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MOTHERS' DAY

2025

Sunday, May 11

Mothers' Day is celebrated all over the world to honor mothers for the role they play in raising their children and the sacrifices they make to fulfill their roles as caregivers, companions and educators for and of their children.

On Mothers' Day we celebrate our mothers and all the fun and help and care we received. I remember my favorite birthday present. Do you?

Happy Mothers' Day!!

ANGEL MINISTRIES

I was honored to present the check from Lord of Life's Endowment Outreach to Angel Ministries at First Methodist Church of Brunswick Wednesday evening, April 30. This organization was born out of empathy and compassion for those who are ill or suffering for whatever reason, for those who are experiencing hardships, and for those who are nearing the end of life.

The mission of the ministry is to gift angels and cards to individuals who are experiencing difficult times to help them know that someone cares about them. Founders Ellen and Alan Huth shared that our gift of \$600 with help 500 souls feel God's love and grace in this community.

Carol Ferguson

Carol (in pink Dress)
Presenting
Check.



From the Stewardship Committee

Currently, as we reach the mid-point in the year, we find ourselves short in our monthly income—a gap that burdens not just our finances but the spirit of our congregation.

Operating budgets are not glamorous or exciting, but the truth is, they are the heartbeat of a ministry. Behind every outreach, every moment of care, and every life touched, there are dedicated members and a pastor working tirelessly driven by the vital resources we provide. Without these funds, the ability to serve and grow is impossible. The means of our general account isn't just numbers; it's the lifeblood that sustains our staff, empowers our ministries, and maintains our facilities.

So how can we bridge this gap? Imagine, as faithful stewards of Lord of Life, each dollar we gather is more than just money, it's a symbol of our unwavering commitment, our heartfelt devotion. Every act of generosity from each of you breathes life into our mission; it reaches everything we do. It is a testament to the calling we share. Our call to action lies in 1 Chronicles 29:14: "Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!"

Through your steadfast generosity—whether in moments of abundance or hardship—we have been empowered to keep the doors of Lord of Life wide open and continue to carry out God's will. Thank you. We give in faith. So please, look at the bulletin each week and let's work together to close the gap!

Pat Morris



THE BIBLE IS THE CRADLE WHEREIN CHRIST IS LAID.
~ MARTIN LUTHER

From the Music Director



Did you know that singing, humming, and whistling can all be signs of contentment? I can't tell you how many times I have had a choir member call me and say...."I have been singing the anthem for Sunday all week". I love hearing those comments. I love knowing that there are so many of you that find joy and contentment in what we sing together.

Scripture is littered with so many references, not only to the sung word, but also the instruments that were used in worship and fellowship settings. Music plays a critical role in our weekly worship and brings joy when we have the opportunity to sing praise filled hymns or when the choir offers an anthem.

This August will mark 20 years of being your Choir Director and Organist. I can't believe that! This congregation has been a wonderful blessing to me and to my family and I have been honored to serve at Lord of Life. I have so enjoyed working with the choir and instrumentalists that have given of their time and talents on Sunday mornings.

Soon, our choir will take a well deserved break! Please consider a musical offering over the summer! I am always looking for new faces and new ways to express the good news through music; and when you see a choir member, please thank them for their dedication to a music program that has hung on through a lot!

Mary Monroe

Memorial Day

May 26, 2025

Memorial Day is a Federal (national holiday of mourning and remembering all those who died while serving in the US military armed forces. We have been observing Memorial Day for more that 150 years and we continues to love and pray for all those who sacrificed to serve our country.



From: Anders Löfving

We received the package the other day and we opened it while visiting Anders's parents this weekend!

Thank you so much for the beautiful patchwork quilt and also for the card from the members of the congregation! We are so happy that you're so invested in our little boy we are longing to meet in the

beginning of August 🍷 😊 !!! It will fit perfectly in his little crib !

We will let you know when the little one arrives 🌻





Manna House



**Jesus prepared a
meal for the
multitudes to
remind us that we
feed people not
because we believe
they deserve it, but
because they're
hungry.**

johnpavlovitz.com

Lord of Life prepares and serves a bagged lunch each month on the second Thursday of the month,

If you plan to help prepare a lunch on May 8, please be at Manna House by 9:00 AM, or to help distribute the bagged lunches, come at 11:15 AM.

Please let Virginia Lensch know if you plan to participate this month.



**Martin Luther said:
God created the world out of nothing;
So as long as we are nothing,
God can make something out of us.**



BIRTHDAYS

Grace Robertson, May 2
 Gayle Carpenter, May 7
 Gay Eubanks, May 7
 Bebe Bonati, May 11
 Dave Erickson, May 14
 Maggie Alley, May 20
 George Cressman, May 20
 Rachel Alley, May 23

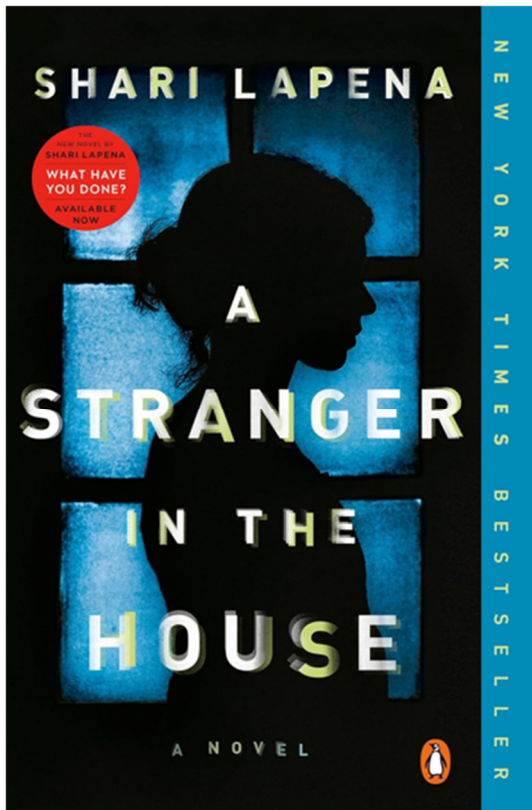
Mary K Robertson, May 27
 Diane Rancouurt, May 29
 Debbie Phillips, May 31

ANNIVERSARY

Barney & Joy Wehunt, . May 23
 James & Nancy DeLong, May 26
 Bob & Pat Schwandt May 27
 Gale & Paul Speich, May 29

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10 am, Tai Chi	2	3 Tai Chi
4 9:30 am Service First Sunday Fellowship	5 10 am, Bible Study	6 10 am, Tai Chi	7 9 am, Open Sewing	8 9 am Manna House 10 am, Tai Chi	9 7am - 10 am pre school Fellowship	10
11 Happy Mothers Day 9:30 am, Service	12 No Bible Study	13 10 am, Tai Chi	14 9 am, Open Sewing	15 10 am, Tai Chi	16	17 9am-3 pm, Quilters
18 9:30 am, Service Council Meeting	19 10 am, Bible Study	20 10 am, Tai Chi	21 9 am, Open Sewing	22. 10 am, Preschool graduation 10 am, Tai Chi - pm Wedding Set up	23 Wedding Set up	24 Wedding and Fellowship celebration
25 9:30 am, Service	26 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed No Bible Study	27 10 am, Book Club 10 am, Tai Chi	28 9 am, Open Sewing	29 10 am, Tai Chi	30	31

Lord of Life Literary Society



Our May discussion will be hosted by Gay Eubanks, on Tuesday, May 27, at 10:00 AM, in the Council Room.

Gay's selection is *A Stranger in the House*, by Shari Lapena.

The book is available at local bookstores and/or online at Amazon.com and Thrift-books.com. A Kindle edition is also available.

RSVP to Gay and join us for discussion and fellowship. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

News from the Endowment Committee

Endowment requests for 2nd quarter are due by May 15. If you know of or are involved with a nonprofit organization that could benefit by grant funds, please complete a request form soon and turn it in to Bud Lensch or place in his box in the office. Forms are available in the office or on the website. All requests will be reviewed by the endowment committee with final approval by council in June. We have \$3,166 available for 2nd quarter.

First quarter we granted \$1,100: Beloved Asheville (\$500) to assist hurricane victims in western NC; and Angel Ministries (\$600) to provide angel packages to individuals who are experiencing difficult times.

Via de Cristo



An exciting Via de Cristo weekend is planned for the first weekend in May (Thursday evening, May 1 thru Sunday evening, May 4) and there is still time to register.

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.

Don't miss out on this unique experience. Bud and Virginia Lensch or Don and Mary Ellen Long are always available to answer any questions you may have.

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



The Importance of Prayer

In the book of *Prayer by E.M. Bounds*, he writes, "The most important lesson we can learn is how to pray. Indeed, we must pray so that our prayers take hold of God. The man who has done the most and the best praying is the most immortal, because prayers do not die. Perhaps the lips that uttered them are closed in death, or the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but the prayers live before God, and God's heart is set on them. Prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them – outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world."

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters at Lord of Life either by using the church directory or for those listed in the bulletin each week.

As we are moving past Easter and towards Pentecost, we often forget about another festival of the church. You ever heard of the “forgotten festival”. What am I speaking of? “The Ascension of our Lord”. Perhaps it’s because it usually falls on a Thursday. Perhaps it’s overshadowed by the grand festival of Easter. Whatever the reason, many simply overlook the importance of this Holy Day. For your reference, this year, the Ascension of our Lord falls on May 29th (but always occurs forty days after Easter). We may wonder at times why Jesus didn’t just stay on earth after His death and resurrection. One could make the argument that life would be so much better if only Jesus had stayed on earth to be our Shepherd and King. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could just call up Jesus on the phone and tell Him our troubles and ask for His counsel and blessing? That said, I assure you that because Jesus ascended into heaven, we can go to Him, and He will hear us and continuously give His blessings. Listen to what Jesus tells His disciples, *“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”* (John 16:7) In other words, it is for our good that He returns to His Father, because when Jesus leaves, He will send us the Holy Spirit. It is through the Spirit that we are guided and directed into God’s knowledge and truth. The Holy Spirit’s work is powerful, and it is just as real today as it was on the day of Pentecost (which, by the way, is observed ten days after the ascension of Jesus which means this year it will be on Sunday, June 8th). Ascension Day, however, is the coronation celebration of our Lord as He is proclaimed to be King of the universe. Jesus’ ascension to the Father is His entrance to the greater existence beyond the confines of time and space, being no longer bound by the limitations of His state of humiliation. Seated at the right hand of God, Jesus now intercedes on our behalf and for our good. Yet, our Lord remains present with us who remain bound by time and space. He is with us as true God and true man, exercising His rule in the Church through the means of grace which He established: His Word and His Sacraments. So, the Ascension of our Lord is a time of celebration and a source of comfort for all who trust in Jesus. He has the ability and authority to keep all His promises to you. And He will surely do it.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Bob