accepted the part-time position of Children's Ministry Coordinator. Susan will be working approximately 50 hours a month and will be focusing her energy on growing our Children's ministry experiences at Lord of Life. She will be working with Kids Time, Summer Ministries, volunteers, curriculum, and over all faith formation for 3 years old – 4th graders.

Here's a little bit about Susan: She grew up in Little Falls, MN, attended the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse and graduated with a BS in Recreation Management. Before moving to Baxter, Susan worked as a Recreation Supervisor at the Itasca Park District in Itasca, IL. She is currently working as a Substitute Teacher for the Brainerd Public Schools. Susan and her husband Matt and their two children, Andrew who is 8 and is in 2nd grade and Emily who is 6 and is in Kindergarten, moved to Baxter in June of 2014 and joined Lord of Life in June of 2017. She has a passion for faith, kids and community and is excited to begin her new job at Lord of Life, weaving those passions together for the sake of God's kingdom.

## It's time to stop worrying about money!

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Classes will be offered this fall at Lord of Life. This nine-lesson Financial Peace University (FPU) course is the proven plan to help you keep a budget, beat debt, and build wealth! Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts teach every lesson with biblical wisdom, and you'll get support and encouragement along the way. FPU includes your workbook and a free year of Financial Peace Membership, an online tool kit to support your journey. Classes will start on September 10 for nine consecutive Tuesday evenings. Cost is $109 for singles or per couple. Contact Valerie Jones at 218-829-7715 or email her at valstevejones@gmail.com for more info.

## This Month on your Connection Cards

**Communion Bread Bakers** - is a group for anyone interested in taking turns baking communion bread for our worship services. Bakers will be informed of the needs as they arise and will deliver the bread to church by the Saturday prior to worship. This group has no regularly scheduled meetings. Check your Connection Cards if you would like to be a part of this team.

**Congregational Life Team** - provides opportunities for fellowship within the church. We also provide for special and major events in the church. Here is a list of some of the events we put together.

1. Annual chili contest
2. Easter breakfast
3. Mitten tree
4. Outdoor services & campfire picnic
5. Lenten noon lunch on Wednesdays
6. God at the Movies
7. Soup Kitchen
8. Christmas Caroling
9. Help with Rally Sunday
10. Other special events
11. Assist with funerals

Parish Nurse

June is Men's Health Month, and the purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

This month gives health care providers, public policy makers, the media, and individuals an opportunity to encourage men and boys to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury. The response has been overwhelming with hundreds of awareness activities in the USA and around the globe.
To heighten awareness please check out the Parish Nurse Bulletin Board and other information that will be available.

I would like to ask everyone to wear BLUE on Sunday, June 9 to further highlight Men's Health Month! I will also be doing blood pressures right after church, and who knows what else might be happening! Have a fun and safe start of the summer!

Blessings to all

Deb Bergstrom RN
Parish Nurse

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING CLASS IN HOME STRETCH!

The first-ever class of Stephen Ministers at Lord of Life is nearing completion. Our trainees, Wendy Adamson, Deb Cervantez, Pam Cook, Gary Engelmann, and Julie Johnson, have worked extremely hard, and their dedication is so very admirable! The course has involved weekly pre-class reading assignments, in-class lectures, much animated discussion, and related role-playing, all contributing to the trainees' growth in knowledge and skills, added to their considerable and diverse life experiences.

One of the most valuable components of training has been skill practice, taking the subject matter of the lectures out of the realm of theory and turning it into something to apply in real-life caregiving circumstances. During skill practice there has been actual ministry going on, too. For example, when the class considered grief issues, their own genuine experiences with loss and grief surfaced, and the group found itself ministering to each other. These experiences will contribute to better caregiving when the new Stephen Ministers begin to meet one-on-one with their assigned care receivers.

Underlying all class presentations is the recurring emphasis of **confidentiality** in Stephen Ministry. What a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is always held strictly confidential. This dedication to confidentiality lets people know they can discuss difficult concerns with their Stephen Minister and trust that others will not find out. Even the identity of the care receiver is kept confidential from the other Stephen Ministers and from all others except the pastors.

So far, the training classes have covered in great detail such critical topics as:

- The Person of the Caregiver
- Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours
- The Art of Listening
- Distinctively Christian Caring
- Process versus Results in Caregiving
- Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly (presented in a 2-part retreat)
- Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving
- Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger versus Opportunity
- Confidentiality
- Telecare: The Next Best Thing to Being There
- Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources
- Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
- Dealing with Depression: The Stephen Minister's Role
- Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need
- Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close

The remaining classes included in the first 50 hours of training include:

- Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care (presented in a two-part retreat)
- How to Make a First Caring Visit
- Follow Me

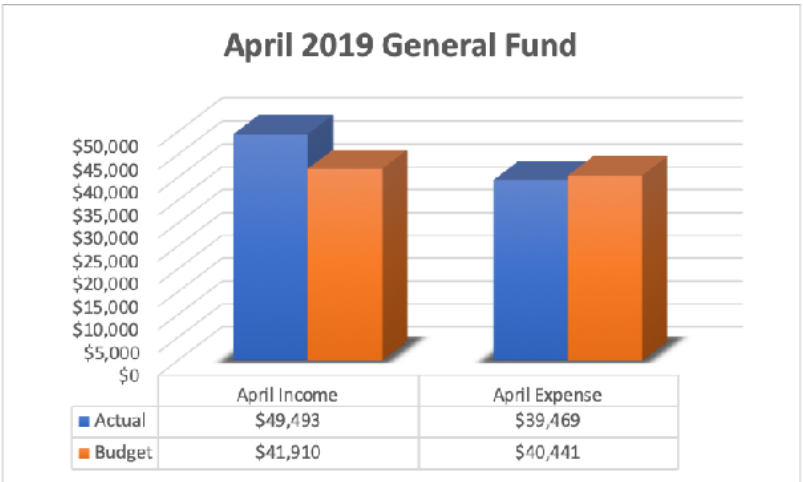
When these topics are finished, the trainees will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers. This will take place as part of the 9:00 am Worship Service on Sunday, June 23. We hope many Lord of Life church members will be present to witness the commissioning and to pray for and celebrate with the new Stephen Ministers. Shortly after, they will receive their first caregiving assignments. But at this point, their training will be far from over. Continuing education is an important component of Stephen Ministry. All Stephen Ministers will continue to meet twice a month for both continuing education and peer-group supervisory sessions. Each Stephen Minister commits to two years of volunteer commitment, beginning at the start of their training course.

We, the Stephen Ministry Leader Team, thank God for the grace and guidance that has been so abundantly given during this process of establishing Christian care as part of Lord of Life's ministry. We thank all of you, our Faith Family, for your support and prayers as we and the Stephen Ministers confidently move forward in this opportunity and adventure called Stephen Ministry.

In Christ's Love:
Deb Bergstrom, Lolly Kalinoski, Sonja Nefstead, Pastor Erika Nilsen, Pastor Steven Rye, John Wolf

## Council Members

**President** - Cindy Swenson
**Vice President** - Matt Feigum
**Secretary** - Beth Hensel
**Treasurer** - Scott Kraling
**Council Representative**
Sarah Nesheim
**Adult Faith Growth, Children's Education, Youth**
Emilee Freed
**Congregational Life, Worship**
Pat Huhta
**Evangelism, Missions/Social Concerns**
Ann Smallman
**Finance, Mission Support/Stewardship, Property**
Layne Danielson




**May Council Minutes**

**By Unanimous Consent: Approved**
TO ADOPT – April 16, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes (CC.2019.5.2)

To authorize payment of $4,775.00 to Thelen Heating and Roofing for a Lennox 5-ton Condenser for the Fellowship Hall (AC Unit), from Dedicated Fund #9060 - Long Term Repair & Maintenance. (CC.2019.5.3)

**Other Approved Motions:**
April 2019 financial report. Ann Smallman motioned to receive the report for audit, Matt Feigum seconded, all approved. (CC.2019.5.4)

To move the 2018-2019 budget forward for 2019-2020 fiscal year with adjustments to be made at close of current fiscal year. 2019-2020 Budget will be presented for Congregational Approval at a Congregational Meeting to be held in the fall of 2019. Ann Smallman motioned, Pastor Erika Nilsen seconded the motion all approved. (CC.2019.5.5)

To authorize payments for Summer 2019 Youth Mission Trip from Dedicated Fund #9360. $3,240.00 to reimburse Pastor Erika Nilsen for payment made. $5,227.60 by May 22 to Travelers Fare. Ann Smallman motioned, Matt Feigum seconded, all approved. (CC.2019.5.6)

To reserve the option of church building use for emergency ministry on Monday of Rummage Sale and Clothing Share weeks at Lord of Life. Matt Feigum motioned, Ann Smallman seconded, all approved. (CC.2019.5.7)

Meeting Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer

June Council Meeting Thursday June 20 at 6:00pm
Congregational Meeting Sunday June 23 at 10:15am
July Council Meeting Thursday July 18 at 6:00pm

# 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, 7:30 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**

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 Sue Beck with any questions at sbeck312@gmail.com

**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.

**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

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

# Daily Prayers and Staff

The Scripture tells us to pray for each other (James 5:16). As a body we pray for our congregation, alphabetically rotating through our church family on an annual basis. Each week we will pray for specific Lord of Life families. Although you may not know each member of our congregation, our God listens to the prayers we bring on each other's behalf before his throne. Please make a commitment to include your brothers and sisters at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in your daily prayers.

**June 2-8**

Sally & Tim Aadland
Layne & Helene Danielson
Brian & Randa Haug
Mike & Deanne Kruse
Jenny & Dan Owens
Suzie Smith
Kathy Blake & Nancy Smith
Brett & Kaitlyn Fredrickson
Dick & Lori Jensen
Greg Meierhofer
Ryan & Marcia Rosenwald
Keith & Marilyn Tuma

**June 9-15**

Ted & Mindy Anderson
Steve & Lisa Drietz
Helen Herbon
Marvella Larson
Kevin & Leann Petersen
Roger Spreeman
Brandon & Amy Borgstrom
Melba Gevik
Steve & Valerie Jones
Wayne & Joyce Mueller
Donna Salli & Bruce Eastman
Steve & Melissa Vukelich

**June 16-22**

Bryan & Paula Barrer
Paul & Karen Erickson
Kelly Hoge & Douglas Kommer
Heidi Lindgren & Terry McCool
Lois Post
Terry & Heidi Strus
Ruth Carlson
James Gruendemann
Jeanne & Tony King
James Nelson
Barb Schliek -Coffman
Jerry & Cari Westphal

**June 23-29**

Doug Banks & Bonnie Shipman-Banks
Ashley Benedict
Kathy Hamlin
Jim & Nanci Koski
Mark Oehrlein
Sean Randall & Becky Clark-Randall
Amber & Mark Taylor
Shelby Fitch
Sandy Hudak
Greg & Paula Mangan
Erica Rehnblom
Tom & Sandie Youngblom

**Newsletter Team**

Editor: Colleen Bush. Please send all Newsletter articles to: colleen@lolbaxter.org

The **Good News** is published monthly. Articles for the July Newsletter are due June 17.

**Lord of Life Office & Program Staff**

**Ministry Operations Manager** Anne Laechel
*anne@lolbaxter.org*
**Sr. Pastor's Ministry Assistant** Colleen Bush
*colleen@lolbaxter.org*
**Youth Director** Tim Slinger
*tim@lolbaxter.org*
**Senior Choir Director** Sarah Aamot
*sarah-lundin@hotmail.com*
**Parish Nurse** Deb Bergstrom
*deb@lolbaxter.org*
**Custodians** Karen & Paul Erickson
*kde12112@gmail.com*
**Worship Director** Jennifer Person
*jennifer.person@lolbaxter.org*
**Children's Ministry Coordinator** Susan Rioux
*susan@lolbaxter.org*

The Congregational Life Team would like to thank the ladies who provided soup and bread during the noon Lenten meals! Your help was greatly appreciated!

Lori Rehnblom, Dorothy Schmidt, Brenda Johnson, Jeannine ZumBrunnen, Deb Bergstrom, Anne Ness, Gloria Gregersen and Sonja Nefstead! Your assistance with food and serving the meals was very much appreciated!

Dear Quilters,

On behalf of the St. Cloud patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of 32 quilts.

Your partnership and donation helps us enhance services we provide to Veterans. I appreciate your support of the St. Cloud VA Health Care system and our Nation's Veterans.

Thank you for you continued support.

Sincerely,

Daniel Ball,
Voluntary Service Director

## June Birthdays

1 Andy Isackson, Timothy Nelson, Norma Olsen, Megan Winter
2 Macin Freed, Bryan Schaitberger, Michael Smithson
3 Connor Hayes, Ben Maurer, Spencer Porter, Taylor Tyrrell, Avery Wikoff
4 Laura Adamson, Jon Anderson, Nicholas Bisek, Andy Ehlert, David Jeremiason, Susan Rioux, Jacob Vaughn
5 Renzen Caughey, Paul Cervantez, Keegan Davidge, Deb Lasher
6 Ryen Christiansen, Tanner Coonfield, McKinleigh Rude
7 Will Aadland, Becky Clark-Randall, Darcy Dwyer, Kenneth Toole
8 Signe Devine, Nicole Johnson, Matt Rubin, Raegan Norquist, Peyton Schlegel
9 Gia Lofstrom, Jeremy Ryder, Becca Rye, Elaine Schultz, Kade Stengrim
10 Paige Fink, Samuel Nelson, Alicia Tibbetts, Lisa Tupy
11 Scott Hall, Karen Lundblad, Becky McCutchen—Braak, Minto Porter
12 James Bastian, James Gruendemann, Ashley Marichalar, Steven Rye
13 David Borgen, Pat Dickson, Lisa Drietz, Steve Frank, Zaylee Massie, Straton Pribula, Jason Winter
14 Lacey Christenson, Ahni Perez
15 Darlene Christensen, Molly Flaten, Renae Ford, Bryana Kron, Wendy Rueger, Trey Spreeman
16 Tom Ferkingstad, Kensington Picek, Grace Rueger
17 Gail Brecht, Kale Christenson, Tanner Clink, Paula Parrish
18 Pam Marlatt, Emily Rioux, Quinn Skwira
19 Megan Bisek, Emma Booth, Ryan Larson, Clara Nelson, Chuck Olson, Hanna Ruzich, Rick zumBrunnen
20 James Blake, Ava Figliuzzi, Anastacia Ford, Chloe Hames, Bruce Mogensen, Erica Rehnblom
21 Mia Berry, David Dewey, Landyn Doud, Adam Langan
22 Anne Campion, Garnet Getty, Coyer Mackner, Jaden Miller, Breanne Tuma
23 Ella Berry, Branden Tulenchik
24 Tyler Gapinski, Jack Hoglin, Nancy Larson, Andrew Nybeck, Tami Pliscott, Adam Shipman
25 Brooke Swanson, Sandie Youngblom
27 Eric Davidge, Damian Fink, Maggie Mattson, Brianna Pliscott, Lincoln Singh, Jill Trtanj
28 Lisa Hoglin, Deanna Kohout

June birthdays continued….
29 Pam Braland, Gail Massie, Paul Rueger
30 Mike Anderson, Landon Bruggeman

## June Anniversaries

6/1 Paul & Sarah Borchert
6/2 Troy & Lorie Gratke, Bryan & Ivy Ruzynski
6/3 Katie & Alex Getty
6/6 Joe & Leesha Bisek, Bruce & Lizz Coonfield, Jim & Kelly Larson❖
6/7 Glen & Dinah Sundberg❖
6/9 Bryan & Gina Barber, Gary & Jeanine Christiansen❖, Alan & Dawn Genz❖
6/12 Mark & Rose Bankers❖, Dean & Monica Clink❖
6/13 Rick & Ann Smallman❖
6/14 Bruce & Donna Salli❖
6/15 Jim & Debra Kron❖
6/16 Patty & Steven Hins❖, Jeff & Kim Johnson❖
6/17 Don & Glorya Narveson✞
6/18 Ted & Connie Toensing✞
6/19 Bill & Marlowe Fortune✞, Ron & Michelle Meyer❖, Greg & Jolene Parks, Brian & Patty Wallace❖
6/20 Nancy & Rick Redshaw, Steve & Brenda Schaitberger
6/21 Sid & Brenda Johnson❖, Ben & Becky Robertson
6/22 Trent & Jennifer Grams, Bob & Leone Johnson✞, Ed & Pat Swenson✞
6/23 Steve & Lisa Drietz
6/24 Steve & Lisa Kohls, Curtis & Kim Nelson❖, Mark & Paula Parrish❖, Joel & Erica Staehling, Alicia & Chris Tibbetts
6/26 Matthew & Jenny Vaughn, John & Kris Zemke❖
6/27 Andy & Darcy Dwyer, Kellie & Kelby Klimek, Greg & Cindy Swenson
6/28 C. B. & Linda Bylander, Guy & Katy Kelm, Tim & Jody Sweet❖
6/29 Mike & Judy Bialka❖, Mike & Jana Shogren
6/30 Bryan & Paula Barrer❖, Audrey & Wes Powers✞

❖=Celebrating 24-49 years!
✞=Celebrating 50 years or more!

LORD of Life
LUTHERAN CHURCH

6190 Fairview Rd
Baxter, MN 56425-8285

## The SonShine Room has a new piano

Thank you to Ann Pierson for donating her piano to Lord of Life. We are excited to have a working piano in the SonShine Room to use during Kids Time. Thank you to the many hands that helped make this happen: Jennifer Person, Pastor Steve, Tim Slinger, John Wolf, Andy Isackson, Kyle Bush, Atlie Danielson and Clair & Paul Rud.

Wondering where the old piano went? It found a home with Preston Owen, who will be creating a piece of art with it.

# Behind the Scenes