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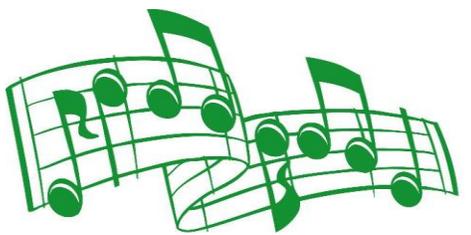
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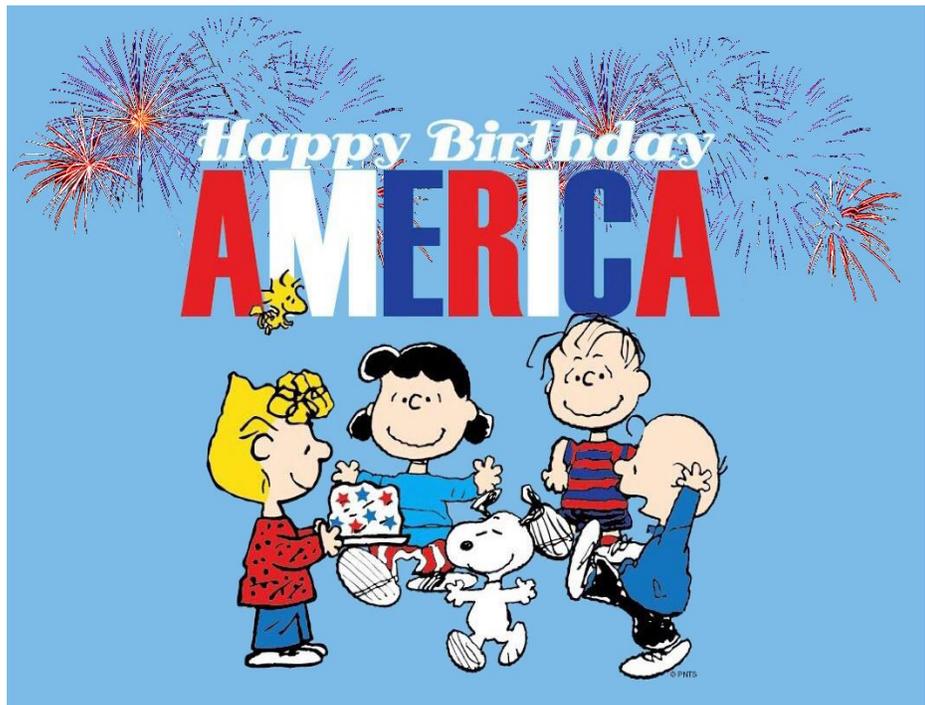
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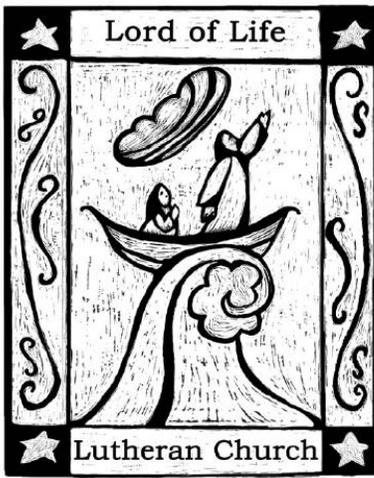


**WORSHIP**  
SCHEDULE

**9:00 am**  
*Spiritual Cinema*

**10:00 am**  
*Worship Service*





# Life-Lines



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## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

One of the low points at the International Rotary Convention in Hamburg was a two hour period on Wednesday morning's agenda describing how Rotarians were there for one another and giving specific examples of this. In my mind this was people giving testimonies of what other Rotarians had done for them.

First I thought about all the Rotarians in our breakfast club and how they are connected to a faith-based community, so, in addition to their generosity and "service above self" in the club, they are doing this in their faith communities, in their businesses, and in their families.

Second, I thought about our community of faith, Lord of Life, and how we do this all the time. We have certain people who are unable to be active in the congregation recently, and we keep them in our prayers, keep them informed of the life of the congregation. You may visit them, and, if you do not visit them, you keep in touch with emails or phone calls.

A recent visitor told me that he is a Stephen Minister. He received his training at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cary. I too am a Stephen Minister, going back to my seminary years when I was the third class to help the director, Kenneth Haugk, formulate a manual.

I mention this because we have two people whom, in different ways, have reached out to me. The first person emailed the church writing "reaching out for any prayers and looking to regain my spirit I seemed to have lost". He has a history with the church going back to the time when we had a monthly Coffee

House in the fellowship hall on Friday nights. I must honestly say it is a challenge to make contact with him.

The second person I heard about by way of a Methodist pastor in Apex. This woman is in a rehabilitation center in Garner. The pastor contacted Lord of Life because the lady's son attends church in Apex but the mother is in Garner and is of Lutheran background. I have visited her and made phone contact with the first gentleman I mentioned.

So I return to the beginning where I mentioned Stephen Ministers. I would not be looking for any commitment to formal training, just a willingness to visit someone who is physically impaired or feeling lonely. If you are willing, then please let me know and we can talk further about it.

~ Pastor Wayne

stephen  
MINISTRY

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way  
you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2)



## Who is your Lord of Life Council?

Council consists of nine members of the congregation. Each year, three candidates are elected to a three-year term to maintain continuity of the group. Member's three (3) year terms start at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. The current members and terms are:

Shannon J. Thomsen	(2018 – 2019)	
Alecia Harrison	(2018 - 2019)	Vice President
Don Craig	(2018 - 2019)	President
Sarah Watkins	(2018 - 2020)	
Dan Hayes	(2018 - 2020)	
Dave Hash	(2018 - 2020)	
Linda Garoutte	(2019 - 2021)	Secretary
Julie Bogle	(2019 - 2021)	
Lindsay Crocker	(2019 - 2021)	

If you are interested in being part of the 2020-2023 trio, please let one of us know.

**Our Church Entrance:** Martin Zavala from La Voz de Dios, recently cleaned and repainted the cross outside the front door. If you haven't noticed the beautiful work, please pause to enjoy this new beacon to our building. It's a great partner for the new Carillon playing throughout the day.



**Synod Assembly:** Alecia and Sarah went to the NC Synod Assembly May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>. Alecia shared information about the Summer of Psalms reading program and a change to the Campus Ministry process that requires a student to contact the school office. Please look for Alecia's newsletter article for more details.

Yours in Christ,  
Lord of Life Council Members,  
Becky Babel, Treasurer;  
and Wayne Dubnansky, Pastor

A meeting followed by a delicious luncheon was held at the home of Carol on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

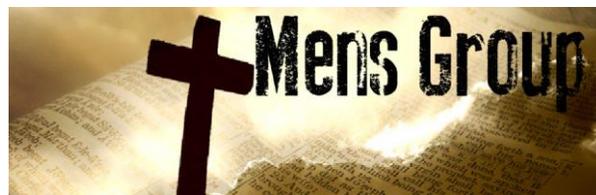
Thank you Barbara Kyles for setting the altar for the month of June, and to Ginny King for baking bread again. Anyone wishing to bake bread, please see Carol Wallace for the recipe. New bread bakers are always welcome!

The altar paraments for the remainder of the summer will be green, the color of growth, and will remain green until the festival of The Reformation on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The paschal candle has been moved to its place near the baptismal font, where it is lighted only for baptisms and placed near the coffin and lighted for funerals.

If you would like to be a member of the altar guild please contact Carol at (919) 553-5984.

Have a wonderful summer! See you in church!

~ Carol Wallace



I will open with a reminder to all men that the Men's Group meets the first Friday of every month at 7:00 pm in the church Social Hall. Our attendance has fallen off to where we are averaging about eleven men per session. It becomes very difficult to maintain our commitment to the church with these small numbers. All men are encouraged to attend and participate in an evening of fun and fellowship.

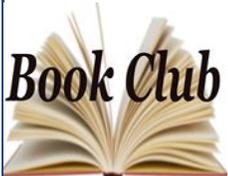
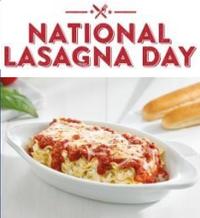
Even though it did rain toward the end of the MudCats ball game, everyone who attended the event had a good time eating hot dogs & rooting the team on.

Our next event will be the July 3<sup>rd</sup> parking for the concert given by the North Carolina Symphony and the fireworks that follow. Every available man is needed to see to it that the parking flows in an orderly manner. This event is one of our largest fund raisers.

We have no regular meeting in July, but we will resume our regular meetings on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Social Hall at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend.

~ John Leuenberger



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>AFTER PENTECOST</b>  <i>multiplying disciples and adding churches</i>			7 am <b>NO</b> Rotary Fireworks Party 		<b>NO Men's Group Meeting This Month</b>	NATIONAL  KISSING DAY
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 am Spiritual Cinema 10 am Worship		Cow Appreciation Day! 	7 am Rotary  7:30 Ladies Choir Practice			NATIONAL FRENCH FRY DAY 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 am Spiritual Cinema 10 am Worship 11:30 Council		7pm <b>Inspirational</b>  <b>Book Club</b>	7 am Rotary  7:30 Ladies Choir Practice	 Social Concerns Ministry 6:30 pm		 <b>NATIONAL Moon Day</b>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 am Spiritual Cinema 10 am Worship 11:30 Parish		Happy National <b>Vanilla</b>  Ice Cream Day	7 am Rotary  7:30 Ladies Choir Practice			
28	29	30	31			
9 am Spiritual Cinema 10 am Worship 11:30 Property			7 am Rotary  7:30 Ladies Choir Practice			



## BRITT-MARIE WAS HERE: A REVIEW

Flying back and forth to Hamburg, I watched 5 movies. One was absolutely awful starring a very well-known actress. Three movies were good and one moderately OK. The one that stood out was a movie I cannot find in the United States since it is a Swedish film based on a book. The Movie is "Britt-Marie Was Here". Because it seems to be unavailable, I will tell more about it than I usually do.

Britt is a 63 year old woman who was married for 40 years when she gets a phone call that her husband had a heart attack. When she arrives at her husband's hospital room, there is "another woman" sitting by his side.

She realizes her life has to change. She had not worked outside the home for 40 years, so she goes to an employment agency and the only job available is that of a Youth Director at a community center in Borg which includes coaching the youth soccer team since the beloved long time coach had died. Having virtually no other choice, she takes the job. She travels to Borg, and moves in with a legally blind lady who was previously a soccer star on the team.

First, she organizes and cleans the community center. That was easy, organizing her household was what she did for 40 years, that was her job. However, coaching soccer, that was a different matter. She knew nothing about it. Her husband always watched it, but she ignored it. The community was naturally skeptical, especially a former player who would have liked to have the job and a town councilman who

wanted to shut down the community center, so she had to "win them over". She starts by finding a book of soccer rules and how to coach, and she warms up to the task. The community accepts her and a kind police officer befriends her. I think of it as the Swedish "Roma" since Britt loves the young people she is working so hard for.

Throughout the film, she thinks of her older sister who had a dream. Her dream was to go to Paris. She never made it, nor did Britt. As the family was finally driving there, when the siblings were teenagers, they had a car accident and her sister was killed.

Back In Borg, Britt slowly overcomes her obstacles, the most challenging being her lack of a "Coaching Certificate" which was taken care of when her housemate and now friend agreed to be assistant coach. She was certified.

Thus, it came down to the big day. The team was playing a team that had not been scored on for three years. Britt Marie's team lost 12 to 1, but they felt they won because they scored a goal, and their celebration was much more joyous than the team that won. At the end of year banquet the team awards her a plaque expressing its appreciation to her and all she had done for the team and the community.

Her husband tries to persuade her to come back to him since he now has heart disease and needs her help. The film gives no clear indication of her decision, but ends with her in Paris viewing the Eiffel Tower.



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God's work. Our hands.

## 2019 Assembly

LOL Parish Committee met on June 16<sup>th</sup> and had some great discussions!

### **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Terry contacted Garner Police Chief Zuidema on June 13<sup>th</sup> regarding information on Church Safety. Chief Zuidema replied to email on same day and said Lieutenant Paul Caldwell will be communicating with resources from Garner PD.

### **DIRECTORY / PICTURES**

Dave met with Pastor Wayne and updated LOL Directory. Last update was June 8, 2019. Updates were placed in all LOL Member mailboxes. We plan on updating member pictures posted in Fellowship Hall in the Fall timeframe. Any members wanting to update their pictures or new members wanting theirs's posted are welcome to do so. Members can leave current pictures if preferred.

### **LOL LIST**

The LOL List was updated, which is LOL's list of recommended help (painters, plumbers, etc.) from LOL members' references. List is on church website <http://lordoflifechurchgarnernc.org/> under "Links" tab "LOL List". There are hard copies on bulletin board across from mailboxes and forms for anyone wanting to recommend a business they've personally had positive experience with.

### **WELCOME PACKETS**

Our Welcome Packets given to our visitors have small summaries of various LOL ministries (i.e. Worship & Music, Social Concerns, Men's Group, etc.). There is currently no summary of "Parish Committee". Terry will create a summary of "Parish" and add to Welcome Packet package.

**A BIG LOL SHOUTOUT** to a special visitor at meeting, Barbara's dog "Quincy". We enjoyed Quincy and hope he had a fun experience at Lord of Life!

Yours in Christ,  
Parish Chair, Terry Barnes

We in North Carolina, are unique. Our entire state makes up one Synod, a grouping of Lutheran Churches in North America. We have over 100 congregations in our Synod. This number seems high since we have to drive about 20 minutes to get to the nearest ELCA Lutheran Church! BUT there are parts of our state, I call it "Lutheran Mecca", that have 4 thriving Lutheran Churches on each corner of an intersection in more than ONE city in our state! And not even a major city! I sometimes get a little jealous.....

Over 400 North Carolina Lutherans gathered in Greensboro on May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss our plans for the next one year, 5 years, and beyond.

The main goal for the North Carolina Synod is that we all have sound relationships; first with God, then with each other, and then with the World. If we approached all our interactions with others in LOVE instead of mistrust and hatred....WOW!!! What a wonderful world this would be! We might even get a few things done. As we partner with other denominations, we start by trying to see what we have in COMMON instead of what we see or do differently. Again, a great policy when different groups begin to work together. And we ALL need to work together. We are SO MUCH stronger when we work with others; it is exponential in what we can accomplish as a group versus what I can do alone! We work together to be the Body of Christ! What are new ways that we can do God's work? I challenge you to think about this!

Bishop Tim reminds us that Congregational Vitality is about relationships and NOT about how many people you have in the pews or how big the offering is each week. It is easy to focus on numbers and I appreciate a better focus. How do we treat each other? How do we treat God? How do we treat our World? Spiritual engagement is the FIRST sign of church vitality! So where do you see Lord of Life Lutheran Church?

Ministry connects the mission of God with the community. Christ is a gift to be shared. What are your gifts? What conversations do you need to have to expand the utilization of your gifts? What gifts are within our congregation? How can we increase our gifts to meet the needs of our community? How can we engage in Life-Changing relationships; within our congregation and within our community? Where can YOU make a difference? Listen to our community; what are the needs of the community? What bold steps can we take to meet those needs?

While in the Wilderness, the Israelites complained to Moses that they had nothing to eat. God sent manna and they ask "what is this"? Do we do this today? The Israelites also claimed that it was better to be a slave in Egypt than wandering in the wilderness because they could eat cucumbers....REALLY, cucumbers??? Of course, it is not better to be a slave versus moving forward toward your goal, but it IS hard work. When you are working hard, it is convenient to remember the good parts of your previous situation especially when you are concentrating on the difficult parts of your current situation. A certain pastor reminded us that our churches are NOT gas stations - a place where you go when you are empty and then you complain about the prices! Church is a training center!!! We come to learn something new about the Bible and to apply God's Word to our lives. We need to quit making the same old mistakes. If we make bold choices then we will try new things. Some of our ideas will not work out but some WILL!!! We need to BELIEVE that God will give us "bread" daily! We pray for this and God is faithful in His promises. We CAN believe in God's promises!

Sometimes we are our own worst enemies. We hold onto heavy burdens...things that we have always done that are no longer fruitful. What are those activities? How can we reinvent these activities to make them anew? These are tough conversations. What are your ideas? I want to hear them....I am listening. We pray for "daily bread" but continue to hold onto our moldy, maggot-filled bread..... why would you give that bread to your children? And now you see why the community is reluctant to take our "bread". We are called to reach out in God's name. We do this by service to others. What are we currently doing? And how can we do it better? I agree that Lord of Life is excellent at reaching out to the community. We are known as the "Little Church that Could". I am the first

to admit that I keep doing things the same old way because they worked well in the past. So I need your help to see what is no longer working and that we craft our actions to make it more current. What faith practices have helped you grow in the past year, in our church and in our community?

Synod Assembly is an amazing opportunity to meet Lutherans across the state. I pray that each of you get a chance to attend at least one in your lifetime. Some of it can be boring, but overall it is exciting to see where the larger church is going. And the Friday night worship service is something to behold. This year it was raining heavily! And there were three flights of steps to climb to get into the church. The sanctuary was still full and the organ was amazing! The Procession filled the entire length of the church with all the Pastors and Deacons robed and carrying banners. Awe inspiring!

Sarah and Carolyn Watkins and myself represented Lord of Life at the 2019 Synod Assembly. We are able to send 3 representatives each year. Pastor was in Germany for the International Rotary Convention and could not attend this year. The North Carolina Synod Council (yes, there is a Council that is over the LOL Church Council) voted to make some changes to the Synod Constitution. The biggest one to me was that our annual meetings will CONTINUE to be the Friday/Saturday after Memorial Day (PLEASE mark your calendars NOW) BUT we will alternate with a Business meeting one year (traditional Synod Assembly) and an Education event held at Lenoir Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina. We will continue to need an extra day for voting when it is time to elect the Bishop. So those Business meetings will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

### **Constitution Proposed Changes Highlights Codification for Changes (From the Synod Council)**

S6.03.A14 & S6.03.B.14 We moved away from the word maintain to foster/support for our agencies and institutions, updated the name of LRU & LTSS. Additionally, we moved the Foundation under Organizations of the synod.

S7.11.01 & S7.12 -14 Our constitution already allows for an every other year business assembly. We are proposing moving to an every other year business assembly with an intensive continuing education (i.e., Bold Like Jesus & Power in the Spirit). We have updated the language to specify the business assembly. Other updates were to clarify registered, etc.

**PLEASE** review this Prayer List and let Laura or Pastor Wayne know of any updates, deletions, or additions.

thank you!



We pray for our world and those in it with hope for our future. Dennis King; Carol Wallace; Shirley Poole; John & Betty Nalepa; Monna Stamm; Nick Vietri; Peg Stamp, myeloma; Bob Watkins - kidney issues; Barbara Kyles Grandson, Tucker

– rock climbing accident; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten – multiple myeloma; Tess Andrews mother, Corrine Van Benschoten; Marge Rhodes, friend of the Phil & Linda Garoutte – cancer with bone metastases; Darcee W. – cancer has returned; Karen Rodgers – stage 4 cancer; Karen Post’s friend, Sandy Murphy; Karen Post’s cousin, Mike Harris – recurring prostate cancer; Dr. Steve Rushton, friend of Karen Post – lymphoma; Lindsay Crocker’s Nephew, Daniel Harman – health and healing; Rebecca Swanson’s Niece, Brenna – premature delivery of Hope Emmaline – 1 lb 9 oz.; Karen Wright’s mother, Carol Goodford – heart issues; Steve Klawiter’s mother, Marylou – heart failure; Pam Klawiter’s co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer; Larry Watson, Joan Stewart’s son-in-law - ICV Stroke; Dennis King’s sister, Beverly - several serious health issues; Holly Hans’ sister, Heather House and her family; Shannon Thomsen’s niece, Kylie Gardner – tumors and Turner Syndrome; Paul & Kerri Blanchard’s son, Jason, mental disability; Fred Whitfield, Amy Macurdy’s step-father, health issues; Joyce Bredell, breast cancer; Chuck Wallace, Don Wallace’s nephew, health problems; Carol Wallace’s sister, Martha – shoulder surgery; Evelyn Peterson, Mary Langworthy’s mom, surgery for extensive arthritis in lower back; David Andrew Duty,



son of Mary Langworthy’s friend – spondyloarthritis; 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, alzheimer's disease; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.



### July

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

### August

August 1	Aidan Johnson
August 5	Stacie Johnson
August 6	Abbey Renfrow
August 7	Sarah Weisenburn
August 12	Edie Craig
August 13	Dylan Rebbeor
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

**Please let Laura know of any Birthdays that need to be added! Thank you!!**

2019 Synod Assembly, continued ...

S7.21.A14 –24 Language updates focus on moving from four rosters to Word & Sacrament/Word & Service language. Additionally, we have moved away from the term Rostered leader to Rostered ministers.

S8.12.01 Update focuses on Bishop's ability to appoint an interim in consultation with the congregation.

S8.42.c Updating the language of gifts shared with the ELCA church wide expression to mission support.

S8.52/01 We chose the most appropriate of what felt like two bullets defining the terms of officers of the synod.

S9.03 –S9.03.07 Additions made explicit comments regarding our commitment to diversity for both synod council and nominations.

S9.03.09 We eliminated "nominations" from the floor and widen the conversation to additional floor nominations. Confirmed that this can be done via Secretary Boerger.

S10.07.03 We propose the reduction of council from 24 to 15 members to synod council and made adjustments

to numbers for Word & Sacrament/lay leaders. The youth member will be appointed as opposed to elected. Additionally, to reflect the diversity goals of our Synod, the council may appoint up to 4 additional members. The new numbers and the every other year assembly would affect the length of term. We propose a four year term.

S11.11.01 –11 We expand participation in council committees to include non-elected council members. Synod committees and ministry teams will be established as needed to support the mission and vision of the synod. We named several.

S12.01.04 We propose eliminating the election of deans and moving to the appointment of deans due to the roles of deans expanding as we move forward.

S12.01.07 We propose moving the spring conference meeting to a spring conference cluster meeting to be held every other year. This meeting will not be larger and there will only be 3 of them.

If you have any questions about the above changes, please ask!

Blessings,  
Alecia Harrison

## Social

### Concerns

### Ministry

## July is Here!



For the Social Concerns Ministry, when July 3<sup>rd</sup> rolls around we get into our *S.S.M.* (Serious Summer Mode) of giving. This year our July 4<sup>th</sup> outreach – reached out to the community with what has become our signature pieces: mini American flags, military figures, and flying Frisbees (actually “ring-zingers” this year)! We arrive early, sweat through our setup process, and engage the passersby. But wait... that’s just ONE thing in July!

The summer isn’t an opt-out period of the ongoing-every-month activities and projects. Those include Rotary Breakfasts, Garner Area Ministries (GAM), and donation efforts such as the Interfaith Food Shuttle. Taking its usual place in the Narthex on July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup> you will find the Back-to-School collection table. We are asking that you grab a tag (or two). The support of this program alone makes a tremendous impact to level the

program alone makes a tremendous impact to level the playing field in the equality of student supplies in our community schools. We want to make certain that none of the students lack the basic tools for learning.

Our campership was down by two this summer, however, we are eagerly looking forward to sharing the experiences of Avery, “Sam”, and Tony as they return from their respective experiences this summer as they will spend one and two weeks away at Camp Agapé. These campers are afforded their fantastic opportunities through the combined assistance of Social Concerns and the Men’s Group.

We thank everyone in advance for all you do, all the time as you provide good stewardship to the accomplishment of our outreach undertakings. God provides gifts for us and in turn we give those gifts back to him in the form of helping others.

The Social Concerns ‘work crew’ is small but willing to put forth the dedication needed to shoulder the outreach arm of Lord of Life. We are in a perpetual ‘recruitment’ mode and if you are seeking an opportunity to share your gifts on a monthly basis, please join us at 6:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Yours in Giving,  
Gale & Alecia - Co-chairmen, Social Concerns Ministry



## A Time to Laugh... (Yep, God Has a Sense of Humor)

Of all the qualities that I've heard attributed to God through sermons, devotions, and Bible studies, I don't recall ever hearing a homily about God's sense of humor; seriously. Nor have I read any theology book that cited laughter as one of God's indubitable characteristics. BUT, humor has just gotta be inherent in God Himself. Perhaps the best supporting tell-tale of comicality is that God created us humans in His image and we are certainly creatures of humor (we have a couple of A-1 standard-bearers right here at Lord of Life and one in particular comes to mind immediately)! So, given this premise, the majority of our qualities must somehow reflect God's qualities and that includes humor.

One example of humor is Jonah... you might not appreciate this particular point-of-view but he was maybe the original "drama queen;" his antics are comically laughable in retrospect. Okay, so he runs from God, spends three days in a fish's belly, then he complained that God saved Nineveh from destruction, THEN he threw a tantrum about a vine dying because it made him hot and uncomfortable to lose its shade saying, "I am angry enough to die" (Jonah 4:9)... that is *hahaha* funny! Come on, Jonah... lighten up! Yes, God must have had a sense of humor not only to put up with it, but to use Jonah to magnify His glory as well.

Good, wholesome laughter is a gift from God. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, If God didn't mean for us to laugh, He wouldn't have made so many mules, monkeys and human beings (I'll add the Blob fish, ugh!). Yes, God has a sense of humor and to totally appreciate all that He is and all that He does; we need to embrace that idea. While heaven is said to have pearly gates and streets lined with gold, there must also be joy and laughter on every corner. Our humor, joy and laughter are simply additional spiritual benefits that we can cultivate, encourage, and share. When you deviate from that mode, regardless of what your friends may say to you, no one supports the idiosyncrasy of a grouch; you're simply tolerated, and much like Jonah at first glance... a good guy, but!

So, maybe God won't always let you in on the joke (how many times has something happened to make you look heavenward and say to Him, "This isn't funny God!") but you can rest assured that He's getting a little kick out of yet another made-in-His-image member of mankind; it's just a little comic relief... Be blessed.

~ Gale J. Isaacs

## The Pastor Comes by Your House

A pastor went out one Saturday afternoon to visit his church members. At one house, it was obvious that someone was home, but nobody came to the door even though the preacher knocked several times. Finally, the preacher took out his card, wrote out 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it, and stuck it in the door: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me." - Revelation 3:20

The next morning, the card turned up in the collection plate. Below the preacher's message was written the following notation: "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." - Genesis 3:10

