



October 2026

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Greetings Church Family, From the Church Office ...

Fall is upon us and the holidays will be here before we know it! Many great things are happening here at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in the coming months. Additionally, please be sure to let us know when you or a loved one have prayer requests and/or need pastoral care. Also, the computer launch continues moving along, though we are still working through some issues. Please contact Lisa if you need to make any changes to the directory. And we will continue to collect a Love Offering for Julieanna Goelz (you may contact Lisa at the office or Susanne Paskins for more information).

Blessings to all,

Lisa at the office

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LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Pastor Bob Kasting

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

From the Pastors desk,

Kelly and I want to thank you all so much for your kind words, prayers, calls, messages, and support during this tough time. Our family deeply appreciates everyone who has reached out and kept us in your thoughts. Your love and support mean more to us than you know.

Also, thank you so much to everyone who gave to the love offering for Julieanna and baby Sean. Your generosity and support have meant so much to our family. May God bless each and every one of you for your love and thoughtfulness.

Pastor Bob and Kelly

“ 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I came across this piece of scripture in our Lectionary a couple of weeks ago and shared it during a devotional time at Heritage Oaks with some of our residents and it got me to thinking. It doesn't matter who you are or how old you are....this verse is a wonderful reminder of the promise of *whose* you are! Use this verse as your 'faithful' affirmation to always strive to respond in love to the promise you have been given by the one you long for.

We have been promised the 'crown of righteousness'! We have been given the gift of life eternal with the God who loves us, even in our sinfulness. How can we not walk in every thought, word, and deed with thanksgiving and compassion toward our neighbor? So, respond, in all that you do with the love that you have been given through your God and be thankful; knowing that on that day your righteous judge will welcome you.... good and faithful servant!





Pastor Justin Eller provided a meaningful sermon and service this morning. The Sew Happy group generously gifted Pastor Justin with a beautiful quilt. Thank you Pastor for leading us in worship, please come again.



Sept 20th





Thank you Pastor Jill for such a thought-provoking sermon this morning. We also found ourselves saying goodbye to Sydney and Nate as they are moving. We gifted a quilt to them to keep them warm during the Michigan Winters! We look forward to your visits back to St. Simons Island, safe travels and Godspeed Sydney and Nate!✝

Sept 27th



God's Work. Our Hands.

What a wonderful morning volunteering at **Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia**. We donated 230 lbs of food and packed 250 toiletry kits for the unhoused and youth. Thank you to our volunteers and also to our church family for your generous food donations! 🇺🇸 ❤️ ✝️ #GodsWorkOurHands #LoveInAction #communityoutreach #secondharvestfoodbank





Save the date!! 🎄

If you are interested in volunteering for our annual Holiday Market, please contact any one of our chair people. We would love to have your help! ❤️

Susanne Paskins - Chairperson & Vendor liaison 🧑🏻‍🎄

Cathy Erickson - Raffle, Gift Baskets 🛒

Mary Ellen Long - Bake sale 🍰

Lucy Zantow - Food/Kitchen chef 🧑🏻‍🍳

Vanessa Wardlow -Used Book sale 📖

Jane Bozza - Publicity 🗣️



16th Annual Holiday Market Craft Fair

When: Saturday, Dec 5, 2026

Where: Lord of Life Lutheran Church

2801 Frederica Road, St Simons Island, GA

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Over 35 vendors will sell quality hand-crafted items, including Artisan crafts, tasty specialty foods and holiday décor...specialty soaps, accessories and so much more! Vendors will be both indoors and outdoors.

The church will feature its delectable baked goods, used book sale and raffle prizes! In addition, we will be offering coffee, breakfast, snacks and lunch.

Santa will be joining in the fun...so make a list, check it twice at the Holiday Market!

From the Evangelism Committee:

There are some opportunities to volunteer for and serve. They are...

Eucharistic Minister – Serve on a team of two and visit and provide communion to homebound, shut-ins and hospitalized on a monthly basis.

Training is scheduled for October.

Meal Ministry – Providing meals to families in times of need.

Transportation Ministry – Provide rides or “ride along” for doctor appointments, grocery store, airport, etc.

Prayer Chain Ministry – Pray for the requested prayers of the church. Call the next person on the prayer chain and pass on the information.

All of these ministries have been around and now is the time to ensure everyone who wants to be involved has the chance. ***In John 13:34, we read: “A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”*** We are asked to love our neighbors (brothers and sisters in Christ) and this is a good way. Please call me if you have any questions.

In Christ,

Mary Ellen Long (912-270-4160)

Sacristan's Need Help

The duties and responsibilities of a sacristan are:

- Prepare communion and set up the altar and sanctuary for worship Saturday
- Clean up after worship on Sunday
- Serve one weekend per month
- Serve with a team of two or three people.

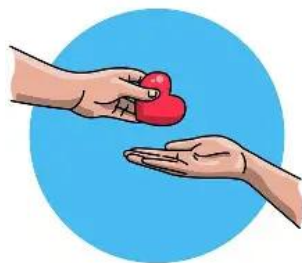
***If you are interested, please call Mary Ellen Long at 912-270-4160**

From the Endowment Committee:

It's hard to believe we are in the 4th quarter. It's also hard to believe we still have a large amount of endowment funds available to award to non-profit groups this year.

During the first 3 quarters, we awarded grants to Penguin Project, St Francis Crafters, Glynn Academy Band, Youth Camp Scholarship, Memory Matters, No Kill Glynn County Animal Rescue, Wolves Pantry, The Farm Animal Sanctuary, Sew Happy, and Manna House.

All those donations and we still have **\$7,984.18** to award for the 4th quarter. Please put your requests in by November 15 and let's give all our available endowment funds away; preferably locally, although we will consider non-local. Lisa has forms and they are also available on our website. All requests must be sponsored by a church member.



Operation Christmas Child

National Collection week is fast approaching. It is the week of November 16-23. This is the 12th 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 are 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 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 Tuesday (11/16-17) 9:30 – 11:30 am and 5-7pm

Wednesday (11/18) 9:30 – 11:30

Thursday and Friday (11/19-20) 9:30 – 12:30

Saturday and Sunday (11/21-22) 12:00 -3:00pm

Monday (11/23) 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 not to shop in person, please think about one of these following ideas:

Fill a shoe box online {samaritanspurse.org}

Shopping online for bulk items to be put in shoeboxes

Making a financial contribution

For additional information or any questions, please call Tom Comer – 847-745-9480.

FROM VIRGINIA LENSCH:

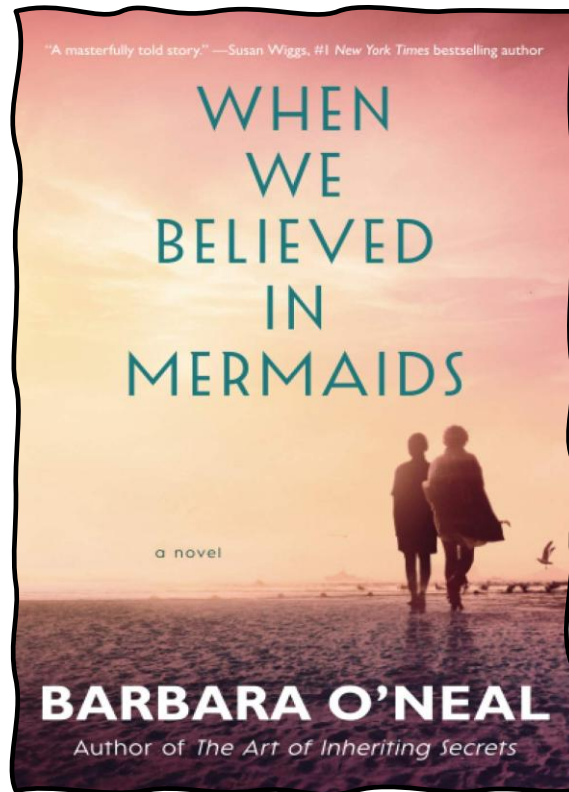
Lord of Life Literary Society (Book Club)



Our next Book Club will be hosted by Mary Ellen Long. **Please note**, at our last meeting, we agreed to move our October meeting to the first Tuesday in November -- **November 3, at 10:00 AM, in the Council Room.**

Mary Ellen has selected *When We Believed in Mermaids* by Barbara O'Neal. 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.



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. Church directories are located in the office lobby.



Manna House



Please let **Virginia Lensch** know (Phone: 912-638-3425) or mail: 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 8**.

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 **11:15 AM**.

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

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





Christmas At Sea Seafarers Collection



We will be collecting items through the first week of November. We are asking for volunteers to help pack and wrap the shoeboxes Saturday, **Nov 14 @ 9 AM**.

We will again be gathering a variety of items for the annual Seafarer's Shoe Box collection.

NOTE: We will be using the plastic boxes from the Seafarers Center, so we have set up a collection box in the Narthex.



Christmas at Sea

Clothing Socks Handkerchiefs Gloves Knit Caps Scarves T-shirts	Medical / Health Tylenol / Aspirin Chapstick Band-Aids Antibiotic ointment Deodorant Hand lotion Kleenex Vaseline Q-Tips	Food (non-perishable in sealed packages) Crackers/Pretzels/ Nuts Gum/Candy Raisins Dried fruit Canned Meat (pop-top) Mints Popcorn
Toiletries Shampoo Conditioner Soap/Body wash Toothbrush Toothpaste Shaving cream Razors Combs Manicure kit Small scissors	Stationeries Highlighters Post-its	Other Bibles (English) Flash/Thumb drives CDs, DVDs Playing cards Sudoku puzzle books Sewing kits Flashlight w/batteries

***No Chocolate Please (it melts)**

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ISC **International
Seafarers' Center**
Brunswick, GA, USA

*Caring for Seafarers
Around the World*

The Christmas-at-Sea program began many years ago and grew out of a desire to bring a little Christmas cheer to the many seafarers who visit the Port of Brunswick during the holidays. The seafarers have often expressed how appreciative they are and how much the gifts mean to them. Every seafarer on every vessel that visits the Port of Brunswick from Thanksgiving through Christmas receives a gift. These gifts would not be possible if it were not for the generous support of all of you.

Reformation Sunday

October 31 – Wear **RED**
(the color of the Holy Spirit and martyrdom)

Reformation Day, observed on October 31, commemorates Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517 — an act that became the symbolic beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The theses challenged the practice of selling indulgences and called for a return to biblical Christianity. Luther's central convictions — justification by faith alone, scripture alone, grace alone, Christ alone, glory to God alone (the five solas) — would reshape Western Christianity and Western civilization. The Reformation produced new churches (Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, and many others), translated the Bible into common languages, sparked widespread literacy, and challenged the political order of Europe. Reformation Day is observed primarily by Lutherans and other Protestants — particularly in Germany (where it is a public holiday in some states), Scandinavia, and parts of the United States. The day usually falls on or near Reformation Sunday (the Sunday on or before October 31).

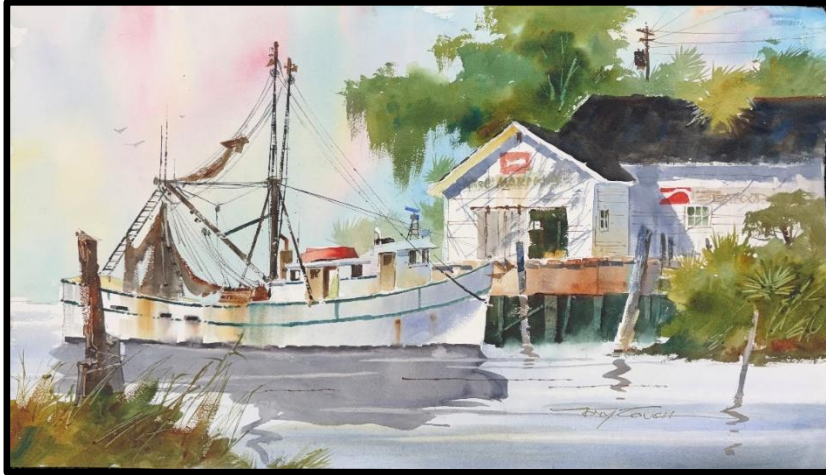
The 95 Theses are a list of 95 arguments Luther proposed for academic debate, written in Latin and posted on the church door on October 31, 1517. The theses primarily challenged the sale of indulgences (papal documents reducing time in purgatory). The theses argued that true repentance is internal, not transactional, and that papal authority cannot extend over God's direct forgiveness. The new printing press caused them to spread rapidly across Europe.



Save the Date

Lord of Life Thanksgiving Day Feast,
Thursday, November 26th, at 3:00 PM

FROM CATHY ERICKSON:



Tony Couch Watercolor Raffle INFO...

As many of you know, Tony is a nationally known watercolor artist and teacher from Atlanta. He has held Artist workshops here at Lord of Life for the past 20 years. Each year he has gifted us an original watercolor painting with the intention of raising money for an established ministry of Lord of Life. **Tony is well into his 90s now and this may be the last opportunity for us to benefit from his generous gift.**

Proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets this year will be given to **SOAR**. SOAR, is a 501(c)(3) that strengthens the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities in Glynn and McIntosh Counties. Weekly programs are offered to promote health and wellness as well as building self-esteem and unity for this adult population. SOAR also supplies funding for Special Olympics in Southeast Georgia.

Raffle packets are ready for pick up (church office or contact Cathy). All information for the sale of tickets is contained on the packets.

See Cathy Erickson if you have further questions.

Holiday Market

Lord of Life is getting ready for the Holiday Market. We are looking to make up 13 baskets, each with a value of **\$100 to \$150 dollars for the raffle. Basket themes in the past have been: Birding Basket, Family Game Night, Coffee Clatch, Fire Pit, Gardening, Handmade Quilts, and Doggie Treats.** If you would like to make a themed basket or contribute an item, please contact **Cathy Erickson.**



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Erickson, Oct. 2

Alan Schomber, Oct. 8

Colin Beuning, ct. 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



OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Colin & Jenifer Beuning, Oct. 19

Kelby & Deborah Phillips. Oct. 19

Doug & Pattie Neal, Oct. 24

Tim & Nanci Daves, Oct. 25



These sweet babies belong to Lord of Life Lutheran members. And please note: the **Blessing of the Animals** will be outside





OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Tai Chi 10:00 am	2	3
4  Service 9:30 am Council Meeting & Fellowship Brunch	5 Bible Study 10:00am	6 Tai Chi 10:00 am	7 Open Sewing 9:00am	8 Manna House 8 to 10am or 11:15 am Tai Chi 10:00 am	9	10
11  Service 9:30 am Blessing of the Animals to follow (outside)	12 Bible Study 10:00 am	13 Tai Chi 10:00 am	14 Open Sewing 9:00am	15 Tai Chi 10:00 am	16	17
18 Service 9:30 am	19 Bible Study 10:00am	20 Tai Chi 10:00am	21 Open Sewing 9:00am	22 Tai Chi 10:00 am	23	24
25 Service 9:30 am	26 Bible Study 10:00am	27 Tai Chi 10:00 am	28 Open Sewing 9:00am	29	30	31



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FALL 2026 COURSE OFFERINGS

All courses meet 7–9 pm ET / 6–8 pm CT via Zoom

01 Called and Sent: Vocation, Discipleship, and Telling God's Story



Rev. Will Starkweather

02 Lutheran Worship: Fundamentals



Rev. Andrew Lewis

03 Introduction to the Old Testament



Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarra

04 Called to Lead: Preparing for and Assuming Church Leadership Roles



Rev. Andy James



Rev. Justin Eller

05 Can I Get A Witness? A Guide to Speaking Up and Standing Out



Rev. Dr. Ron Bonner

06 Designing Art-Inspired Faith (Re)formation Series



Rev. Krystle Moraska

07 Living A Spirited Life: An Exploration of God's Guidance and Meaning in Our Lives



Rev. Patti Axel

08 Ministries of Presence: Visiting and Caring for Congregation Members



Dr. Bridget Piggue

FORMAT
Live Zoom + Online Platform

FALL 2026 TERM
September 13 – November 12

COST
\$60 per Course
Financial assistance available

TIME COMMITMENT
1–2 Hours Outside Weekly Class Sessions

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Prayer List

Homebound Members: Nancy DeLong, Dot Donahoo, Cindy Koegl

Members:

*Kelly and Bob Kasting, Bob Schwandt & Pat Schwandt, Linda and Steve Bullock (they have been at home not feeling great), Gardi Wood, Gay Eubanks, Kevin Manson, Alan Schomber, Vanessa Wardlow, Don Scheuerle, Russ Marane

Friends & Family

*Julieanna Goelz (**a Love Offering for Julieanna is being collected**); Tony and Brenda Tate's friends Eric and Janet Orr (Eric is battling cancer); Duane & Karen Fink (Karen has dementia and moved into a nursing home, Duane still has kidney issues), they are friends of the Zantow Family. Jeffery West family member of Jim and Jody Fraser, Gerry & Walter Howard friend of Carol and Mike DeFoe The Cressman's grand-daughter Addysen, Nancy Day's daughter Meghan Jonas, Virginia Lensch's friend Elaine Rankin, Nicole Lodato, Blake Haynes, Christopher Godfrey, the Longs' nephew, Lu Miller, Marc Sabransky, friend of Daneen Brinckmann; Kat Brooks, Larry Wilkerson friend of the Ericksons, Grace Collins friend of Pat and Bob Schwandt, Ginger Lahkani, Pam Cofield's daughter, Lauran Wilson, Pat and Bob Schwandt's daughter; Dan Kelly, friend of Pat and Bob Schwandt; Fred's brother and wife; Malakai Scott Henderson, Lensch's grand nephew; Lynda Gallagher, friend of the Schwandts; Bob Crawford

**Please contact Pastor Bob or Lisa at the Church Office to change or add info to this prayer list; other ways to send prayer requests include a prayer box in the lobby, phone call, phone message, leave it on my desk, email, etc.*

Whichever is easiest for you!



