



January 2023

Mast



Happy New Year

One Service Only at 9:30 am

STREAM SERVICES OR WATCH SERVICES: FROM YOUTUBE.COM GO TO LORD OF LIFE SSI.

Face Masks are optional and are available at service.

Prepackaged Communion is available upon request.



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Music Director - Mary Monroe,
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The Holiday Market Returns

December 3rd, 2022

Due to COVID there was no Holiday Market in 2020 and 2021. This year, 2022, The Holiday Market Returned! It was a great success financially and socially. See the pictures below....



Market Booths at Set-Up

The pictures show the assortment of items - and books - for sale at the Market.





HOLIDAY MARKET
IN ACTION



From the Music Director



We will all come up with our latest and greatest New Year Resolutions for 2023. In case you need a suggestion.....READ MORE! Did you know that reading just a few minutes a day can help the stop of cognitive decline, aid in sleeping, reduce stress, alleviate- depression.....I could go on.

I wanted to recommend a book that I have read. In fact, it is so powerful, I read it again and again! It is a gripping book full of drama, battles, mystery, love, truth, and even reconciliation! I can't seem to put it down! I mean, it takes a hold of you right from the first page.....*"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth!"* Talk about action packed! The creation of the world.....FROM NOTHING! Eventually, we meet this man named Jesus, who is this divine being sent by his Father, in human form, to save the entire world. Yes, he is not of this world...he is God...but totally human too! He meets a bunch of people, becomes really good friends with 12 guys who follow him and everything he is trying to teach. Unfortunately, one of those friends betrays him....but that side story works out in the end. I don't want to give away the whole story, but let me just say, that this Jesus character ends up dying and then COMING BACK TO LIFE! I am not going to tell you how or why....you just need to read it!

I have found that the more I read this book, the more times I am just compelled to pick it up and read it again. It has changed me in ways I can not describe, but my actions are showing those changes in everything that I do. It is making see, think, speak, and act in ways that bring me a peace and a joy that passes my or any human understanding. Folks, just read it! It comes in many different versions, but all with the same message. I promise once you pick it up, you will not be able to put it down! You will refer to it and have it close to you for the rest of your life!

READ YOUR BIBLES PEOPLE!

Mary Monroe

SAVE THE DATE: Choir Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 21, 2023.



Mary Martha Circle will meet January 5 at noon.

Bring a sack lunch and join us.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Congregational meeting was held December 4 and approved the budget for 2023. Other business was conducted: notably a change in service times, LOL Christmas ornaments and an update on our new school, Saint Simons Day School, which is off to a good start. We are fortunate to have owners the caliber of the Caters who are very much engaged with our church. Council did not meet in December.

We have faced many challenges these past few years requiring reaction rather than pro-action. Hopefully we can move past fighting fires and look at longer strategic goals of where we wish to be a few years from now. Ideas are welcome. It's your church. Please share your thoughts with any council member. The only thing that is certain is change and we as a church should both welcome and plan for it.

Although Council communicates through the Mast, Friday blasts, the bulletin, special emails, and temple talks, we are looking at ways to improve communication flow to you. This will be further evaluated at council meetings but we are considering establishing a bulletin board of important information, and eliminating this column by changing it to a few sentence summary of activity by each committee. Again, your input is helpful.

Tony



Come, Let Us Pray



What looks impossible to man is possible with God...and it all starts with a single prayer. *I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Isaiah 38:5.*

As a beginning to this new year, let us give the gift of prayer for each other by praying through the church directory and lifting the names of each member to God, aloud or silently.

Directories are available in the church office.

January 2023



BIRTHDAYS

Susan Bacon, Jan. 2
 Thomas Edwards, Jan. 7
 Margaret Lensch, Jan. 9
 Allen Burns, Jan. 12
 Veronica Perry, Jan. 12

Kathleen Scheuerle, Jan. 17
 Anne Lyerly, Jan. 18
 Kate Boyer, Jan. 29
 Edward Conner, Jan. 30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am, Worship HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 10 am & 7 pm, Pastor Bible Study	3	4 9 am, Open Sewing	5 Noon, Mary Martha	6	7 9:30 am, Water- colors
8 9:30 am, Worship Baptism of Our Lord	9 10 am & 7 pm, Pastor Bible Study	10	11 9 am, Open Sewing	12 Manna House	13	14 9:30 am, Water- colors
15 9:30 am, Worship Council Meeting	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18 9 am, Open Sewing	19	20	21 9 am, Quilters 9:30 am, Water- colors
22 9:30 am, Worship	23 10 am & 7 pm, Pastor Bible Study	24 10 am, Book Club	25 9 am, Open Sewing Deadline for Registration for Bridge Walk	26	27 5:30 pm, St. Marks Vestry Retreat	28 9 am, st. Marks Retreat 9:30 am, Water- colors
29 9:30 am, Worship	30 10 am & 7 pm, Pastor Bible Study	31	The Bridge Run (Walk) is back!!! Let's get a team together this year and walk the bridge for Cancer & Cardiac Care programs at Southeast Georgia Health System Foundation. Saturday, February 18. Walk @ 10:30. Sign Up sheet will be posted in the church hallway. Registration is \$5.00 each participant and is due by January 25th. Cathy will register the LOL team. What a great way to see the "Golden Isles" from a different perspective.			

A house fire took everything....

A grandmother in Brunswick, caring for her two SOAR (special needs) grandchildren, escaped with the clothes on their backs on Christmas Eve. A Go Fund Me page has been set up through a member of SOAR and is accepting donations to get this family back on their feet. If you feel a need to help please visit

<https://gofund.me/ea2a4d58>

If you would like more information, please contact Cathy Erickson.



Generosity

The Lord replied, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me. With continuing amazement, we have witnessed the generosity of LOL-SSI: Manna House on a monthly basis, boxes for Seafarers, Christmas boxes for children, and many more.

And now Judy and I are the recipients of your generosity. Prayers for Judy's healing, wonderful meals prepared for us – what gifts! And you continue to care for us as you pray for us, our grandson and cousin.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. What a blessing to be a part of the LOL-SSI Family.

Judy and George Cressman



MANNA HOUSE

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

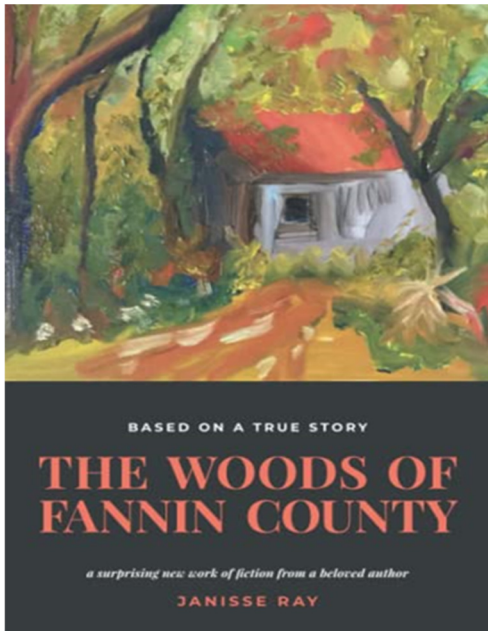
The community has come together to provide everything needed to prepare a bag lunch consisting of sandwiches, chips, etc. and ice tea served in lidded cups.

See you Thursday, January 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.

Lord of Life Literary Society

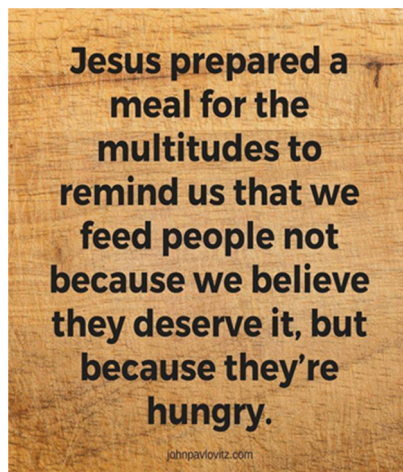
(Book Club)



Our January meeting will be hosted by Ruth Kolumber, on Tuesday, January 24, at 10:00 AM, in the Fellowship Hall.

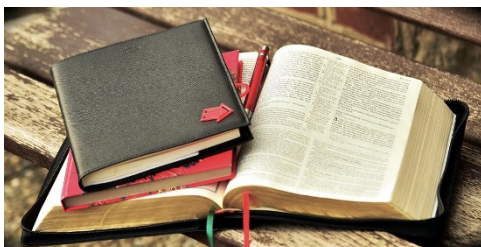
January's selection is *The Woods of Fannin County*, by Janisse Ray. The book is available at local bookstores and/or online at Amazon.com. A Kindle edition is also available.

RSVP to Ruth and join us for discussion and fellowship. Bring a friend.



Soul Food

A group of volunteers are in place to prepare and deliver meals to our members in need. Please call the church office to activate this group of cooks.



Pastor Bible Study

Pastor Bible Study Resumes
January 2, 2023, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Crafty Christmas Cottage Contest

And The Winner Was.....

Thank-you to the members of our congregation that shared their talent in our Crafty Christmas Cottage Contest.



What a fun display of imagination and joy! With the help of the general public that attended the Holiday Market, the votes came pouring in! And the winner, with the most money raised, was "Santa's Favorite Place To Shop".

The efforts of all our crafters brought in \$189.00 to pay down the door debt.

THE COTTAGES ON DISPLAY





Isabelle Zantow
Received the Girl Scout Gold Award
December 28 at Lord of Life

TONY COUCH WATERCOLOR PAINTING RAFFLE



Thank-you to all who sold raffle tickets for the Tony Couch watercolor painting. Our efforts raised \$1,640.00 towards paying down the door debt.

The winner of the painting was drawn the afternoon of the Holiday Market and was our own, very lucky, Christine Schonfeld!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyful and restful holiday!

The Annual Holiday Market was back on again this year-Thank you Renee, Debbie and all who helped to make it a huge success. It took a “village” of planning to execute it so that it ran smoothly. There were smiles and laughter from those of you who attended our John Borich/Lord of Life Cookie Exchange. The choir and handbells (as well as Mary and James’ musical talents) had us all in the holiday spirit!

Another year has come to a close, my how the time flies! If you attended the Congregational Meeting we had in the beginning of December you heard my wife, Kelly, speak. This was a surprise to me for she does not like to be the center of attention. However, she spoke of how blessed she was in being a part of this congregation. I too feel this way- Lord of Life has become our extended family.

Thank you to Tony Tate for leading us through some difficult situations. Thank you to our council members who are so committed to supporting this church and coming up with new innovative ideas to keep LOL thriving and fun. Thank you for our members who have joined a committee or help during services, without you LOL couldn’t keep running smoothly. And last, but certainly not least, a huge thank you to all of LOL’s members who dig deep into their pockets when we ask and who continue to worship here, your smiles and warmth makes this a true “HOME” church.

As the world changes so does Lord of Life. Change must start somewhere, and even if it’s a little uncomfortable at first, if the change is for the better it’s worth it. Due to the low attendance in our 8:00 service, the Council voted to combine our two services into one. Moving forward in this new year we will be worshipping at 9:30 a.m.

I understand that change can be scary or distasteful but I’m hopeful that this change will unite us even more and the bond of LOL’s family will strengthen. Let’s put a new spin on this change! If you have grandchildren or grandnephews/nieces, bring them to church! Have them “help” out during the service- bringing up the basket for the offerings, handing out bulletins, writing out names on the nametags, pushing up a lever for the sound, or lighting a candle. If your little one wishes to “help” I’m sure our Worship Servants will be overjoyed to guide them. Making them a part of our service will empower them and they (like you) will be proud to be a part of Lord of Life.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Bob



Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Worship Servants Schedule: January/February 2023

January

Date	Asst. Min	Acolyte	Lector	Usher	Sound	Greeters
Jan 1 (Lessons and Carols)	Gay Eubanks		MaryEllen Long	Jack Amie Vanessa Wardlow	Don Long	Marsha Hertweck Sharon Borich
Jan 8	Virginia Lensch	Racie Zantow	Bud Lensch	Byron Zantow Colin Beuning	Dave Erickson	Vanessa Wardlow Nancy Ringling
Jan 15	MaryEllen Long	Dean Perry	James Perry	George Cressman Dave Erickson	Patrice Perry	Steph Manson Jan Ciotti
Jan 22	George Cressman	Ronnie Perry	Russ Marane	Bud Lensch Don Long	Cathy Erickson	Pat & Bob Schwandt
Jan 29	Gay Eubanks	Jasper Taylor	Pat Morris	Russ Marane Kelby Philips	Bud Lensch	George & Judy Cressman

February

Date	Asst. Min	Acolyte	Lector	Usher	Sound	Greeters
Feb 5	Virginia Lensch	Racie Zantow	Diane Rancourt	Tony Tate Bob Schwandt	Dave Erickson	Gay Eubanks Gale Speich
Feb 12	MaryEllen Long	Jasper Taylor	Marsha Hertweck	Nancy Ringling Vanessa Wardlow	Russ Marane	Tony & Brenda Tate
Feb 19	George Cressman	Ronnie Perry	Erika Beuken	Jack Amie Colin Beuning	Don Long	Kate Boyer Linda Bullock
Feb 26	Gay Eubanks	Dean Perry	Colin Beuning	Bud Lensch Byron Zantow	Patrice Perry	Vanessa Wardlow Nancy Ringling

****Please Note: You are responsible for getting a replacement or switching with someone else if you cannot serve on your scheduled day. Make sure you let DONA & PASTOR know when changes are made. THANK YOU!****