

MAY, 2022 MAST



Graduation Sunday

Please join us for a breakfast reception under
the oak tree

Celebrating our 2022 graduates

Isabelle Zantow

A.J. Phillips

Aeden Beuning

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Council President - Tony Tate**

EASTER

Celebration at Lord of Life



From the Music Director



Part of being a community is celebrating our diverse gifts and skill sets that God has given us to build, sustain, and move forward the body, for God's service. So many gifts at Lord of Life can be found in those who participate in the music program.

Proverbs 27:2 reads: *"Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger and not your own lips"*. These folks continue to show up each week for rehearsals and Sunday mornings for services, not because they have to, but because their gifts for service have led them there. I would like to take a moment and be that 'stranger who praises them'.

Going into Holy Week and Easter Services was no easy feat. We had extra and long rehearsals, sometimes until almost 9pm. Handbells rang, vocalists sang, and instrumentalists played! Easter week appeared seamless to those who had the gift of hearing what was offered, but preparations for that week seemed endless at times. So....thank you! Thank you choir, hand bell ringers, and those who offered their instruments. Thank you for using your skill sets and your many gifts that helped to complete our worship services.

If you are a church member who is not in the choir and you are reading this.....please take a moment to say 'thank you' to someone in our music program. And consider joining us sometime for a rehearsal.....there is always an open chair in the choir loft!

Mary Monroe



Come, Let Us Pray

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Join us around the altar on Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 PM, where we pray through our church directory and bulletin for each individual listed.

If you have a prayer request, please let Dona know so she can pass it along to the group.

Esther Circle

We have completed our Bible Study on the Women of Easter and will not meet in May. Instead, we will begin our summer break and will start fresh with a new study in September.

Remember to be inspired by the women you know and meet.



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

April was a busy time at Lord of Life. The Bishop was here in early April and all indications was that he enjoyed himself and the food. This was followed by our Easter services.



Attendance of these events was good, especially on Easter Sunday. The success of these events would not have been possible without many volunteers and many hours spent preparing the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, the communion elements, and preparing food. There are too many to thank individually but the Worship committee and the Fellowship committee spearheaded these events and was aided by many volunteers. Also thanks to Property Committee for their efforts in cleaning up the church and grounds. To all who participated in preparing these events
THANK YOU!

Our congregational meeting is set for June 12. One of the main purposes of this meeting is to elect council members. Virginia is heading up the Nominating committee. If she contacts you please consider volunteering and supporting the church with your time and talent. Bob has appealed for Tellers and is still needing volunteers to prepare Sunday's offering. Both are opportunities to support the church.

If you missed my Friday Blast announcement council has regrettably accepted the resignation of Laura Kipp, the Worship committee chair due to personal issues. Laura's service to this church and on the council will certainly be missed. She has been an invaluable member and headed our Covid response efforts, which was a major effort. Please, thank Laura when you see her. Council has appointed Mary Monroe as acting chair pending our next elections

No one likes to appeal for money, especially me. But we currently have two fundraisers underway dealing with the doors and elimination of some dead trees that are posing a hazard. Please consider a special donation to these causes.

Next council meeting is May 22 and again the congregational meeting is June 12.

In Christ
Tony



MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

Mary Martha Circle will meet at noon on Thursday, May 5
Bring a sack lunch and join us.

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WEDDINGS;

Craig & Jacqui Wheeler, May 4
 Barney & Joy Wehunt May 23
 Bob & Pat Schwandt, May 27
 Gale & Paul Speich, May 29

BIRTHDAYS

Grace Robertson, May 2
 Gay Eubanks, May 7
 Gayle Carpenter, May 7
 Bebe Bonati, May 11
 Dave Erickson, May 14

George Cressman, May 20
 Maggie Alley, May 20
 Rachel Alley, May 23
 Mary K. Robertson, May 27
 Diane Rancourt, May 29
 Debbie Phillips, May 31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. 8am worship 10:30 am worship	2	3 6 pm, Choir Practice	4 9am, Open Sewing 7 pm, Let Us Pray	5	6	7 9:30 am, Watercolors
8 8am worship 10:30 am worship	9	10 10 am— Noon,SOAR 6 pm, Choir Practice	11 9am, Open Sewing 7 pm, Let Us Pray	12 Manna House	13	14 9:30 am, Watercolors
15 8am worship 10:30 am worship	16	17 6 pm, Choir Practice	18 9am, Open Sewing 11:00 am, Vitality Organ Concert 7 pm, Let Us Pray	19	20	21 9:30 am, Watercolors
22 8am worship 9:30 am. GRADUATION RECEPTION 10:30 am worship Council Set up painting	23 Painting Workshop	24 10 am, Book Club Painting Workshop 6 pm, Choir Practice	25 Painting Workshop	26 Painting Workshop	27	28 9:30 am, Watercolors
29 8am worship 10:30 am worship	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31 6 pm, Choir Practice	SPARROWS NEST			
<p>Thank-you for your ongoing support of Sparrows Nest. The fresh foods donated during the Lenten Season were delivered and very much appreciated. This mission of our church continues with dry and canned packaged goods placed in the fellowship hall lobby. They are delivered once a month.</p>						

MEET THE GRADUATES



Isabelle Zantow who has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL!!**



A.J. Phillips

Will be working in construction this summer



Aeden Beuning (with his Mother) will be attending Covenant College

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

April was a fantastic month for Lord of Life Lutheran. We hosted Bishop Strickland, had spring clean-up day, and celebrated Easter. All wonderful events.

A special thank you to all the folks who gave their time and labor during the spring clean up day. Projects were completed inside and outside. Electrical work was updated, outdoor lighting enhanced, yard debris picked up, doors polished, benches shined, the roof was cleared, kitchens cleaned, and windows washed. We filled the dumpster with just under a ton of material. Everyone continues to work hard on keeping the church looking great.

There are two member of the congregation who did stand out: Ronnie Perry and Racie Zantow. As part of their Girl Scout project, Ronnie and Racie painted the garden shed "Girl Scout Green". They worked on the project with assistance from Patrice Perry and Lucy Zantow. These young ladies returned to the shed to paint several times over the course of spring break. The shed looks great. Please mention this the next time you see Ronnie and Racie.

As we continue to work through our ongoing maintenance projects, please consider how you can help. Maintenance projects that we are looking at include the door fund, tree trimming, a water heater replacement in Fellowship Hall, and other ongoing preventative maintenance issues. If you have an idea for fundraising, or notice a maintenance issue, please let the property committee (Dave, Bud, Byron, Craig, Rick), or the church office know.

Remember preventive maintenance is cheaper than major repairs and replacement.

Thank you for your support.
The Property Committee



MANNA HOUSE



The Lord of Life members team will provide a bagged lunch and iced tea for Manna House on Thursday, May 12.

Needed are 6-8 members at 9:00-11:30 AM to help prepare a lunch, to assemble bags, and make iced tea. Gloves are provided.

Also needed are 3-4 members from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM to hand out the prepared lunches and iced tea.

The community has come together to provide everything needed to prepare a bag lunch consisting of sandwiches, chips, etc. and ice tea served in lidded cups.

See you Thursday, May 12, at 9:00 AM for kitchen crew or 11:00 AM to help hand out bagged lunches! Please let Virginia Lensch know if you plan to help.

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

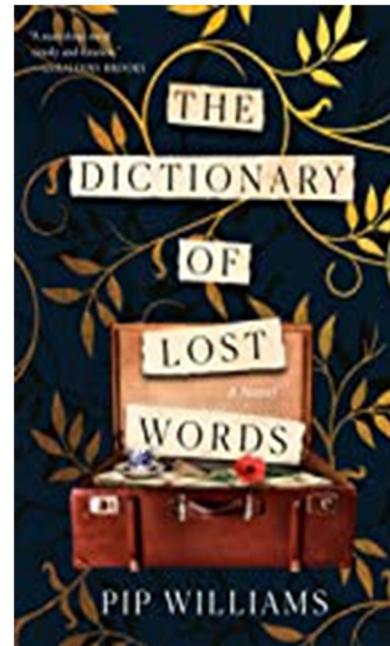


Lord of Life Literary Society

Book Club will meet Tuesday, May 24, at 10:00 AM, in the Conference Room to discuss our hostess Ruth Kolumber's selection, *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams.

Books are available at discount from GJ Ford bookstore, Thriftbooks.com and Amazon.com.

All are welcome to join in the discussion. Please RSVP to Ruth.



Social Ministry

Did you know that a portion of our weekly offerings are sent to the ELCA for Mission Support?

Are you aware that we, as a congregation, find time, talent and treasures, to support Manna House, Sparrow's Nest, The International Seafarers' Center, and Operation Christmas Child?

That our Endowment Fund helps fund organizations that our congregation are connected with? e.g. Youth Symphony, SOAR.

And when a special need is addressed, COVID help for our first responders, food baskets at Thanksgiving, angel tree gifts at Christmas, that this congregation goes above and beyond to meet those needs.

I share this to ask, are there other organizations you'd like us to support? This small but mighty church is always open to discovering new ideas.

Blessings,
Cathy Erickson

MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE FEAST



I want to take this time to thank all those who helped when Bishop Strickland was here. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with our worship services, Easter breakfast and making sure the sanctuary was all set for Holy Week and Easter. Thank you all.

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 26th (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 5th). 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.

