

GOOD NEWS

November
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

Ministers
The Lord of Life
Family of Faith

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[The angel said to Mary], "For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." [Luke 1:37-38a]

Imagine the Possibilities.

That's the theme chosen by our congregations Mission Support Team for our fall commitment campaign.

Lately, I've been at the work of imagining possibilities for Lord of Life. About two months ago I began to make a list of all the dreaming I have heard from various members throughout my time at Lord of Life. As the list has grown, I have been sharing that list of dreams with many members and inviting their feedback.

The purpose was to facilitate further conversation about what possibilities might lay around the corner for our congregation. It was also to give people a clear sense of what could be at stake if we pull together and increase our congregation's level of financial generosity. To date, I have had such conversations with over seventy members. If, in reading this, you realize you are not one of those people, I strongly urge you to reach out to me in order to have a conversation like that.

While our possibilities are limitless. (After all, the God we serve is limitless.) There are five areas that have crystalized as being the greatest need for our focus. They are:

- Removing barriers to vitality and participation in worship
- Replenishing depleted cash reserves
- Increasing our congregation's level of support for the staff who serve us
- Finish the work of right-sizing the staff for growth
- Caring for our mission center (aka, our building and grounds)

Our campaign has set a goal of generating \$70,000 of new giving in order to advance our work in these five areas.

During worship, throughout the month of November, we will be listening to members of our congregation share their thoughts on what makes Lord of Life a special congregation, with a special calling, and the vision for our congregation the stirrings of God's spirit have given them.

You are invited to join in the visioning, as together we imagine the possibilities for our congregation. You are invited to prayerfully consider the materials that will be sent to you in the near future related to the "Imagine the Possibilities" campaign. Please plan to attend our worship services on Wednesday, November 20 and Sunday, November 24, and bring your response form to that service.

Thank you for playing your part in furthering the mission and ministry of Lord of Life. My prayer is that collectively we can continue to respond to God's graceful encouragement and as Mary faithfully did so many years ago respond, "Let it be to me, according to your word."

Blessings!
Pr. Steve

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Wednesday, November 27
12 pm & 7 pm

Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office Closed
Thursday, November 28
& Friday, November 29.



Be sure to set your clocks back Saturday night November 2nd as daylight saving time ends at 2 am. Be sure to change the batteries on your smoke detectors. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep before worship on Sunday, November 3rd.

Wednesday Suppers



Join us on Wednesdays at 5:15 for supper. November 6 will be a potluck; please bring a dish to pass. Regular suppers will be on November 13 & 20. There will be no supper on November 27 for Thanksgiving.



Ila Marie Sanow
Baptism: October 6
Parents: Curtis & Briana Sanow

Prayers for Strength, Comfort and Healing for...

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

Sunday's Lessons

November 3 - All Saints Sunday

Elijah at Mount Carmel
1 Kings 18:20-39; Mark 9:2-4

November 10 - 22nd Sunday in Pentecost

God's Beloved Children
Hosea 11:1-9; Mark 10:13-14

November 17 - 23rd Sunday in Pentecost

Isaiah's Vineyard Song
Isaiah 5:1-7, 11:1-5; Mark 12:1-3

November 24 - Christ the King

Josiah Finds the Scroll
2 Kings 22:1-10, 23:1-3; Luke 24:30-32

Pancake
Breakfast



Join us for a pancake breakfast, Sunday, November 3, starting at 9:45 am. Free-will donations will go towards our mission trip this summer.

Caring Friends Lefse Making

We will be making Lefse on Friday evening, November 22nd, 5:00-9:00 pm and on Saturday, November 23rd, 9:00 am - 12 pm. Lefse will be sold at Lord of Life on Sunday, November 24th, just in time for Thanksgiving.

Please put your heart and hands to work, and let's make some LEFSE! If you would like to help sign up in the Narthex or email Jeannine zumBrunnen at zummyb@brainerd.net.

Prayer Chain In-service

Our next in-service will be Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm or Sunday, December 8 at 10:30 am.

We require a commitment of each member to attend at least one prayer chain in-service during a 12-month period. It is the individual's responsibility to be sure they attend an in-service.

What is the Prayer Chain? To faithfully lift up in prayer the needs and concerns of our church family and our loved ones, remembering what Jesus told us.

"Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:19-20:

Successful accomplishment includes praying for new requests received via phone, email, or our website; praying for people who receive prayer shawls; and praying for the newly baptized. If you would like to join this group, please come to our next in-service.



In honor of All Saints Day, at the Worship Services on November 3 you are invited to bring a photo (framed or unframed) to display as a part of our worship time.

This is a time to remember those who have died during the previous year, but also to celebrate the lives and influences of all saints living or passed who have, through their daily life, shown others the Christian walk and faith. Simply bring your photo to the worship service you are attending and place with the display, bring it back home with you or label it to be picked up at a later date.

Leah Circle

A new circle has formed at Lord of Life. Leah Circle will meet the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We will follow the study that is in the Gather Magazine. The subscription is \$9.95 and includes both a hard copy and a digital copy.

For more information contact Jeanne King at jeannerosepotvin@hotmail.com.

Help Shovel Our Sidewalks

To help keep our snow removal costs down, we are asking for volunteers to help with shoveling our sidewalks. Pick a week that will work for you, and all you need to do is shovel once in the morning and once in the evening if it has snowed that day. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help with this need. Email the church office at colleen@lolbaxter.org.



November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Diabetes is a leading cause of disability and death in the United States. Diabetes increases the risk of serious health problems like heart disease, stroke and kidney disease to name a few.

So what is diabetes?

Having diabetes means glucose (sugar) levels in your blood are too high. Your body depends on glucose for energy. When you eat, most of the food turns into glucose. Your blood carries the glucose to other parts of your body. When you have diabetes, your body has trouble turning glucose into energy. Instead of being used by your body, glucose builds up in your blood and your body is starved of energy. Over time, high blood glucose can damage almost every part of your body. Diabetes is a chronic (long-term) condition.

What is type 2 diabetes?

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes. You're more likely to get type 2 diabetes if you're overweight and inactive—or if you have prediabetes. Having prediabetes means your blood glucose levels are higher than normal, but not high enough for you to be diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.

What other types of diabetes are there?

- **Type 1 diabetes** - seems to be caused by a problem with the immune system (the system that helps fight infection). Right now, there's no way to prevent type 1 diabetes.
- **Gestational diabetes** - is a type of diabetes that some women develop during pregnancy. Gestational diabetes increases the risk of health problems for you and your baby. For example, gestational diabetes can make it more likely that you or your baby will develop type 2 diabetes later in life.

Symptoms of diabetes include: Being very thirsty or hungry, feeling more tired than usual, urinating more than usual, losing weight for no reason, having cuts or bruises that are slow to heal, having blurry vision, and feeling numb or tingly in your hands or feet.

Take Action! Talk to a doctor about your risk for type 2 diabetes and how to prevent type 2 diabetes. Ask about diabetes prevention programs near you. If you're pregnant or planning to get pregnant, talk to your doctor or midwife about gestational diabetes.

God's blessing for good health!

Deb Bergstrom RN
Parish Nurse
deb.bergstrom@lolbaxter.org

Undie Sunday

Help Lord of Life provide the very basic dignities of new undies!

Having clean, serviceable underwear is something many of us are lucky enough to take for granted. But for adults and children who are economically challenged or homeless, even those basic garments can be difficult-if not impossible-to obtain. And that makes it hard to feel comfortable or warm or maintain a sense of personal dignity.

We will be collecting new, packaged underwear, socks, and bras in sizes for all ages and genders. We would also accept baby onesies and baby socks.

There will be an underwear drawer in the Narthex and we will be collecting the whole month of November!

Please consider sharing!

Congregational Life Team

It's Time to Talk Turkeys!

As November approaches and we begin to think of our own holiday celebrations, Lord of Life Lutheran Church will once again be working with Bridges of Hope in coordinating Thanksgiving Baskets for families in our community. Bridges of Hope will provide the names of approximately 15 families who are in need of food baskets. Please consider donating canned vegetables and cranberries, boxes of stuffing, boxes or bags of potatoes (bagged potatoes only if close to the holiday to ensure they stay fresh), and jars or packets of gravy.

Bring items to the labeled Thanksgiving Drive Basket located in the Narthex, and/or donate funds toward the purchase of the turkeys and pumpkin pies. All donations must be at the church no later than Wednesday, November 20th.

On November 24th, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, LOL members will be invited to deliver baskets to the families. Please put this on your calendar, and plan to assist us after the church services. Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission!

LOLLY (Lots of Living Left Yet) - will meet on Wednesday, November 20, at 11:30 am for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. For more information call either Pat Huhta 218-330-3447, Mary Anderson 218-330-6171 or the church office 218-828-9374.

Fundraising Events for Tanzania

Join us Monday, November 4th, for dinner at Pizza Ranch from 5 pm to 8 pm. Our group will receive 10% of the evening sales and tips. We appreciate your support of our Tanzania mission trip and all proceeds will go towards supplies needed for Tanzania.

Ten years ago, one of our congregation members, a thirteen year old confirmation student, Paul Augustinack, was moved by Paula and Denny Lofstrom's mission work in Tanzania. Paul decided he was going to make "HOPE" bracelets and sell them at Lord of Life and send the money to the Tanzania clinic. With the help of other young students, moms, and congregation members, "HOPE" bracelets were made and a donation of over \$5,000 was delivered to Tanzania to supply a water system for the birthing center. During November, the Tanzania mission group will be selling "HOPE" bracelets once again to help support our mission trip to Tanzania and to help paint the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at the clinic in Zinga. We will begin selling bracelets Sunday, November 3 and continue selling on Sundays and Wednesdays until we are sold out. Bracelets will be \$15 a piece or two for \$25.



The Tanzania group is asking for your help in collecting painting, medical and children supplies to take with to Tanzania. Items needed:

Paint supplies: brushes, rollers, painter's tape, roller pans, etc.

Medical supplies: rolls of gauze, ace bandages, alcohol packets/swabs, cotton balls, band aids, shower curtains, sheets (any size)

Children supplies: beanie babies, small stuffed animals, match box cars, baby hats, receiving blankets, cloth diapers, quilts, newborn/small baby outfits/sleepers, reading glasses, children's vitamins (especially with iron; not gummy vitamins)

Adult supplies: reading glasses, prenatal vitamins (must not be expired or expiring in less than 6 months of June 2020).

The Building of the New Shed

With some nice days in October the shed is almost complete. A few finishing touches need to be completed in the spring. Thank you to everyone that helped with this project and all the time you put in to make this happen.



Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies is a musical theater performance opportunity that will be Lord of Life's Christmas Program on **December 15th, 2019**. We would love for many LOL children to be involved. We are blessed to be working with the Senior Choir and Youth Group for this program and therefore practices will be held to make sure everyone is on the same page and kids feel prepared for their roles.

The practice schedule is listed below. Please try and attend ONE practice per week. You can mix and match each week to meet your busy schedules!

Sunday, November 10 th	9:15 am - 10 am
Sunday, November 10 th	10:45 am - 11:30 am
Wednesday, November 13 th	4:30 pm - 5 pm
Wednesday, November 13 th	6:15 pm - 7 pm
Sunday, November 17 th	9:15 am - 10 am
Sunday, November 17 th	10:45 am - 11:30 am
Wednesday, November 20 th	4:30 pm - 5 pm
Wednesday, November 20 th	6:15 pm - 7 pm
Sunday, December 1 st	9:15 am - 10 am
Sunday, December 1 st	10:45 am - 11:30 am
Wednesday, December 4 th	4:30 pm - 5 pm
Wednesday, December 4 th	6:15 pm - 7 pm
Sunday, December 8 th	9:15 am - 10 am
Sunday, December 8 th	10:45 am - 11:30 am
Wednesday, December 11 th	4:30 pm - 5 pm
Wednesday, December 11 th	6:15 pm - 7 pm



Saturday, December 14th – DRESS REHEARSAL FOR EVERYONE!
Come at Noon for Lunch and 12:30 pm-3 pm is official rehearsal.

Because this is a large production that requires a lot of planning and preparation, we are asking parents and children to attend ONE of the information meetings below. These meetings will also provide an opportunity to sign up your child(ren) and find ways for parents to be involved!

Sunday, November 3rd 9:15 am - 9:30 am or 10:45 am - 11 am
Wednesday, November 6th 5 pm - 5:15 pm or 6:15 pm - 6:30 pm

3rd Grade Bible Class - 3rd graders and their families, please join us for our annual 3rd Grade Bible Class which is held three consecutive Sundays in November (3rd, 10th, 17th) 10:30 am - 11:30 am. This class will be interactive, informative, and a faith-bonding experience. 3rd graders will learn about the history of the Bible, what's in it, and how to navigate through it. Bibles will be presented during the 9 am church service on Sunday, November 24th. To register, go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/lol3rdgradebibles>

Children's Education Team Meeting - Interested in being involved in Children's Ministry? Do you have ideas you would like to see offered? Brainstorm with us and join the Children's Education Team! We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Catch the next one on **Tuesday, November 5th**.

November B.L.A.S.T Event - Families, join us in between services on **Sunday, November 24th** for a time of fellowship and growth. Families who attend will be making a Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree tradition is essentially an advent calendar that takes your family through Creation to the Christmas Story. The name comes from Jesse, who was the father of King David and stems from Isaiah 11:1-4. Lord of Life will provide all materials. No registration necessary.



10th Grade 2019 Confirmands: On Sunday, October 27th, 28 Confirmation students were confirmed in front of their family and friends. Please pray for the newly confirmed youth as they continue on their faith journey beyond confirmation.



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| Grace Aadland | Andrew Albright | Caitlin Banks | Beck Barber | Baden Bastian |
| Jacob Borgstrom | Chase Bunting | Gavin Bunting | Tommy Daniels | Etta Danielson |
| Katie Foley | Cecilia Ford | Macin Freed | Brianna Hansch | Emmy Holcomb-Smith |
| Jack Hughes | Adam Jensen | Alexa Jensen | Devin Knopf | Eli McConkey |
| Lexi McElfresh | Andrew Nybeck | Saydie Olson | Olivia Orlovski | Thea Shogren |
| Macy Speer | Nathaniel Staehling | Isaac Tupy | Gavin Vagts | Lance Zemke |

NEW Citywide Lutheran High School Youth Group: The 3rd Sunday of each month! Current 9th-12th graders are invited to take part in this youth group, gathering together with five area Lutheran churches and their high school youth groups as one. Each month is a little different and hosted at one of the area churches! Here is what you need to know about November's event:

When: November 17th **Time:** 7 pm - 8:30 pm **Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church Brainerd

2020 High School Summer Mission Trip: Lord of Life high schoolers will be traveling to Jamaica for their upcoming summer mission trip. We will be partnering with the organization Mission Jamaica. Our youth will be able to experience a diverse international experience. If you would like to learn more about this trip or would like to sign up, please contact Youth Director Tim Slinger at tim.slinger@lolbaxter.org.

Registration deadline is November 15th!

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Nov. 16th - 9am-3pm

What: USED Gnome-ore! Gently used Christmas décor and bake sale

When: November 16th 9 am-3 pm

Information: Looking to change up some of your Christmas Décor? Looking to change and donate some items to our fundraiser? Then check out our sale and purchase some items for yourself and get ready for the upcoming Christmas season!

Drop-off Gently Used Christmas décor Starting Sunday, November 10th - Thursday November 14th!

Come back and join us for the sale that Saturday, November 16th!

Other Important Announcements/ Calendar Dates:

- November 27th Thanksgiving break No Wednesday night programming
- November 22nd/23rd NOOMA Retreat (9th grade confirmation students)
- November 23rd/24th Middle School Youth Gathering (For 7th & 8th graders)

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



Consent Agenda:

- TO APPROVE the September 19, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes (CC.2019.10.2)
- TO AMEND Motion (CC.2019.9.14) - To approve a one-purpose lift on the wire-transfer moratorium policy to authorize Chris Adamson and Darren Larson to act on behalf of the church to complete a two-part wire transfer of funds for the Tanzania Mission Trip. (CC.2019.10.3)

Motioned by Pastor Steve Rye; seconded by Layne Danielson, all approved.

Other Approved Motions:

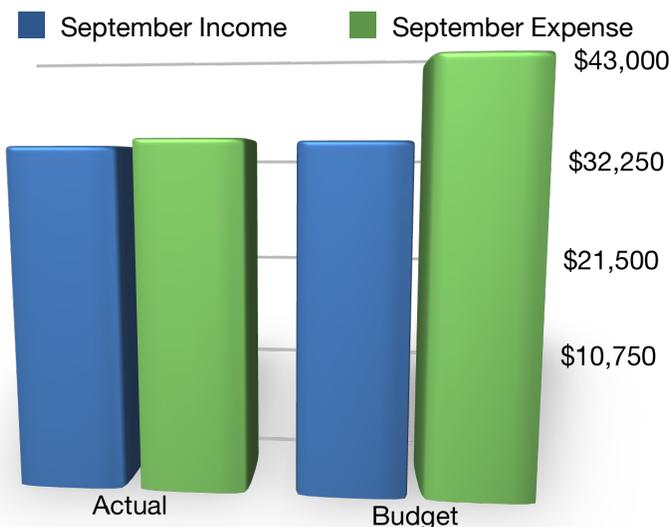
- Motion to receive for audit the September 2019 Treasurer's Report. Dan Tupy motioned, Lori Rehnblom seconded, all approved. (CC.2019.10.4).
- Motion to reduce the monthly mortgage payment to the minimum monthly payment and renew it monthly Motion by Layne Danielson, seconded by Dan Tupy, all approved. (CC.2019.10.5).
- Council Organization - Team continuing resolutions C.13.07.

Meeting Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

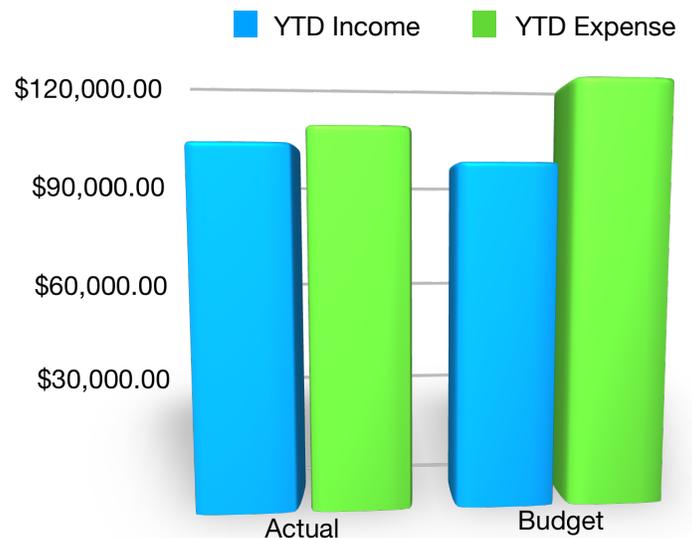
Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm – Council Meeting Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm – Council Meeting Tentative, Friday – Saturday, March 13-14, 2019 – Council Retreat.

Pastor Steve to create a need in CCB for 2 Church Council members to be present at Coffee with Council on the first Sunday of each month.

September 2019 General Fund



July 2019-September 2019 YTD - General Fund



Lord of Life Lutheran Ministry Opportunities

Connecting to Christ

Circle, Leah - Meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm off-site. For more information contact Jeanne King at jeannerosepotvin@hotmail.com.

Circle, Martha - Meets the second Tuesday of the month off site at 7:00 p.m. (August-June) For more information contact Sally Jacobsen at 218-829-1704, sally@jacobsenlaw.com.

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 829-8207.

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

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 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. for ages 55+ (Sept-May). For more information contact Mary Anderson at 330-6171, maryteda@charter.net.

Wednesday Night Supper Prep & Serving - Assist with cooking and serving of our Wednesday evening meal. Contact the church office at colleen@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:

<http://www.lolbaxter.org>



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Newsletter Team

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

The **Good News** is published monthly. Articles for the December Newsletter are due November 18.

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.

November 3-9

Keith & Jennifer Ahonen	David Bohlander
James Cowell	Connie Fordyce
Kevin & Jan Hall	Emily & Andy Isackson
Lydia Kraemer	Kim & Marilyn Macik
Daniel Nowacki	Rod & Val Rangen
Dan & Beth Selinger	Vicki Swanson

November 10-16

Rick & Patti Baillif	Jerry & Delia Bruggeman
Lisa Dewey	Daniel & Jolene Fromm
Curt & Nancy Hanssen	Thor & Julie Johnson
Alex & Ashley Kunesh	Les & Dianne McClelland
Brian & Maria Orlovski	Matt & Susan Rioux
Justin & Ashley Sjostrom	Ted & Connie Toensing
Mark & Beth Workman	

November 17-23

Sue Beck	Charlie & Amy Campbell
Chris & Kim Erickson	Kara & Larry Gordon
Tiffany Femling	Russell & Lisa Heittola
Jim & Kelly Larson	Bruce & Kelly Jo Mogensen
Nelson & Shannon Paysse	Jennifer & Chad Rushin
Martha Spear	

November 24-30

Jerry & Deb Bergstrom	Darlene Christensen
Patty & Steven Hins	Pam Hoglin
Pat & Raquel Kiffmeyer	Gary & Angie Kort
Kathi Lind	Chuck & Ruth Nelson
Tyler & Trisha Peterson	Seth & Danielle Sazama
Nikki Stirewalt	Sammi Waloch

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Dear Lord of Life Lutheran Church,

Thank you for letting us use your space during our 4-H meetings. That is very important to us and we can't begin to express our gratitude.

Sincerely,

The Baxter Sandpipers



Dear Quilters,

On behalf of Camp Knutson, we thank you for your support in helping make our 33rd Annual Quilt Auction an incredible success! This year we raised over \$63,500.

What a remarkable day it was! Once again God smiled down on Camp Knutson with a beautiful day. The counselors kept the crowd laughing with their varied costumes and antics. Our bidders were generous and the brats were great. This year we had 151 items in the live auction and 238 items in the silent auction.

Thank you for keeping this wonderful tradition alive and knowing that many extraordinary children will continue to enjoy a camping experience at Camp Knutson.

Blessings

Jared Griffin
Camp Knutson, Director

November Birthdays

- 1 Jenny Owens, Rylie Strus
- 2 Matt Majerle, Madeline Maurer, Tyler Pederson, Todd Swedberg
- 3 Anne Freelove, Mary O'Boyle, Audrey Powers
- 4 Tammie Benson, Pam Cook, Kayli Dorn, Maxine Fromm, Michael McConkey, Alex Rangen, Lori Swanson
- 5 Judy Bialka, Lydia Larson
- 6 Carol Femling, Eric Nesheim, Kate Porter, Julia Wheeler
- 7 Olive Barrer, Paul Borchert, Becky Holcomb, Rick Smallman
- 8 Taylor Halverson, Jan Hardesty, Bryson Kelm
- 9 Cami Anderson, Allen Braak, Kaarin Hanske, Steve Jones, Karla Nesheim, Melissa Pape, Glen Peppel, Leisha Tietz, Donna Whalen
- 10 Maren Ceynowa, Nadine Fraki, Bob Fromm, Pat Roettger, Braeden Wangsness
- 11 Kurt Hoelzel, Regan McElfresh, Jenny Vaughn
- 12 Jude Starns, Sindy Shanks, Kimberly Shipman
- 13 Alex Hirsch, Pete Gregersen, Shelly Ford, Chloe Patrick, John Stephenson, Natalie Wolfe
- 14 Charles Behr, Kayla Blong, Adam Fulton, Tori Larson, Eldo Schmidt, Erica Swanson
- 15 Julie Hofius, Greg Mangan
- 16 Suzanne Rye
- 17 Linda Hill, Bailey Koop, Calvin Stengrim
- 18 Jana Austad, Deanne Kruse, Sara Meier, John Myran
- 19 Jennifer Ahonen, Glenda Hoheisel, Cheryl Plouffe, Ruth Nelson, Judy Tollefson, Sammi Waloch, Mike Youngquist
- 20 Mindy Anderson, Rick Baillif, Amy Campbell, Tommy Daniels, Andy Rangen
- 21 Lisa Dewey, Chris Erickson, Emmett Kempf, Jonas Knipple, Steve Rehnblom, Curtis Sanow
- 22 Marie Anderson, Allen Balsley, Carroll Benedict, Jennifer Grams
- 23 Jason Freed, John Mackner, McCale Peterson, Sandy Schaefer, Denise Stromme, Riley Thompson
- 24 Alyssa Daniels, Alan Genz, Zack Skarolid
- 25 Arah Halbersma, Tonie Hoffman Thunder Bird, McKenna Parks, Avery Schilling, Chris Sliver
- 26 Chloe Coonfield, Chuck Nelson
- 27 Levi Hanske, Annika Mau
- 28 Bob Nelson, Miranda Ruzich, Carol VanDenBoom
- 29 John Majerle, Sonja Nefstead
- 30 Bill Fortune, Kristoffer Koop

November Anniversaries

- 2 Peter & Gloria Gregersen†
- 11 Ted & Mindy Anderson❖
- 17 Craig & Jennifer West❖
- 22 Nate & Jessica Mogensen
- 27 Ken & Janelle Riley❖
- 30 Keith & Jennifer Ahonen

❖=Celebrating 24-49 years!

†=Celebrating 50 years or more!

ELCA World Hunger

More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to micro-loans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Hunger facts

- 821 million people around the world - that's more than 1 in 10 - can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives.
- According to the most recent estimates, 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10% of the world's population.
- At some point in 2017 (the most recent year available), more than 40 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from.
- 39.7 million Americans were living in poverty in 2017. For a family of four, this means their annual household income was below \$25,094.

THIRTY PRAYERS FOR THE THIRTY DAYS OF NOVEMBER
IN SUPPORT OF LORD OF LIFE'S STEPHEN MINISTRY

Pray for Stephen Ministry:

1. Pray in thanksgiving for those giving their time and energy to serve in Christian caring ministries.
2. Pray that God will powerfully use Stephen Ministry as an instrument of God's peace, healing, and reconciliation in the Body of Christ.
3. Pray that God will bless and direct all who serve in Stephen Ministry, from the staff and volunteers serving at Stephen Ministry Headquarters in St. Louis, MO, to all Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers serving in thousands of churches worldwide.
4. Pray that our Stephen Leaders always look to God for strength and wisdom as they direct our Stephen Ministry, teach and supervise our Stephen Ministers, and link those in need of care with a caregiver.

Pray for the Spiritual Lives of Our Pastors, Stephen Ministers, and Stephen Leaders:

5. Pray that God would develop the fruit of the Spirit in them: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).
6. Pray that God will give them a humble and teachable spirit and enable them to wait before God for God's leading.
7. Pray that God will enable them to model obedience to God's Word in their homes, workplaces, and ministry.
8. Pray that God would reveal to them any unresolved resentment or anger they may be harboring toward God or toward people (Hebrews 12:15).
9. Pray that God would purify their motives and give them a passion only for God's glory in every situation (Psalm 115:1 and Malachi 2:1-2).
10. Pray that God will prevent or heal burnout and discouragement and provide for their spiritual and emotional needs.
11. Pray that they will find their greatest fulfillment in having a more intimate relationship with the Lord rather than in ministry accomplishments.
12. Pray that worship and praise become a more integral part of their lives.
13. Pray that they make ministry to the Lord a priority (Luke 4:8).

Pray for Our Stephen Ministers As They Provide Care:

14. Pray that God will make them effective intercessors for the needs of their care receivers, giving insight into what Jesus is praying as He "always lives to intercede for them." (Hebrews 7:25).
15. Pray that God will give them the time and energy needed for ministry to and intercession for their care receiver.
16. Pray that God will enable them to hear what the care receiver tells them and what the Holy Spirit is saying to them.
17. Pray that God will enable them to maintain confidentiality.
18. Pray that God will fill their hearts with God's compassion and mercy, enabling them to speak the truth in love.
19. Pray that they will provide comfort to their care receivers with the same comfort they themselves have received from God (2 Corinthians 1:4).

THIRTY PRAYERS in SUPPORT of STEPHEN MINISTRY, continued:

Pray for Our Care Receivers:

20. Pray that they will be blessed by the caregiving of their Stephen Ministers.
21. Pray that they are able to faithfully meet each week with their Stephen Ministers.
22. Pray that God will give them insight and comfort from Scriptures that relate to their life situation.
23. Pray that they will have faith to believe that all the promises God has made are given to us in Christ, and that God will enable them to speak the "Amen" to their life situation to the glory of God (2 Corinthians 1:20).
24. Pray that they will be given the Grace to forgive those who have wronged them, even as Christ forgives them, and to "wipe the slate clean", giving a fresh start to significant others.

Pray for Our Congregation:

25. Pray that we as a faith family will be sensitive to caring needs around us at church, home, work, and elsewhere, responding with a caring, listening ear and referring people to Stephen Ministry when appropriate.
26. Pray that all of us will be open to receiving care from others, recognizing that God intended us not only to love and care **for** others, but also to be loved and cared for **by** others.
27. Pray that God's people will always think of Stephen Ministry as a place both they and people they know can receive care when facing life difficulties.

Pray for Recruitment of New Stephen Ministers:

28. Pray that all of us will be able to recognize God calling us to ministry, will be able to identify our spiritual gifts, and will be able to find places in our congregation where we can utilize our gifts to glorify God.
29. Pray that God will place a strong calling upon the hearts of those in our faith family who are gifted for Stephen Ministry, that they will be able to identify their unique gifts, and that they will be willing to respond in service to God's people.
30. That God will give our Stephen Leaders wisdom and discernment to know what is most important when looking at the strengths and gifts that applicants bring to this ministry.

Thank you for praying!
For more information on Lord of Life's Stephen Ministry,
please call the Church Office at 218-828-9374

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9a Worship 27 10:30a Worship 1p Confirmation Ceremony 5:30p Middle School Youth Group 6p Church Council	9a SAIL Program 28 1p Monday Book Group 6p Grief Support Group	7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 29 9a Staff Meeting 6p Legacy Chorale	9a SAIL Program 30 10:15a Women's Bible Study 1:30p Matter of Balance Class 4p TRUNK OR TREAT 5:15p Wednesday Supper 6p Worship 7p 7th-9th Grade Confirmation 7p Choir Rehearsal 7p Club 56 8p Teen's Upstream	9a LOL Quilters 31 10a Men's Fellowship	7:30a Men's Breakfast 1 9a SAIL Program 10a Those Older Folders 7p Friday Family & Friends Al-Anon	9a Pray & Ponder 2 7p Lots of Love Open AA
9a Worship 3 9:30a Pancake Breakfast 10:30a Worship 11a Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen Ministry	9a SAIL Program 4 1p Monday Book Group 6p Grief Support Group	7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 5 9a Staff Meeting 6p Legacy Chorale 6:30p Team Meeting Night	9a SAIL Program 6 10:15a Women's Bible Study 12:30p Matter of Balance Class 5:15p Wednesday Supper 6p Worship 7p 7th-9th Grade Confirmation - Parent Night 7p Choir Rehearsal 7p Club 56 8p Teen's Upstream	9a LOL Quilters 7 10a Men's Fellowship 1p Parkinson's Support Group 6p Baxter Sandpipers 4-H 7:30p Leah Circle	7:30a Men's Breakfast 8 9a SAIL Program 10a Those Older Folders 7p Friday Family & Friends Al-Anon	7p Lots of Love Open AA 9
9a Worship 10 10:30a Worship	9a SAIL Program 11 1p Monday Book Group 6p Grief Support Group 6:30p Pinetree Patchworkers	7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 12 9a Staff Meeting 1p Sarah Circle 6p Legacy Chorale 7p Martha Circle	9a SAIL Program 13 12:30p Matter of Balance Class 5:15p Wednesday Supper 6p Worship 7p 7th-9th Grade Confirmation 7p Choir Rehearsal 7p Club 56 8p Teen's Upstream	9a LOL Quilters 14 10a Men's Fellowship	7:30a Men's Breakfast 15 9a SAIL Program 10a Those Older Folders 7p Friday Family & Friends Al-Anon	9a USED Gnome-ore! Holiday Boutique & Bake Sale 16 7p Lots of Love Open AA
9a Worship 17 10:30a Worship	9a SAIL Program 18 1p Monday Book Group 6p Grief Support Group	7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 19 9a Staff Meeting 6p Legacy Chorale 7p Membership 101 @ LOL	9a SAIL Program 20 11:30a L.O.L.L.Y. 5:15p Wednesday Supper 6p Worship 7p 7th-9th Grade Confirmation 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p Teen's Upstream	9a LOL Quilters 21 10a Men's Fellowship	7:30a Men's Breakfast 22 9a SAIL Program 10a Those Older Folders 5p Lefsa Making 6p 9th Grade NOOMA Retreat 7p Friday Family & Friends Al-Anon	12a 9th Grade NOOMA Retreat 23 4p Middle School Youth Gathering 7p Lots of Love Open AA
9a Worship 24 10a BLAST Event - Jesse Tree Advent Project 10:30a Worship	9a SAIL Program 25 1p Monday Book Group 6p Grief Support Group	7a Baxter Area Kiwanis 26 9a Staff Meeting	9a SAIL Program 27 12p Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7p Thanksgiving Eve Worship	Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving 28 9a LOL Quilters	7:30a Men's Breakfast 29 9a SAIL Program 10a Those Older Folders 7p Friday Family & Friends Al-Anon	5p Middle School Youth Group 30 7p Lots of Love Open AA



9th Grade Confirmation Scavenger Hunt: On Wednesday, October 23rd our 9th grade confirmation class along with their mentors took to the streets of Brainerd/Baxter for a photo scavenger hunt! Thank you to all the mentors from our congregation and community that have said yes to journeying with our 9th graders in their last year of confirmation! Here are some photos from the night!