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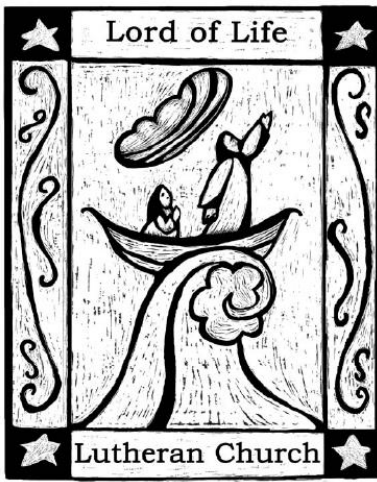
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**WORSHIP**  
**SCHEDULE**

**9:00 am**  
**Bible Study &  
Discussion Group**  
**10:00 am**  
**Worship Service**





# Life-Lines



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## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

October is the month when we celebrate the Reformation. Growing up we would actually worship on Reformation Day, October 31<sup>st</sup>, joining the other Lutheran Churches in my hometown of Bristol, Connecticut. That was a good thing; however, it was done in a manner that said we had something special. We were Lutherans, not just protestant, we were set apart.

That is true . . . we do think or theologize differently from other protestants, even though our history goes back to when we were considered protestant before being called Lutheran. In fact, the baseball cap I purchased in Wittenberg, Germany - the city where Luther posted his 95 theses - states "Protestant since 1517". Nonetheless, that does not make us any better than other protestants, just maybe we think slightly differently.

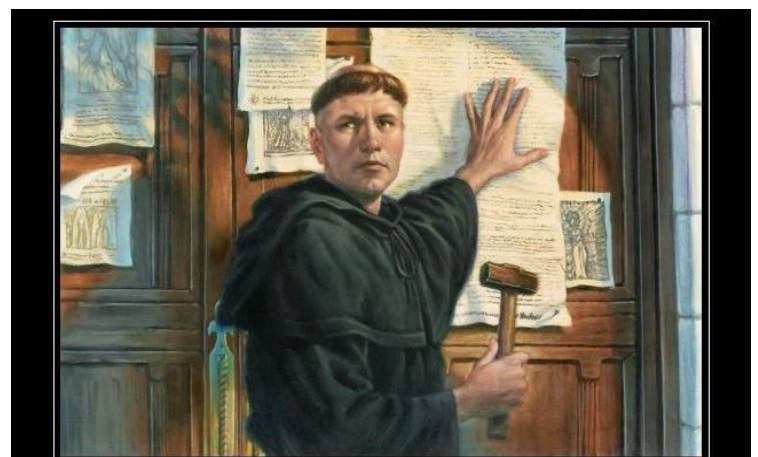
Let's look at just one somewhat simple way we look at theology. We use the word "and" often. Martin stressed the Law AND Gospel. The Law, simply put, is what we should AND should not do. What we do, but should not do, are sins of "COMMISSION". We commit acts contrary to God's will. Sins of Omission are that which we should do, but don't. The Good Samaritan parable gives us a good example of that. A man is injured on the road, and the priest and Levite do nothing to help the man. By so doing they were guilty of the sin of omission, the one who robbed and beat the man was guilty of the sin of commission. For we Lutherans the purpose of the Law is to keep AND to drive us to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The general notion for Lutherans is we are bound by sin AND death; but, because of Christ's sacrifice on

the Cross we are freed from sin AND death. Thus, we are "simul justis et peccator" - Latin for "at the same time saint and sinner". Saint by the grace of God in Jesus Christ, sinner by virtue of our human nature. Thus, we are subject to the condemnation of the Law AND redeemed from that condemnation through the mercy of God.

Probably what most sets us apart from other protestants is this: We see the outward symbols AND liturgical structure of Catholicism. That connects us to the historic AND traditional aspects of the Christian Church. This Reformation month, let us remember our Lutheran heritage AND theology as we, this Lutheran community of faith, give thanks AND praise to our Lord AND Savior Jesus Christ.

~ Pastor Wayne



## Reformation Day

Because theology nerds need a holiday, too!

Social

Concerns

Ministry



### Yard Sale! Yard Sale! Yard Sale!

Thank you to EVERYONE that donated items, moved items in the fellowship hall, priced items, organized donations, collected donations, posted flyers, told your friends to come, made burritos, and worked the Yard Sale.

We truly could not do it WITHOUT all of you!



We are fortunate to be such a generous congregation! We have so much to give, literally! The Social Concerns committee plans to send \$500 for Hurricane Dorian aid and the remainder of the profits will be used for community outreach.



We have our Annual Ministry Fair coming on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Each committee at Lord of Life will have a display showing what each

committee does. I hope you stop by the Social Concerns table to see what's going on!

The Mary Jo Albert Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope you can also attend this wonderful event!



We sponsored Scott Lokken in the modified MS Bike Ride.

We continue to send money each month to Garner Area Ministries and to the NC Lutheran Synod for benevolence (ministry support).

Women of LOL are welcome to attend the Triangle Conference meeting at Grace Lutheran Church in Raleigh on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will carpool from the church, meeting at 8:45 am, cost is \$8, includes lunch. Please ask Alecia for more information.




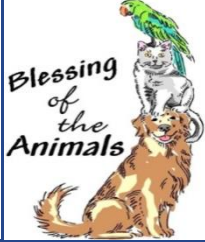
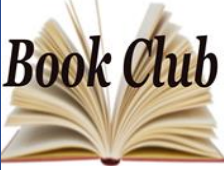


"The full meaning of "believe" in the Scripture sentence, "Abraham believed God and was set right with God," includes his action. It's that mesh of believing and acting that got Abraham named "God's friend." A person is made right with God not by a barren faith but by fruitful faith."

James 2:22-23, The Message.

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



# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7 am Rotary Breakfast  7:30 Choir Practice	3	4 	5 
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“THE SWEETEST DARN FILM OF THE DECADE.”

FILM INQUIRY



## PEANUT BUTTER FALCON: A REVIEW

Zak is a 22 year old man with Down syndrome living in a nursing home. We do not know why. His family, or lack thereof, is never mentioned. Tyler is a 32 year old man who finds trouble, or trouble finds him. Zak escapes from his nursing home, apparently after several attempts. Tyler is running from “colleagues” from whom he helped himself to crabs from their crab pots.

Zak hides in Tyler’s boat; Tyler does not realize it until he has put distance between himself and his pursuers.

So they meet, and Zak won’t leave Tyler much to Tyler’s chagrin. Tyler just wants to stay safe, Zak has a more important goal, to get to Salt Water Redneck’s wrestling school. Zak had been watching Salt Water Redneck’s wrestling school advertisement for as long as he could remember. Tyler eventually promised to get him there.

But here is the North Carolina connection. They begin their Mark Twain/Huck Finn journey in Manteo, North Carolina, and the school is in Ayden, North Carolina; and they will travel the North Carolina waterways to get there. Zak is actually a 32 year old actor, Zak Gottsagen, “God says” with Down syndrome who is a very good actor, but I must warn you: he is only in his underwear for the first part of his

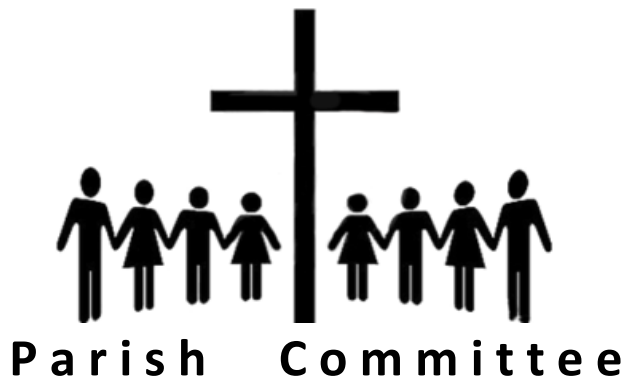
journey because he had to “slip” through the bars of his window in the nursing home. The role of Tyler is described as Labeouf’s most heartfelt performance as an actor. You just have to see the movie to grasp the special relationship between Tyler and Zak.

Dakota Johnson plays the social worker, Eleanor, who is tasked with bringing Zak back, but gives in to their adventure and joins the journey. John Hawkes plays the most kindhearted wrestler who comes out of retirement to “train” Zak so he could fulfill his dream. Bruce Dern plays Carl, who aids and abets Zak’s escape from the nursing home.

The film is very realistic as a young man with Down syndrome is obsessed with one and only one thing ... wrestling, and not just meeting Salt Water Redneck, but training with him, even though the tape he constantly watched could be 10 to 15 years old. Also it is very realistic that Tyler and even Eleanor could “fall for Zak and support his goal however unrealistic. So do they all live happily ever after with Zak making millions on the wrestling circuit? You will just have to see the movie to find out. See it you must, if not in the theater, at Lord of Life’s Spiritual Cinema next summer. You might also find out the reason for the movie’s title.

~ Pastor Wayne





LOL Parish Committee met on September 15<sup>th</sup> and had some great discussion!

➤ **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

We had some great Active Assailants Training from Lieutenant Caldwell of the Garner Police Department on September 15<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. He delivered some great training on Run, Hide & Fight options. We also had a Great Question & Answer session with about 22 LOL members in attendance.

➤ **DIRECTORY / PICTURES**

We plan on updating member pictures posted in the Fellowship Hall in the Fall timeframe. Any members wanting to update their pictures or new members wanting their pictures posted are welcome to do so. Members can leave current pictures if preferred.



➤ **TIME & TALENTS INFORMATION**

**Hearing God's Call**



We will be leaving "Pledge Cards" and "Time & Talents" sheets in members' mailboxes in late September to early October. Please complete and put in either Dave Hash's or Terry Barnes's mailbox.

**MINISTRY FAIR**

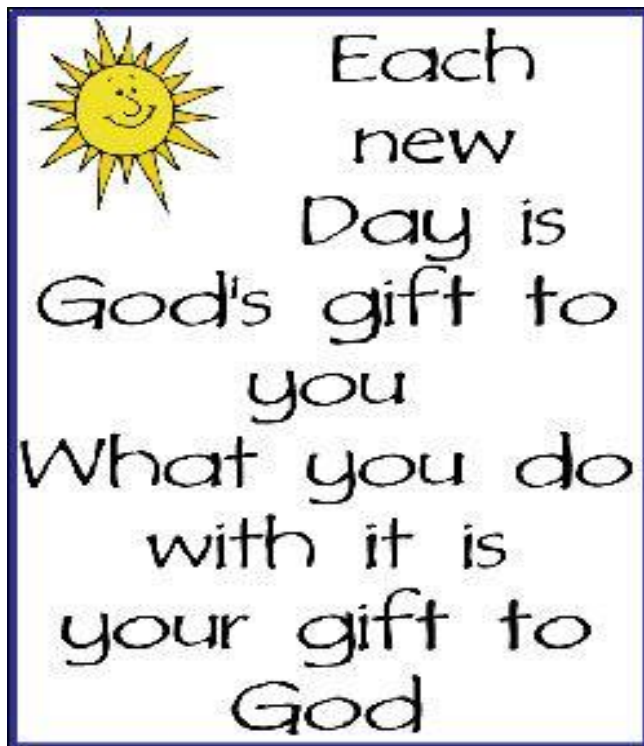
On October 20<sup>th</sup> we will have our LOL Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall after service. Committee Leads, please have a table setup with your information.



**LOL LIST**

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

Yours in Christ,  
 PARISH Chair, Terry Barnes  
 PARISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Rebecca Swanson,  
 Grace Barnes, Tim Clark, Dave Hash, Vince Wright,  
 Barbara Kyles, Pastor Wayne  
 and Linda Garoutte (Council Liaison)



**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.

Jerry Hart – successful heart surgery; Jerry Hart’s mom, Ruby – bad fall; Sarah Watkins – surgery on hands 8/16; Dennis King; Carol Wallace; Shirley Poole; John & Betty

Nalepa; Monna Stamm; Nick Vietri; Peg Stamp, myeloma; Bob Watkins - kidney issues; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten – multiple myeloma; 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; Christine Brennecke, alzheimer's disease; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.



**October**

October 1  
October 2

Kristin Hayduk  
Tim Clark  
Connie Fortmeyer  
Page Gough  
Keara Grayson  
Doris Weden  
Avery Britt  
Scott Lokken  
Tom Harrison  
Amy Macurdy  
Thomas Isaacs

October 5

October 8  
October 10  
October 14  
October 25

**November**

November 2  
November 2  
November 3  
November 4  
November 5  
November 5  
November 7

Maddie Terrazas  
Carolyn Watkins  
Pastor Mike Deal  
Paul Savolainen  
Michael Eggert  
Tess Andrews  
Dennis King  
Benjamin Gerald Lowe  
Jeremy Hans  
Mark Macurdy  
Ryan Johnson  
Kari Britt  
Ryan Roof  
Bobby Grayson  
Brad Hunnicutt  
Christopher Hayduk  
Don Wallace  
Jason Blanchard  
Terry Barnes  
Lindsay Crocker-Fairchilds

November 8  
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November 15  
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November 24  
November 28  
November 29

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





## Halloween... Where'd That Come From?

After seeing an “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown,” advertisement on TV last week (in the company of a fifth-grader), I was asked from where Halloween came. I was momentarily dumbfounded and in that brief lapse of thought, I semi-fabricated something about a pumpkin patch (shoulder shrug) as an alternative to me creating an on-the-spot tale of black magic-witches-and-goblins. It was only then, at that moment in time, after all my MANY years of living & learning, did I come to the realization that, apparently, it was a question that I had never considered... nor had I ever heard anyone pose the answer to such! For an instant, I wished for my Encyclopedia Britannica (don’t laugh because I know that, back in the day, y’all had a set too!). Instead, I logged onto my trusty PC to find the answer to the origin of Halloween in a nutshell.

What I found might be a refresher to you, but it’s an introduction to the I-don’t-know folk like me. It’s traced back to an ancient Celtic festival that served as an October 31<sup>st</sup> *new year’s eve* holiday precursor to the Celts’ November 1<sup>st</sup> *new year’s day*; this marked the end of summer and the start of winter. Winter was a season associated with all things lifeless, dark, and dreary primarily because of the unimaginable cold wherein people actually froze to death; so, people began the custom of wearing costumes to ward off the bad spirits and ghosts of the dead.

With the spread of Christianity in the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1<sup>st</sup> as a time to honor the dead instead of being afraid of their spirits. Presto! With the influence of Christianity, *All Hallows Eve* (October 31<sup>st</sup>) became the forerunner for *All Saints Day* (November 1<sup>st</sup>). It was

simply a matter of establishing a belief in something and amending that belief to fit a circumstance.

*No one shall be found among you who makes a son or daughter pass through fire, or who practices divination, or is a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, or one who casts spells, or who consults ghosts or spirits, or who seeks oracles from the dead. For whoever does these things is abhorrent to the Lord; it is because of such abhorrent practices that the Lord your God is driving them out before you.*

- Deuteronomy 18:10-12

At its inception, I guess it wasn’t easy to make the leap from thinking of the frozen dead as harmful ghosts and spirits to a mindset of honoring the dead. Many, many years passed.

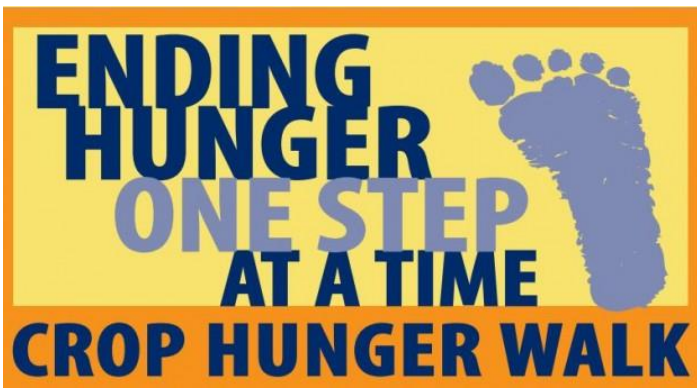
Fast forward to America... old Halloween practices that involved spells & black magic gradually lost most of their superstitious and religious overtones and thus, their appeal. This was due in large part to an amalgamation of the belief-systems and customs of the Native Americans and the belief-systems and customs of the many European ethnic groups who infiltrated the Native Americans’ environment.

So, here we are... ready for the candy; ready for a range of costumes from ghouls & goblins to fairies & princesses... to biker chicks and witches. Oh, and let’s not forget the pumpkin! It’s time for Trunk or Treat... bring on the kids!!

Be blessed!  
Gale J. Isaacs







**Raleigh CROP Walk**

Get your walking shoes ready!!!!  
 This walk is sponsored by Church World Services.

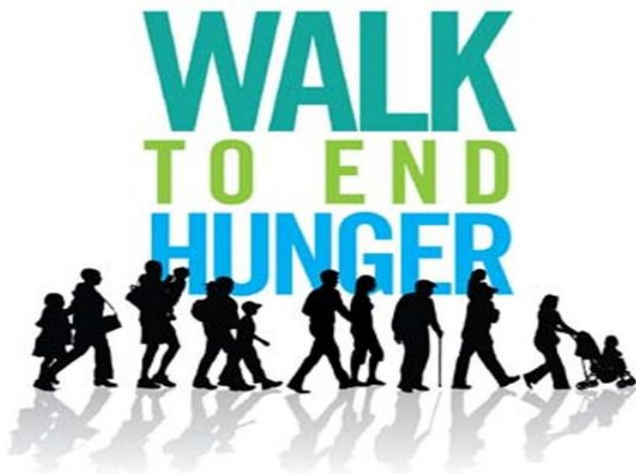
**Sunday, October 27, 2019** in historic Cameron Village  
 Registration begins at 2 pm; the walk will begin at 3 pm.

The walk will be approximately 3 miles long since the average woman walks 3 miles one way to get clean water for their family. Water collection is typically "woman's work".

Money collected for the Raleigh CROP walk will mostly stay in Wake County (75%) and go predominately toward Food Pantries. The remaining 25% is sent overseas, to either set up water purification stations or set single women with children in a sustainable business.

We hope to have a large group walk with our new Lord of Life Lutheran t-shirts! There will also be a costume contest for children, and adults too if you are interested.

**Please let Alecia know if you plan to walk.**



Blessings!  
 Alecia Harrison

**BIG Changes to the 2020 Relay for Life Garner Celebration!**



Also get you walking shoes ready for THIS day!

BUT instead of being an overnight event with camping out, we will have a 12 hour DAY event!!!  
 10 am-10 pm on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Lake Benson Park.

The preliminary schedule is:

- 10 am Soft opening - Biscuits from Chick-Fil-A and Angie's available
- Noon Survivor's LUNCH (instead of dinner) still Ragazzi's
- 1 pm Survivor's Lap
- 3 pm Corn Hole tournament
- 5-7 pm Bands, 2-3 groups, variety of music
- 8:30 pm Luminary Ceremony
- 10 pm Closing Ceremony

St. Andrews Church has already agreed to cook food during the lunch and dinner times.

**ATTENTION MY FRIENDS!!!!!!**

I have led the Relay for Life team for Lord of Life for many years. And I love this! BUT this year, I have a conflict! The Triangle Conference of Lutheran Women will hold their Spring meeting on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-2 pm. I also go to Bible Study EVERY Saturday morning from 7-8:30 am.

We did learn at our planning meeting this week that I can set up our campsite on Friday evening – which I will probably do since I can't get to the park to set up before my Bible Study class. And I will be driving quickly to make the Women's meeting fortunately at Holy Trinity in Raleigh. I will gladly take any women with me ... I will drive slower when you are in the car ... Ha!

**I NEED your suggestions.  
 How do I pull this off????**

I will not need the screen house that I usually put behind our campsite for sleeping. We will need some kind of shelter for during the heat of the day.

Continued ...



## Lord of Life Council

Since I have shared council officer duties in the past how about the rest of the group. Council consists of nine voting members of the congregation. Each year the Congregation elects three new members to three year terms, joining six existing members. Council is responsible for the financial and property matters of the Congregation and works with the committees supporting all aspects of our Lutheran ministries.

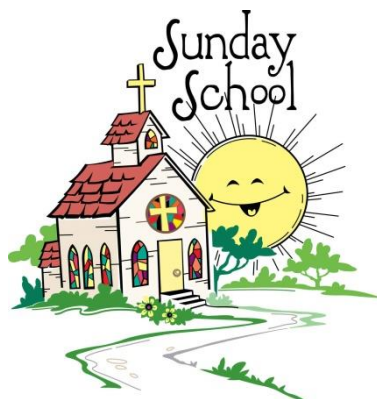
The group meets the second Sunday of every month to conduct business and report on our partner's activities. We also host fellowship once a quarter showing our appreciation for everyone's confidence and support. Nominations are opening so if you are interested in becoming a member of the 2020-2022 group, please let me (Don Craig) know. If you have any questions stop any one of us and let us help you find your path.

**Lord of Life Treasurer:** Becky Babel has been our treasurer for a number of years and would like a break. We are looking for someone to step in and work with her to take over the Lord of Life Treasurer position and develop the 2020 budget.

The Treasurer is our chief financial officer 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 Terry Barnes and the Deputy Treasurer Tess Andrews. 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.

If you are interested, please let one of us know and we will get you started on training.

**Rally Sunday** opened our Sunday school season. Please consider joining one of our 9 am sessions in the fellowship hall or the library



and remember the children's church starting after communion.

**Fellowship chairs:** Thanks again to Linda Garoutte and Dave Hash for their help with the new fellowship chairs. I've heard great comments about their look and comfort. If you wish to make a contribution the cost was about \$32/chair.

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



Thank you to everyone who helped set up for the outdoor worship service on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There will be a meeting of the Altar Guild on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. We will meet in the church library, or possibly in the fellowship hall if we decide to repair the banners. Many banners are in need of glue and a few stitches, and they again must be placed in numerical order in the choir room.

New members would be more than welcome! If you would like to become a member, please join us.

~ Carol Wallace

## Big Changes to Relay for Life, con't ...

I will be there the remainder of the event after the women's meeting.

I imagine we will sell coffee late on Saturday night, and not so much before that.

What else should we DO and SELL at our campsite? Please tell me what you think!

And of course, we will need walkers for the entire event AND people to sit at the campsite.

I will need LOTS of help on Saturday from 10am until 3pm when I am not there.

Thanks for your careful consideration!

~ Alecia Harrison