

# Good News

November  
2022

Lord of Life  
Lutheran  
Church  
(ELCA)

Worship  
Sunday -  
9:30 am  
Wednesday -  
6:30 pm

Ministers  
The Lord of Life  
Faith Family

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Growing up. Paul Harvey had a radio program that was a favorite of mine called, "The Rest of the Story." One episode, he told a story, "The Old Man and the Gulls." It goes like this:

Gratitude prompted an old man to visit an old broken pier on the eastern seacoast of Florida. Every Friday night, until he died in 1973, he would return, walking slowly and slightly stooped with a large bucket of shrimp. The seagulls would flock to this old man, and he would feed them from his bucket.

Many years before, in October 1942, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was on a mission in a B-17 to deliver an important message to General Douglas MacArthur in New Guinea. But, there was an unexpected detour that would hurl Captain Eddie into the most harrowing adventure of his life. Somewhere over the South Pacific, the Flying Fortress became lost beyond the reach of radio. Fuel ran dangerously low, so the men ditched their plane in the ocean. For nearly a month, Captain Eddie and his companions would fight the water, the weather, and the scorching sun. They spent many sleepless nights recoiling as giant sharks rammed their rafts. The largest raft was nine by five. The biggest shark...ten feet long. But of all their enemies at sea, one proved most formidable: starvation.

Eight days out, their rations were long gone or destroyed by the salt water. It would take a miracle to sustain them. And a miracle occurred. In Captain Eddie's words, "Cherry," the B-17 pilot, Captain William Cherry, "read the service that afternoon, and we finished with a prayer for deliverance and a hymn of praise. There was some talk, but it tapered off in the oppressive heat. With my hat pulled down over my eyes to keep out some of the glare, I dozed off." Now, this is still Captain Rickenbacker talking... "Something landed on my head. I knew that it was a seagull. I don't know how I knew; I just knew. Everyone else knew too. No one said a word, but peering out from under my hat brim without moving my head, I could see the expression on their faces. They were staring at that gull. The gull meant food if I could catch it." And the rest, as



they say, is history.

Captain Eddie caught the gull. Its flesh was eaten. Its intestines were used for bait to catch fish. The survivors were sustained, and their hopes renewed because a lone seagull, uncharacteristically hundreds of miles from land, offered itself as a sacrifice. You know that Captain Eddie made it. And now you also know that he never forgot. Because every Friday evening, about sunset on a lonely stretch along the eastern Florida seacoast, you could see an old man walking white-haired, bushy-eyebrowed, slightly bent. His bucket filled with shrimp was to feed the gulls...to remember that one which, on a day-long past, gave itself without a struggle like manna in the wilderness.

November is a month dedicated to the practice of giving thanks. Few of us have war stories as dramatic as Eddie Rickenbacker - nor do any of us owe our lives to a seagull. But each of us - if we truly reflect on our lives - can identify many sacrifices other people and the world around has made so that we might enjoy the blessings we do.

November is a time for Eucharistia. Which is a churchy word that means "to give thanks." May we be as dedicated in our weekly worship to give thanks to God, as Eddie was with his every-Friday date with a bucket of shrimp.

Blessings!  
Pr. Steve

# Youth Update

## **Affirmation of Baptism Service:**

On Sunday, October 30th the 10th Grade Confirmation Class joined together for their Affirmation of Baptism Service. Confirmands were surrounded by the love and support of the congregation, family, friends and faith mentors as they made a public profession of their faith. To conclude their 3-year confirmation journey, students created unique faith projects, time lines and faith statements they displayed leading up to the Affirmation of Baptism Service. I want to thank everyone who has supported this class and will continue to support them on their faith journey. In future publications you will see pictures of the service and our newest confirmation class.

## **Youth Ministry Events: All Youth Gathering**

Lord of Life 6th-12th grade youth will be gathering together with churches from across the NE MN Synod for the All Youth Gathering happening at Cragun's Resort, November 19th-20th. Registration is now closed and we look forward to sharing pictures and updates from the event with all of you!

## **Christmas Decor & Bake Sale Fundraiser:**

Christmas is right around the corner. Do you have some gently used Christmas Decor you no longer need? Looking to change up some decor or add to you collection? We invite you to our Christmas Décor and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 19th from 9am - 3pm! If you are interested in donating gently used items you may do so from Sunday, November 13th to Wednesday November 16th. Money raised from the sale will support the 2023 Youth Summer Trip.

## **Wednesday Night Program Update:**

Wednesday nights continue to be filled with excitement and energy as youth in grades 5 -12 meet during our program hour. On November 9th we will be joining our confirmation classes together with area ELCA churches as we host Catherine Anderson from the NE MN Synod! Club 56 will be launching into session #2 which will be focused on stories about Jesus and using the Daniel Erlander book, "A Lutheran Welcome To Jesus."

## **November Youth Ministry Calendar:**

- November 13th-16th Christmas Décor Donation Drop Off;
- November 19th Christmas Décor & Bake Sale;
- November 19th-20th All Youth Gathering @ Cragun's Resort;
- November 23rd No Wednesday Night Program (Thanksgiving Break); and
- November 27th Middle School Youth Group @ LOL, 5:30 pm.

## **Congratulations to our 3rd Grade Bible Class graduates!**

On Sunday, October 30th – 12 3rd Graders received a Bible as a gift from their church and a treasure from their parents. Over the course of 3 weeks, we explored together the richness of God's word, how the Bible is organized and how to apply its wisdom and truth to our lives. Please keep these 3rd Graders in your prayers as they spend time in God's word and grow in faith.

Emma Campbell, Brynlee Coonfield, Sam Freelove, Everett Grams, Arah Halbersma, Lincoln Juel, Greta King, Hannah Larson, Kinsley Malchow, Xander Norquist, Kasey Pape, McKenna Parks, Paige Selisker, and Avery Skwira.

**Are you interested in helping our younger members grow in faith?**

**Sign up with Pastor Erika to lead Kids Time during Sunday Services.**



# Council Minutes

## Lord of Life Church Council Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 6 pm

**Present:** Greg Bennett, Pr. Erika Nilsen, Kevin Olson, Donna Salli, Steve Schaitberger, Kurt Porter, Jolene Parks, Brian Orłowski, Donna Salli, Karla Skwira, and Pr. Steve Rye

**Absent:** Josh Freelove

**Guest:** Anne Laechel

Meeting called to order at. by President Schaitberger.

**Devotions by Pr. Nilsen.** Experiencing God in the world around us as seasons change (autumnal equinox).

### Consent Agenda:

- Adoption of September 2022 Agenda (CC.2022.09.01);
- Approval of August 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes (CC.2022.09.02);
- Approval of August 2022 Financial Report (CC.2022.09.03); and
- Authorization to form Disability Ministry group (CC.2022.09.04).

Discussion of updating Church Mutual insurance policy. New product and increase of about \$600/yr. reasonable. MOTION to update Church Mutual insurance policy. Motion by Bennett, second by Porter, all ayes. (CC.2022.09.05)

Discussion of switching office staff health plan from Gold to Silver Plan. Silver Plan includes Health Savings Account that is portable to employee with a \$900 employer contribution. Change would be effective for 2023 year. Dedicated account 9010 with current balance of \$2600 would be used for approximate \$620 annual increase. MOTION to switch staff health plan from Gold to Silver. Motion by Pr. Rye, second by Skwira, all ayes. (CC.2022.09.06).

Replacing pastors' older computers discussed. MOTION to purchase two new computers for pastors from dedicated technology account. Motion by Porter, second by Orłowski, all ayes. (CC.2022.09.07)

### Barrett Property Discussion:

- Importance of Council being prudent steward of this gift;
- Possibly having congregational meeting prior to finalizing sale to authorize Council to proceed with sale (would help in finding realtor);
- Information gathered before meeting should include planned usage of proceeds; and
- Best time to finalize sale may be in spring.

Task force of Schaitberger, Bennett, Porter, Orłowski (limited) to proceed with process. Schaitberger will contact Property Group by email and offer future meeting.

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# Music Ministry

**Worship Musicians:**

We are looking to add more musicians to our pool of volunteers who lead hymns, play instruments, and accompany worship. Email [kennedy@lolbaxter.org](mailto:kennedy@lolbaxter.org) if you are interested in serving our music ministry.

**Lord of Life Choir:**

All who enjoy singing are welcome to join the Lord of Life Choir.

*Choir Schedule for November-December:*

- Sunday, November 13th at the 9:30 am worship service. Rehearsals for this performance are scheduled for Sunday, November 6th, from 6:30 to 7 pm; and from 8:30 to 9:15 am on November 13; and
- Saturday, December 24th at the 3 pm worship service. A rehearsal for this service is scheduled for 2 pm on December 24.

**Cantata:**

This year's cantata is "Joy to the World: A Celebration of Carols" arr. Jay Althouse.

Rehearsals began in mid-October and are taking place on Sunday evenings from 7 to 8:15 pm in the Sanctuary.

Upcoming rehearsal dates are:

- November 6th;
- November 27th; and
- December 4th.

The cantata will be performed during the 9:30 am worship service on Sunday, December 11.

Kennedy Niska, Music Coordinator  
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# Calendar

## **Tuesday, November 1**

Parkinson Support Group, 12 pm  
Grief Support Group, 5 pm  
Stewardship Stew, 5:30 pm  
Property Team Meeting, 6:30 pm

## **Wednesday, November 2**

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am  
Worship w/ Confirmation, 6:30 pm  
Master Class Bible Study, 7:30 pm  
Teen's Upstream, 8 pm

## **Thursday, November 3**

Quilters, 9 am  
Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am  
Martha Circle, 1 pm

## **Friday, November 4**

Men's Breakfast, 7 am  
Al-Anon, 7 pm

## **Sunday, November 6**

Worship, 9:30 am  
Micah Group CLT Meeting, 11 am  
Lord of Life at Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen, 11 am  
Cantata Rehearsal, 7 pm

## **Tuesday, November 8**

General Elections, 8 am  
Sarah Circle, 1 pm  
Grief Support Group, 5 pm

## **Wednesday, November 9**

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am  
Worship w/ Confirmation and Noisy Offering, 6:30 pm  
Club 56, 7:15 pm  
Master Class Bible Study, 7:30 pm  
Teen's Upstream, 8 pm

## **Thursday, November 10**

Quilters, 9 am  
Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am  
Joining Lord of Life, 4 pm

## **Friday, November 11**

Men's Breakfast, 7 am  
Al-Anon, 7 pm

## **Sunday, November 13**

Worship, 9:30 am  
Cantata Rehearsal, 7 pm

## **Tuesday, November 15**

Grief Support Group, 5 pm

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## **Wednesday, November 16**

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am  
Worship w/ Confirmation, 6:30 pm  
Club 56, 7:15 pm  
Master Class Bible Study, 7:30 pm  
Teen's Upstream, 8 pm

## **Thursday, November 17**

Quilters, 9 am  
Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am  
Church Council, 6 pm

## **Friday, November 18**

Men's Breakfast, 7 am  
Al-Anon, 7 pm

## **Saturday, November 19**

Christmas Decor and Bake Sale, 9 am

## **Sunday, November 20**

Worship, 9:30 am  
Micah Group Native American Sunday, 11am  
Joining Lord of Life, 4 pm

## **Tuesday, November 22**

Grief Support Group, 5 pm

## **Wednesday, November 23**

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am  
Thanksgiving Worship, 12 pm  
Thanksgiving Worship, 6:30 pm

## **Thursday, November 24**

Happy Thanksgiving from Lord of Life!

## **Friday, November 25**

Al-Anon, 7 pm

## **Sunday, November 27**

Worship, 9:30 am  
Middle School Youth Group, 5:30 pm  
Cantata Rehearsal, 7 pm

## **Tuesday, November 29**

Grief Support Group, 5 pm

## **Wednesday, November 30**

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am  
Advent Devotions, 3 pm  
Worship w/ Confirmation, 6:30 pm  
Club 56, 7:15 pm  
Master Class Bible Study, 7:30 pm  
Teen's Upstream, 8 pm

# Council Minutes Cont.

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Stewardship Stew starts October 13. Possible Wednesday evening conflicts discussed.

Roof shingle replacement planned for Spring 2023, one damaged area to be temporarily patched prior, possibly by property team. MOTION to create a new dedicated fund to be used for the purpose of tracking re-roofing income and expenses, and that when the project is complete, that the fund be deactivated and any balance be transferred to the Dedicated Long Term Repair Fund. Motion by Schaitberger, second by Salli, all ayes. (CC.2022.09.08)

## **Directional Council Updates**

**Salli (Outward):** Bridges of Hope's 20th Anniversary. MOTION to donate \$1000 (unrestricted) in recognition of Bridges of Hope's work with homeless shelter. Motion by Salli, second by Pr. Nilsen, all ayes. (CC.2022.09.09). Micah Group has made some changes regarding donations in their promotional materials, has a new book discussion in progress, doing a panel discussion in Cloquet, looking at putting some books in Commons area, November 20 designated as native American Sunday. Prayer Shawl group will have October 4 gathering. Quilters group's donated quilt sold for \$1350 at annual Camp Knutson Quilt Auction. Bonnie Henningson reported Habitat for Humanity doing multiple builds (4) to work around weather.

**Skwira (Upward):** Good turnout for Rally Sunday.

**Orlowski (Grounds):** Fall Capital Campaign coming up. Property team working with insurance underwriter concerning Faith Works building. Faith Works group separate from Property Team being planned. Trees and branches potentially hazardous to church buildings, prayer path, gaga court area discussed. Unanimous consent given by Council to remove/trim trees as necessary.

**Pr. Rye:** Current leadership update covers past two months.

**Pr. Nilsen:** Eagle Scout candidate Tyler Stoen had a successful fundraising for gaga ball court project construction.

**Bennett/Laechel:** Finances are about where they should be at this time of year. Laechel is researching updating bookkeeping technology. Efficient financial accounting noted by Schaitberger.

Next regular Council meeting set for October 27, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer led by Pr. Rye, 7:35 p.m.

Kevin Olson, Council Secretary

# Fall Stewardship Campaign

*“Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have.” —  
Philippians 4:11*

Many North Americans are on a continuous quest to live more simply. For decades, we have created tools and technology to make our lives easier. Today, some efforts to live simply try to counter our complex, consumer-focused lifestyle: growing and eating simpler foods from personal gardens, building micro-sized living quarters, and looking for ways to reduce our carbon footprints.

Even so, naming that we are on this quest says something about our day-to-day lives of privilege. Our jobs, relationships, and social activities are often demanding. Simply finding rest is a luxury: Sabbath rest seems like an impossibility. Our efforts to do, be, and have the best leave us tired and unsatisfied. If there is a simple life, where is it?

Paul’s words in Philippians give us an important clue: “I have learned to be content with whatever I have.” (Phil 4:11). That kind of contentment is countercultural and not easily embraced by human nature. Perhaps we may take comfort that even for Paul, finding contentment was learned behavior.

During our Stewardship Campaign this fall, we at Lord of Life will be exploring the following themes:

**Live Simply: Follow Jesus**

**Live Simply: Face the Truth**

**Live Simply: Act Together**

**Live Simply: Share Enough**

We also invite you to attend one of our Stewardship Stew Meal events to engage in a discussion of the mission and ministry of our congregation. Following a meal aimed at the Church Council and group leaders on October 13th, any member of the congregation is invited to a meal on any of the following dates:

**Tuesday, November 1st, 5:30 pm**

**Wednesday, November 9th, 6 pm**

We know that Paul’s contentment came from his life in Christ. One of the simplest—and at the same time most comprehensive—descriptions of Christian stewardship is that it is “everything we do after we say we believe.” We are in the second year of a four-year series based on I Timothy 6:18-19: “Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way, they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” Living more simply involves reclaiming Christian discipleship as our priority, including stewarding our resources faithfully and giving generously. We hope this time can help us all let go of the excess clutter and take hold of the life that is truly life, ready to receive and give all that God has in store for you and your mission and ministry.

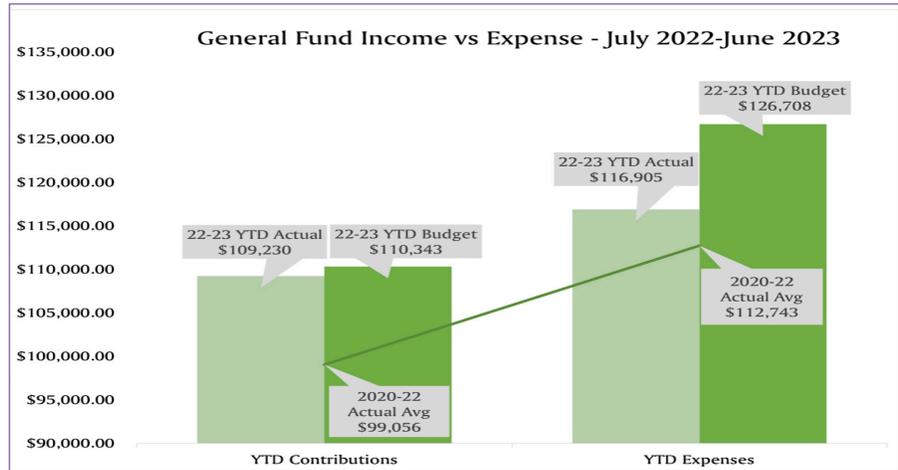
*—Adapted from an article by Marcia Shetler, Executive Director/CEO of Ecumenical Stewardship Center*

# Financial Report

## Financial Report:

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Lord of Life every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

Lord of Life Lutheran custom shopping link is <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1677843> Please note that you will not receive a tax receipt for donations made via this program, as all donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation.



<b>Capital Campaign - August 31, 2022</b>			
<b>YTD Credits</b>	\$10,198.64	<b>YTD Credits Last Year</b>	\$10,837.77
<b>YTD Debits</b>	\$11,608.00	<b>YTD Debits Last Year</b>	\$11,608.00
<b>Balance Due</b>	\$652,081.34	<b>Current Rate</b>	3.875%
<b>Loan Maturity</b>	June 2034	5 yr Adj Sec Loan (2018-2023)	

# Thank You's

- Lord of Life would like to thank Mark Jungclaus and Dorothy Schmidt for each donating flowers to beautify our Sanctuary. Dorothy also donated to have the display of flowers outside the main entrance;

- Lord of Life thanks Eagle Scout Candidate Tyler Stoen and his fellow scouts from Troop 36 for their work in creating a Gaga Ball Pit next to our playground, and for clearing brush from our Prayer Path. We would also like to thank all the members of our faith community who donated toward Tyler's project;

- Lord of Life would like to thank the crew from Armor Construction for their swift and excellent work replacing our roof this October. We would also like to thank all the volunteers in our Congregation who lent their expertise in the runup to this roof replacement project; and

- Lord of Life would like to thank Claire Rud, Val Jones, Vicky Borgstrom, Steve Schaitberger, and all the other volunteers who helped make our Stewardship Stew programs happen.

# Worship Volunteers



## Scripture Reading

**November 6:** Carol Rodseth  
**November 13:** Joanne Wolf  
**November 20:** VACANT  
**November 27:** Paul Springstead



## Fellowship Treats

**November 6:** Tyler Jensen  
**November 13:** Helene Danielson  
**November 20:** Deb Bergstrom and Peg Rudkin  
**November 27:** Mary O'boyle and Sharon Johnson



## Ushers

**November 6:** John Wolf  
**November 13:** Verdell Bose  
**November 20:** VACANT  
**November 27:** VACANT



## Musicians

**November 6:** VACANT  
**November 13:** Jennifer Person, Lord of Life Choir  
**November 20:** VACANT  
**November 27:** EveryDaySonDay Band



## Communion Serving

**November 6:** VACANT  
**November 13:** VACANT  
**November 20:** VACANT  
**November 27:** VACANT



## Sound Booth

**November 6:** VACANT  
**November 13:** VACANT  
**November 20:** VACANT  
**November 27:** VACANT



## Communion Setup

**November 6:** VACANT  
**November 13:** VACANT  
**November 20:** VACANT  
**November 27:** VACANT



## Kids Time

**November 6:** VACANT  
**November 13:** Pauline Tischmann  
**November 20:** VACANT  
**November 27:** VACANT

# Micah Group

Second graders have finished coloring cornucopias. Now, it is story time. They gather in a circle and sit down as Mrs. Cole tells them, "Sit Indian style." All eyes focus on the colorful pictures in the book she holds. She reads words like Pilgrim, Captain John Smith, and Captain Miles Standish. Oh look! There's an Indian girl named Pocahontas in this story about Pilgrims and Indians celebrating the First Thanksgiving.

Being in that circle brings feelings of warmth and anticipation. My grandparents are coming! Grandma will make pumpkin pies. I feel like I belong to Captain John and Captain Miles and Pocahontas and the Pilgrims, and they belong to me.

We return to our desks and color, then cut out, feathered headbands and Pilgrim hats to wear in our play about The First Thanksgiving. I place a headband on my head. I AM Pocahontas!

Since those sweet innocent days, I have learned that, had the Wampanoag, "People of the First Light," not shared provisions with the starving Pilgrims in Plymouth Colony, there would have been no First Thanksgiving. As I grew older, I heard Indians being called "scalpers" and "savages" and saw movies that portrayed them massacring people like me and people like me killing them. Still later, I learned the nouns "treaties" and "reservations." The verbs that originated and connected them were not in my history books.

As an adult looking back, I realize that I learned very little in school about the relationship between my European ancestors (who came much later than the Pilgrims) and the human beings whose ancestors were the first to live on the soil of this land we share, America. To not know that history is to live with a part of my identity missing. That history belongs to me, to you, and to our Native American brothers and sisters.

On November 20, we will celebrate a Native American Sunday. Following worship service, Native American fry bread will be served. At 11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary, Bob Brekken, member of Lord of Life and history teacher, will present "First Peoples: An Overview of American Indians in American History." At 12:30, a luncheon of wild rice, wild rice casseroles, squash, and berries will be served in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a children's story/activity time from 11 am to 12:30 pm, registration required: please contact Judy Bialka at (218) 821-3446.

We seek to love our neighbors as ourselves. To that end, and to express gratitude to God who loves us first and forever, we learn together, celebrate together, and serve together.

Humbly Submitted,  
Pat Dickson for Micah Group

**November 6 and December 4** – Discussion on the book *A Time for the Truth: Race in MN* continues at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

# Groups at Lord of Life

• **Men's Fellowship and Breakfast** - At Lord of Life, we have two opportunities for men to come together for fellowship, food, and deep discussions. Men's Fellowship meets Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Commons, while Men's Breakfast meets Fridays at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall.

• **Sarah and Martha Circles** - There are also plenty of opportunities for women to come together for fellowship and growing in faith here. Sarah Circle meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Martha Circle meets the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

• **Lord of Life Choir** - The Lord of Life Choir is back! Our choir performs one or two Sundays a month, with rehearsals held the hour before service. This is an excellent opportunity to share your musical talents. Contact Music Ministry Coordinator Kennedy Niska if interested.

• **Worship Environment Team** - This amazing team of volunteers use their talents to prepare our worship space and change its decorations throughout the year. Contact the Church Office at (218) 828-9374 if interested in joining this group.

• **Master Class Bible Study** - This Bible Study, led by Pastor Steve, takes a deep dive into the books of the Bible. The group meets Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Email [steve@lolbaxter.org](mailto:steve@lolbaxter.org).

• **Friends of Habitat for Humanity** - These members of the Lord of Life Faith Family make a huge difference in the lives of people in the community. They partner with our Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity to fundraise and construct homes for those in need. The team is currently working on a home in Brainerd. If you are interested in joining this group, speak with Bonnie Henningson at (218) 851-9163.

• **Wednesday Women's Bible Study** - This Bible Study for women is starting back up for the season Wednesday, September 14, at 10:30 am on Zoom. The group will be taking a look at the Gospel of Luke. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Carol Rodseth at (218) 838-4396, or [rodseth@charter.net](mailto:rodseth@charter.net).

• **Lord of Life Quilters** - From students graduating high school, to members of our Congregation, and to people around the world in need of kindness, the Lord of Life Quilters have touched many people's hearts with countless beautiful quilts they've made over the years. All are welcome to join in making quilts Thursdays at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Donations of material are always appreciated.

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# Announcements

- This month is a time for being thankful for the blessings in our lives. Throughout the month of November, stop by the “Gratitude Tree” and leave a leaf on the tree sharing something for which you are grateful!
- We will be having two Thanksgiving Eve services on Wednesday, November 23rd. The first will be a noon service, followed by an evening service at 6:30 pm.
- The order forms for Christmas Eve poinsettia donations are available! You can pick one up at the Welcome Center, or go to [lolbaxter.org](http://lolbaxter.org). Poinsettias cost \$10 each and can be taken home following the 9 pm service on Christmas Eve.
- We will be having a Children’s Christmas Program entitled “Manger Tales” here at Lord of Life on Sunday, December 18, during our 9:30 am Worship Service. Rehearsals for the program will be held following Sunday Worship Services on November 13 and 20, along with December 4 and 11. For more information, or to sign up, call the Church Office at (218) 828-9374.