

## Headed EAST (not so) Young (Wo)Man!

This is the last chapter to this story because I am home. I had a very warm welcome home from my Church Family on Palm Sunday. Thanks! I read all your Christmas Cards with much interest. I felt like I had been on a time warp and am trying to get back in sync. Thank you for all your help to reorient me. I had not served as an Assisting Minister since I left last September. The church I attended in San Antonio utilized the Assisting Minister differently than we do. So I bravely signed up to be the Assisting Minister for Palm Sunday. . . actually I forgot it was Palm Sunday! Again, I'm still trying to reorient! Not sure if you noticed, but I almost forgot to set up the altar during the offering.

I was also glad to see that adult Sunday School was still meeting and discussing important issues in the Bible as they apply to our world today! Not sure if the two classes combined into one yet though? And Children's Church and youth Sunday School are still happening. Yay! We had a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday.

I attended a Mariachi Worship Service at St. José Mission in San Antonio the last Sunday I was there. Of course, it was a Catholic celebration and I was able to follow the liturgy easily. But the music was incredible! It was a very small space but filled to the gills with members and visitors. The family beside me were from Michigan but had arranged with the Father to bring up the "gifts" - the bread and wine for Communion.

I had a wonderful send off from St. John's Lutheran Church which I had attended while staying in San Antonio. I was welcomed immediately into their fold and had mixed feelings about leaving them. St. John's recently celebrated their 150th Anniversary and did a remembrance book to document the event. I received a copy of this book and many of the members signed it like a high school yearbook!

On my return I received many hugs from the Rotary faithful. And came back full steam ahead to ensure the weekly breakfasts are provided and abundant. The Rotary have been long term partners of Lord of Life and many of the activities that we support.

And finally the Relay for Life! We had our Barbecue fundraiser on Friday, April 21, featuring barbecue from Ole Time Barbecue and started serving at 11:00 am -- plates for \$8.00, sandwiches, \$5.00. Tea and dessert was available for those that ate in! We worked around the roof work. Thanks for all the donations of baked goods! Then, the main event started on Friday, April 28 at 4:00 pm. The Opening Ceremony began at 6:00 pm with the Survivor Lap and then Caregiver Lap. The Luminary Ceremony was at 9:00 pm. There was a DJ from 9:00 pm until midnight and then a movie on the blowup screen. On Saturday morning new activities included a Yoga class and Zumba. Hopefully everyone who participates will have great stories to share this year.

Finally, I brought some gifts from San Antonio. I found a beautiful wooden cross at the St. José Mission in San Antonio for the Wall of Crosses. I volunteered at the BSF (Bible Study

Fellowship) headquarters many times and was able to get a set of the pictures used for the infant class to give to Pastor Wayne. Also Fiesta, which is celebrated in April, is a BIG deal in downtown San Antonio. St. John's Lutheran Church holds a community Fiesta Service on Sunday, April 30. One of the many artists that attend this church creates a Fiesta coin each year. Many different businesses and groups develop a Fiesta coin each year and then swap them during First Friday, monthly outdoor celebration, during the following year. I brought a St. John Fiesta coin for Pastor Wayne. And finally, St. John did an Advent Devotional book. I said the first week that I would like to contribute. They only had one passage available for me, so I only contributed one devotion. I brought a copy for Pastor Wayne also.

If you have time to listen, I will spill out the multitude of blessings that I had while in San Antonio. So many surprises and unexpected joys. I loved the beauty of the San Antonio River and the many kind people that I met. I enjoyed stretching to care for very sick patients again but I am VERY glad to return to my healthy outpatients in a few weeks. I will be working mostly at the Raleigh Orthopedic Clinic on Edwards Mill Road. As always, if you need to have any surgery let me know so I can find a "friend" for you! I know a lot of people and now a whole bunch in Texas.

Blessings!  
*Alecia*

## Lord of Life Men's Group

The spring baseball outing is booked for May 7. We will have hotdogs in the fellowship hall after worship and then head to the ballpark. Tickets will be available for a suggested \$7 donation, and we will pay for any youth again this year. It is a fun event and I invite you to come out and enjoy peanuts, cracker jacks, and a day at the ballpark. See Dave Hash if you want tickets



The spring shredding event is scheduled for the morning of May 20 from 9 a.m. until Noon. Please come out and help if you are able. This is also the day of the church anniversary dinner, for which the Men's Group offered to help prepare a meal.

Our next business meeting will be May 12. All men are invited to attend, and bring a beverage of your choice. If it is your first time joining us, your meal is on the house.

Thanks.

*Gray Anthony*, president  
Lord of Life Men's Group



## Prayer Requests

We pray for our world and those in it with hope for our future.

**Grief** . . . family and friends of Carol and Don Wallace's friend, Raymond St. Pierre, who died April 15, 2017;

**Health Concerns** . . . Dan Stamm, Mona Stamm, Perry Proper, Betty and John Nalepa, Dennis King, Betty Zapata, Bob Baxter; and

**Family and friends** . . . Lisa Grayson's mother, Betty Hooker, and uncle, Bill Winterbottom; Gerry Havenstein's sister, Jan O'Briant; Dan and Roxie Hayes' friends, Jacob and Cynthia Sterling; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe; Camille Morris' mother, Ola Morris-Jones; Carol Wallace's sister, Claudia Bossen, Don Wallace's nephew, Chuck Wallace and sisters, Irene P. and Marge L.; Vince Wright's stepfather, Ronald Pierce; Shirley Poole's niece, Pamela Chrissinger; Barbara Kyles' niece, Sandy Blackburn; Shannon Thomsen's niece, Kylie Garner, and nephew, Nickolas; Kate Beck's friend, Lisa Gauger; Mary Cook's niece Sarah, nephew Will, son Daniel; Paul and Kerri Blanchard's son, Jason; Linda Hash's mother, Gerry Barlow; Dave Hash's mother, Lucille Hash Stewart; Esther Bredell's sister-in-law, Marti Swanson, family of Michael Horvath; Mary Ann de Leon; Beth Owen.

*Please note: prayer requests that have been listed for several months have been removed. If you have current requests or updates of those listed, please e-mail them to: paulampic@aol.com*



## 40th Anniversary Celebration

I have sent invitations to all the pastors who have served Lord of Life during its 40 year history: Pastor Thomas Ford, the mission developer; Pastor Ron Grunke, who served in the early 80's; Pastor Joseph Tallent, our longest serving pastor who served 17 years; Pastor David Brooks, who served in the first decade of the 21st century; and Pastor Michael Deal who served in the second decade of the 21st century. I have also invited Pastor Tim Poston, a son of the congregation; Pastor Ted Edwards and Pastor Ken Schmidt, interim pastors. I have asked all pastors attending the Celebration Dinner to reflect on their time here.

Unfortunately, I recently received word that Pastor Grunke will be unable to join us for our celebration as expected. I take responsibility for my own misunderstanding of what I heard as his willingness to preach for the occasion when we initially spoke about it the end of February. Any of the former pastors who respond positively to my invitation I will incorporate into our celebration and worship if possible. I would like feedback from all of you regarding each decade of ministry here. For example for me personally 1980 I was ordained into ministry of Word and Sacrament, what were highlights of that decade for our ministry here? Any other items of "historic significance" please provide Rebecca Swanson.

Sarah Weisenburn has agreed to take on the task of decorating the fellowship hall. Gracie Heppert has agreed to provide child care for the Celebration Dinner, Saturday, May 20. I already have three youth committed to "waiting tables" and I am looking to increase that number. As mentioned previously, the Men's Group has graciously agreed to provide the meal. As I peruse the various families who will receive invitations, we should have close to 140 invitations going out. Talk it up, text it up, face book it up.

---Pastor Wayne



## Blessing of the Wheels

**MAY 20**

**10:00 a.m.**

Bicycles, tricycles, skate boards, skates, scooters, wheelchairs, walkers (with wheels), those funny tennis shoes with built in wheels . . .

anything with wheels!

Come one, come all!

(And bring your shreddables around 9:00 am to take advantage of the shredding truck!)