



# JULY MAST 2026

Summer has officially begun! There will continue to be a service of worship and communion every Sunday at 9:30 am. Remember our July 5<sup>th</sup> BBQ celebrating America's 250 years of independence. When you are not on summer vacation, we look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you.



## America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ Celebration

Join in celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by attending a BBQ picnic lunch immediately following service on Sunday, July 5. Chef Bud will be serving an All-American meal of hamburgers and hot dogs.

We are asking that you bring your favorite picnic dish to share. Also, please sign-up on the sheets located in the hallway so we know how many dogs and burgers to prepare.

We will celebrate our July birthdays with cake for dessert.

God bless the USA!  
Bud and Virginia Lensch



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- Website: [www.lolssi.org](http://www.lolssi.org)
- 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>

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

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Well summer is here and we are halfway through the year, where has this year gone? The heat of the day, the rain in the afternoon. Vacations are underway, either coming back or getting ready to go.

As I was driving around the other day and listening to the radio, a woman asked the host of the program I was listening to, "how do I get my faith alive again?" From the tone of her voice and the halting pattern of her words, you could tell that this was no idle question. Her faith had been important to her and now, well it wasn't. I wanted to hear what the host was going to say to her. I listened to what the host said, which got me thinking, how many of us ask this same question as the woman has. Part of her concern was that she was alone in this. The host assured her that every Christian asks this question, sometimes with painful regularity. How could I have answered her?

I would have mentioned to her that I understand her question and the feelings behind it; I know what it's like. I also believe that there are many good answers to her question. One of my responses to her would be to pray. Pray when you don't feel like praying? Pray when you're not sure of your faith? Yes and Yes. I would suggest a pray. It begins, "*Our Father, who art in heaven...*" The beginning is important; it says to me, even as I pray, that I am a child, that I am in a relationship with one who has given me life. The prayer, even as I give it words my first breath in prayer, reminds me that I am not alone. Even as I speak there is one who listens. Beginning the prayer with the words "our" also reminds me that there are others who pray with me, children of the same heavenly Father. In the very first words of the prayer my experience of life in this world is already beginning to change as I am surround in prayer, like the prayer shawls I have been given and also given to folks on special occasions or in challenging situations. The pray continues as it speaks to us of the relationship with a loving God.

We pray that God's will be done, trusting that this is what is good for us and all creation. We pray for guidance, knowing that God will lead us toward forgiveness, healing, and life. We pray to one whose kingdom, power and glory are eternal as is his love for us.

This answer is only the beginning and the beginning sometimes lasts a long time. When I have completed the prayer, I find it helpful to open my Bible as a means of continuing the conversation begun in prayer. I open to the Book of Psalms where I find it to be life-giving for me, and that of our loving Father is happy to hear my voice.

So, getting back to the very first word of the Lord's Prayer, being together with my sisters and brothers in worship, fellowship, and study, I feel the hand of God. Like a prayer shawl over my shoulders, joining others in prayer, worship, and just plain conversation over something to drink brings a sense of family, faith, and joy of being together in relationship with God and with one another. It isn't good for us to be alone (that's in the Bible Gen. 2:18) and gathering together as a family of faith creates an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to bring life to our souls. The living part of that life isn't always easy, but being together, living together, working together, and worshipping together goes a long way toward healing our souls and bringing faith to life. Thank you for being the people of Lord of Life who teach me this lesson daily and whose presence makes it possible for me to pray ... *Our Father*. God bless you!

Your Brother in Christ,

*Pastor Bob*

# Manna House



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 July 9, please be at Manna House by 9:00 AM, or to help distribute the bagged lunches, come at 11:15 AM.

We welcome our new cook team of Susanne Paskins and Gale Speich.

Manna House is located at 1408 G Street, Brunswick, GA.



What a blessing for us to prepare and serve 320+ meals to our community.  
Thank you to our volunteers!

The 2nd Thursday of each month Lord of Life Lutheran Church serves at Manna House of Brunswick. Please come and join us!

God's Work. Our Hands. 🙏 ❤️ ✝️ 🍌 🍪

## Lord of Life Literary Society



Our July discussion will be hosted by Jan Ciotti, on Tuesday, July 28, at 10:00 AM, in the Council Room.

Jan's selection is *Mad Mabel*, by Sally Hepworth.

The book is available at local bookstores and/or online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [Thriftbooks.com](https://www.thriftbooks.com). A Kindle edition is also available.

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



**Come Let Us Pray**



God desires to have a relationship with each of us and hears the prayers of His people. Pray for your family, friends and fellow church members. Remember to "... take it to the Lord in prayer."

## Help Needed...



### **We are the Church...your help is needed!**

- \* We are looking for Sunday Tellers (counting, tracking and depositing Sunday offerings). No prior experience necessary! Please see Dave Erickson.
- \* Fellowship Council member needed. Please see Pastor Bob or Tom Comer.

## Father's Day 2026

We were blessed to honor and celebrate some of the Dads/Father figures of Lord of Life. Thank you to all the fine gentlemen for their talents, kindness and faithfulness. ❤️



**We celebrated Dona's retirement, after serving our church 20+ years!  
Thank you Dona!**

**What a blessing you have been to our congregation.**



**From the Church Office: Meet Our New Employee**



*Greetings Church! This is Lisa Tennyson, the new Administrative Assistant here at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. I am thrilled to be here and look forward to getting to know all of you. To introduce myself, I would like to share my background and experiences:*

*I grew up in the Atlanta suburbs, moved to Athens where I attended UGA (GO DAWGS!) and Piedmont College working as a Party Store Manager while putting myself through school. Later, I moved back to Atlanta where I taught high school Language Arts for most of my career. I then transferred to Brunswick in 2008. Later, I relocated to Savannah for several years then moved back to Brunswick in 2017 where I have been ever since.*

*Educationally, I have completed the following degrees: BA in Psychology, Master of Arts in Teaching, and an Educational Specialist in Curriculum Design and Instruction (BA, MAT, Ed.S). This includes over twenty years of experience as a teacher, alternative school Center Director, and Educational Administrator. Additionally, I served as a Community Employment Services Supervisor for at-risk and differently abled adults. These jobs were very rewarding for me though I decided to retire early to travel for a few years and look quite forward to my new endeavors here at Lord of Life Lutheran. I am a member of Community Church, Brunswick Campus, though I am proud to serve God in both places.*

*Please feel free to contact me anytime with any church information related to my position. And thank you for this opportunity; I am very excited to work with all of you!*

*Many Blessings,*

*Lisa Tennyson*

***Psalm 46:10*** *He says, "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

## 2026 GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduating high school seniors were honored at the end of May. Racie and Ronnie will be heading to college soon so tradition continues, they were both gifted beautiful quilts from our church. Best wishes on new adventures Racie and Ronnie! 🎓 🎓

*Congrats Ronnie and Racie*





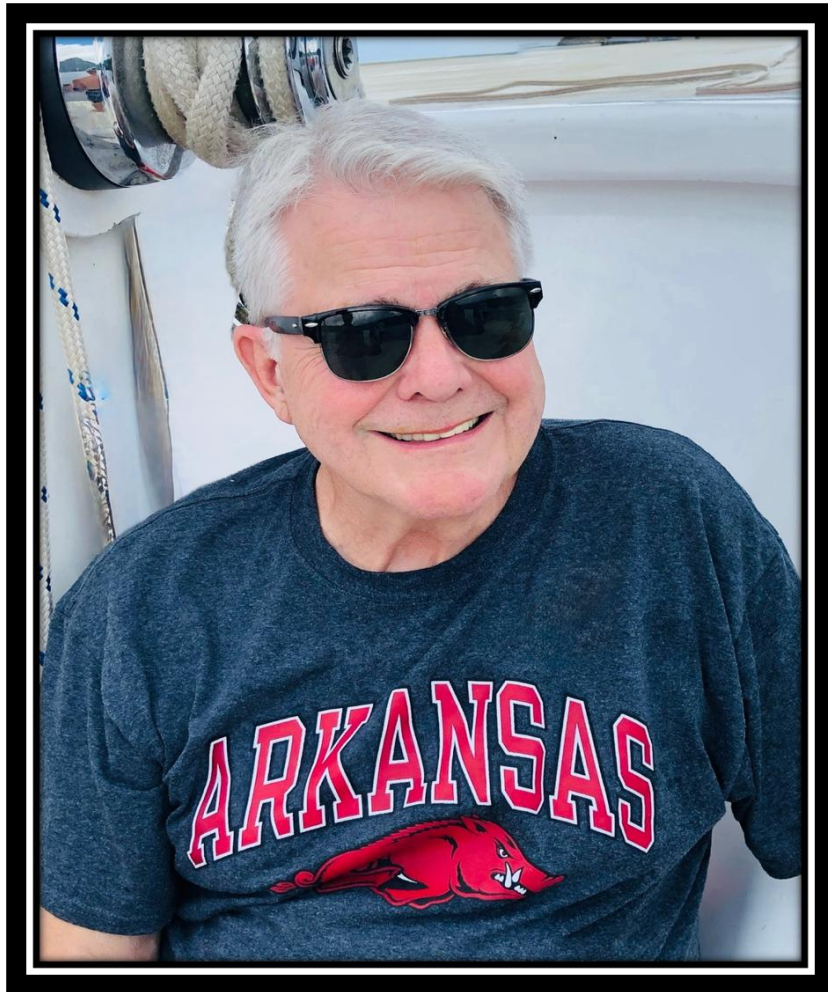
**July Birthdays:**

Kevin Manson, July 3<sup>rd</sup>; Alex Alley, July 6<sup>th</sup>; Christine Schonfeld, July 9<sup>th</sup>; Byron Zantow, July 31<sup>st</sup>

# July 2026

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	<b>No Monday Bible Study for July</b> 		1 Open Sewing 9:00am	2 Tai Chi 10:00 am	3	4
5 Service 9:30am w/ a BBQ Celebration at 10:30 am	6	7 Tai Chi 10:00 am	8 Open Sewing 9:00am	9 Tai Chi 10:00 am  Manna House 9:00 am	10	11
12 Service 9:30am	13	14 Tai Chi 10:00 am	15 Open Sewing 9:00am	16 Tai Chi 10:00 am	17	18 Quilting
19 Service 9:30 & Council Meeting (to Follow)	20 St Marks 9:00- 1:00 pm in the Conference Room	21 Tai Chi 10:00 am	22 Open Sewing 9:00am	23 Tai Chi 10:00 am	24	25
26 Service 9:30am	27 Heritage Oaks	28 Tai Chi 10:00 am  Book Club 10:00 am	29 Open Sewing 9:00am	30 Tai Chi 10:00 am	31	

**In Loving Memory of  
Pat Ferguson**



**December 8, 1945-June 8, 2026**