

# GOOD NEWS

September  
2019

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 pm-3 pm

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Family of Faith

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Dear friends,

Well, it happened. A former parishioner from International Falls posted an "Autumn picture." The leaves were definitely turning. The colors had a fall-of-the-year vividness to them. Didn't we just shake off one of the toughest winters in recent memory? How can it be fall again?

The change of seasons can be a good time to reflect on how God has provided key points in our lives to help us remember the changes that are taking place around us. Things don't stay the same. With each change of season, we can look back and reflect on what is new and what has passed away. Can it really be 10 years since "The Miracle on the Hudson" took place? How different are the iPhones of today than those of ten years ago. They were only 2 years old. Very, very few people had them. September 23, 2019 will come and go and before we know it, September 23, 2020 will be upon us and once again we will begin to think about autumn.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted." We often take for granted the wonder that is the workings of our world. We hardly note the passing of the equinoxes or the solstices. We don't even think about the intricacies of it all and how fragile this world is and yet how enduring and magnificent.

We move through each day and talk about how hot or how cold it is without remembering the same conversation a year ago. We become so wrapped up in the here and now, that we ignore the workings of the universe and the passage of time or the changing of the seasons. Part of this may be due to our ability to be insulated from these changes today. We can watch our favorite programs on our own schedule now. Remember when you had to schedule your life around the airing of programs on TV? We don't have to worry about above average or below average temperatures. If we get stuck in a winter storm, help is just a cell phone call away. We can almost become persuaded that we are in control and are indeed masters of our own fate.

But, that's true only if we don't read and ponder Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 and scriptures like it. They remind us of the wonders of God's world and that we are God's creation. None of what we have in the world came from us. Everything comes from God; from the principles that apply in the working of any mechanism to the formulas that went into making the latest plastic.

My cousin, a professor out in Boston, told me about a new coffee cup that is coming on the market. This cup is designed to hold the temperature of a cup of coffee at exactly 140 degrees for hours, as the plastic inside slowly turns from solid to liquid from the coffee's heat. He would tell you that the technology for this came from his Chinese student's parents who work in the space industry there. I would say that God is responsible for the marvelous way this world is made - such that those cups are possible.

Can humankind turn back the clock or speed up the clock? Only within the boundaries that make up the world that God created. So, start getting ready to change out your wardrobe. Find the box with that Parka. And remember, the world we live in belongs to God, a world about which we know very little.

Blessings!  
Pastor Steve

September 2019

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| <b>9a</b> Worship<br><b>11a</b> Sharing Bread Soup<br>Kitchen Ministry   | Church Office Closed -<br>Labor Day  | <b>7a</b> Baxter Area Kiwanis<br><b>9a</b> Staff Meeting<br><b>6:30p</b> Team Meeting Night  | <b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>6p</b> Worship   | <b>10a</b> Men's Fellowship<br><b>1p</b> Parkinson's Support<br>Group<br><b>6p</b> Baxter Sandpipers 4-H | <b>7:30a</b> Men's Breakfast<br><b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>10a</b> Those Older Folders<br><b>7p</b> Friday Family & Friends<br>Al-Anon                                | Borgen-Blum Wedding<br><b>7p</b> Lots of Love Open AA  |
| <b>9a</b> Worship<br><b>10:30a</b> Worship<br><b>4p</b> Neighborhood Block<br>Party  | <b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>6:30p</b> Pinetree<br>Patchworkers                  | <b>7a</b> Baxter Area Kiwanis<br><b>8a</b> ONS Rehearsal<br><b>9a</b> Staff Meeting<br><b>6p</b> Legacy Chorale<br><b>7p</b> Financial Peace<br>University         | <b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>6p</b> Worship<br><b>7p</b> 7th-8th-9th Grade<br>Confirmation Orientation<br><b>8p</b> Teen's Upstream   | <b>10a</b> Men's Fellowship  | <b>7:30a</b> Men's Breakfast<br><b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>10a</b> Those Older Folders<br><b>7p</b> Friday Family & Friends<br>Al-Anon                                | <b>7p</b> Lots of Love Open AA   |
| <b>9a</b> Worship<br><b>10:30a</b> Worship<br><b>1p</b> 10th Grade<br>Confirmation Retreat   | <b>9a</b> SAIL Program   | <b>7a</b> Baxter Area Kiwanis<br><b>9a</b> Staff Meeting<br><b>6p</b> Legacy Chorale<br><b>7p</b> Financial Peace<br>University                                    | <b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>11:30a</b> L.O.L.L.Y.<br><b>6p</b> Worship<br><b>7p</b> 7th-9th Grade<br>Confirmation<br><b>7p</b> Club 56<br><b>8p</b> Teen's Upstream                                | <b>10a</b> Men's Fellowship<br><b>5p</b> 55+ Driver's<br>Improvement Course<br><b>6p</b> Church Council  | <b>7:30a</b> Men's Breakfast<br><b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>10a</b> Those Older Folders<br><b>7p</b> Friday Family & Friends<br>Al-Anon                                | <b>7p</b> Lots of Love Open AA   |
| <b>9a</b> Worship<br><b>10:30a</b> Worship   | <b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>4:45p</b> Tanzania Trip<br>Fundraiser - Pizza Ranch | <b>7a</b> Baxter Area Kiwanis<br><b>9a</b> Staff Meeting<br><b>6p</b> Legacy Chorale<br><b>7p</b> Financial Peace<br>University                                    | <b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>12:30p</b> Matter of Balance<br>Class<br><b>6p</b> Worship<br><b>7p</b> 7th-9th Grade<br>Confirmation<br><b>7p</b> Club 56<br><b>8p</b> Teen's Upstream                | <b>10a</b> Men's Fellowship  | <b>7:30a</b> Men's Breakfast<br><b>9a</b> Clothing Giveaway<br><b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>10a</b> Those Older Folders<br><b>7p</b> Friday Family & Friends<br>Al-Anon | <b>9a</b> Clothing Giveaway<br><b>7p</b> Lots of Love Open AA<br><b>7p</b> Ultimate Date Night |
| <b>9a</b> Worship<br><b>9:45a</b> Pancake Breakfast<br><b>10:30a</b> Worship<br><b>5p</b> Middle School Youth<br>Group Bash<br><b>6p</b> Palestinian<br>Perspectives: A Film<br>Festival | <b>9a</b> SAIL Program   | <b>7a</b> Baxter Area Kiwanis<br><b>9a</b> Staff Meeting<br><b>6p</b> Legacy Chorale<br><b>6:30p</b> Team Meeting Night<br><b>7p</b> Financial Peace<br>University | <b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>12:30p</b> Matter of Balance<br>Class<br><b>6p</b> Worship<br><b>7p</b> 7th-9th Grade<br>Confirmation - Parent Night<br><b>7p</b> Club 56<br><b>8p</b> Teen's Upstream | <b>10a</b> Men's Fellowship<br><b>1p</b> Parkinson's Support<br>Group<br><b>6p</b> Baxter Sandpipers 4-H | <b>7:30a</b> Men's Breakfast<br><b>9a</b> SAIL Program<br><b>10a</b> Those Older Folders<br><b>7p</b> Friday Family & Friends<br>Al-Anon                                | <b>9a</b> Pray & Ponder<br><b>7p</b> Lots of Love Open AA                                      |

## Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 1, at 9 am

Wednesdays at 6 pm

Rally Sunday & Little Lambs Blessing  
September 8

Worship service at 9 am & 10:30 am

**All Wednesday and Sunday services will have Kids' Time during church services.**

Wednesday suppers start up again in September!  
September 11, 18 & 25 join us at 5:15 pm.

## Sunday's Lessons

### September 1 - 12th Sunday in Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112;  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

### September 8 - 13th Sunday in Pentecost

Garden of Eden  
Genesis 2:4-25; Mark 1:16-20

### September 15 - 14th Sunday in Pentecost

Isaac Born to Sarah  
Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Mark 10:27

### September 22 - 15th Sunday in Pentecost

Jacob Wrestles with God  
Genesis 32:22-30; Mark 14:32-36

### September 29 - 16th Sunday in Pentecost

Moses and God's Name  
Exodus 1:8-14, 3:1-15; Mark 12:26-27

## Tanzania Mission Trip

The Tanzania Group is holding a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in Baxter on Monday, September 23rd from 5 pm - 8 pm. We encourage church members, friends and families to come and enjoy dinner and support our trip. Ten percent of the sales and all tips will go towards supplies needed in Tanzania.

On Sunday, September 29, Denny and Paula Lofstrom will be visiting LOL and discussing their mission in Tanzania. The Tanzania Group will be hosting a breakfast in-between 9 am & 10:30 am worship services.

### Promise of Comfort & Resurrection for...

**For Helen Landecker and family**, on the death of her husband, Mike, on July 31.

**For Kim Lutgens and family**, on the death of her husband, Douglas, on August 7.

### Prayers for Strength, Comfort and Healing for...

**Natalie Sauter**, who is recovering at home from surgery. Prayers for her recovery and the success of an anticipated surgery in the future.

**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



Reyna Sue Knipple  
August 11, 2019

Parents: Dylan & Cassie Knipple  
Sibling: Jonas



Sawyer Bruce Petersen  
August 11, 2019

Parents: Brittany & Brian Petersen  
Sibling: Kaidric



## Fall Clothing Giveaway

Friday, September 27 from 9 am - 3 pm

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Saturday, September 28 from 9 am - 12 pm

This event is open to the public and all items of clothing are free.

Drop off all ages, all sizes of clothing at

Lord of Life Lutheran Church,

6190 Fairview Road, Baxter

Monday - Wednesday from 9 am - 3 pm, September 23-25

**Volunteers are Needed** to help with the Clothing Giveaway September 27 & 28 and set up September 23-26. Please contact the church office at [colleen@lolbaxter.org](mailto:colleen@lolbaxter.org) if you would like to help.

### Spiritual Gifts Class

Ever wonder what spiritual gifts God gave you? You have at least one, and most people have five or more spiritual gifts. Well, here's your chance to discover those gifts which God gave you. The next *Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts* 8-session class is being offered this fall on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, beginning on **Thursday, September 26** and concluding on **Thursday, November 21**. We will not meet on Thursday, October 31 (Halloween). These classes will be held at Lord of Life. The cost for materials per person is \$15 and payable to LOL. Deadline for signup is Sunday, September 22, 2019. John Wolf will once again be the discussion leader. Sign-up at [bit.ly/LOLBSG2019](http://bit.ly/LOLBSG2019).

### Take Control of Your Money With Financial Peace University (FPU)!

Never worry about money again with *Financial Peace University* (FPU)! It's the proven plan to help you master budgeting, beat debt, and live the life of your dreams! Through nine lessons rooted in biblical wisdom, you will learn from Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. FPU includes your member workbook and other exclusive online benefits through a free year of Financial Peace Membership. Classes start on September 10, 2019, at 6 pm and meet for nine consecutive Tuesdays. Cost is \$109 for singles or couples. **Can't make it to all nine classes? No worries! The lessons will be available to you online for one full year with your paid Financial Peace Membership!** Contact Valerie Jones for more information at [valstevejones@gmail.com](mailto:valstevejones@gmail.com) or register at [bit.ly/LOLBFPU2019](http://bit.ly/LOLBFPU2019).

### Palestinian Perspectives: A Film Festival

Join us on Sunday, September 29, at 6:00 pm at Lord of Life, to view and then discuss *Salt of the Earth: Palestinian Christians in the West Bank*. This film was produced by Presbyterian missionaries who spent 3 ½ years living and working in Palestine in conjunction with many Christian denominations. It examines the lives of Palestinians living in and around occupied Northern West Bank cities. Snacks will be provided.

### Would you like to grow your faith and leadership?

NE MN Synod Lay Leader Network Series is specifically designed for lay leaders within our congregation which might include: council members, youth leaders, team leaders, etc. Sessions will focus on Biblical/Lutheran theological framework, leadership and spiritual development, all set within engaging current missional context. There will be four sessions: September 7, 2019, November 16, 2019, February 15, 2020, and May 16, 2020. These sessions run from 9 am to 4 pm and will be held at Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brainerd. Sessions are led by Dave Messner, Jim Bailey and Mark Skinner. Cost for all four sessions will be \$220. To register and for more information go to <http://www.nemnsynod.org/mission-and-ministry.html> under the Lay Leader Network tab.

## ATTENTION: WOMEN OF LOL!

### Are you ready for a "re-boot" or a "make-over"?

Well, not a body make-over although we might wish for that! But, are you ready for renewal of your inner nature?

Beginning October 2nd, a new Women's Bible study will meet in Room 1, at Lord of Life, on Wednesdays from 10:15 am to 11:30 am. They will be studying the book of Ephesians in the New Testament. There will be six sessions ending in mid-November and then resuming in January for the last six sessions, completing the study. We will use Max Lucado's study guide entitled "Life Lessons from Ephesians". Each lesson includes background information and exploration questions with practical application to our daily lives. The discussion will be led by Carol Rodseth.

Every week at home, each of us will read a small portion of Scripture and answer the questions in the lesson. Then we will come together on Wednesdays to explore our thoughts and learn from one another. This study is suitable for anyone, no matter how little or how much you know about the Bible.

The study of Scripture is one way in which God enables us to be renewed. How many of us think our attitudes and actions could use a little polishing? As we study God's word, we can be transformed not by a "quick fix" but by a gradual process of increased understanding of what it means to live out our faith as followers of Christ.

The cost of the study guide is \$7. Check out our table on Rally Day, September 8th. You can buy the study guide then or at the first class. Call Carol for further information or to sign up at 825-3980 or 838-4396.

**"Come and see" ...  
YES, IT WILL Be FUN! And the coffee is on!**

## Pray & Ponder Women's Breakfast & Bible Study

Pray & Ponder will meet on Saturday, October 5th at 9 am. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, questions, and laughter as we walk this journey of faith together. If you have never attended a Bible study, women's group, or faith discussion of any kind before--no problem. This is a great place to ask questions or simply listen.

This year we will use a study called *The Ridiculous Journey, Following a Nobody from Nowhere*. A search for purpose and meaning in the events and choices of our lives. A costly journey with an unknown destination. A Middle Eastern homeless man from twenty centuries ago and why he still stirs the souls and imagination of so many. Contact Wendy Adamson ([wendyadamson@ymail.com](mailto:wendyadamson@ymail.com)) with any questions.



**Martha Circle** - will meet at Sally Jacobsen's home on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will begin a new study this fall from Gather magazine which studies selections of Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms, Lamentations and Song of Solomon. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God for help in stewarding our deep emotions, finding hope and grace along the way. New people are always welcome! Contact Sally, 218-829-1704, for more information.

**Sarah Circle** - will have their first meeting at 1 pm on Tuesday, September 10 at Lord of Life. 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 7:30 am at Lord of Life for Bible study, fellowship, food and fun. For more information contact Ted Anderson at 218-831-1372.

**Thursday Men's Fellowship** - meets on Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Commons at Lord of Life. Come for coffee, donuts, conversation and Bible study. For more information contact Ted Anderson 218-831-1372.

**LOLLY (Lots of Living Left Yet)** - will meet on Wednesday, September 18, at 11:30 am for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by Deb Bergstrom. Deb, our Parish Nurse, will present an interactive bible study that will focus on aging and wellbeing. We will explore what the Bible says to us about aging, health and the churches role in including and caring for our older members. For more information call either Pat Huhta (218-330-3447), Mary Anderson (218-330-6171) or the church office (218-828-9374).

**Monday Book Group** - will meet Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Join the group in reading and discussing *Women Rowing North*. Email Nancy Smith with any questions at [nsmith.silverfox@gmail.com](mailto:nsmith.silverfox@gmail.com).

**Sunday Book Group** - will be reading, discussing, and learning from "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. Please purchase your own book and join us Sunday, September 8 at 6:30 pm at Northern Lakes Assisted Living Library. The Sunday Book Group meets twice monthly. Email Jerry Kuehn if you have any questions at [jmmkuehn@gmail.com](mailto:jmmkuehn@gmail.com).

**LOL Quilters** - will meet on Thursday, September 5, from 9 am to 12 pm. Sewing experience is not required! Any cotton fabric donations are appreciated and all are welcome.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY: KEEPING CONFIDENCES

Confidentiality, as you may have read or heard before, is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. What a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence. Even the identity of a care receiver is kept secret, unless the care receiver chooses to tell someone.

Confidentiality gives care receivers the reassurance they need so that they can risk revealing to their Stephen Minister their deepest thoughts and feelings, details they might not be able to discuss with anyone else. It is through the sharing of innermost feelings that God can work the miracle of healing, restoring faith and hope to care receivers' lives. Without the assurance of confidentiality, most care receivers would have a difficult time opening up, which would impede the healing process.

How does this relate to you, as a member of Lord of Life? Even if you are not a Stephen Minister, think about the importance of confidentiality in your day-to-day relationships. Consider how you can improve relationships and help people's personal healing by maintaining confidentiality when something is told to you.

When someone shares a personal feeling, a thought that is troubling him or her, or something for which he or she might feel guilty, it can be very tempting to pass that information along to someone. Even when motives are noble (for instance, wanting to pass information along as a prayer request), it could be damaging or painful to the person who first shared the information.

If you really believe it is something that needs to be passed along – to a prayer chain, Pastor, Stephen Leader, or someone else who could help – tell that to the person who shared it. Explain why you believe others should know, and encourage him or her to pass it along to the appropriate person(s). Or get permission from the individual to share the information.

You can also play a part in helping our Stephen Ministry remain confidential. If you hear through the grapevine who a particular Stephen Minister's care receiver might be (because a care receiver has revealed this, for example) remember the Stephen Ministers' pledge to confidentiality and the important reasons for it. Refrain from asking a Stephen Minister about the caring relationship or from making comments or observations (however helpful they may appear) about someone you suspect is a care receiver. It puts a Stephen Minister in a very difficult spot when someone asks about a care receiver, whether or not it even is the Stephen Minister's care receiver.

Confidentiality is a standard of conduct all of us need to live by – not just those involved in our Stephen Ministry. Confidentiality promotes trust, builds one another up, and encourages healing in a Christian community. As Solomon says in Proverbs 12:18, "Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."

### Sharing Love

Although Stephen Ministry has been in operation at Lord of Life for just a short time, already the ministry of our new Stephen Ministers has been a blessing – to the individuals receiving their care, to the lay ministers themselves, and to the whole congregation.

In order to continue and expand this ministry of care, we are beginning another **Stephen Ministry training class this fall**. Take advantage of this opportunity to share the love and care that God has given you! You will find that being a Stephen Minister not only will be helpful to others, but it will be one of the most fulfilling and joyful experiences that you have ever had.

If you have questions, please contact any one from our Stephen Leader Team below:

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According to the University of Minnesota, more than 300 different species of bees are native to our state, while worldwide the number is more than 20,000. Yet these important pollinators are seeing massive population declines in recent years due to habitat loss, pesticide use, parasites and disease, all of which also affect other pollinators such as wasps, flies, ants, butterflies, moths, beetles, some birds and even bats. Since more than one-third of the world's crop species (including fruits and leafy greens) depend on bee pollination, our survival will depend on making sure pollinators survive. YOU CAN PLAY A PART IN THEIR REVIVAL by planting and maintaining a lawn or garden that is hospitable to them. BEE LAWNS, the U of M researchers find, can support bees without drastic changes in care routines or aesthetics. By allowing dandelions to flourish for early spring feeding, and adding Dutch white clover, self-heal and creeping thyme, your lawn will attract many kinds of pollinators. For more information on how to help bees, and which flowers are better at providing pollen and nectar, go to the U of M's website, [www.beelab.umn.edu/bees](http://www.beelab.umn.edu/bees).

### Gifts Encouraged for the Seminarian Scholarship Fund

Donations will be used to support those from this congregation who go on to attend seminary with the intention of serving as a rostered minister in the church.

### 55+ Drivers Refresher Course

Thursday, September 19, from 5 pm-9 pm at Lord of Life. Cost is \$22. For more information and to register call 888-234-1294. Or sign up online at: [stcloudstate.edu/continuingstudies/mhsrsc](http://stcloudstate.edu/continuingstudies/mhsrsc).

### Winter Is Around The Corner



Help congregational life in making scarves, hats and mittens for the giving tree.

The mitten tree will be located at Lord of Life and we will also have a tree at police station.

Bring completed mittens, scarves and hats to the church office.



We are in need of groups or families to sign-up to serve at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen on October 6. Sign-up on the clipboard in the Narthex. If you need more information please contact Nancy Smith at 820-4273.

### Fuel up for Forestview

We are helping to stock the pantry at Forestview with items to help provide food, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items for middle school students experiencing financial hardships at home. We'll be collecting items through September 15.

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| Granola bars             | Fruit snacks               |
| Macaroni and Cheese      | Skillet dinners            |
| Hamburger Helpers        | Individual boxes of cereal |
| Oatmeal                  | Small bag of chips         |
| Individual Fruit cups    | Peanut Butter              |
| Jelly                    | Microwaveable popcorn      |
| Juice boxes              | Shampoo                    |
| Pancake Mix              | Syrup                      |
| toothpaste/tooth brush   |                            |
| Boys and girls deodorant |                            |

### Wednesday Night Cooks Needed



Get a group together or your family to help once a month on Wednesday nights to cook a meal for our Wednesday night suppers. You will need to shop for the food and prep the food once a month. Confirmation kids will help with serving and cleaning up. Email the church office at [colleen@lolbaxter.org](mailto:colleen@lolbaxter.org) if you would like more information.

### The Ultimate Date Night

Saturday, September 28 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at Lord of Life. Jay and Laura Laffoon, marriage 'educainers' and hosts of the comedy-infused Ultimate Date Night event, where they help couples learn how to create and regularly celebrate a thriving marriage while exploring the realities that everyday life brings to the relationship. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

Dear Ministry Partners,

We are very appreciative of your faithfulness to give and pray for our ministry here in Petrolina, Brazil. We look forward to seeing and sharing with you many of the things God is doing here in Petrolina. We are on the mission field because you have chosen to be faithful and generous. This is a "TEAM effort".



Furlough time has arrived! Three years fly by quickly! Monday morning, we will leave Petrolina and arrive in Orlando at 6:15 pm. Yep a day flight, rest in a hotel, to continue our trip Tuesday morning, arriving in Nashville at noon. Please pray for safe travel, flights,

connections and baggage arrival.

Our Seminary hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> JUMIB Missions Conference in July. JUMIB is the Mission agency Sherry and I started in 1993. In 1995 we sent five Brazilians to Senegal Africa. Today JUMIB has 40 missionaries working in seven different countries including Brazil.

People came from all centers in Brazil. Many came by car, traveling over 1800 miles and taking 3-4 days to arrive. Sherry & I were so thankful to see how the Mission agency has grown. Our leadership TEAM here did a fantastic job in organizing everything. We watched it all happen. As you can see, we rented and set up big tents.



The first semester was very intense! Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

Gary & Sherry Hauter



Gary and Sherry Hauter will be here on Sunday, September 8, to talk about their mission work with Bethany Gateways.

They work with Bethany Evangelical Seminary in Petrolina, Brazil, as teachers. They are involved in training and leadership development, **preparing the next generation to reach the world for Christ.** They also collaborate with local churches and organizations in leadership development and evangelism.

## Council Members

**President** - Cindy Swenson  
**Vice President** - Dan Tupy  
**Secretary** - Laura Campbell  
**Treasurer** - Chris Adamson  
**Council Representative** - Sarah Nesheim  
**Mission Upward** - Darcy Dwyer  
**Mission Inward** - Pat Huhta  
**Mission Outward** - Lori Rehnblom  
**Mission Ground** - Layne Danielson

## July 2019 General Fund



## Council Meeting Minutes From August 15, 2019

Devotions from Pastor Steve

Adoption of the Agenda-Pastor Steve Rye motioned; Dan Tupy seconded the motion, all approved. (CC.2019.8.1)

### Consent Agenda:

- TO ADOPT –July 18, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes (CC.2019.8.2)
- TO AUTHORIZE – Transfer of \$1,508.62 from Children's Ministry (9285) to zero out the deficit in Day Camp (9290) (CC.2019.8.3)
- TO AUTHORIZE - Check for \$4,071.94 from Mission Trips-General Revenue (9360) to Tim Slinger, for Mission Trip expenses (CC.2019.8.4)
- TO AUTHORIZE - Payment of \$2,496 by e-check to Church Community Builder, from Church Management Software (5230) for annual fee (CC.2019.8.5)
- Motioned by Dan Tupy; seconded by Lori Rehnblom, all approved.

### Other Approved Motions:

- Authorize Cindy Swenson to sign Pastoral Agreement with Pastor Darrell Pedersen on behalf of the Church Council. Dan Tupy motioned, Chris Adamson seconded, all approved. (CC.2019.8.6)
- July 2019 Treasurer's Report. Laura Campbell motioned to receive the report for audit, Lori Rehnblom seconded, all approved. (CC.2019.8.7)
- Meeting Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer
- Sunday, September 8, 2019 - Rally Sunday
- Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm - Council Meeting



# 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 *Sally Jacobsen* with any questions at 218-829-1704, for more information.

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

**LOL Quilters** - The LOL Quilters will meet Thursdays, from 9 am to 12 pm (Sept-May). 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 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](mailto:paulclairerud@msn.com).

**Caring Friends Ministry** - Find out how to become a Caring Friend or to receive this ministry as you navigate life transitions. Meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Contact *Jeannine zumBrunnen* 829-2177 [zummyb@brainerd.net](mailto:zummyb@brainerd.net)

**LOL Ministry Teams** - Congregational Life, Children's Education, 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.

**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)

**Those Older Folders** - Our energetic group meets every Friday at 10:05 a.m. to fold bulletins for the Sunday services.

For updated information on the above events, check out our website:



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### **Newsletter Team**

Editor: *Colleen Bush*. Please send all Newsletter articles to: [colleen@lolbaxter.org](mailto:colleen@lolbaxter.org).

The **Good News** is published monthly. Articles for the October Newsletter are due September 16.

# 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 1-7**

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Chris & Wendy Adamson      | Mike & Carol Blowers     |
| Jerad & Jamie Clough       | Amy & Chris Foley        |
| Shirley Hansen             | Jamie & Toni Hukriede    |
| Glen & Elaine Kramer       | Mike & Pam Marlatt       |
| Kris & Bradley Olson       | Grant Reller             |
| Betty & Gary Sieckert      | Jenny & Brandon Thompson |
| Rick & Jeannine zumBrunnen |                          |

## **September 8-14**

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Howie & Terri Bahn     | Gail & Blaine Brecht  |
| Todd & Marcie DeBoer   | Rob & Anne Freeloove  |
| Randy & Lorna Heidmann | Marie Johnson         |
| Alex & Ashely Kunesh   | Ron & Michelle Meyer  |
| Greg & Jolene Parks    | Paul & Claire Rud     |
| Jennifer Smith         | Jackie & Neil Tyrrell |

## **September 15-21**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Kyle & Laura Bauer      | C. B. & Linda Bylander  |
| Gregg & Deanne Ehlert   | Dave & Renae Goos       |
| Arlo & Gary Hill        | Christina & Joe Kadolph |
| Diane Larson            | Don & Glorya Narveson   |
| Tyler & Trisha Peterson | Curtis & Briana Sanow   |
| Liz Stave               | Brian & Patty Wallace   |

## **September 22-28**

|                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mike & Kathy Bentler   | Tonya Caughey                 |
| Nan Farrington         | Heidi Hahn & Christine Tangen |
| Gary & Diane Hoglin    | Dylan & Cassie Knipple        |
| Joel & Gia Lofstrom    | Kirstin & Ben Nelson          |
| Chad & Amy Price       | Dorothy Schmidt               |
| Shawn & Mary Sundquist | Kari & Toni Whitlock          |

## **Lord of Life Office & Program Staff**

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

Dear Lord of Life,

Thank you for your recent donation of clothing. The staff and residents greatly appreciate your kindness.

Mid-Minnesota Women's Center



## **Volunteer Opportunities**

The Crisis Line and Referral Service are looking for volunteers. The Crisis Line serves the six surrounding counties of Crow Wing.

The volunteer opportunity with the Crisis Line and Referral Service provides volunteers with six hours of initial training and orientation, followed by two to three training sessions per year. The Crisis Line can be answered in the volunteer's home, which we think is an important aspect of our program. Volunteer time on a shift varies from five hours to 9 hours on the overnight shift.

If you are interested in volunteering call the Crisis Line at 828-4515 for more information.

## September Birthdays

- 1 Emily Price, Maxine Sanders
- 2 Mark Beckerleg, Cato Clough, Josie Kramer, Kayden Olson
- 3 Joseph Foley, Brett Fredrickson, Michelle Joyce, Ivy Ruzynski, Brynlee Schilling, Sawyer Pribula, Mark Taylor
- 5 Grace Aadland, Mary Anderson, Kara Gordon, Erin Hoelzel, Barb Schliek-Coffman, Avery Skwira, Macy Smith
- 6 Mary Aalgaard, Michelle Brekken, Cindy Bunting, Dan Holmes, Kyler Kennedy, Brady Pliscott, Tim Quincer
- 7 Mike Bialka, Gary Christiansen, Tristan Dawson, Joe Figliuzzi
- 8 Jerry Bergstrom, Eda Morlock
- 9 Ian Haug, Benjamin Krall, Ted Toensing
- 10 Carver Clough, Brian Gapinski, Elise Jensen, Wayne Knopf, Jennifer Smith, Nancy Wadsten
- 11 Chris Foley, Trisia Hughes, Chad Morlock, Erika Nilsen, Tanner Parrish, Abby Quincer, Lucas Spencer
- 12 Paul Augustinack, Bella Barber, Avery Coonfield, Finley Kommer, Rod Rangen
- 13 Kai Halbersma, Raquel Kiffmeyer, Brandon Krall, Jeannine zumBrunnen
- 14 Emma Balsley, Andy Holmes, Jade Massie, Zack Peterson, Jordan Skarolid, Seth Vagts
- 15 Bradyn Booth, Tenley Klimek
- 16 Ava Marshall, Logan Van Hon
- 17 Evan Brecht, Alex Kunesh, Nate Nybeck, Kim Stolski, Alec Wagner
- 18 Reese Benson, Elsie Borgen, Dee Hoffman, Brooks Lange, Tami Teague
- 19 Riley Hirsch, Addison Parks, Paige Selisker
- 20 Andrea Anderson, James Cox, Paul Gruber, Travis Jensen
- 21 Derek Hoglin, Hennisey Mithun, Janelle Riley, Silas Davis
- 22 Reegan Anderson, Kaleb Pape, Gloria Salthe
- 23 Ledger Janey, Jacob Larson, Nora Rangen
- 24 Taylor Huber, Tim Slinger
- 25 Jack Hughes, Brandy Lindquist, Owen Larson, Joel Lofstrom
- 26 Whitney Luke, Luke Ruzynski, Bruce Tollefson
- 28 Terri Bahn, Doug Banks, Jackson Dwyer, Becky Fulton, Gretchen Paysse, Peggy Rudkin, Cary Swanson
- 29 Ruby Fromm, Jim Grover, Olivia Ithivongkham, Betty Krall
- 30 Liam Soberg

## September Anniversaries

- 1 Kenneth & Nicole Toole
- 8 Randy & Kirsten Aldous❖  
Craig Erpelding & Danise Miller
- 9 Greg & Paula Mangan❖  
Matt & Denise Sundquist❖
- 12 Ed & Kris Ott❖  
Seth & Danielle Sazama  
Eldo & Bugs Schmidt†
- 13 Russell & Lisa Heittola  
Dave & Kris Peterson❖
- 14 Doug & Tammy Schultz
- 15 Michael & Andrea Anderson  
Jim & Melissa Grover  
Mel & Sonja Nefstead†  
Dan & Patty Sura
- 16 Stan & Lolly Kalinoski
- 17 Travis & Tracy Banks
- 18 Larry & Vickie Borgstrom❖  
Joel & Gia Lofstrom
- 20 Bruce & Kelly Jo Mogensen❖
- 21 Gary & Caryn Peterson
- 22 Tony & Kari Whitlock
- 23 Bob & Michelle Joyce❖  
Les & Dianne McClelland❖  
Emily & Blake Smith
- 24 Becky & Kevin Bocklund  
Tom & Kari Champion❖  
Tim & Kim Quincer❖
- 25 Phil & Denise Stromme❖
- 26 Jack & Whitney Luke  
Trevor & Jan Wangsness❖
- 27 Andy & Laura Campbell  
Randy & Lorna Heidmann❖  
Gary Kort & Angie Kort-Krushe
- 29 Michael & Lynda Erickson❖  
Rick & Deb Smith❖  
Mithell & Rachel Weideman
- 30 James & Lynn Miller

❖=Celebrating 25-49 years!

†=Celebrating 50 years or more!





## Neighborhood Block Party

at Lord of Life

Sunday, September 8

From 4 pm to 6 pm

Bring the family and enjoy great food, games and crafts.

Bring a pie for the pie contest and win a prize!

Free community event  
Invite your neighbors!



## Vacation Bible School 2019

Evening VBS was August 11-14. We had 35 kids this year and they had a great time exploring God's goodness and celebrating a ferocious faith that encourages us through this wild life!

Kids learned that life is unfair, life is scary, life changes, life is sad and life is good and God is good through all of this. They learned these through Bible stories, Bible buddies, games,



**When life is unfair...God is good!**

**When life is scary...God is good!**

**When life changes...God is good!**

**When life is sad...God is good!**

**When life is good...God is good!**



Thank you to everyone that donated supplies and helped with decorating and getting ready for VBS. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped this week. We had 35 kids sign up and we had a great week learning that Life is wild and God is good!





# GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

### What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

### What you do:

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.

## Grandparents Day



September 8th

### Trunk or Treat

Want a chance to see kids in their cute Halloween costumes but don't want to miss out trick-or-treating with your own kids? Sign up for a parking spot at our Trunk or Treat: Wed, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm. Decorate the back of your vehicles, load up on candy, and come sit in a parking lot as kids trick-or-treat from car to car. To reserve a parking spot, contact Susan Rioux at [susan.rioux@lodbaxter.org](mailto:susan.rioux@lodbaxter.org)



### We need Kids' Time Teachers!

If you enjoy working with kids, consider signing up to teach Kid's Time at our Sunday 9am and Wednesday 6pm services. All lessons and activities are planned for you just show up, familiarize yourself with the lesson, and teach. If interested, please contact Susan Rioux (630) 723-4428 or [susan.rioux@lodbaxter.org](mailto:susan.rioux@lodbaxter.org)

### Little Lambs Blessing

If you have a child who will be 3 by September 3, he/she is ready for Little Lambs during Kids' Time! This is an exciting milestone that Lord of Life Celebrates! On September 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, these children will be blessed in front of the congregation by church staff.

### Kids' Time Teacher Installation

If you have or plan to teach Kids' Time, we will be praying over you at the 9am service on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please plan to attend this service.



### Children's Education Team Meeting

If you want to be a part of brainstorming ideas for Children's Ministry or taking part in special events, attend the October 1<sup>st</sup> Children's Ed Team Meeting at 6:30pm. We would love to see new faces and hear new ideas! This is a valuable way to be involved in Children's Ministry.

### Kids' Time Themes For September

September 8 - Garden of Eden

September 15 - Isaac is Born to Sarah

September 22 - Jacob Wrestles with God

September 29 - Moses and God's Name

**Grandparents of the Old Testament**

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV

ACROSS  
 2. David's grandmother  
 5. Jacob's grandfather  
 6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN  
 1. Judah's grandmother  
 3. Joseph's grandfather  
 4. Solomon's grandfather  
 7. Jesse's grandmother

One G \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ V commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV



## ServeCAMP 2019 - Be the Change

With the help of Counselors from Camp Onomia and many adult volunteers, the middle school youth had a week to remember serving in the Brainerd Lakes Area. Throughout the week campers explored the theme of the week "Be The Change". Learning about generosity, inclusion and compassion along with many other themes. During the afternoon, with those themes in their hearts and minds, they went out into the community serving and working at eight different service sites throughout the week. Campers were able to learn more about the community and grow in their faith while lending a helping hand. Thank you to everyone who volunteered in some way throughout the week. We couldn't do it without you!

## High School Mission Trip to Warrensburg, NY

It's hard to put into words what our week in Warrensburg, NY meant for our group and how it impacted us. The theme for the week was "Storyline" and as I reflect back each member of our group will have a story from this past week. It could be from the traveling, or the service work we did, to the conversations we had, or the lessons we learned, the time we had together, and taking a chance to unplug from technology. I will never know the full impact of this week on our youth and adults but it was a blessing to experience this week together, grow together and make memories that I know will last a life time!

### FALL PROGRAMMING IS READY TO LAUNCH!

Please visit [www.lolbaxter.com](http://www.lolbaxter.com)  
for more information  
and to get registered for classes!



High School Youth Group...  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders Welcome!  
Meeting Weekly  
From  
8 pm-9 pm  
Starting September 4



5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
Wednesday Nights  
7 pm-8 pm  
Covering Four Themes  
Each theme is 4 weeks long  
First Session Starts September 18



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP...  
A new look this year!  
New events!  
Sunday Night Once a Month  
Open to 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
From 5:30 pm-7 pm  
First Night September 29



7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
7 pm September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Please Register prior to Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Classes begin  
September 18<sup>th</sup>  
"A New Look For A New Year"  
To read through changes this year and  
for more information please visit our  
website!



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**Rally Day Sunday** - Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8. Rally Day starts our fall schedule off with two services on Sundays at 9 am and 10:30 am. Stop by all the tables for information on getting involved in our church.

**Rally Day Wednesday** - Join us Wednesday, September 11 at 5:15 pm for supper and worship at 6 pm. Visit all the tables and see all the different ways you can get involved at LOL.

**Block Party at Lord of Life** - Join us Sunday, September 8, from 4 pm to 6 pm for our Rally Day Block Party and help us kick off the start of our educational year. Join us for food, a pie tasting

contest, games and crafts. This is a free church/community event. Bring a pie for the pie contest and win a prize.