

# Life-Lines



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## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

The second group that uses the church regularly is the Girl Scouts. They meet Monday and Thursday evenings, but not always consistently. Over the years the groups have changed. The group on Mondays is now young girls. The older girl's group has outgrown our fellowship hall and now meets at a different location. Girl Scouts have been meeting at the church for at least the time I have been associated. They have always been very responsible, caring leaders, and they are very appreciative of the space we provide. The scouts use our facility for free unlike the Rotary Club who pays for the breakfasts, but both use our facility because our long standing policy is to encourage community groups to use it.

Recently, our challenge with interchurch communications has been brought to the forefront. First of all, some have stated they did not know that they could purchase hymnals in honor or memorial of loved ones. Although it was not highly publicized, more than just people on the Worship and Music Committee ordered hymnals. However, it does remind us that we need to let people know about such opportunities in as many ways as we can. A few Fridays ago, 3 people showed up for the Men's Group and one for the Ladies "Meet 'n Eat" on a night when the men – and therefore the ladies – were not meeting. We need to inform all people who normally attend any function when an event is not happening. Additionally, we need to inform the entire church community when a change is made in our schedule. If we are reaching out inviting all people of Lord of Life to events, we

need to likewise let all people of our church community that an event is not occurring.

This also includes committees that meet after Sunday worship: council, parish, property, and education committees. We say each committee is open to having anyone attend. Then we need to let the congregation know when a committee is not meeting. That can simply be done through Laura, but it can also be announced prior to Sunday worship.

I confess one of my many shortcomings is not checking to see when post-worship meetings are held; therefore, please remind me of meetings after worship.

Regarding those who serve on a Sunday morning: I feel we have gotten lax by having the names of the same people each Sunday in certain, when, a high percentage of the time, those people may know they will not be at worship that Sunday. That's okay but I would like people to let Laura know so that their name is not in the bulletin that week. Ideally I feel it would be best if people looked at the sign up forms for worship servers and signed up when they know they will be able to serve. In all this, I have in mind visitors.

~ Pastor Wayne

**The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.**

George Bernard Shaw

## Synod Assembly was June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> IN RALEIGH at the North Raleigh Hilton

I was the only one from Lord of Life to attend. **Where were you?????**

This was an EXCELLENT opportunity for anyone to find out more about our Synod, which provides spiritual mentoring and guidance to the individual congregations throughout North Carolina. There were seats set up around the room for ANYONE to sit in on any part of the meeting. The seats remained mostly empty both days. A non-participant was asked what Synod Assembly was. She replied that it was a Union meeting for Pastors. Nothing could be more further from the truth! 589 people attended Synod Assembly. 46 were guests (I was registered as a guest). 183 were clergy, so the remaining 249 were lay voting members. Lots of issues are discussed at Synod Assembly. It is the one time per year that many people from across the state gather to discuss issues that affect Lutherans most.

The North Carolina ELCA Lutheran Synod passed 2 resolutions. The Acceptance and Resettlement of Refugees in the United States AND For Advocacy and Action for Immigration in the United States. This was a very lively 45 minute conversation. And you as a guest could have spoken about how you felt on each of these issues.

Synod actually means "walk together". Bishop Tim Smith used this definition often in his message to the Assembly. He talked about slaying sacred cows and even finished his speech by making a sound similar to what a cow would make. I laughed! We are to be the Church together in the World! And boy does the World need a partner to walk through the time of trials!

I saw Pastor Joe Tallent, Pastor Ken Schmidt, Pastor Tim and Jean Poston, Pastors Ben and Marissa Krey, and Mike and Tina Kestner. Anytime I go to a state-wide meeting, I make new friends and am glad to see old ones.

Bishop Tim reminded us that love either holds so tight that it destroys the object or supports and lifts up. Unclenching is hard, but remember that we receive God's love so that we might love others.

There are 45 Synods in the United States. 25 of them met the same weekend. The North Carolina Synod ALWAYS meets the weekend AFTER Memorial Day, every year. This is the FIRST time the NC Synod has met in Raleigh. I anticipate at least 5 years

before it happens again. Next year Synod Assembly will be in Greensboro, May 31- June 1. Plan NOW to be there!

We are church together! Individual congregations, flowing into the Synod, and all being supported by Church-wide, the whole Lutheran Church in North America, with headquarters in Chicago. We do NOT exist in a silo! And we already know that we are stronger together! Look at the ministries at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Our individual efforts growing into a big impact for our community! The same is true for the NC Synod. We are stronger together and we do not have to struggle when the Synod is always available to support us.

Grace is central to Lutherans. It is a free gift from God. Grace is God's good pleasure and occurs because of nothing that we do on our own.

We anticipate a shortage of Lutheran Pastors in the future since only 44 Pastors are between the ages of 25-40 years old. That leaves 189 Pastors between the ages of 55-70. We have 18 Pastors in North Carolina over that age of 65 serving a call. Fortunately for us, Pastor Wayne plans to work at least 5 more years. At least that is what he told us when he was called to LOL 5 years ago. We have 450 rostered Pastors in North Carolina, 137 are in a call, and 250 are retired. An example of why these numbers don't jive is Pastor Brian Stamm. He is a Navy Chaplain serving in Virginia but keeps his name on the North Carolina roster to keep his options open when he retires from the Navy. Several of the others serve as Supply Pastor or Interim Pastors.

2020 will be the 50 Year Anniversary of the Ordination of Women. Bishop Tim also announced that Bishop Elizabeth Eaton plans to run for re-election in 2019. We are encouraged to look for potential clergy knowing that God is raising up individuals to serve him and guide congregations.

We spent time talking about crisis in our schools. We were asked to pray for our schools - the students, parents, teachers and principals. And also to be present - go to the schools and ask what is needed. Consider giving an appreciation lunch for the teachers. And every day, we may be the only face of Jesus that an individual may see.

## Synod Assembly, *continued*

The North Carolina Synod supports several ministry partners - Camp Agape/Kure Beach Ministries, Novus Way (formerly known as Lutheridge/Lutherock Ministries), Lutheran Services Carolina, Women of the ELCA, Lutheran Men in Mission, the Lifeline Fund, Portico, and Home Mission Foundation.

~ Alecia Harrison



If you are reading this in the newsletter, please prayerfully consider being of the Altar Guild. We are getting to the point in time where we are in need of new members. Several of the current members have left for various reasons and others have family obligations that can temporarily prevent them from working with us.

We have a general meeting twice a year, usually in March & September or October, and a meeting and luncheon in January & June. No special talents are needed. Any current member would be more than willing to help you at any time. Please prayerfully consider my plea.

Thank you to Ginny King for baking altar bread and to anyone who has donated wine or grape juice.

The color of the paraments will remain green until Reformation at which time we will use Red. The Christ candle will remain by the baptismal font and be used for baptism or funerals.

Any questions or the bread recipe please call Carol Wallace at (919) 553-5984 Thank you and have a safe summer.

~ Carol Wallace



If you have a reason to stop by the church any day during the week you are bound to bump into someone from the Property Committee taking care of business. It might be Gerry in the Love Garden washing the walk and the gravestones, Tim checking the air conditioner, Dave fixing one of the round tables that was pock marked with little holes, Neil or John on the phone talking to a plumber or a tree service. All of these men spend much time seeing that our property is well taken care of. Some of the things that have recently taken their time and energy include having a new hot water heater installed, refurbishing our old portable sign, working with Hunter Tree Service to rid the grounds of some old trees and grinding up the stumps, replacing shelves in the storage room, the list goes on and on.

If you have a problem or concern about our church property, don't hesitate to contact any of the men mentioned. They will see that the problem is addressed and taken care of. Oh, and you might just tell them what a good job the committee does!



### **LORD OF LIFE SPIRITUAL CINEMA SUMMER 2018**

**Adult and Children's Sunday School** has paused for Summer Break and the Spiritual Life Cinema series is in full swing. Remaining schedule is as follows:

**Goodbye Christopher Robin** - July 1, 8

**A Wrinkle in Time** – July 15, 22, 29

**Greatest Showman** – August 5, 12, 19

**The Apostle Paul** – August 26, September 2, 9

## Social

## Concerns

## Ministry



### Helping Hands and a Giving Heart

*“Our highest deeds come from helping the lowest people.”*

~ Matshona Dhlwayo

Independence Day! What a fabulous acknowledgement of the freedoms we enjoy and the way of life we have here in the United States of America. We, who were fortunate enough to grow up in a caring and nurturing environment, recognize the need for ALL people to share in the magnificent American Dream. That includes the people that we see pushing shopping carts down the street because they are homeless; the children who do not have enough to eat because school is out; the family who ends up in a shelter because there is no other place to sleep tonight; and the mothers, fathers, and children who cross our borders seeking support. To paraphrase the famous quote from John Bradford, there but by the Grace of God go we who have escaped that particular misery. That is why we do whatever we can, whenever we can; close at home, or far away... that’s the basic tenet of our Social Concerns Ministry which magnifies, “God’s work, our hands.”

This premise makes this month of July the same as any other month in terms of the giving that goes out from Lord of Life... whether it’s food, financial assistance, school supplies, children’s toys and clothes, holiday tokens, summer camp scholarships, or simply giving the gift of self (give a little, get a lot); we’re ready if we’re able! So as we move further into the summertime and all of the niceties inherent in this season, we continue planning for and/or contributing to our Back-to-School Giving initiative to support four schools, Garner Area ministries, and the Rotary Breakfasts as well as our fall activities and projects. Thanks to all who assisted with the July 3<sup>rd</sup>

for 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Celebration, the flags, mini-soldiers, water and Ring Zingers!

Lastly, our most important announcement this month is that our Social Concerns member, Rita Clark has graciously consented to and assumed the position of Treasurer for Social Concerns! Congratulations and thanks Rita!

Gale Isaacs & Alecia Harrison  
Co-chairs, Social Concerns Ministry



### July

July 1	Jerry Hart
	Laura Roscoe
July 9	Alice Austin
	Helen Holderman
July 13	Gavin Hans
July 15	Christine Brennecke
July 16	Hannah Kestner
July 20	David Hash
	Joyce Havenstein
	Caleb Macurdy
July 21	Kieran King
	Barb Sampson
July 28	Lauren Hedley
July 30	Kathi Tichansky
July 31	Lauren Langworthy

### August

August 1	Aidan Johnson
August 5	Stacie Johnson
August 7	Sarah Weisenburn
August 12	Edie Craig
August 13	Dylan Rebbear
August 14	Sarah Watkins
August 20	Alisa Hart
August 24	Linda Hash
August 28	Sage Weatherwax
August 30	Don Craig
	Kathy Hart
	Chip Kyles
	Joe Ann Wilder

# VOLUNTEER



WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for one or two excellent people to assist with Rotary clean-up ONCE a month on the third Wednesday of the month from 8-9 am. No previous experience needed! On the job training will be provided.

Helen Holderman, Don Craig and Alecia Harrison will continue to arrive early to prepare the food each week. Currently we have Connie Fortmeyer, Don & Carol Wallace, Carolyn Watkins and Helen Holderman volunteering to help with monthly Rotary clean-ups.

Could YOU be our next star in the breakfast parade???

Contact Helen, Don, or Alecia for more information.

## THIRSTY THURSDAY

All are invited to join Pastor Wayne and friends for Thirsty Thursday on July 26<sup>th</sup> when beers are half price and sodas are \$1. Pastor Wayne will be the designated driver and all are welcome! Leaving the church at 6 pm. and returning following the game even if it goes into extra innings.

### CAROLINA MUDCATS



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

David Van Benschoten, brother of Tess Andrews – multiple myeloma;

Nick Vietri, Dan & Monna Stamm; Dennis King; Jack Austin, brain tumors; Shirley Poole; Bud Holderman, surgery; Larry Watson, Joan Stewart's son-in-law, ICV Stroke; Family of Ruth Sigmon, very dear friend of Dan & Roxie Hayes, who passed away 6/19; Dennis King's sister, Beverly, several serious health issues; Holly Hans' sister, Heather House and her family; Tom Miller, friend of Karen Post, undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer; Dr. Steve Rushton, friend of Karen Post, lymphoma; Darcy Williamson; Sian McLean, friend of Julia Lochra, cancer; Terry Barnes' friend/co-worker: Michael Boykin – stroke; Paul & Kerri Blanchard's son, Jason, mental disability; Fred Whitfield, Amy Macurdy's step-father, health issues; Joyce Bredell, breast cancer; family of Marge Luikart, sister of Don Wallace, who passed away April 11<sup>th</sup>; Chuck Wallace, Don Wallace's nephew, health problems; Evelyn Peterson, Mary Langworthy's mom, surgery for extensive arthritis in lower back; Tom Schmidt, brother of Mary Langworthy – hospitalized; Becky Bandy, sister of Mary Langworthy – Crohn's Disease, bleeding; Mark Schmidt, brother of Mary Langworthy – heart attack, blood clot, complications of OWRD; Cathy LaBianca, Mother-in-law to Mary Langworthy's daughter - surgery for burst vertebrae; Christine Brennecke, TBI with complications; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.

Please review this Prayer List and let Laura or Pastor Wayne know of any which can be deleted, information updated, or additions to be added.



thank you!



## I CAN ONLY IMAGINE: A REVIEW

"I Can Only Imagine" made such an impression on me when I saw it, I chose to get the DVD as soon as possible so I could show it during our Lord of Life Spiritual Cinemas 2018 series.

It is, first of all, the background of the smash Christian hit of the same name. It is also the biopic of Matt Dillard, the writer of the song and front man of the band who performed it. Reviewers more famous than I (can you believe it?) have said it is loosely based on Matt's life, but all the essentials of his life are included albeit perhaps in the "Hollywood" chronological order.

The Broadway actor, J. Michael Finley, who portrayed Millard, had a voice that would have impressed a high school music teacher as evidenced in the film. The actor who stood out, however, was Dennis Quaid (the actor who played the "perfect" father in the most recent version of the Parent Trap), who was outstanding playing Bart's abusive father.

This can be described in a variety of ways: my introduction to Country/Christian crossover, a love story, a story of perseverance, and most importantly a story of redemption and forgiveness. Even with all those angles, it is easy to follow and feel inspiration coming at you from different directions.

Cloris Leachman plays Bart's grandmother, and Amy Grant, Christian pop sensation, plays herself supporting Bart and being a major player in his band, "Mercy Me's" big break. The good news for me is that Amy Grant is headlining the Wild Goose Festival this year.

For me personally, the actor who played Bart as a young boy reminded me of my nephew who now is in his late 30's or early 40's and, as I alluded to in a recent sermon, is struggling with his life. The life of Bart is just the opposite. He was struggling early in his life but now his light is shining.

I am not giving anything away to say that, as in most films of this nature, everything ends up well. However, you need to follow closely the "real life" pictures/facts of Bart's life that close the film.

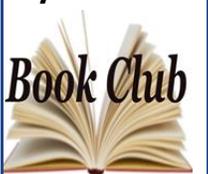
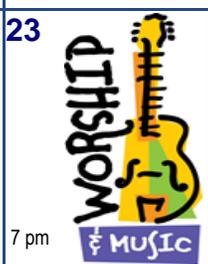
I highly recommend the movie for the family, despite some violent domestic scenes that are not graphic. I would also quickly jump at the chance to catch Bart's band who have been together over 20 years in concert if the opportunity ever made itself available.

I have established a waiting list (currently 2 are on the list) for those of you who want to borrow the DVD.

~ Pastor Wayne





<b>1</b> Time after Pentecost 9am Spiritual Cinema 10am Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> No Men's Group Meeting this Month	<b>7</b>
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<b>29</b> Time after Pentecost 9am Spiritual Cinema 10am Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>July 26<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Is also Thirsty Thursday</b>  <b>Night at the</b>  <b>Carolina Mudcats Game</b> </p>			

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**WORSHIP**  
SCHEDULE

9:00 am  
Sunday School  
Discussion Group (Library)

10:00 am  
Worship Service

