

OCTOBER MAST



Reformation Sunday

Lord of Life will host a joint Reformation Service with St. James Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 26. We have invited them to join us following the service for a potluck brunch/lunch.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway for the number of people attending in your family and the food you plan to bring.

Reformation Sunday – October 26 – Wear RED



Upcoming Worship and Fellowship Events in October

Sunday, October 5 – First Sunday Potluck following worship at 9:30 AM

Sunday, October 12 – Blessing of the Animals Worship Service at 9:30 AM with outside service on the patio. Bring a comfortable chair.

Saturday, October 25 - Trunk or Treat!!!

Sunday, October 26 – Reformation Service at 9:30 AM followed by potluck with St. James Lutheran Church – wear RED

Connect with Us:

- Website: www.lolssi.org
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/LordofLifeSSI
- Vimeo Livestream: <https://vimeo.com/event/5036656/embed>
- Library (Vimeo Services as of April 2025): <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11648268>

Please note that all of the above links can be found on our Lord of Life website or Facebook

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Save the Date

Thanksgiving Day Feast, Thursday, November 27, 3:00 PM,
Fellowship Hall



The church WiFi has been up dated and upgraded. We will be using Outlook instead of Google.

The log in for the Lord of Life WiFi is ...LordOfLife

Password

...AmenAmen2025

Most of the Staff have separate emails and you will know them all as they contact you.

From the Music Director



Luther, in his first sermon at Wittenberg on March 9th, 1522

"The summons of death comes to us all, and no one can die for another. Therefore, everyone must himself know and be armed with the chief things which concern a Christian. In the first place, we must know that we are the children of wrath, and all our works, intentions, and thoughts are nothing at all. Secondly, that God has sent us his only-begotten Son that we may believe in him and that whoever trusts in him shall be free from sin and a child of God. Thirdly, we must also have love and through love we must do to one another as God has done to us through faith. Fourthly, we also need patience. For whoever has faith, trusts in God, and shows love to his neighbor, practicing it day by day, must his needs suffer persecution. For the devil never sleeps, but constantly gives him plenty of trouble."

We know these 'chief things' of which Luther speaks. We know that we must strive to display the evidence of those 'fruits of the Holy Spirit'; love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, as people living in community with one another.

Mary Monroe



**"The whole being of any Christian is faith and love.
Faith brings the person to God; love brings the person to people."**

Martin Luther

Holiday Market

The 15th annual Lord of Life Holiday Market Craft Fair will be Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. -3:00p.m. We will have craft vendors (all home-made crafts), raffle baskets, baked goods sale, a used book sale, and breakfast/lunch items sold from the kitchen. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Susanne Paskins. We will need volunteers and the sign up sheet will be posted around November 1. Now is a great time to clean out your office, bookshelves and closets and donate all your used books for the sale. We don't accept magazines or encyclopedias.

We hope that you will consider volunteering your time, and encourage your family and friends to come and enjoy the Holiday Market.

Questions? Feel free to contact Gale Speich.



God's Work. Our Hands.

As part of our early *God's Work Out Hands* Sunday, we were excited to partner with **Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia**



During the month of August we collected food for partner agencies. We presented this bountiful basket to our friends at Second Harvest on Sept 4th (240 lbs of food!)

Volunteers from Lord of Life joined in the fun as we spent the morning assembling 300+ snack bags for those families in need.

This day of service initiative is more than just an opportunity to give back, it's a chance to connect with others in our community, make new friends, and experience the joy of helping those in need. Whether you're packing boxes, assembling kits, or donating food, your contribution has made a significant impact.

Thank you for your support!





Manna House

Please let Virginia Lensch know (Phone: 912-638-3425, Email: vlensch@bellsouth.net) if you would like to be a part of the kitchen crew to help prepare sandwiches or iced tea or to assemble bags on October 9.

We will need 8-10 team members in the kitchen at 9:00 AM to prepare lunch and assemble the bagged lunches. We will also need members to hand out lunches at the door. To hand out lunches, please come at 11:00 AM.

Lord of Life is scheduled to serve at Manna House on the second Thursday of each month.



Blessing of the Animals



Bring your pet to church for a blessing on Sunday, October 12, at 9:30 AM, as we worship together outside on the patio with our animals. Following worship, people snacks and pet treats will be served.

Via de Cristo



An exciting Via de Cristo weekend is planned for the first weekend in October (Thursday evening, Oct 2 thru Sunday evening, Oct 5).

Both couples and singles are invited to experience a greater understanding of God's love and grace. This event, held in our own Luther Springs, is not a retreat, but a personal walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Via De Cristo is an ecumenical movement and all baptized believers are invited to attend.

OCTOBER 2025



BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Erickson, Oct. 2
 Alan Schomber, Oct. 8
 Colin Beuning, Oct. 8
 Nancy Dqy, Oct. 15
 Daneen Brinckman, Oct. 17
 Racie Zantow, Oct. 19
 Don Long, Oct. 20
 Tom Comer, Oct. 20
 Zoe DeFoe, Oct. 21

Jim Fraser, Oct. 22
 Isabelle Zantow, Oct. 22
 Steve Bullock, Oct. 24
 Vanessa Wardlow, Oct. 27

ANNIVERSARY

Colin & Jenifer Beuning, Oct. 19
 Kelby & Deborah Phillips. Oct. 19
 Doug & Pattie Neal, Oct. 24
 Tim & Nanci Dawes, Oct. 25

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5. 9:30 am service First Sunday Pot-luck	6 10 am, Bible Study	7 10 am, Tai Chi	8 9 am, Open Sewing	9 9 am, Manna House 10 am, Tai Chi	10	11
12 8:15 am adult Sunday School 9:30 am service Blessing of the Animals, outside. Worship & Music Meet	13 10 am, Bible Study 10am—noon, Tai Chi	14 10 am, Tai Chi	15 9 am, Open Sewing	16 10 am, Tai Chi	17	18 9am-4pm, Quilters meet and Quilt.
19 8:15 am adult Sunday School 9:30 am service	20 10 am, Bible Study	21 10 am, Tai Chi	22 9 am, Open Sewing	23 10 am, Tai Chi	24	25 Trunk or Treat 10 am-Noon, Bake Sale.
26. Reformation Sunday 8:15 am adult SS 9:30 am service w/St. James Pot Luck Lunch Holiday Mkt. Meet	27 10 am, Bible Study	28 10 am, Tai Chi 10 am, Book Club 6 pm, Council	29 9 am, Open Sewing	30 10 am, Tai Chi	31 HALLOWEEN	

Tony Couch Watercolor Raffle

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the name Tony Couch, let me share with you a little about this talented and generous man. Every spring for the last 20 years, Tony has taught painting techniques in our fellowship hall to painters from across the country. Not only does he pay a fee for the use of our property, he also lets us choose an original painting worth \$2,500.00 to raffle for various missions and needs of the church.

The Holiday Market, held the first Saturday in December, is where raffle tickets are sold for the painting. For the last three years, tickets have been made available for pre-sale. With the help of the congregation, we are able to sell more tickets than just a one-day sale would allow.

This years painting will be on display at the back of the church along with information for selling raffle tickets. Each Lord of Life family unit is asked to sell 10 tickets. If you have questions, contact Cathy Erickson.



Let Us Pray

“The praying which makes a prayerful ministry is not a little praying put in as we put flavor to give it a pleasant smack, but the praying must be in the body, and form the blood and bones. Prayer is no petty duty, put into a corner; no piecemeal performance made out of the fragments of time which have been snatched from business and other engagements of life; but it means that the best of our time, the heart of our time and strength must be given.” — [E.M. Bounds](#), [Power Through Prayer](#)

Set aside time each week to pray for our members, families, and friends.

Sew Happy Barbeque

What a delicious FUNdraiser BBQ dinner for our talented Quilters (“Sew Happy”) group! Thank you to all who supported and attended this event!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our study of the Minor Prophets continues. Each week is a new prophet so feel free to join us at 8:15 AM on Sunday morning. However, there will not be class on Sunday, October 5.

Keep reading the Good Book! Martin Luther says, *“When the Scripture speaks, God speaks.”*

Virginia Lensch



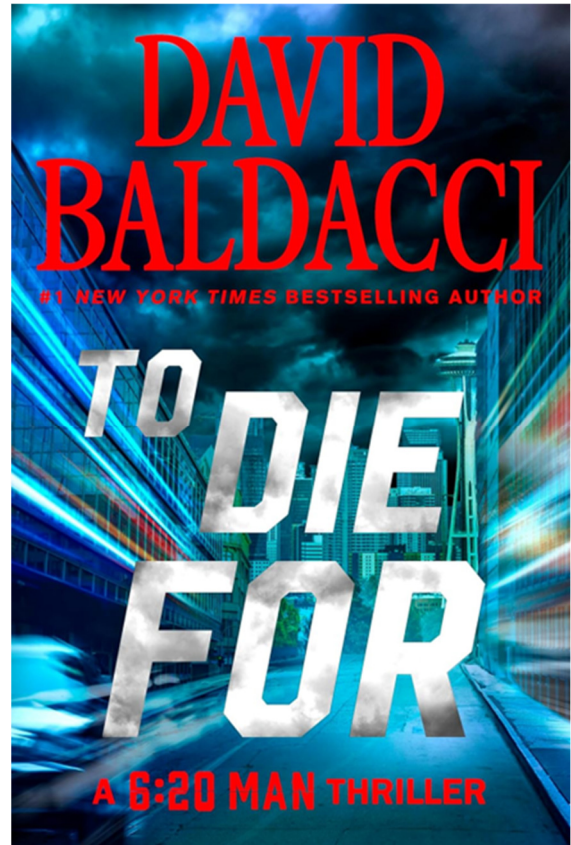
Lord of Life Literary Society (Book Club)

Book Club in October will be hosted by Gay Eubanks. We will meet on Tuesday, October 28, in the Conference Room at 10:00 AM.

Gay has selected *To Die For* by David Baldacci. The book is available at local bookstores and/or online at Amazon.com and Thriftbooks.com. A Kindle edition is also available.

Book Club is open for all readers. Invite a friend.

RSVP to Gay Eubanks and join us for discussion and fellowship.



Holiday Market Raffle Baskets

Last year we sold over 800 raffle tickets to people attending the Holiday Market. Along with the artists and craftsmen, the themed raffle baskets are a big draw to the market. In years past, we have offered tickets to events, hand crafted quilts, furniture pieces made by a woodworker, a coffee basket, a child's rocking chair with storybook, family game night basket, a Nativity, etc. Items thoughtfully put together and donated. Each basket carries a \$125.00 value.

If you would like to donate an item or an entire themed basket, the Holiday Market committee would love to hear from you. There are 13 spaces available. We can put the items together for display. Please contact Cathy Erickson

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If I had to title this article it would be “Stewardship is FAITH IN GOD”. I know what some of you are thinking, “Here it comes again talking about money. Why does the church always have to talk about money? It’s time to pay our dues!”

Am I correct - did you think of any of these things as soon as you saw the title.

If we look at stewardship, we find in the ELW page 107, prayer after the offering:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Financial stewardship is more than money. It is our time and talents too. Although these are very important to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, this is part of our commitment where we step out of our comfort zone challenging ourselves in new ministry.

The other part is the finances which are the inner workings of every church. The power bill has to be paid if you want to be able to worship in comfort during the summer and winter. Fellowship hall and offices have to have air-conditioning when it is in the middle of summer. Ministries of the church need to be sustained financially, Sunday school material for the children, music for the choir. The altar guild won’t have communion supplies for us on Sundays. There would be no paper or ink for us to have bulletins on Sunday. Without these things, the building will simply be an empty dark vacant building on the street.

Also, part of our financials goes to help our synod do ministry and also the ELCA do ministry. Which means, we help out not only locally but synod, churchwide and globally.

Ministry comes with faith and sacrifice. Jesus did not tell the disciples that ministry was going to be easy. Moses wandered for 40 years; Paul struggled. However, what did they all have in common? FAITH! They had to rely on God and find their PEACE IN HIM! This faith and peace often came after they failed repeatedly on their own, and humbly came to the Lord-realizing that they had to stop trying to do it their way. They humbly had to admit that God was providing for their needs.

Brothers and Sisters, stewardship is FAITH. FAITH that God will provide, and we help along with him for our needs. Notice I didn’t say wants-only needs.

When I was at seminary, in one of my classes, a professor explained to us how important to fill out the commitment cards and make a commitment to tithing. To be accountable for my giving. It wasn’t necessarily important for the budget, but it was important as a testament to myself about my own faith and spiritual journey.

My professor challenged us to try giving 1% more each month than I had the previous month. He challenged the class to try this for 3 months. His answer to my questioning expression was “you don’t make a decision about a job in the first month or so, so why would you do this about supporting a ministry for God?” He also encouraged us to give first and then use the rest that was left for our daily living. He encouraged us to live within our means. Our professor told us if after 3 months we could not live without that extra money, he would personally give it back to us.

I thought about it, prayed about it, and took the challenge. For the next 3 months I did give 1% more than I had the previous month. Did I miss it? My professor didn’t have to write any checks to the class. He did ask us “has your life changed in anyway since you made this commitment?” At the time, I really couldn’t see much difference, but over the next few years amazing things began to happen. I will claim that this hasn’t always been the way for me. I still occasionally stumble, but God has a way of letting me know who controls my life.

A friend of mine who has been a stewardship chairperson for many years, also taught me another valuable lesson. He told me that for many years, before he joined the stewardship committee, he believed that was the big givers that supported the congregation. He said that he realized that it wasn’t that it was everyone’s gifts that supported the ministries of the church. Every dollar, quarter, dime, nickel and penny had a place in a ministry for God.

He encouraged me to look at every face in the congregation as a gift from and for God. He encouraged me not to judge a person by what I thought they gave or by their perceived social standing in the congregation. He encouraged me to help others become accountable for their spiritual walk with God. Teaching everyone that God should be first in every area of their lives. Be a model to teach them to humbly walk with HIM every day.

Try the test, commit yourself to the 1% test, make yourself accountable to others. Make a commitment to give no matter what. If you don’t attend regularly, mail it in or drop it off. Try it for 6 months.

Peace of mind, heart and spirit come from true faith and God. Each of you are important to the ministry of Lord of Life and more importantly for the Glory of God.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Bob

