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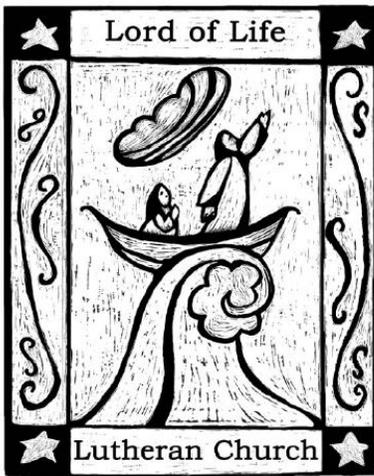


WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

9:00 am
Spiritual Cinema

10:00 am
Worship Service





Life-Lines



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WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

Recently a group from Lord of Life stumbled on the meaning of the word "confirmed" and its context, the context being what does it mean to be a "confirmed member of Lord of Life". Does it mean a member who went through a formal Confirmation Class and was publically recognized by the congregation as confirmed in the faith by the rite of Confirmation? Or does it mean that the congregation "confirmed a person or persons as a member/ members of this

community of faith by the "rite of reception into membership?" It was the second meaning that was appropriate to the situation which was "who could vote" and who could "serve on the Church Council?"

Answer: "Confirmed members recognized by the congregation through a rite of reception into membership" at some point in time.

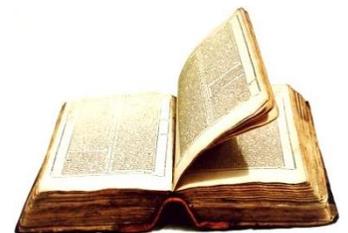
Other nomenclature we use could use clarification as well:

Confession - We confess our sins in a public, corporate confession at the beginning of worship each Sunday morning followed by Absolution in which myself or another pastor or leader of the church announces the forgiveness of our sins. This can be done informally in a small group or even one to one outside of a formal worship setting.



Proclamation - The Word of God is proclaimed minimally in the form of 4 Scripture readings, Old Testament lesson, Psalmody, New Testament lesson, and Gospel. The Word is also proclaimed through the sermon. This Word needs to be God's Word, Good News, Gospel.

Profession - No, not a job. Profession means we profess our faith that we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation only through gracious love in Jesus Christ. We may profess it informally in conversations with one another. We profess it as we extend our hands in the Greeting of Peace during worship. We profess our faith in our statements of belief, our creeds. We profess our faith as we lift up prayers to God the Father, the Source of our faith. We profess our faith by living lives of faith "sharing God's love with all." Finally we profess our faith as we leave this place of worship "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."



GOD'S WORD

**FOR IT IS WITH YOUR HEART
THAT YOU BELIEVE AND ARE JUSTIFIED,
AND IT IS WITH YOUR MOUTH
THAT YOU PROFESS YOUR FAITH
and are saved.**

ROMANS 10:10

~ Pastor Wayne



Lord of Life Council Positions

Since we introduced our Council Members last month, let's look at some of the specific roles that are performed. Our Lord of Life Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the congregation and the chairperson of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer is responsible for all financial matters of the congregation and directs the work of the Financial Secretary and the Deputy Treasurer. The Treasurer provides written reports each month to the Council showing all financial transactions and attends meetings of Congregation Council when needed. The Treasurer also submits an annual report to the congregation at the annual meeting

The Financial Secretary is appointed by Council and maintains a record of all income from contributing members and other sources. They report all financial receipts to the Treasurer and provide each contributor a quarterly report of contributions.

The Deputy Treasurer is appointed by Council and disburses funds for church operating expenses and monthly remittance of benevolence receipts to the Synod.

The Financial Secretary and Deputy Treasurer assist the Treasurer in preparing the monthly and annual reports. They are not officers of the congregation or members of Council.

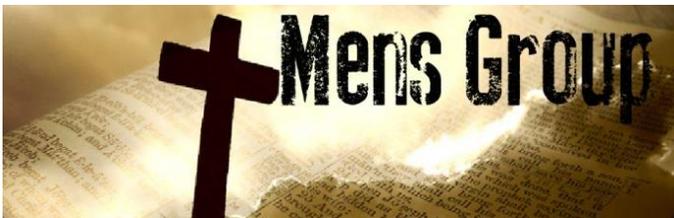
Fellowship Hall Chairs: A plan to replace 80 fellowship hall chairs was approved. The committee is pursuing donation options for the first wave of replacements. Please stay tuned for your opportunity in September to show your support of this welcome improvement to our meeting space.

Lord of Life Charter: Did you know our original church charter is hanging in the library? It was moved there years ago to reduce exposure to the sunlight so many of us have forgotten about it. Council is reviewing options to restore it as many of the important signatures on the document have faded over time. If you have any suggestions or thoughts, please share them with one of us.

Yours in Christ,

Lord of Life Council Members,

Don Craig, Alecia Harrison, Lindsay Crocker, Shannon Thomsen, Sarah Watkins, Dave Hash, Dan Hayes, Julie Bogle, Linda Garoutte, and Wayne Dubnansky, Pastor



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. I encourage all men of the church to consider participating in our events.

Having had no meeting in July, our activities have been limited. As stated in a prior newsletter, we did have a very successful July 3rd parking event which raised over \$1,000 for the group. The number of men participating in this event was far beyond our expectations!

Our next meeting is Friday, August 2nd at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you then!

~ John Leuenberger



THIRSTY THURSDAY at the CAROLINA MUDCATS

Thursday, August 1st, all are invited to the Carolina Mudcats game for Thirsty Thursday when drinks are half off and some menu items like hotdogs are \$1.

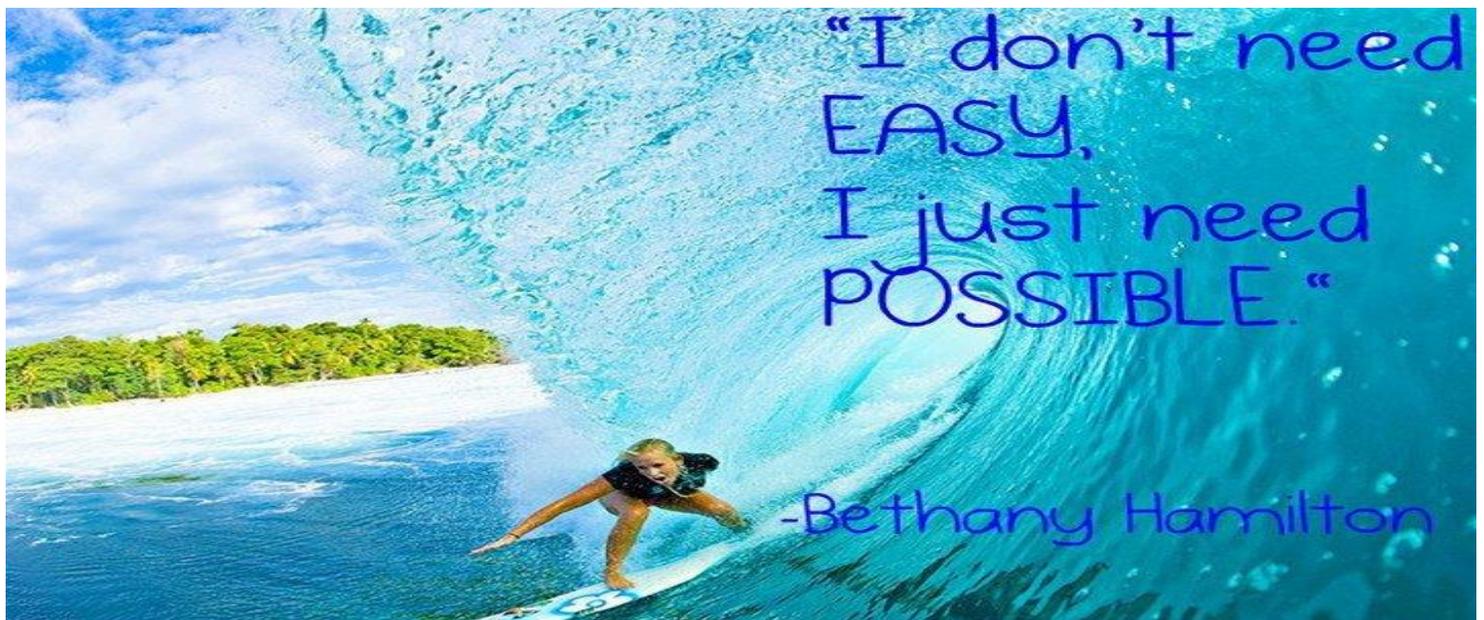
The bus will leave church at 6 pm and the game starts at 7 pm.

~ Pastor Wayne

AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Hot Diggity Dog it's August!</p>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9 am Spiritual Cinema 10 am Worship			7 am Rotary Breakfast 7:30 Choir Practice			
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9 am Spiritual Cinema 10 am Worship 11:30 Parish		7pm Inspirational Book Club 	7 am Rotary Breakfast 7:30 Choir Practice			
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9 am Spiritual Cinema 10 am Worship 11:30 Property			7 am Rotary Breakfast 7:30 Choir Practice			



UNSTOPPABLE, BETHANY HAMILTON: A REVIEW

We may remember Bethany from a few years ago when I reviewed the movie, "Soul Surfer". It was based on her book telling about how she came back to surf at a championship level 16 years ago when she was 13 years old, after a shark attack resulting in the loss of her entire left arm. That was a movie, it had actors playing her, her family, and friends. "Unstoppable" is a documentary which means the actors are her and her actual family, friends and friendly competitors. Most importantly, this documentary shows that she is, in my opinion, the greatest athlete male or female with a disability because she competed and won against the best female and sometimes male surfers in the world. She does it always giving thanks and credit to God Who gave her the gift of surfing ability to be an inspiration to others. Just one biblical quote sums up her faith. "I can do anything through Christ Who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:11)

The documentary reviews again how Bethany determined six days after her accident that she would surf again getting back into the water 4 weeks following the accident.

She is not quite superhuman though, she faces challenges along the way often of her own making especially when she enters a world class competition 4 months after her first child. She does not win all the time, but she was always "brave in the attempt" (she would not appreciate my Special Olympics Oath quote). When she was nominated for the ESPY award for best disabled athlete of the year, she would not

accept it, because she considered herself an "adapted athlete". She would have accepted the award if it was termed "best adaptive athlete" award. She adapted to her situation. The phrase she used in the film was "I don't need easy, I just need possible".

I am not, never have been, a surfing fan or one who had a desire to surf, so I have to give this spoiler alert; there is lots of surfing, but it not staged, it is real. It begins with Bethany contemplating surfing "Jaws" the most treacherous section of waves imaginable, not as a competition, but "for the challenge". In the end, she struggles, but she surfs it. That sums up the documentary. Bethany puts challenges in front of herself, sometimes struggles, but mostly experiences success.

Soon after her accident, a young man visits her in the hospital who had a similar encounter with a shark with injuries to his right leg and hand. He lets her know she is not alone and it is the first time she heard the word "adapt". She has adapted, making anything she wanted to do, possible. I think her best quote, not in the documentary and most humble and unselfish is "I think if I can help other people find hope in God, then that is worth losing my arm for".

The documentary ends with Bethany leading a "Beautifully Flawed Retreat". She is peeling petals off a rose and she tells those whose bodies are flawed in some way, loss of an arm, leg, or any other flaw. "Just because a petal has fallen from a rose, the rose is still beautiful and so are you."

This documentary will be included in our spiritual cinema list next summer.

~ Pastor Wayne

Social

Concerns

Ministry



It's fully Summertime! How are you tolerating the beauty of Summer as well as the heat of the season? Often we get something wonderful but in turn have to tolerate other things that we would rather not be subjected to. Life is funny that way. We can plan all we want but sometimes we just need a little help from our friends! Your Lord of Life church family will gladly include your needs and wants in our prayers. Please just let someone know!

"Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help." Daniel 6:10b-11, NIV.

Prayer is a wonderful thing. I recommend that you keep a Prayer Journal so that you can "see" how your prayers are answered. I often don't realize that a small prayer has been answered unless I have written it in my journal. It is nice to flip through the pages and see all my fulfilled prayers!

We recently celebrated Christmas in July at church on July 21st. We sang Christmas songs and the Women's Choir even prepared a special Christmas song for the Anthem. Where did we find Christmas bulletin covers, Christmas cup for punch and peppermint ice cream??? In the middle of July? So much fun to celebrate the Birth of Christ in the middle of the year. What a special gift God sent us! His only Son who takes away the sin of the World!!! Take a moment to let that sink in!



The Back to School giving "tree" has been set up in the narthex. It is similar to the Christmas Angel Tree in that it supports the local elementary schools. As usual, take a tag or two. Purchase the item and return it to the church by Sunday, August 18th. If you forget your purchases, just let a Social Concerns committee member know that you will be bringing the items.



*"The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in **God** and continues night and day to pray and to **ask God for help.**" 1 Timothy 5:5, NIV.*

And finally our Annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 28th from 7 am until noon. Start cleaning out your closets NOW to find those treasures that you no longer "enjoy" (reference to Marie Kondo) that could inspire someone else to take it to their house to bring them joy! What a great Circle of Life

(Jungle Book reference!) We can use a LOT of help on Saturday as well as Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening. We will collect and sort items Wednesday until Friday evening from 4-7 pm. It is helpful if you price the items that you donate prior to bringing them to the church. But of course, we can help you with pricing if you have no idea of what an appropriate yard sale price might be.

Churchwide

YARD SALE

The Yard Sale is a fun community event. And as always, all the proceeds will go to sponsor community outreach. We are so fortunate to be able to participate in so many programs that benefit the community. Thank you for all that you are able to do to make Lord of Life "the little church that could". I love being known as THAT church!

Blessings,
Alecia Harrison and Gale Isaacs
Social Concerns Co-Chairs



Thank you to those who have baked bread (Ginny King) to those who have donated wine, and to Connie Fortmeyer and Linda Garoutte for setting the altar for July. To all those who have helped in cleaning up after church, thank you also.

In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther counselled that the "Sign of the cross is the first thing we do when we wake in the morning, and the last thing we do before we retire in the evening".

Actions speak louder than words. Liturgy in action. Such action involves more than just standing and sitting. Liturgical actions enable each one to offer his or her body in the worship of God. One of the

most important and powerful actions is the tracing of the sign of the cross upon oneself. This is the baptismal mark of identity, the holy sign of our faith that constantly reminds us that we have died and risen with Christ in baptism. The sign of the cross is made at the invocation of the Triune God, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." These words occur at the beginning of the Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness, during the Announcement of Forgiveness, and at the conclusion of The Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness. The sign of the cross may be made before and after receiving the body and blood of Christ in the Liturgy and is made as the presiding minister pronounces God's blessing. Tracing the sign of the cross upon oneself is an action that comes naturally to the baptized.

You can find a copy of Luther's Small Catechism on page 1160 of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

~ Carol Wallace

PASTOR WAYNE'S DVD LENDING LIBRARY



The following movies are available to anyone who might want to borrow these titles. They have been shown during our Spiritual Cinema series and if you have not seen them just see Pastor Wayne and he can let you borrow them and view them in the comfort of your own home.

Best of Enemies (will be shown later this summer)
Breakthrough (will be show later this summer)
Brooklyn
Case for Christ
Coco
Godspell
Green Book (now showing at our spiritual cinema)
Heaven Is For Real
Lion
Miracles from Heaven
Pardons of Innocence (Wilmington 10)
Paul: Apostle of Christ
Risen
The Past
The Shack
Theory of Everything

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.



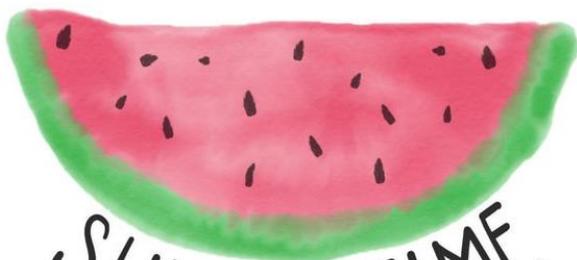
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| August 1 | Aidan Johnson |
| August 5 | Stacie Johnson |
| August 6 | Abbey Renfrow |
| August 7 | Sarah Weisenburn |
| August 12 | Edie Craig |
| August 13 | Dylan Rebbeor |
| August 14 | Sarah Watkins |
| August 20 | Alisa Hart |
| August 24 | Linda Hash |
| August 28 | Sage Weatherwax |
| August 30 | Don Craig |
| | Kathy Hart |
| | Chip Kyles |
| | Joe Ann Wilder |

September

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| September 1 | Deanna Leuenberger |
| September 2 | Gerry Havenstein |
| September 5 | Nancy Clifford |
| September 7 | Ben Harrison |
| September 8 | Betty Nalepa |
| | Emma Terrazas |
| September 14 | Donald Bredell |
| September 16 | Claire Dubnansky |
| September 17 | Kerri Blanchard |
| September 22 | Mike Kestner |
| September 23 | Shannon Thomsen |
| September 26 | Bob Baxter |
| September 27 | Esther Bredell |
| September 29 | James Stewart |
| September 30 | Adia Hans |

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



SUMMERTIME



the living
is easy

Slowwwww Down and Smell the Roses!

“God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.” - Genesis 2:3

Many of you can recall the first lines of an old classic song that goes “summertime, and the livin’ is easy...” It’s from the George Gershwin opera *Porgy and Bess* (although most people to whom I mentioned *Porgy and Bess* know it as a movie starring Sidney Poitier). I never really thought about the words too much because it was just a nice tune to sing in the summertime. However, fast forward to 2019 and the words can seem a bit anachronistic... no longer does summer automatically signify a time of year wherein we kick back and relax. Now, don’t get me wrong, there are those of us who take the idyllic strains of summer to the extreme while to others of us, summer just seems to flit by and before you know it, it’s gone and we’re right back where we never left! What happened to that vacation? That time off from work to do what you wanted? Before you realize it,

SHAZAM!

It’s goodbye summer, see you next year!

You know that ‘preaching to the choir’ adage? Well, I guess I’m writing this for those of us who feel that we can’t miss a single Sunday from church, or a church activity (not for those of us who use summer as a perpetual vacation from church and all activities!). Fancy this - it’s a good thing to stop and think about ‘easy living’ in the context of rest. So, let’s get some perspective from God’s Word about the importance of rest.

We’ve always known that God Himself rested after six days of putting together the cosmos. And even though our wildest ideas can never be remotely as amazing as God’s deeds, it seems He laid the groundwork for us to kickback a bit. He knew that if it was important for Him, it was important for us as His creations. So, He put in the Sabbath so we’d kinda get the idea that a rest break is important for everyone.

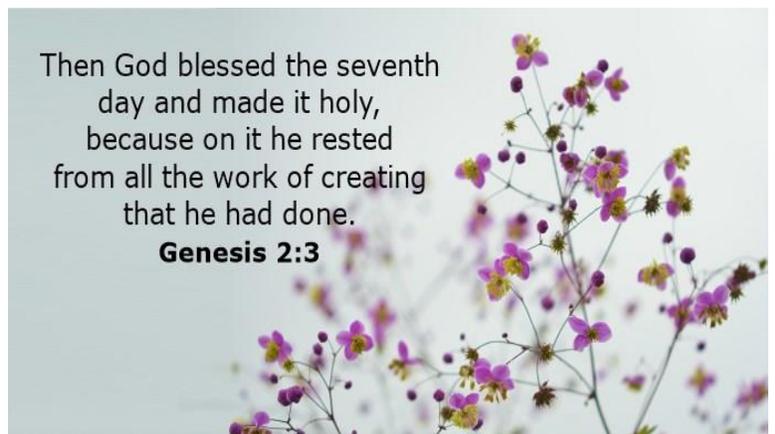
Some of us feel a pang of guilt when we aren’t busy doing something, and when we put our busy-ness in the guise of ‘God’s work;’ look out! If we go-go-go all the time, we become weary physically, mentally, and spiritually. Not everything needs to be done right now, if ever! Go on that vacation or just sit out on your deck and bask in the beauty of God’s creations! Behold the magnificent ocean and mountains; the trees (before they all become or make space for buildings); your beautiful flower garden; and other beauties of nature. Show your faith by resting... great is thy faithfulness.

Think of one thing you can do to carve out a little R&R right now—then do it! Here’s a suggestion: Refresh your spirit and your heart by turning your thoughts into worship through submitting a poem or even an article for *Life-Lines* (that’s our church newsletter). Make time for some easy livin’ this week and if you’re involved in too much busy-ness, at least slow down enough to stop and smell the roses because God said so!

Be blessed!
Gale J. Isaacs

Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Genesis 2:3





Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) is an affiliation between Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas (LFS) and Lutheran Services for the Aging, Inc. (LSA). In 2011, this strategic affiliation consolidated vast health and human services experience and streamlined expenses to create one organization dedicated to caring for children, adults, and families with varying life challenges all across the Carolinas.

As a nonprofit health and human service organization and social ministry affiliated with the North and South Carolina Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, LSC is guided by its mission, "Empowered by Christ, we walk together with all we serve" Although Lutheran Services Carolinas is a ministry of the Lutheran Church and receives support from many Lutheran congregations, the organization serves all people, regardless of religion, race, color, creed, national origin, age, sex or handicap, and makes no attempt to proselytize or require attendance at religious services.

A History of Lutherans Addressing Human Need

1888 – North and South Carolina Lutherans became partners in caring for needy children by joining with three other southern synods to establish the Lutheran Orphanage in Salem, Virginia.

1930's – The Salem orphanage expanded its campus and assumed the name Lutheran Children's Home of the South. During the Great Depression, 144 children resided there.

1960 – North Carolina Lutheran Homes is founded by the NC Synod of the Lutheran Church in America to care for seniors.

1962 – The first NC Lutheran Homes nursing community opened in Hickory. LSC now operates seven nursing homes, two retirement communities,

and a variety of non-residential health services for older adults in need of assistance including home care, referral services, and group respite care.

1976 – The board of Lutheran Children's Home established a NC Division and the first Lutheran Family Services (LFS) office was set up in the basement of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Raleigh, NC; with the blessing of the NC Synod, Articles of Incorporation for this new child and family ministry were filed in 1981.

1986 – NC Lutheran Homes adopted the name Lutheran Services for the Aging (LSA); expansion of programs and facilities for seniors in NC continued over the next 33 years.

1987 – LFS was accredited by the Council on Accreditation and the services expanded to include refugee and immigration services; other services were added in the years to come.

1991 – The NC and SC Synods approved the creation of Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas, renewing the ministry partnership between the two states.

2012 – LFS and LSA came together in a new collective ministry and sealed their affiliation by adopting the name Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) for branding purposes. The name represents the shared faith-based history, the reason the organization exists, and the geographic reach of the two organizations: "Our heritage, our purpose, our home."

2016 – The Building Independence project, a partnership between LSC, Habitat for Humanity, and The Serving Cup, completed the building of three homes for adults with developmental disabilities in Raleigh.

2018 – LSC launched the Love One Another campaign to expand child and family services in SC.

2019 – LSC conducted a feasibility study in NC to test the state's readiness for a new capital campaign to expand NC child and family services.

