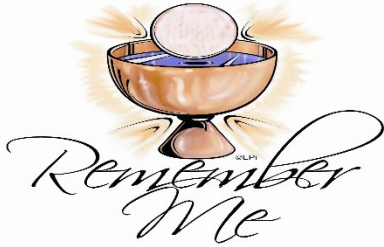


MARCH MAST



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Lenten Worship Opportunities

- Mar 2 Choir Pancake Breakfast, immediately following Worship
- Mar 5 Ash Wednesday Service, 12:00 Noon – with communion
Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm – with communion
- Mar 12 Lenten Service: Theme – [Savior Servant Friend Healer](#)
12:00 Noon – Worship followed by lunch
- Mar 19 Lenten Service: Theme- *Savior Servant Friend Listener*
12:00 Noon – Worship followed by lunch
- Mar 26 Lenten Service: Theme – *Savior Servant Friend Encourager*
12:00 Noon – Worship followed by lunch
- Apr 2 Lenten Service: Theme – *Savior Servant Friend Protector*
12:00 Noon – Worship followed by lunch
- Apr 9 Lenten Service: Theme – *Savior Servant Friend Comforter*
12:00 Noon – Worship followed by lunch

Each service in this series dwells upon a different aspect of our greatest friend, Jesus, and what each characteristic means to us as His followers and friends.



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Good-bye “Alleluia”

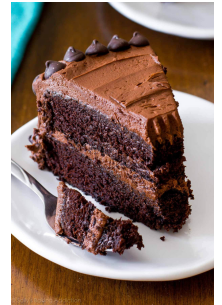
Throughout Lent, we do not say or sing “Alleluia” in our worship service. This is to remind us that we are in exile from our joyful home in heaven.

An old Lenten tradition is to “bury” the Alleluia. During the end of our worship service for the Transfiguration of our Lord, on March 2, the Alleluia banner is removed from the podium and placed in a casket. On Easter Sunday, it will be unfurled in a joyful celebration and displayed once again.

Note, too, that our sung responses disappear and become spoken to remind us of the solemnity of the season.



Sparrows Nest Cake Kits



You know that every celebration is better with cake, but did you know that you may use a can soda as a substitute for eggs, water or oil in a cake mix?

During the Season of Lent, we are asking you to put together Cake Kits for Sparrows Nest. Here is a list of what you'll need.

- 1 - 9 X 13 Foil pan with clear lid
- 1 - Cake mix, any flavor
- 1 - Can of frosting, any flavor
- 1 - Can of Sprite.

Additional items that can be added to the cake kit;

Candles, Cupcake holders, Sprinkles, Napkins, Stickers, Balloons, Matchbox Car, Necklace/bracelet, Crayons, Coloring book, Bubbles, Chalk.

Please place all kits in the red book case in the fellowship lobby. We will collect through April 13, and will deliver the week of Easter.

Blessings,
Cathy Erickson
Social Ministry

Choir Pancake Breakfast

March 2, 2025



Celebrate the beginning of Lent by supporting the chancel and hand bell choirs in our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 2. Breakfast will be served immediately following Worship service.

The menu includes plain, blueberry and banana pancakes along with bacon, sausage, ham, breakfast burritos, fruit salad, pastries, fruit juices, milk and coffee. So, come hungry!

Our breakfast is a fundraiser which allows Musical Director Mary Monroe to purchase new music and other items that enhance our musical performance throughout the year. Other funds go to organ and piano maintenance as well as hand bell upkeep.

Please make checks payable to Lord of Life with the notation: Choir Fund.



Adult Sunday School

“Sojourners”

The Adult Sunday School class meets on Sunday mornings at 8:15 AM, in the Conference Room. The class is open to all members, family, and friends. If you have a favorite Bible that you like to use, bring it along, otherwise Bibles will be provided.

In our current study of The Minor Prophets, we will take a peek at each of the twelve books that are often forgotten or neglected. Yet, their messages are deeply relevant for today’s believer. The prophetic books contain God’s call upon His followers of every century – calls to positive actions that honor God or warnings to stop attitudes and behaviors that dishonor Him.

As we read and study these profound words, we will be reminded of what it means to follow and obey God, as well as be challenged to live a life that glorifies God.

From the Music Director



I see people die frequently at Magnolia Manor. Typically they are surrounded by their loved ones who help them and bring them peace as their physical bodies shut down. I often think, however, about those folks who don't have anyone by their side as they take their last breath.

I am reminded of one of these folks whom I recently sat with as she died. She had no living relatives, no one from her church visited, and no one called about her. I met her very soon after my employment began and because of her feisty spirit, I was drawn to her and we became friends. She was 99 years old. A few days before she died, I would enter her room, have a prayer with her, talk to her, and let her know that she was loved by me, but most especially by God. I never knew where she attended church, if she attended church, or what denomination with which she was affiliated, but she knew God. She couldn't speak in her last days, but was able to shake or nod her head in response to my questions. As that time grew more eminently near, I would hold her hands as I spoke with her and each time I would get up to leave, she would squeeze my hands tightly as to tell me to stay a little longer. In her last days.....I would.

The ministry of touch is so important; it allows us to connect more deeply with others when we shake their hand, give them a hug, or hold their hand at their bedside. Scripture is littered with examples of Jesus' healing.....through touch. I am convinced, in her case, that through that touch she found peace, she felt love, and she knew God's merciful healing.

She died holding my hand as I was reciting Psalm 23, and as I felt her 'squeeze' release as she took her last breath, I knew that where my ministry ended, God's had taken over.

We never know the circumstances of someone else's life unless they share it with us. We never know their needs unless they communicate them to us; but what we can do, in the midst of someone's suffering, is offer them a hand as it communicates God's peace. We do it every Sunday during the sharing of the peace as a way of offering reconciliation. I would encourage you to find someone this Sunday whom you may think needs God's healing touch through you and offer that person your healing hand.....and if you think they could really use it.....give it a squeeze and hold it tightly!

MARY MONROE

Our Endowment Funds at Work

Lord of Life awards quarterly grants to non-profit organizations to further the outreach of our church. Organizations are chosen based on their benevolent programs and projects. All grant requests must have a church member sponsor. If you would like to apply for a grant, please see a member of the Endowment Committee: Chairperson Bud Lensch, Renee Balka, Jim DeLong, Susanne Paskins, and Joan Wiley. Second quarter grant requests are due by May 15.

In 2024, grants were awarded to ELCA Youth Gathering, Lutheridge Summer Camp, SOAR, Hand in Hand Glynn, House of Hope, St Simon Day School Bible Bites, St. Francis Outreach Program, and Manna House.

Pictured below are Jane Christian, Executive Director of SOAR, and Pastor Robert Kasting



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


MARCH MAST

BIRTHDAYS

Patrick Boyer, March 9
 Robert Kasting, March 12
 Tony Tate, March 13
 Renee Balka, March 14,
 Cindy Koegl, March 17
 Steph Manson, March 17
 Ruth Kolumber, March 18

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Bullock, March 20
 Virginia Lensch, March 21
 Jennifer Beuning, March 24
 Chapman Zantow, March 25
 James Perry, March 26

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| ANNIVERSARY Steve & Linda Bullock, March 18 Kevin & Natasha Terrell, March 27 | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 Transfiguration 8:15 am, Adult Bible Study 9:30 am, Service Choir Breakfast 3 pm, Memorial Svc | 3 10 am, Bible Study | 4 10 am, Tai Chi 5:340 pm, Pancakes at the Pier | 5. Ash Wednesday 9 am, Open Sewing Noon, service 7 pm, Service | 6 10 am, Tai Chi Noon, Mary Martha Circle with Chair Aerobics | 7 | 8 |
| 9. Daylight Savings Time Begins! 8:15 am, Adult Bible Study 9:30 am, Service | 10 10 am, Bible Study | 11 10 am, Tai Chi | 12 9 am, Open Sewing 9:30 children's Sanctuary Noon, service & lunch | 13 10 am, Tai Chi Manna House | 14 | 15 5:30 pm, SOAR |
| 16 8:15 am, Adult Bible Study 9:30 am, Service Council Meeting | 17 St. Patrick's Day 10 am, Bible Study | 18 10 am Tai Chi | 19 Noon, Service & lunch | 20 10 am, Tai Chi | 21 | 22 |
| 23 8:15 am, Adult Bible Study 9:30 am, Service Set up Painting | 24 10 am, Bible Study Painting workshop | 25 Painting workshop 10 am, Book Club | 26 Painting workshop Noon, service & lunch | 27 Painting workshop | 28 | 29 |
| 30 8:15 am, Adult Bible Study 9:30 am, Service | 31 10 am, Bible Study | 10 am, Tai Chi | | |  | |

WANTED

Position of Stewardship for Church Council.

Must have a strong faith, a compassionate heart, and a desire for encouraging generosity within the congregation.



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Stewardship is such a powerful word, and yet it's so often clouded by misunderstanding and shallow interpretations, reduced to mere financial contributions. But the role of the Stewardship Chair on the council goes far beyond that! It isn't just about asking for money; it's about fostering a spirit of charity, and inspiring generosity in all its forms—time, talent, and treasures. Stewardship not only enriches our congregation but also deepens our connection to one another and to our mission. This is an opportunity to inspire others in our church family.

The job is simple, no experience necessary with training provided by the past Stewardship Chair. Plus, you get to work with a lot of great people. So, if you are looking for something to do, it's easy to fit into your schedule. And there's a bonus, you'll help to ensure our church flourishes for generations to come.
Philippians 4:13

See me, Pat Morris, or a Council Member if interested.



MANNA HOUSE



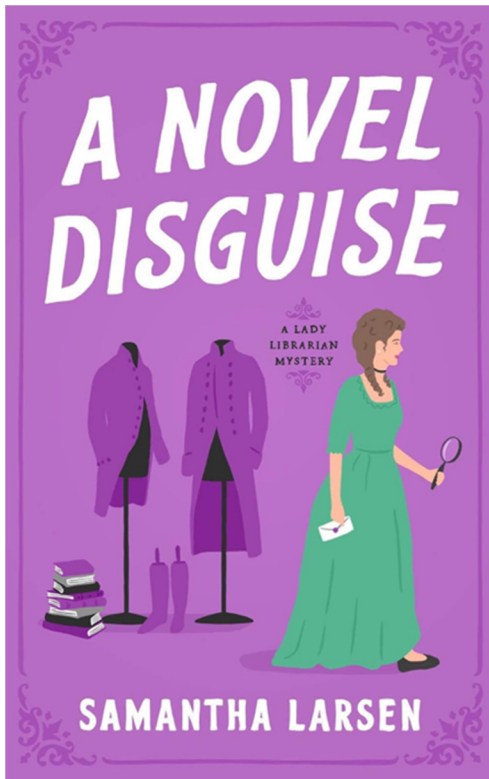
Lord of Life prepares and serves a bagged lunch each month on the second Thursday of the month. This month service will be on March 13.

Lead cooks are assigned and volunteers are always needed to help prepare a bagged lunch or distribute a lunch and drink. To help prepare a meal, please be at Manna House by 9:00 AM. Early duties are to prep sandwiches, fruit, salad, etc. If you can make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, you have a skill that is needed.

If you would prefer to help distribute the bagged lunches and a drink, please come at 11:00 AM. The only skills required are a smile and a kind word.

Please let Virginia Lensch know if you plan to participate or have questions regarding volunteering.

Lord of Life Literary Society



Our March discussion will be hosted by Virginia Lensch, on Tuesday, March 25, at 10:00 AM, in the Council Room.

March's selection is *A Novel Disguise*, by Samantha Larsen.

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 Virginia and join us for discussion and fellowship. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

MARY MARTHA WILL MEET MARCH.6th IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM @ NOON.WE WILL PLAN TO HAVE CHAIR AEROBICS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND HAVE OUR USUAL BAG LUNCH.
AFTERWARDS

ALL LADIES WELCOME'

Check with Vanessa for details



SOCIAL MINISTRY

A very smart Pastor once shared with me a definition of Social Ministry. He said, As Evangelism is the bringing of community into our church, Social Ministry is our church going out into the community. This helped me grasp the mission and after 5 years of faithfully chairing Social Ministry, a replacement needs to be found before council elections in June.

If you have a heart for working with people who know their jobs, and do them faithfully, find new ideas that bring members together in a focused cause, organize dates and time for everyone to come together, and write articles to keep all informed of what's going on, then Social Ministry is for you. I have worked with wonderful people who have continued to lead Sparrows Nest, Seafarers, and Operation Christmas Child. We made it through a pandemic with a toilet paper drive (started February 2020. Who knew), packed care bags full of treats and positive notes for Southeast Georgia Hospital Nurses break rooms, Magnolia Manor staff, and the hospital in Jessup. Collected fresh produce and meats for Sparrows Nest during Advent and Lent. Made people write down their acts of service and create a visual of the gifts they shared. Collected school supplies, backpacks, water bottles, socks, and underwear, then delivered them to Altama, Goodyear, and Burroughs-Molette elementary schools. And YOU did it all with a smile and giving heart.

This job wasn't hard. It was full of blessings. God knows that the next person to steer Social Ministry is reading this right now. It's time to prayerfully consider stepping into a leadership role at Lord of Life and to serve on Council in this position. Let me know who you are.

Sincerely,
Cathy Erickson

Let Us Pray



Prayer reminds us of who is in charge. You don't take your requests to someone with less authority. You take them to someone who outranks you in the solutions department.

The same is true in prayer. You don't pray just to let God know what's going on. He is way ahead of you on that one. You pray to transfer "my will be done" to "God's will be done." And, since He is in charge, He knows the best solution. Prayer transfers the burden to God and He lightens your load. Prayer pushes us through life's slumps, propels us over the humps, and pulls us out of the dumps. Prayer is the oomph we need to get the answers we seek. So, pray...today!

From Max Lucado

A Note from the Endowment Fund Committee

I have discovered that many members of this congregation are not aware of the Endowment Fund and how we get our funds for the year and how the funds are distributed. The Endowment funds are calculated as either 5% of the current balance of the fund or the interest from the past year whichever is the smaller amount. This year the interest was \$10,600.00 which equates to \$2,650.00 per each quarter that can be given to a charitable organization.

The fund grows starting with us, the members of Lord of Life, by identifying a percentage of our weekly or monthly giving to go to the Endowment Fund. The fund also grows through memorials, gifts in honor of someone, stocks and bonds, annuities, sale of property and yearend tax-deductible gifts. As we grow this fund, so does our opportunity to give away more. Think what it would be like to double, triple or quadruple the amount of money we could give to charity.

Think about a charity that would benefit by you just filling out a simple grant request form. You can obtain the request form either from the office or download it off the Lord of Life website. The request form must be submitted by the 15th of the second month of each quarter (i.e., first quarter 15 February, second quarter 15 May, third quarter 15 August, and fourth quarter 15 November). Once completed the form should be placed in the Endowment Fund Committee mailbox located outside of Pastor's office.

Endowment Fund Committee Chair, Bud Lensch

SOAR

Saturday, March 15, we are hosting SOAR's St. Partick's Day Dinner and Dancing Party. SOAR, Social Opportunities, Active Recreation, is a non-profit organization that offers weekly health and wellness programs for adults with development disabilities. Monthly field trips and events like this give them an opportunity to connect with their friends and experience new things. Members will arrive with their care givers and SOAR volunteers at 5:30. Dinner and Line dancing to follow. This year Joan Wiley is taking the lead. Opportunities for Lord of Life volunteers will help make the evening a success. The sign-up sheet is in the church hallway. Come share the joy. Questions? Call Cathy Erickson

I saw a bumper sticker a few years back that has stuck with me, it read "*Christians aren't perfect, just forgiving!*" This stuck with me in an interesting way. It actually fits quite well with our upcoming Lenten preparation. As the Lenten season is almost upon us, we are called to reflect upon the sacrifices God and Jesus made for our sins so that we are forgiven.

At our baptism, we all became part of the family of Christ, our desires and hopes as Christians is to live so that the love of Christ can be expressed to the world through us. Lent is an opportunity for us to take a good look at our won lives, see where we have failed and be "reconciled to God" and ask for forgiveness as well as the help to do better.

Lent offers many opportunities for us to reflect on our lives, and the great sacrifices made for us. Many of us may have Lenten traditions such as giving up a favorite treat or something for Lent, maybe this year instead of giving something up, we give in. Helping volunteer somewhere; around the church, Manna House, anywhere.

Here may be another idea and opportunity for all of us. Take the opportunity to write down your intentions on a piece of paper at the beginning of Lent, put it in an envelope and seal it. Place the envelope in view as a reminder of your journey with Christ. As the Lenten season ends, the envelope can be burned in a ceremony in preparation for Easter. This is the time and opportunity as a family or for yourself to pray and reflect on your Lenten journey.

Let us pray: Father, we ask that you be with us on this Lenten season as we reflect and pray that we might be strengthened in our faith journey together with you. Help us call upon your mercy in confidence and to believe that we have finally been cleansed of our entire quilt. Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. Amen.

Pastor Bob

MISSION STATEMENT

**"Our Mission at Lord of Life is to Worship God,
and Share the Love and Grace of Jesus Christ."**