

# November 2025 Mast



November 2 (*Daylight Savings Time Ends*) All Saints Sunday  
November 23 Christ The King Sunday  
November 27 Thanksgiving Dinner, 3 pm



**Join with your church family on November 27, for a Thanksgiving Day covered dish dinner at 3:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please RSVP on the sign-up sheets so there is plenty of turkey and place-settings for everyone. Bring a friend or neighbor along with your favorite Thanksgiving covered dish to share – salads, vegetables, casseroles, desserts.

All are welcome to attend, especially those without families nearby.

**Turkey and Beverages will be provided.**

November 30

First Sunday of Advent

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

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## Operation Christmas Child

National Collection week is fast approaching. It is the week of November 17-24. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year that Lord of Life has participated in this ministry. There are 3 ways that you can participate in this ministry. 1} First and foremost, you can Pray. 2} Volunteer to serve during National Collection Week (NCW). 3} Fill a shoebox. (as many as you want).

There will be a sign up in the back of the sanctuary. Please check your schedule and consider signing up to serve in this wonderful ministry. We will be a Curbside Drop-off location. Volunteers are needed in the following positions, greeter, host, unloader and cartomizer. Additionally, when all the cartons are packed, we need to deliver them to the new Central Drop Off Location in Brunswick. Lord of Life will be open for the following hours for others in our community to drop off their shoeboxes during NCW.

Monday and Wednesday (11/17-19) 9:30 – 11:30 am and 5-7pm

Thursday and Friday (11/20-21) 9:30 – 12:30

Saturday and Sunday (11-22-23) 12:00 -3:00pm

Monday (11-24) 9:30-11:30am

If you would like to fill a shoebox, there are many available at the church. Feel free to take what you want or need. When you return your filled shoe boxes place them in the red cabinet in the fellowship hall lobby. If you would prefer someone to bring you a shoebox, please call the church and a delivery will be made. If you prefer to not shop in person, please think about one of these following ideas:

Fill a shoe box online {[samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org)}

Shopping online for bulk items to be put in shoeboxes

Making a financial contribution



**If you need a ride to Thanksgiving dinner, please call the church office: 912-638-4673**

Questions? Call Lucy Zantow 912-222-1995

*From the Music Director*



We think of Albert Einstein as one of the smartest people who ever lived. But, did you know that Einstein actually did very poorly in school? His grade school teachers let his mother know that he should be taken out of school because he was “too stupid to learn”. His mother thought differently. She went out and bought him a violin. He became very good on this instrument and in fact he would tell everyone that playing the violin is what made him as smart as he became. The brain can be taught and stimulated to perform better and it seems that music is the perfect vehicle to do that. Music can and does affect both the left and right side of the human brain. For example, Mozart’s music with a 60 beats per minute beat pattern activates both the left and right brain. This simultaneous brain action maximizes learning and the retention of information. The information being studied stimulates the left brain while the actual music activates the right brain. Activities, such as singing or playing an instrument, that engage both sides of the brain causes it to be more capable of processing information and retaining it.

The following is a test that was performed on postgraduate students from the University of North Texas to see if music could help them in memorizing vocabulary words. The students were divided into three groups and each group was given a pretest, a posttest, and a test one week after the first two tests. All of the tests were identical. Group 1: Was read the words with Handel’s Water Music playing in the background. They were also asked to imagine the words. Group 2: Was read the words also with Water Music playing in the background. They were not asked to imagine the words. Group 3: Was only read the words, was not given background music, nor asked to imagine the words.

The results:

Groups 1 and 2 had much better scores than Group 3 on the first two tests. Group 1, however, performed much better than both of the other groups on the third test that was given a week later. Simply using music while learning does not absolutely guarantee recall but can make it better. Background music in itself is not a part of the learning process, but it does enter into memory along with learned information making recall of the learned information much greater!

Maybe I should play a little Mozart during this Sunday’s sermon!

**Mary Monroe**

## **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.

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

Virginia Lensch

# REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 26th With St. James at Lord of Life



Service followed by a  
great buffet



## All Saints Day

There's a yearly reminder of our connectedness as Christians to the church. It's called "All Saints Day" and is commemorated every first Sunday in November.

Sainthood is not given by a group of religious leaders. It's granted by God Himself to any common, salt-of-the-earth person who simply trusts Christ.

Through the channel of human faith (*the means of salvation*), we become united to Christ (*the source of salvation*), and we are saved from God's judgment as well as from the futile way of life that we naturally follow. In other words, we are granted sainthood!

Anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation is a saint in God's sight. Yes, you are a saint.



### Manna House



Please let Virginia Lensch know (Phone: 912-638-3425, Email: [vlensch@bellsouth.net](mailto: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 November 13.

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.

# NOVEMBER 2025

**BIRTHDAYS**  
 Warren Boyer, Nov. 2  
 Erika Bueken, Nov. 3  
 Jack Cheetham, Nov. 4  
 Sharon Borich, Nov. 10  
 Olivia Zantow, Nov. 10  
 Alex Alley, Nov. 12  
 Meyer Earl, Nov. 12  
 Doug Neal, Nov. 13

Kevin Terrell, Nov. 15  
 Phillip Campbell, Nov. 18  
 Brittany Taylor, Nov. 24  
 Dean Perry, Nov. 24  
 Thomas Boyer, Nov. 27  
 Graham Treece, Nov. 27

**ANNIVERSARY**  
 Byron and Lucy Zantow, Nov. 1



*Daylight-Saving Time Ends*

			Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 2. Remember to fall back one hour.</b>			1
2. All Saints Sunday 8:15 Adult Sunday School 9:30 am, Service <b>Daylight Savings Time ends</b>	3	4. 10 am, TaiChi	5 9 am, Open Sewing	6 10 am, TaiChi	7	8
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30 1st Sunday of Advent 8:15 Adult Sunday School 9:30 am, Service						Holiday Market, Dec. 6

## 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.

## Our yearly collection for the Seafarers from around the world has begun.



*Seafarers from—Korea, India, Ukraine, Russia, Vietnam, Bulgaria, Burma, Japan, Poland, Mexico, Myanmar, Sweden, Romania, Britain, Croatia, Georgia, Holland, Sri Lanka, Colombia, Greece, Indonesia, Malaysia and even—USA.*

Below is a list of items that are needed and welcomed by Seafarers that come through our port. We will provide the plastic boxes.

Box Assembly Day will be **Saturday, November 15** at 9:00 AM.

**Clothing:** (size S to L) t shirts, socks, handkerchiefs, knit caps, baseball caps, scarves.

**Toiletries:** shampoo/conditioner, soap/body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, lotion, combs, manicure kit, small scissors, after-shave lotion.

**Medical/Health:** Tylenol/Aspirin, chap stick, band-aids, antibiotic ointment, deodorant, hand lotion, Vaseline, Q-tips.

**Stationary:** Highlighters, Post-its, Notebooks

**Food:** (non-perishable in sealed packages) crackers/pretzels/nuts, gum/candy, raisins, dried fruit, canned meat (pop-top), mints, popcorn

**Other:** Bibles (English), flash/thumb drives, CDs, DVDs, playing cards, Sudoku puzzle book, sewing kits, flashlights with batteries.

To drop off your gifts, look for the box with the green ribbon in the fellowship hallway.

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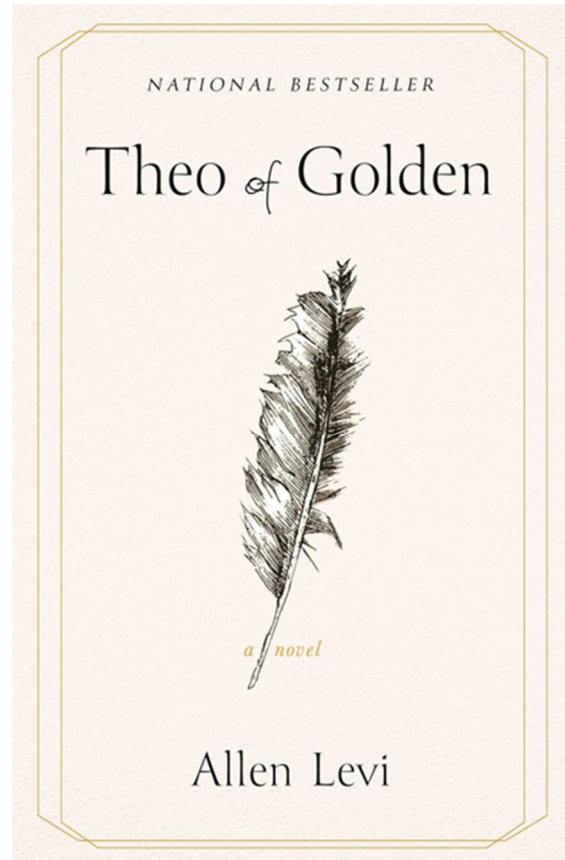


## Lord of Life Literary Society (Book Club)

Please note the date of our next meeting is **Tuesday, December 2**, at 10:00 AM, in the Fellowship Hall.

Our hostess, Mary Ellen Long, has selected *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi. The book is available at local bookstores and/or online at Amazon.com and Thrift-books.com. A Kindle edition is also available.

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



### 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



### **15th Annual Holiday Market Craft Fair**

When: Saturday, Dec 6th 2025

Where: Lord of Life Lutheran Church

2801 Frederica Road, St Simons Island, GA

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

### **UPCOMING Worship And Fellowship Events, November**

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints Day and celebrating November birthdays with cake and punch following service

Saturday, November 15 – Packing Seafarer’s Boxes, 9:00 AM

November 17-24 – Operation Christmas Child/Shoebboxes (see posters)

Sunday, November 23 – Christ the King Sunday, Lord of Life’s 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Tuesday, November 25 – Decorate Sanctuary, Crismon Tree and Doors

Thursday, November 27 – Lord of Life’s Thanksgiving Dinner, 3 PM

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday in Advent

**There are many opportunities for volunteer service this month. Just show up and someone will give you an opportunity to serve.**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

From the Pastor's Desk,

Have you ever had an epiphany or experienced a little bop on the head from God? Something that has given you some clarity where and what you should be doing?

A few years ago, I was at a bishops retreat and the "Keeping Christ the center of every area of our lives." As I thought about that time, and an opportunity to look back, to think and pray about where I am and where Lord of Life is today. When we keep Christ the center, every area of our lives becomes fuller and richer, but not always easy either. When we do keep Him at the center, we also must be faithful in His direction. We need faith that when we talk with God, He will provide the answers according to His needs, and NOT our wants.

Not only are we called to Pray and Listen/Hear, but to follow His great commission: go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. I will be with you always. WE are all Christ's disciples and called to be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors.

Take this time, as we focus on Stewardship. Refocus on your gifts, your time and your possessions not only for you but the church, to make Christ the center of your life?

Your Brother in Christ,

*Pastor Bob*



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



*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.*