



LifeLines

Lord of Life Lutheran Church



A Word from Pastoral Asst. Pam

Who Knew? God said, "I did!"

When I moved to Arizona in June of 2019, I knew it would be for just one year. I knew that there would be another transition for myself, my mom and the beloved Golden Retriever, Murphy. I had no idea where that transition would lead. Then, beginning in October of 2019, I learned that we were headed to the Western North Dakota Synod. A territory that these two Southwest women, and the beloved Golden Retriever knew absolutely nothing about. There was the excitement of new frontiers to explore, and then came the realization that the reality of remoteness and harsh winter weather would not be a wise choice for my family. So, in November, after much prayer and discernment it was evident that a hard conversation was necessary with a bishop whom I'd never met. With much fear and trepidation, I called the newly elected, Bishop Craig Schweitzer of Western North Dakota and he listened to my plight.

To my surprise and delight, he was gracious, kind and in full agreement that this move would not be wise for my mother or for me. We didn't discuss the beloved Golden Retriever, Murphy.

The next phone call that I received was from Bishop Deborah Hutterer of the Grand Canyon Synod telling me: "You're mine." Had I not been in public at the time, I might have fallen over. You see, I had assumed I would be sent back to my home synod is Southern California. The Bishop also said to me: "There is a congregation in Grand Canyon Synod that has requested you." Again, you could have knocked me over with a feather. Since then, you have all read or heard the story about the plan to issue a call to me as Lord of Life Lutheran's third staff pastor.

I have been digesting this possibility with more prayer, discernment and with great joy!

The whirlwind of directional change around my first call has been amazing and there is only one entity responsible. God. I would never have planned or guessed that the outcome of my journey to rostered ministry would bring me to a first call in Sun City West, Arizona, but I am whole heartedly delighted by that possibility. I say possibility because I am writing this during the time that you, the community of Lord of Life, are voting yay or nay to issue that call. While I am ready to joyfully say yes and immerse myself in the work of being your pastor, I have a deep respect for the processes in the ELCA by which we live. I also have a deep respect for the work of the Holy Spirit in my life and how the Spirit has worked to bring us together. Should the outcome be that Lord of Life discerns we are not a match, I will be sad, but not disheartened. I am confident that when I get out of the way, God has good and wonderful plans to use me for ministry in God's church. Still, I pray that it is here.

Since arriving last Fall, this community has been nothing but welcoming and loving to both me and my mom. Yes, even Murphy, the beloved Golden Retriever has been the recipient of your love and generous spirit here. It would be a privilege to continue to work with and among you in ministry and be called one of your own here at Lord of Life.

So, I wait, in prayer for votes to come in, for counting to begin, for results to be tabulated and an announcement made. I will enthusiastically, and with delight, say yes to a call here, but in the case that one is not offered, I will be sad to say goodbye but also delight in what God has planned for me next. Lord of Life will always be part of who I am as Pastor Pam.

—Probable Pastor Pam

FEBRUARY BIBLE READINGS

February 7

Isaiah 40:21-31

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 14

2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 21

Genesis 9:8-17

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

February 28

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

Lord of Life
Lutheran Church

40th Anniversary
CELEBRATION



NOVEMBER 2021

THE RUBY CORNER

ONLY NINE MONTHS TO THE BIG CELEBRATION!

We hope you are enjoying the **Ruby** Corner and have been able to participate in some of the monthly events for this special anniversary. Thank you for wearing your ribbons on your nametags. Pastor Steve has mentioned that he sees them being worn as he meets our members.



Can you believe that Ash Wednesday is on the 17th of this month? If you look on your calendar, you will see that there is another special day in this month, a day dedicated to love. We need to make this year a year of **Ruby** love. This month we are pleased to have a little treat bag for you, which will be on the table in the Narthex starting on February 8th, so you will have it for the weekend of February 13 & 14!

We hope to see you at these events and hope all the artists and designers are working on their projects for August and September as found in last month's Lifelines. Please email your "I remember when..." pieces to either Neal Johnson or Lori Jensen, or call them and they will be happy to write your thoughts for you. You may also submit a piece to info@lolaz.org.

Keep checking the **Ruby** Corner every month!

Not mentioned in last month's issue: the donation of the banner (pictured above) from Marcy Hjertstedt was in memory of her parents Howard and Lucille Andersen, who were Charter members of LOL!

Lord of Life Trivia

1. What do all of these members have in common? Bill Dowling, Lyle Rossing, Dave Swanson, James DeCoe, Kevin Meyer, Ron Tellefson, Harold Stromer, Richard Tucker, May Hertel, David Olson, Roger Bourland, Luther Tolo, Diane Koschmeder, Rolf Nestingen, Dick Jessen, Ted Johns, John Sersland, David Tiede, Bruce Ayers, Carl Braaten, Jerry Nelson, Joe Carucci, Jim Lundeen, Kim Sterner and Steve Beyer.
2. Four of our called Senior and Associate Pastor's last names have begun with the letter "B". Can you name all four?

Hint: the answers can be found somewhere on this page!

OOPS!

We hid the answer to last month's trivia so well, that even we can't find it. Here is the explanation as to why our members were having breakfast in the conference room at 3:00 AM: The pieces for the pipe organ were shipped from Germany to California and delivered by truck to LOL during the late summer. To insure that everything would stay at a cool temperature, the truck needed to travel across the desert during the night and was expected to arrive at 2:00 AM. Members and friends came at 2:00 AM to help unload the truck and place the organ pieces in the pews. Their efforts were rewarded with a hot breakfast.



Trivia answers:

1. All of these members are current or retired clergy!
2. Jeff Berg, Barbara Bengtson, Janice Brosen and Stephen Beyer.

I Remember When...

I remember when we remodeled the office and the entire staff and Pastors were stuffed into all available corners of the campus. All the office staff were in one classroom trying to do what we could to make it feel normal. We became very skilled at stepping over, twisting and turning our way through the tables and wires. In the end, we were rewarded with an elegant, well-designed space that helps us in our work for the congregation.

—*Deb Dorough, Director of Administration*

When John and I moved to Sun City West, we decided we wanted to attend a church in our community. I was in the choir and before the buildings were built, we needed a place to hold choir practice. Pastor Ruby suggested asking the local Catholic Church to see if they had any available time. After going back and forth for ten minutes and getting nowhere, one of the priests pounded his fist on the desk, and in a very loud voice said, "D#%*@+T, if you Lutherans hadn't left us, you would have had a place!" I was told by others that my jaw dropped. We moved on.

—*Wilma Pastilla, Charter Member*

If you have a memory to share please bring or mail your story to the church (Attn: Anniversary Committee), or send an email to info@lolaz.org!

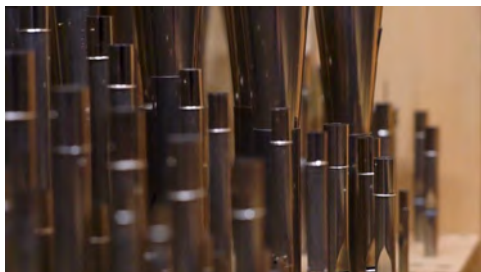
THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Pandemic Parade. It was so good to see so many of you after all these months. We had cars, trucks and golf carts come through filled with donations. If you were early, you saw two tables for food donations. By noon, we needed seven to hold all the food. Our wonderful delivery people said it had to be close to 800 pounds!

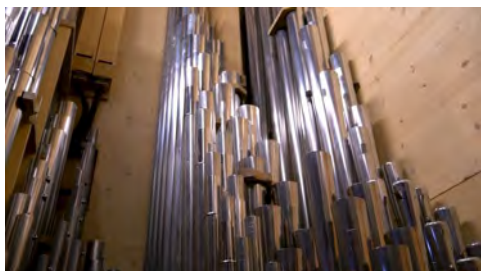
There were 129 vehicles that drove through the parking lot. Congratulations to Gene and Alice Maul who were in car number 100. They were cheered on and got to have two cupcakes each (no cash prize). We hope you enjoyed your cupcake and noticed the little **RUBY** touch on the icing. There is more to come from your anniversary committee. Watch the **RUBY** corner article each month. Thank you!



MUSIC AT LORD OF LIFE



First of all, thanks for all the thoughts, prayers and well-wishes you've sent our way during our escapade with COVID-19. We felt we had been very careful, staying away from restaurants, stores, masking, social distancing, washing our hands numerous times a day, but somehow, somewhere, we caught it. Thankfully it was mild for both of us, but we really understand how extremely dangerous it can be. We continue to encourage everyone to be very cautious and limit oneself to potential exposure, and yes, we are waiting for our vaccines!



Before Christmas, Pastor Steve had asked if I would consider putting together an video presentation of an "Organ Crawl", explaining the background of how we got our Glatter-Götz organ. Our Central AZ American Guild of Organists (CAZAGO) was requesting the same thing, so that's what I've been doing during quarantine. To view it, check out

the Lord of Life YouTube page at www.youtube.com/c/LordOfLifeLutheranChurch.

First, the pipes were put together in Germany, then taken apart and packed into two 40 foot containers, loaded on a ship, sent through the Panama Canal, through customs in Long Beach, California and finally loaded on the semis and brought to Lord of Life. There are lots of pictures of Lord of Life congregants carrying in the pipes at 2:00 AM, after two semis drove across the desert during the middle of the night in August of 2012 when it wasn't as hot. Tune in for the rest of the story! It's an amazing account of Lord of Life congregants working together.



—Gloria Lien

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Nadaburg Schools: Supplies Needed

A box has been placed in the Social Hall hallway to receive needed school supplies, including crayons, #2 pencils, white and colored copy paper, lined writing paper, composition books, highlighters, Sharpies and white or colored construction paper. Thanks to all who have already given and to all who will give.

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available. Contact Jack Sellers through your church directory or call the church office for more information about this rewarding opportunity.

West Valley Lutheran Thrift Shop

10615 West Peoria Ave., Sun City
<http://www.wvlutheranthrift.com/>
-- 623-815-7061 --

Volunteers Needed - It's Getting Critical!

We are really struggling to staff the shop. We have a number of long-time, faithful volunteers who are unable to serve any longer and we really need some additional folks who can volunteer 4 to 8 hours (or more) each week.

Volunteer opportunities at the shop are as varied as the kinds of donations we receive. Many volunteers prefer to work behind the scenes accepting and processing donations. Small appliances need to be tested, cleaned, priced and shelved. Clothing is sorted by season, checked for cleanliness, sized, priced and put out on the racks. Sheets, towels, blankets and tablecloths are measured and marked as to size and stocked. Knick knacks, dishes and kitchen things are cleaned and priced.

Some volunteers prefer to be more visible. Strolling the sales floor, interacting with customers and helping people find all the great bargains; these are great opportunities for them. Cashiers with friendly smiles welcome customers as they arrive and handle all the purchases. No matter what your style, the shop has something for you.

Volunteering at the LTS is as much a social opportunity as it is work time. Most days, fresh baked goodies add a few yummy calories to break time where the coffee is always hot and fellowship is abundant. An added perk - 20% off purchases if you're a volunteer!

This a convenient, friendly place to volunteer. We really do great things in the community. We've granted approximately \$10 million to local churches and charities over the 27 years we've existed. You can volunteer at the Shop while helping 30 to 40 West Valley charitable organizations.

Help us live out our mission: **"In gratitude to God and love of neighbors, our mission is to operate a Thrift Shop that will provide support for area Lutheran churches, non-profit organizations and assistance for families and individuals in need."**

Call us to schedule your tour soon. 623-815-7061

Check us out on Facebook

Keep up with the WVLTS on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop/

We are planning on regularly posting specials so check us out. Please "Like" us today!



Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club at Two meets weekly from 2:00-3:30pm as an opportunity for memory caregivers and their loved ones. This social time with brain enhancing activities gives caregivers a break to go shopping or to stay and have supportive discussions. Sign Up is required. Volunteers welcome.

Thank you!

Words of Gratitude From:

- Lutheran Social Services
- Valley View Community Food Bank
- Carl T. Hayden VAMC

Collections

Congratulations to the members of Lord of Life. From June through October you responded with **680 pounds of food** for the Food Bank. Thank you for your response to their continual need.



We love your donations! Please remember to put all donations in

bags or boxes prior to putting them in the Donation Center.

Pet Ministry

Questions about your pet's behavior, health or life situation? We might be able to help. Please call Skip Rickmeyer through your church directory or call the church office for contact information.



February Gratitude Gift: Abundant Grace Program

The February Gratitude Gift recipient is the Abundant Grace program of the Grand Canyon Synod. Abundant Grace is an appeal to advance the ministries of the GCS and an outreach effort on behalf of the ministries of the GCS to strengthen and advance the following ministry areas:



1. The 3-E program is developed in collaboration with the Rocky Mountain Synod to take advantage of a Lilly Grant matching gift of \$150,000: The purpose is stewardship education under the theme Stewardship for All Seasons, to support a Ministerial Excellence Fund assisting Pastors who have extraordinary debt and reducing that debt, and to assist congregations in revitalization efforts by establishing a fund for creating Vital and Right Shaped Ministries.
2. Providing resources to the Lutheran Campus Ministries: In addition, this goal will support emerging ministries focused on younger and ethnically diverse demographics.
3. The third goal is to support advocacy ministry in Arizona and Nevada: Advocacy ministry seeks to educate congregational members and legislators about issues of justice relating to food insecurity, economic disparity and broader issues.

The total goal for the Abundant Grace Appeal is \$500,000 and has been approved by the Synod council to be initiated in 2021 and conclude by January, 2023.

Hello from the LOL Book Discussion Group!



Everyone is invited to the next book discussion on Monday, February 22, 1:00 PM at the church. The current selection is *Resistance Women* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

Intimate and historically sound, the novel explores the years leading up to, and through, WWII. At the novel's center, four women, Mildred Fish, Greta Kuckhoff, Sara Weitz and Martha Dodd, do what they can to help the resistance in Germany. It is a riveting, complex tale of courage found in ordinary people.

Please remember to sign up to attend. LOL's phase 1 guidelines will be followed for this meeting.

God Bless,

—Gail Muehling



Men's Caring & Sharing

For Caring and Sharing, this Monday morning men's group chooses to care for each other and share their thoughts and concerns on Zoom at 9:00 am each Monday morning. To join the group let the church office know and the address will be forwarded to you. **All men of the church are welcome!**

Library Lines

The library has been getting new puzzles in and you are encouraged to check one or two out. Maybe puzzle making is a new thing for you and all the more reason to challenge your mind as we spend more time than usual at home! DVDs are also available in a wide variety of genres. Devotionals, biographies, fiction and non-fiction can fill the hours and offer new knowledge to your brain.

For those that have never been there, the library is located beside the kitchen off the Fellowship Hall. It's YOUR library, so please check it out! Happy Reading!

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Fund

The Gift That
Keeps on Giving

News of Our Members

Attendance Averages

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
December	804	0

Membership Count as of December 15, 2020

Full	829
Associate	332
Total	1161
Units	781

In Memoriam

Harold Dahl
Jewett Conradson
Raymond Kluth
Avis Rupp

Hospitalized since Last LifeLines

Dick Smith
Doug Gering
David Hastey
Mattie Lou Hill
Paul Luttenbacher
Bob Nesvick

Removal from Membership

Jim & Carol Friday
Ron & Ann Thoen
Robert Schneider
Scott Hopkins & Velma Moss
Patricia Balman
Gloria Sarrica
Phyllis Pejisa

Treasurer's Report

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES

Month ending December 31, 2020

<u>Income</u>	<u>Dec Actual</u>	<u>Dec Plan</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
Envelope Offering	131,870	125,000	1,021,243	1,220,000
Annualized Offering (Current Month)	56,078	0	(YTD) 196,704	0
Plate Offering	216	7,000	13,709	47,000
Other Income	869	1,688	9,203	15,500
Total Regular Income	189,033	133,688	1,240,859	1,282,500

(December QCD's = \$30,214; 18% of total) (December On-Line Giving = \$32,627.50; 20% of total)

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Dec Actual</u>	<u>Dec Plan</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Plan</u>
<u>General Expenses</u>				
Salaries & Benefits	73,047	64,890	773,354	773,917
General Operations	9,966	8,135	79,084	87,314
Regular Ministries	2,638	3,086	30,554	49,677
Building & Grounds	1,909	5,065	45,729	54,949
Utilities	950	1,488	26,773	32,169
Mortgage	15,733	6,120	73,440	73,440
Insurance	1,278	1,342	14,375	15,797
Sub-Total General Expenses	105,521	92,034	1,043,309	1,087,264
<u>Mission Support</u>				
G/C Synod Support	10,500	10,500	126,000	126,000
G/C Synod Pass-Thru	3,448	3,448	41,376	41,376
Non-Synod Direct	2,313	2,313	27,756	27,756
Sub-Total Mission Support	16,261	16,261	195,132	195,132
Total Regular Expenses	121,782	106,387	1,238,441	1,282,396
Total Net Income—December 2020	67,249	27,301		

Total Net Income--Year-to-Date			2,418	104
Variance to 2020 December Budget = \$39,948				
Variance to Year-to-Date Budget = \$2,314				

NOTES:

1. The Annualized Offering Income monthly entry is the cumulative Qualified Charitable Distributions (Member's IRA contributions) for the year divided by the remaining number of months of the current year. The cumulative QCD number for December is \$56,078 less \$56,078 = \$0 and is shown on the Balance Sheet ("Annualized Donations", account #20700). The Planned income for this item is included in the Monthly and YTD Envelope Offering Plan category.
2. Available PPP Loan Proceeds = \$92,191.15, shown on Balance Sheet, ("PPP Loan Payable", acc. #22500).
3. LOLMEF Balance = \$999,705 as of November 30, 2020 -- Year-end statements not yet available from MIF.

Contributions While Self-Quarantined

In this time of uncertainty, it is important to remember it still takes this community to keep the church doors open and working in the world. Please remember to continue your contribution by:

- ◇ Texting **LOLAZGIVE** to **77977**
- ◇ Donate online at www.lolaz.org/donate
- ◇ Use BillPay from your bank
- ◇ Consider asking your financial planner about a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA or 401K
- ◇ Mail your contribution to us at 13724 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375
- ◇ Drop your contribution in the mailbox next to the front door of the office!

Please note that all electronic forms of giving are protected and secured by PCI compliant methods.



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Benevilla Community Shred-A-Thon Fundraiser Drive-thru Event

Saturday, February 20, 2021 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Lord of Life Lutheran Church Parking Lot
13724 W Meeker Blvd, Sun City West

Are you ready to de-clutter and get organized for 2021?
Do you need to dispose of documents safely and securely?

**Join Benevilla for our Shred-A-Thon Fundraiser
and securely dispose of old documents such as:**

- Old bank & credit card statements
 - Billing statements
 - Receipts
- Tax records and documentation (after 7 years)
 - Medical records
 - Credit card receipts
 - Paycheck stubs

*Stay in your vehicle to safely drop
off your documents to be shredded curbside.
(Social distancing procedures will be in place)*

**MINIMUM \$4 DONATION PER BOX OF DOCUMENTS TO
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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS



GARY KAKERT

There is a lead time in submitting an article to Lifelines, so by the time you see this, you probably know that Lord of Life has issued a call to our former intern, Pam Reynolds, to be an Associate Pastor. It is unusual for a congregation to call their intern for a first call and there were unusual circumstances that led up to this at LOL.

First, Pam was assigned to the Western North Dakota Synod. How these assignments are done is somewhat of a mystery to me, but that is what happened. In the meantime, our Nurse Keli took a full-time position and resigned her part-time position here.

Earlier in the year, LOL was informed by PLTS (Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary) that no intern would be coming to LOL in 2021. Since both Pastor Steve and Pastor Kim are scheduled to take sabbaticals in 2021, (postponed in 2020), this meant that LOL needed to hire a Pastor to fill in.

Fast forward to the end of last year. After much discernment and considerations regarding family, Pam decided that she was unable to accept the assignment to North Dakota. She was expecting to be reassigned to Pacifica Synod where she originally came from.

I hope you are following so far.

Then Pastor Steve came to the Executive Committee with a question. "What if we extend a first call to Pam?" That would solve our issues of finding and hiring a Pastor to fill in for Pastors' Steve and Kim and take up some of the slack of having no nurse or intern. The financial question was given to our council treasurer and he said the bottom line was that we could call Pam and hire a part-time nurse, at reduced hours, with little financial impact.

Pastor Steve contacted our Bishop with a proposal. I served as Synod council treasurer at Pacifica Synod for four years and my thought was "Good luck with this happening anytime soon." The wheels at the Synod sometimes turn slowly, as the Bishops are pulled in many directions. Not this time. Bishop Deborah Hutterer contacted Bishop Craig Schweitzer in North Dakota, and in a day or two, Pam was reassigned to the Grand Canyon Synod. LOL owes a thank you to Bishops' Hutterer and Schweitzer for making this happen.

These events happened independently and seemed to have no connection. Just like that, it all came together.

As I write this, the vote has not yet happened. I am pleased that the call was extended. Pam is a great fit for LOL.

What a way to begin my year as your Congregational President. Now that we have accomplished the impossible, the difficult will be easy! I am looking forward to a great year.

—Gary Kakert, Council President

HELLO!

MY NAME IS:

NEW HERE?

Interested in
becoming a member
at Lord of Life?

Next New Member Orientation
March 16 & 23 @ 6:30 pm
Zoom option available

New members will be received into
membership on March 27 & 28.

Come to our next New
Member Orientation to learn
more about what it means to
become a member.

Sign up: www.lolaz.org

Lent is Just Around the Corner!



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our 40 day Lenten Journey. This is still true in the midst of Covid-19.

This year Ash Wednesday is February 17th. As of this writing, it doesn't look like we will be back to worshipping in house so we aren't sure how Ash Wednesday will look. Regardless of whether we are together in person, or separate at home, whether we have ashes or we don't have ashes, Lent begins.

This year our Probable Pastor Pam will be spear heading the Lenten Book discussion. Look for more information in the Word of the Day and other emails before Lent begins. Again we just don't know what that is going to look like.

We don't know a lot of things. I can't say for sure what is going to happen or what you can expect. **We are on a path that God has laid before us, to a destination we do not know.** There are things we do know that I can say definitively:

- Ash Wednesday, February 17th marks the beginning of Lent
- Lent is a 40 day journey that takes us to Easter.
- Easter is on April 4th this year.

Jesus had no idea he was on a 40 day spiritual journey when he headed south toward Jerusalem. He had been telling his disciples that he was going to be handed over to the chief priests and the Pharisees and made to suffer. In the Gospel of Mark he tells them three times before the end of Chapter 10. After that third time, Jesus gives sight to the blind man who immediately gets up and follows Jesus who is now on his way to Jerusalem. Once you have sight you know what you need to do; follow Jesus, even to the cross.

We ascribe to Lent 40 days because that was how many days the scripture tells us Jesus was in the wilderness being tempted by the devil. 40 days of temptation. It used to be we gave things up for lent; meat on Fridays, parties or dances if you were still in school, certain other foods, perhaps desserts. The idea was you were to suffer as Christ knew he was going to suffer.

Giving up cookies really doesn't compare to the suffering Jesus went through. **The idea behind the giving up** of cookies is what matters: that we are trying to put ourselves in the mind of sacrifice. **Rather than giving up things some people take on a discipline** like early morning prayer or meditation. Some give an extra offering.

I wish I could say that we will be having midweek Lenten Services in person this year. If we have them at all, chances are they will be online. There won't be anything that is familiar about Lent during COVID-19 except that we will follow Jesus. We face great uncertainty now as Jesus did then. We don't know if we will live or die. Jesus knew he was going to Jerusalem and still he went.

Regardless of what we are going to be able to do this Lent, you have a choice to make. This Lenten journey has a chance of being more meaningful than ever before. You have the choice of taking on a Ministry project you have never done before or participating in the Book Study for the first time (keep an eye on the Good Word of the Day for more information).

More suggestions would include: Read the Gospel of Mark in its entirety at one sitting or spread it out over the 40 days. Read Matthew, Luke and John as well. Ask for God's guidance as the words of Jesus' betrayal and death come to your attention again. That pain. That suffering. For what?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that who so ever believed in him would not die but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

One more thing I do know for sure – we will not be alone on this Lenten Journey. We will walk this way together as we follow God's call.

—Pastor Kim

Reminder: Sign-Ups

If you are planning to attend **ANY** meetings on the Lord of Life campus, remember that registration is required! Go to www.lolaz.org and look for the **SignUpGenius** button on the right side of the page. If you are having trouble signing up, call the church office at **(623) 584-2000**. We can help!



SIGN UP!



SignUpGenius

Monday, February 1 – 1st Monday

Hannah 10:00 am
Zoom Meeting
Contact: Janet Horst

Rachel 1:30 pm
Contact: Joyce Trangsrud
Bible Study Leader: Jan Erlandson
Sign up required: www.LOLAZ.org

Monday, February 8 – 2nd Monday

Katherine 9:30 am
Lord of Life Classroom 1
AND
Zoom Meeting
Contact: Marcia Steil
Sign up required: www.LOLAZ.org

Anna 6:00 pm
Zoom Meeting
Contact: Christi Rich

Wednesday, February 10 – 2nd Wednesday

Priscilla 9:30 am
Lord of Life Conference Room
Contact: Carolyn Garry
Sign up required: www.LOLAZ.org

Thursday, February 11 – 2nd Thursday

Ruth 10:00 am
Zoom Meeting
Contact: Lynn Norton

Friday, February 12 – 2nd Friday

Sarah 10:00 am
Lord of Life Conference Room*
Contact: Geri Skogen
Sign up required: www.LOLAZ.org

Monday, February 15 – 3rd Monday

Deborah 9:30 am
Zoom Meeting
Contact: Shari Jones



W-ELCA
NEWS AND EVENTS

Thursday, February 18

WELCA Executive Board 10:00 am
Zoom Meeting
Contact: Shari Jones

Thursday, February 25

Bible Study Leader Prep 9:00 am
Lord of Life Conference Room*
Sign up required: www.LOLAZ.org

AND
Zoom Meeting
Led by Pastor Kim

**General Board Meeting 10:00 am
(Circle Leaders/WELCA Officers)**

Zoom Meeting
Contact: Shari Jones

Help With a Project!

Are you looking for a great service project to fill your days? Hannah Circle is spearheading an effort, Encouragement Ministry, by writing personal messages to homebound clients of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. Members are writing "Thinking of You" messages in cards to be given to clients when they are visited by caregivers from LSS. No names or postage needed.

We invite anyone to join us in spreading encouragement. Imagine the positive thoughts that could fill a day for a lonely person. All it takes is a card with a personal message. Thanks in advance for sharing your time. Leave the completed cards in the box located in the Social Hall

Questions? Contact Karen Austad through your church directory (or call the church office for contact info).

***IMPORTANT: All meetings on campus require registration. Sign up at www.LOLAZ.org or see the SignUpGenius section at the bottom of our Good Word of the Day email.**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Joyce Sapik Linda Parker-Hasz Roberta Morling Sandy Davidson	08	Barb Houdek Geri Skogen Ken Ellingson Mickey Roberts Ron Jensen	16	Bev Rogge Bill Louden Gene Meyer Sharon Van Hauen		Doris Erckert Kathy Louden Rebecca Strand
02	Ken Dubrau Marlys Engh Mary Zulk Pat Warren Paul Wallin	09	Diane Koschmeder Penny Wennerlyn Rich Young Susan Wise Wayne Odell	17	Cheryl Locke Floyd Boschee Jo Ann Bourland Nancy Carson Skip Halverson	23	Bill Melville Lorna Erwin Lynda Rud Sandy Geraghty
03	Bernie Klover Mary Ann Armstrong Richard Zill	10	Kathy Schillinger Leona Kraus Lynette Waldenberger	18	Mike Erlandson	24	Forrest Pietsch Gwen Rosdahl Mary Hartman Mary Robinson Naomi Wortman Patti Harris Rosemary Thiede Terri Stauffer-Schmidt
04	Connie West Dan Minnix Maryann Bast Shirley Gliot	11	Larry Gast Lynda Strobel Olivia Evans	19	Gladys Sondrol Glenn Grumann Catherine Lamphier Dave Braun Don Johnson	20	Willard Erickson
05	Andre Kalich Gary Starr Helma Wells Mary Estep	12	Bonnie Finch Kathryn Auberg	25	John Sapik Karl Pannkuk Warren Carson William Stroh	25	Brenda Roskens Brenda Webb Dave Wascher Eileen Oakes Marylin Erdman Rob Veth Roger Roskens Sue Rickmeyer
06	Linda Hicks Pat Gotelaere	13	Glenice Gibson Sheila Johnson-Soma	21	Darwin Hentz Will Kocsovsky Judy Henriksen Sue Kluth	26	Bette Smith Mary Hinz
07	Ed Williams Ellen Nelson Iris Cole Karla Carlson Roger Gimby	14	Bonnie Weider Joni Anderson Marilynn Hays Maryalice Quinn	22	Bob Willis Diane Harvey	27	John Miller
		15	Cindy Gunnarson Jim Merwin Joy Sheets Minton Larson Regina Cirillo			28	George Wennerlyn Luann Bauman



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Items of Interest When We Re-Open

- ✦ **Worship Services on the Web.** If you are out of town or not able to attend services, visit our website and listen to the service at www.lolaz.org, or subscribe to Lord of Life on YouTube at www.youtube.com/c/LordOfLifeLutheranChurch.
- ✦ **Listening Devices.** Assisted listening devices are available as part of our sound system during worship services.
- ✦ **Holy Communion in the Pew.** If you wish to receive Holy Communion in the pew during worship, please notify one of the ushers prior to the beginning of the service. We are always happy to offer the sacrament to anyone who is unable to come forward to the altar.
- ✦ **Unisex Handicap Restrooms.** The restrooms in the Chapel are Unisex Handicap Restrooms and are available for people who need family member assistance or are in wheelchairs.
- ✦ **Wheelchairs.** Wheelchairs are available in the Narthex for those who may have difficulty walking from the parking lot to the Sanctuary for worship. The door into the Sanctuary on the east side of the building (next to the Columbarium) is handicap accessible for those in wheelchairs, walkers or who have difficulty walking.
- ✦ **Pastors on Call.** One of your pastors is on call after office hours, on weekends and on holidays for emergencies. If you need to contact a pastor during those times, call the church office answering machine at (623) 584-2000 and leave a message. The on-call pastor will return your call as soon as they are able.
- ✦ **Hospitalizations.** If you are in the hospital and want us to be aware of it, please call the church office or have someone call on your behalf. Unless directed otherwise, your name will be placed on the prayer chain and included in electronic notifications.
- ✦ **Council Minutes and Financial Statements.** These documents are available for your perusal in the church office or on our Members Only website.
- ✦ **Lost & Found.** Come to the church office to claim lost items.
- ✦ **Mobile Donations.** Use the code to the right to use Lord of Life's secure mobile donation site. Simply scan with your smart phone's QR Code reader application.
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