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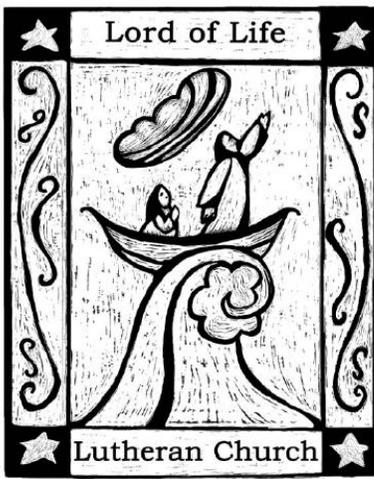


10:00 am Sundays
Virtual Worship Service
via Facebook Live

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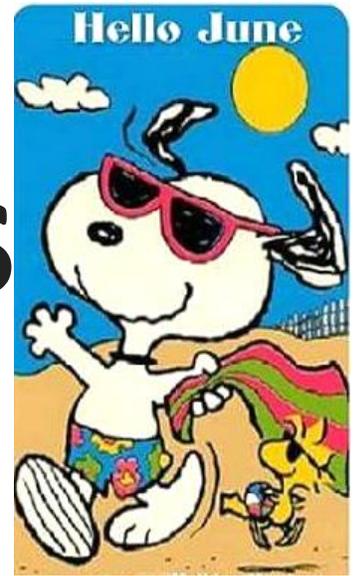
11:00 am Sundays





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WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

As a church, we are, of course, all about the spiritual and physical health of all the people associated with Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Our physical health requires social distancing, but for our spiritual health it is critical that, even as we social distance from one another for our physical health, we find ways to “be together while apart” which is essential for our mental, emotional, and spiritual health.

I hope my daily emails and our live stream worships have provided some spiritual connections.

Turning from physical contact with others must not cause us to turn away from each other, but turn to each other in better, deeper, and healthier ways. Two months ago I would not have even thought I would be on Facebook live streaming our Sunday worship from the sanctuary! So we can continue to be creative in other ways, maybe even innovative in keeping contact using the phone, email, postal mail, signs. No one should feel isolated, alone and afraid, and I am not merely talking about us, but anyone we know who may need a friendly contact.

We have more time at home, so how can we turn that into something positive? Read a book or short story, complete a puzzle, paint, form your own one person a capella group, read Scripture, pray, and send out warm thoughts to others. Sunday, May 17th, I read all the names that are still on our white board outside the office. Take one name each day and lift that person up to God in prayer

There is a plethora (a large or excessive amount) of possibilities to make productive use of our time at home. Know that productive does not only mean

“accomplishing something”. It could also mean becoming aware of something for the first time or becoming more aware of something you have looked at, but not truly seen.

I walked into our kitchen remembering that we have two items on the wall I have not looked at recently. One was a wooden piece of a family celebrating a “Thanksgiving Meal” together with the words “let us give thanks”. We say our thanks each meal, but this reminded me to really think of what I am doing while expressing thanks. On another wall, we have a cross with the Holy Family prominent at the top of the cross, scripture in the middle along with a butterfly, the baptismal shell and the elements of Communion at the bottom; all symbols of who we are as the body of Christ.

As we continue with live stream worships, we focus on the eternal light, and the cross hanging from the ceiling as visible signs of faith, and we continue to hear the Word and lift up our voices in praise. We do all this together while apart.

Recently, we have begun to take advantage of our outdoor chapel for worship whereby we can physically come together while remaining apart. By so doing, we have continued to discover creative ways to “Share God’s Love”.

Pastor Wayne





From the Desk of Your Council President

Your Church Council continues to meet monthly via Zoom. We are hopeful that we will be able to meet in person at our June 14th meeting. Zoom will still be available for any members that do not feel comfortable to attend an in-person meeting.

And I congratulate the congregation for your continued financial support during our time of Sheltering in Place. Two Council members continue to meet every Friday to count the offerings that have either been mailed to the church or dropped off to the church office. We have made substantial deposits each week....THANK YOU!!!! We are still working on a way to offer on-line giving. More to follow on this topic.

If you haven't been to the church, you will be wowed when you see the new counter in the Women's bathroom. Thanks to the Property Committee for such a beautiful upgrade!

Ken Fillingim, our Treasurer, has created a form to utilize to request reimbursement of funds for things purchased for the church. Our old system often included messages scribbled on scraps of paper and easily could be lost. The forms are available in the church office behind the secretary's desk, on the side of the file cabinet. Ask if you are unable to find this new form.

The Parish Committee has reinstated the Lord of Life phone tree. We trialed the phone tree last month. Hopefully each of you got a phone call to check-up on you during our social distancing. We will use the phone tree to disperse information quickly about changes in activities and in the event of severe weather. It is our hope to keep the congregation connected.

Linda Hash has sent videos and activities to the children of Lord of Life to keep them engaged in church activities while we are at home. Thanks Linda! We hope to gather a group of adults, young and old, to volunteer to lead Children's Sunday School in the Fall.

**THANK
YOU
LINDA**

We spent a lot of time discussing how our worship service will be when we are allowed to gather again in the Sanctuary. We will need to maintain social distancing, no touching of people that are not direct family members, and we will perform specific cleaning after each gathering. Also more to come. On a positive note, we have begun to meet for outdoor worship at 11 am on Sundays. Everyone has worn their masks and sat at least 6 feet apart. We are fortunate to have a beautiful outdoor worship space and what a wonderful way to utilize it! Pastor plans to offer a no-contact Holy Communion for Pentecost. Thank you Pastor for continuing to find ways to keep



our worship going day after day! Truly, Lord of Life has not stopped worshipping just because we had to close the front doors of the

building! We will continue to live stream worship services for now.

For worship in a time of pandemic...

I do not know when we can gather together again in worship, Lord. So, for now I just ask that:

When I sing along in my kitchen to each song on Stevie Wonder's *Songs in The Key of Life* album, that it be counted as praise. (Happy 70th Birthday, SW!)

And that when I read the news and my heart tightens in my chest, may it be counted as a Kyrie.

And that when my eyes brighten in a smile behind my mask as I thank the cashier, may it be counted as passing the peace.

And that when I water my plants and wash my dishes and take a shower, may it be counted as remembering my baptism.

And that when the tears come and my shoulders shake and my breathing falters, may it be counted as prayer.

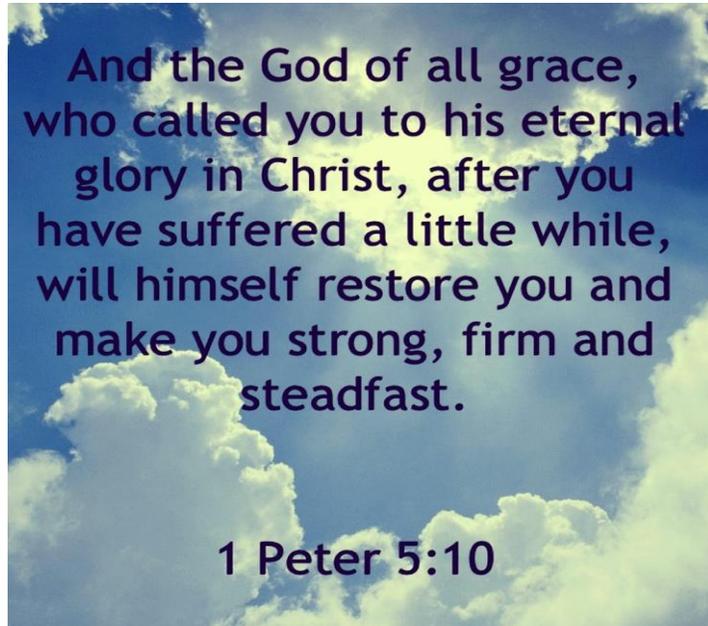
And that when I stumble upon a Tabitha Brown video and hear her grace and love of you, may it be counted as hearing a homily.

And that as I sit at the table in my apartment, and eat one more homemade meal, slowly, joyfully, with nothing else demanding my time or attention, may it be counted as communion. Amen

—Nadia Bolz-Weber

And finally, in an effort to reunite us when we are allowed to gather again, the Council proposes having a Fall Festival Rally Day on Sunday, September

13th after worship. This is an ALL church activity. Each committee is asked to participate in some way. We request the Men's Group to grill for us, we will bring potluck items to share a picnic lunch, have games in the parking lot and the service project in the fellowship hall. Ideally each committee would sponsor one event so that everyone will be able to join in the fun in a variety of activities. Save the date!!



Blessings,
Alecia Harrison, Council President

Your Social Concerns committee continues to meet monthly by Zoom.

Camp Agape has announced they have canceled June camps and hope to open for the remainder of the season. We had 2 camp scholarship applications and are prayerful that these two young people will be able to grow and experience camp again this year! We also voted to sponsor one person to attend a week of camp. These campership scholarships go to children that would have no other opportunity to attend camp.

The Town of Garner has postponed the July 3rd celebration.

We additionally discussed if the Yard Sale would be held and what our Back-to-School giving might look like this year....certainly different from last year! We anticipate the first day of school to be August 17th, but it is still not clear if this will be in person or virtual.



Rotary continues to meet virtually but have continued to pay their weekly fees for use of the fellowship hall and breakfast. The Rotary voted to continue sending monthly dues to Lord of Life until the end of the fiscal year, June 30th. The Garner Rotary has long been an excellent partner in providing for Garner and surrounding communities. They regularly contribute additional funds and/or goods to every community project that we have at Lord of Life. We have been very blessed by this partnership. The current morning Garner Rotary has the Mayor of Garner, Garner Fire Chief and a LT in the Garner police department. We are grateful to be connected to Garner in such a personal way.



Social Concerns voted to make a donation to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

And finally, at the Fall Festival Rally Day on September 13th, the Social Concerns committee will provide the supplies to make 100 health kits to donate to Lutheran World Relief. It has been many years since we assembled these kits. We will set up an assembly line in the Fellowship Hall and will be able to quickly assemble these kits to send to people in need.

Our next meeting is July 16th at 6:30pm in the church library or via Zoom. All are welcomed to attend.

"Peter fairly exploded with his good news: "It's God's own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. The Message he sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, he's doing it everywhere, among everyone."

The Message, Acts 10:34-36

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



HOME *is where the* HEART IS

... but Where Is Home?

You can never go home again, but the truth is you can never leave home, so it's all right.

– Maya Angelou

A house is a place where we live... a physical space, a shelter. The consensus of many is that a house and a home are different entities. In our conversational colloquialisms we may say 'I'm headed to the house' rather than 'I'm going home' and have those two thoughts mean the exact same thing. However, when we take a little time to think about that concept, we always seem to come up with an emotional descriptive that is different for each... you know that old adage, "*home is where the heart is but a house is where I lay my head.*"

To put a different spin on this, I maintain that your home can be anywhere you want it to be. If the idea of home is perceived as this deep-seated emotional attachment, then you can have homes all over the place... you know, it's kinda like you don't

love just one person. Your home is a place where you feel the deepest affection, so when you're not in your physical house-home space and you say something akin to, "I feel so at home here", what you are really saying is "this too is home." Given the outreach that we provide here at Lord of Life, I know that we all care about the plight of people who have nowhere to sleep at night. We call them 'homeless' (and some truly are) but it's somewhat of a misnomer; the more accurate representation is that they are 'house-less.' I have had the experience of holding conversation with our '*there but by the grace of God go I*' brethren several times, and, for the most part, we share the same levels of harmony, peace and good will for what we consider home. Even when we are alone that simpatico shines through because it's a core place of sincere friendliness, warmth... love.

Home isn't necessarily sitting in the house you purchased, with the full-on display of all the lovely things you've collected along the way; it can be that old tattered photo in your equally shabby wallet that causes the biggest grin to cross your face... it can be that special song that takes you back and propels you forward. It's about love, near or far; friends, here or gone; and our God who sent blessings of comfort. Home is relationships with people to whom we connect on a close trusting level; that's why we feel at home with old friends (new ones as well). With a vagabond spirit one can be home-less in the material sense and still have home in your heart (rather than heart in your house). It means that your home is wherever you take your heart, and if we utilize the love in our hearts, then we will forever be at home! Yes, without a doubt, we all have a home somewhere!

Be blessed!

Gale J. Isaacs



Home is the nicest word
there is.

Laura Ingalls Wilder

LOSING SIGHT OF SHORE



LOSING SIGHT OF SHORE: A REVIEW

A reviewer starts out “One of the most inspiring stories I have ever watched.” If I met this reviewer I would remark, “Name one that compares.” Four young women from the United Kingdom rowed over 8000 miles from San Francisco to Australia. When I verbalized that to someone who sometimes rides his bike for fun 40 plus miles, he thought I said “road”. They ROWED that distance in slightly more than 250 days only stopping in Hawaii and Samoa. The reviewer I previously mentioned went on to say:

“Every journey is a journey inside. This movie is a great example of that with beautiful storytelling, with ups and downs, drama and excitement, laughs and cries. It is like a lifetime squeezed into 1.5 hours with everything that can be expected.” As I began watching it, the women in the Dubnansky household could not help but join me in watching; enthralled by the courage and bravery of these women.

Initially they began their preparations leading to the journey to honor a friend of theirs who, after giving birth, died of cancer. They decided the journey would ultimately be a benefit for the Cancer Society and Wounded Warriors’ however, it was not highly publicized (they accomplished this feat in 2015) and they only raised \$250,000.

Their boat was barely long enough to accommodate 2 oarswomen, below the deck, as you can see from the picture, was “cramped” living quarters where they could eat, sleep, and take care of necessary hygiene. They worked in teams; two women rowing for 2 hours while the other two were

“below.” This was their schedule for 24 hours a day, every day, unless they were on shore in Hawaii or Samoa. It took them more than 250 days, not counting their time ashore as I stated earlier.

When I was a serious but mediocre runner, I always said it was not the physical aspect of running that was my biggest concern, but the mental challenge of keeping the pace. That was only for 16-20 minutes usually.

Two examples of the mental anguish follow. The uncle of one of the ladies died while they were on their journey. The camera showed her sobbing because she would not be able to attend her uncle’s funeral, not because of a virus but because of thousands of miles of sea separating them. The other example is the woman who actually was a “real life rower before training for this journey”. She was an emotional basket case with hundreds of miles to go, but she got it together and completed all three legs of the route.

For these young ladies the journey was what had to seem like a lifetime. Throughout their journey they would have taken approximately 1,500 two hour shifts of rowing. Not all of them, however. Three of them accomplished the entire 8,000 plus miles, three others did a third of the journey each. The three that completed all three legs were Laura Penhaul, Emma Mitchell, and Natalia Cohen. Isabel Burnham, Lizanne Van Vauren, and Meg Dyos accomplished the first, second and third legs respectively. They were not “supported” in the sense that a boat was close by although they had phones. They carried their own

food, in fact as they approached Australia, they had run out of food and came ashore at the closest shore they reached so that they would have accomplished their goal of going from San Francisco to Australia, and they were towed to Cairns, the city where the crowd was waiting to officially welcome them.

Their story is one of commitment, perseverance, incredible friendship, and the power of the human spirit along with the ever-present spirit of God, and all of them are still doing work in service to others.

~ Pastor Wayne



THE LOL Men's Club will resume meeting on June 5th at 7 pm. We will have an outdoor cookout under the pavilion.

The shredding event is still tentatively set for July 15th, but Garner's 4th of July celebration on July 3rd has been cancelled.

Stay safe!!

Gerry Havenstein, Men's Group Secretary



D-Day Anniversary is a day of awareness and appreciation to all people that fought in Normandy to defeat the Nazis and re-establish freedom. Normandy will bear the scars of this moment in history. Every year on June 6th, the world pays tribute to all veterans that bravely fought the Nazis.

The exact number of casualties is not known, but it is estimated that approximately 10,000 allied soldiers were killed, wounded and/or went missing in action: 6,603 Americans, 2,700 British, and 946 Canadians.

"D-Day" comes from the army's use of the term undefined day, or the first day of any operation.



It is the privilege of the altar guild to help care for our place of worship built and dedicated to the honor and glory of God.

Thank you to Helen Holderman for helping during April. We checked on supplies and ordered 2 items that supply was running low.

Parameters will change from white for Easter to red for Pentecost on May 31st.

Please check the candle and flower charts, and we hope to see our friends in worship and fellowship soon. We welcome new members to the Altar Guild. We miss our chairwoman, Carol, and the fabulous job she did for many years.

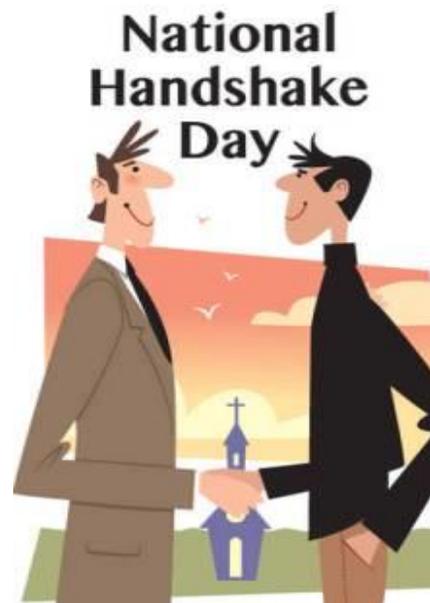
God's love and grace surround us!

Ginny King

National Handshake Day honors the most common greeting in the world. Throughout medieval times, when most men were covered in target, the handshake was one way to determine if someone was a friend or enemy. If one male extended an open hand to the other, this meant an invitation of friendship and the gesture would be reciprocal.

Think of your handshake as a gift you give when you first meet another person. It should be positive, friendly, warm, welcoming, and the other person should come away having enjoyed the interaction.

National Handshake Day is held annually on the last Thursday of June.



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.

Friends & family Kathy Dubnansky York, Pastor Wayne's cousin, who passed away 5/20; Friends and family of Carol Wallace, who passed away 3/20; Friends and family of Bob

Watkins, who passed away 2/12; Friends & family of Betty Nalepa who passed away 1/19; Dennis King – prayer of thanks for improvement; Shirley Poole; Monna Stamm; Ken Fillingim; Peg Stamp - myeloma and back surgery; Julie Roeser - eye surgery; Perry Connor – “old” friend of Dan Hayes; Linda Hash's Aunt and Cousin, Viva and Ellen Dumas – burns from a kitchen fire; Alice Austin's friend, Kathy Koonce – brain tumor; Ebony Avery and Stacey Foley, co-workers of Sarah Watkins – breast cancer; Julia Lochra's cousin, Les Salmon – 3rd spinal surgery; Albert Lochra - pneumonia; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten – multiple myeloma; Tess Andrews friend, Sarah Trustman – undiagnosed illness; 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 friends: Blanca Hernandez – ovarian mass; Dr. Steve Rushton – lymphoma; and Sandy Murphy; Karen Post's cousin, Mike Harris – recurring prostate cancer; Lindsay Crocker's Nephew, Daniel Harman – health and healing; 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; Holly Hans' mother, Carol Hardy; Shannon Thomsen's niece, Kylie Gardner – tumors and Turner Syndrome; Paul &



Kerri Blanchard's son, Jason, mental disability; Chuck Wallace, Don Wallace's nephew, health problems; Mary Langworthy's son Kyle's Father in Law, Jim Jackson - Multiple Myeloma; Mary Langworthy's nephew, Blake Evans - Chron's disease, surgery for severe fistulas and going through a bad divorce/child custody battle; Christine Brennecke - Corticobasal Syndrome; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.



June

June 4	Karen Post
June 5	Wesley Patrick Niemann
June 8	Amy Cook
	Lori Harrison
June 10	Monna Stamm
June 12	Rachel Austin
June 14	Seth Rebbeor
June 18	Jean Marie Dubnansky
	Paula Pickler
June 20	Barbara Proper
	Susie Lowe
June 28	Ray Green
	Dan Stamm

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

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

Welcome, JUNE

PLEASE BE AWESOME

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Men's COOKOUT 	6 D-DAY  6th JUNE 1944 NORMANDY LANDINGS Remember and Honor
7 10 am Virtual Worship 11 am 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10 am Virtual Worship 11 am 	15	16	17	18  Social Concerns Ministry 6 pm	19	20
21 10 am Virtual Worship 11 am 	22	23	24	25 National Handshake Day 	26	27
28 10 am Virtual Worship 11 am 	29	30	 <p>SUMMER SOLSTICE blessings</p>			



June



SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Joy

Day 1: Psalm 5:11	Day 16: Luke 2:9-11
Day 2: Psalm 16:11	Day 17: Luke 6:22-23
Day 3: Psalm 30:5	Day 18: Luke 15:6-7
Day 4: Psalm 32:11	Day 19: John 3:28-30
Day 5: Psalm 84:2	Day 20: John 15:10-11
Day 6: Psalm 95:2	Day 21: John 16:20-21
Day 7: Proverbs 10:28	Day 22: Acts 8:7-8
Day 8: Proverbs 12:20	Day 23: Acts 15:3
Day 9: Proverbs 15:23	Day 24: Romans 15:13
Day 10: Proverbs 17:22	Day 25: II Corinthians 8:1-3
Day 11: Isaiah 49:13	Day 26: Philemon 1:7
Day 12: Jeremiah 15:16	Day 27: Hebrews 10:33-35
Day 13: Matthew 2:9-10	Day 28: James 1:2-3
Day 14: Matthew 13:44	Day 29: I Peter 1:7-9
Day 15: Luke 1:43-45	Day 30: III John 1:4

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

