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**WORSHIP**  
SCHEDULE

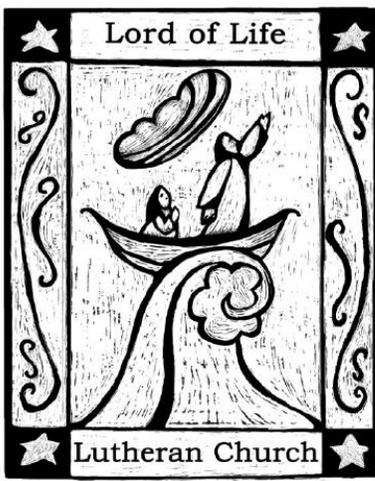
**10:00 am Sundays**  
**In-Person Worship &  
Virtual Worship**  
**Livestream**  
**via Facebook Live**

<https://www.facebook.com/LoLLCGarner/>

**GOODBYE OCTOBER,  
HELLO NOVEMBER.**

New month. New blessings.  
New beginnings. New start.  
New intentions & new results!

**PASS IT ON!**



# Life-Lines



November 2020

## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

Up till now we have been blessed with having our outdoor worship space available so that people who wish to and feel comfortable worshipping in person may do so. Unfortunately, the weather of North Carolina is not favorable to year round outdoor worship, and we will make necessary adjustments.

Let me rephrase Matthew 18:20 with RSCV (Revised Standard Covid Version) version: "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name in person with

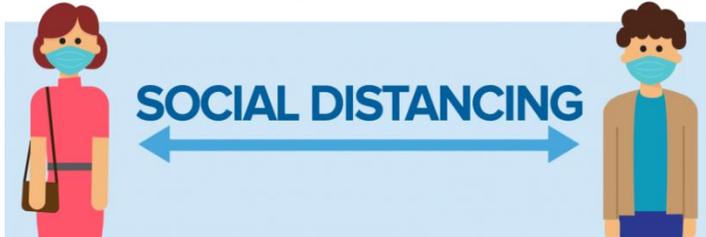


temperature checks,



masks,

and social distancing,



or by live stream or any other technological means available; there I am in the midst of them."

I have been asked this question too often, "When are we going to open up again?" My answer each and every time is, "we have always been open, we have never closed." Now, as a result of dropping temperatures, we will be open in a new way.

We will worship in the sanctuary at our usual 10 am Sunday morning hour. Temperatures must be taken on arrival upon entering and masks are required to be worn for the duration of our time inside. Proper distances will be indicated in the pews. More extensive guidelines such as "no singing" will be included elsewhere in this newsletter. I ask that those intending to worship on a Sunday send me your reservation by email, if you do not have email then call my cell phone (919)-358-1751. If it appears we will have more than 25 worshippers then a second worship to accommodate comfortable distancing will be added at 11 am. Tape and signage will specify social distancing in the pews and sections needing to be cleaned. This will be explained each Sunday prior to worship.

Reformation Sunday's Gospel told us we are "free in Christ", we are "free" to enact these requirements so that we can share the Gospel which means caring for one another in a unique way by keeping all in our community safe while providing safe and comfortable opportunities to worship. Even as I say this, I am not encouraging in person worship. Some may not feel comfortable with that, and I support that.

Barring any technological difficulties, we will continue to live stream our worship so all can give thanks and praise to God through a means they feel comfortable with.

This is from Acts 2:46 Revised Standard Dubnansky Version (RSDV) describing the first Christian community: "And weekly attending worship in the sanctuary or at home and occasionally breaking bread, they heard the Good News of Jesus Christ with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all God's people." ~ Pastor Wayne

# Great Generosity



*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;*

--- 2 Corinthians 9:11

The more things change, the more they stay the same and to this end, caring for others is what we do at Lord of Life. We do this in part by continuing to provide for our community-at-large on a year-round basis by both direct and indirect means. Through Social Concerns Ministry, the congregation operates in a non-stop outreach mode. This time of year highlights why we are called to enter into His presence with thanksgiving and we do so by gathering extra food, clothes, and toys for the needy; we worship Him. We worship faithfully when we recognize all that God gives us which allows us, in turn, to give to others. We appreciate all support.

We participated in the Annual Crop Walk in October and on September 30<sup>th</sup> the Rotary resumed meeting according to State mandates for group meetings. We are again working with the Wake County Social Services, Holiday Cheer division in order to support one family for the upcoming holiday season. We have committed to give a hearty Christmas to a family with three to four children; more information will be forthcoming. An additional \$250 was donated to the ELCA "Church Together" initiative to be used at their discretion. Garner Area Ministries continues to receive our support so that they can help others on a larger scale.

Social Concerns held its first post-pandemic all in-person meeting in October. It was good for all of us to be together according to social distancing guidelines and masking.

Gale J. Isaacs  
Alecia Harrison  
Social Concerns Co-chairs

# Rotary Garner



## We're Back!

Garner Morning Rotary resumed on September 30<sup>th</sup>. It was good to see our friends again, but at a distance. To conform to Phase 3, we allow 21 Rotarians on site for breakfast. We sanitize both before and after the meetings, we wear face masks and have temperatures taken.

Have you been in the Fellowship Hall lately? You will see that tables and chairs have been positioned for social distancing. We only had 7 people the first week, 4 the second, 20 on the third week and 17 on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We are hoping to remain with numbers close to twenty as they continue their good works for the community.

Helen Holderman

## A Heartfelt Thank you



Our family would like to extend a sincere thank you to our church family for all of your thoughts, prayers and visits at this sad time. We also thank those who have sent monetary gifts and those who provided food, desserts and paper goods the day of the service. We were able to have a very nice dinner and spend time together as a family.

The extended family of  
Dan Stamm





## From the Desk of Your Council President

Hello everyone! Who knew 7 months ago that we would still be in the middle of a pandemic!

Not me!!! I thought it would be over in 4-6 weeks. Boy was I wrong! But what is right about Lord of Life Lutheran Church is that we have NEVER stopped worshipping our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I know that I have said this before, but WOW – that the Men's Group had the forethought to create an Outdoor Worship space years ago. We have a BEAUTIFUL place to gather each week and have been utilizing that space each week since May. But all good things come to an end.... Old Man Winter is quickly approaching! Guess we will have to gather inside until the Spring Thaw!

When we gather inside, masks, temperature checks and physical distance is mandatory.

Also, there will be no singing inside. Dr. Brad is very creative and will mix instrumental verses and spoken hymns. Never fear! We will have music! We will limit the number of people in the Sanctuary to 25 - so reservations may be required.

Since we are slowly gathering inside the church, we will also have to push back our Annual Congregational meeting which is usually held the last Sunday of January. I feel it is unreasonable to expect a quorum at that time. So look for further details of when we will hold the Congregational meeting. It will be a time when it is safe to gather and the entire congregation feels comfortable doing so! We have FOUR big ticket items on the agenda for this meeting!

- approve the 2021 budget
- vote for three new Council members (3 year term each)

- vote to renovate the kitchen
- vote to install cameras in the Sanctuary to expand our current livestream abilities

As for the Budget, Ken Fillingim and the Finance Committee are developing a working budget for our new year. This means that EACH committee needs to determine if their current budget allotment is adequate or not. Please prayerfully consider what your committee needs to achieve God's Mission and Lord of Life's Mission - a community of faith sharing God's love with all!

We are working to apply a new check writing system that creates checks that fit in a standard #10 envelope. We are also working to gather an Audit Committee to review the church finances to ensure that "an outsider" can follow the money. Our Treasurer, Ken Fillingim, and Deputy Treasurer, Tess Andrews, have been working very hard to install our ParishSoft software. This is the financial management program that the church Council voted to install almost 2 years ago. We are still learning all the facets and capabilities of this program. And we are still working on electronic giving. But remember, you can give electronically through the NC Synod if you are unable to make financial gift in person or by mail. I am SO grateful that our Congregation has remained faithful in financial giving. We are still paying all our bills. And our Kitchen Renovation Fund continues to grow each week. We also have a new line item for Sanctuary Cameras. Through the duration of this pandemic we have used the camera on Pastor Wayne's phone on Scott Lokken's tripod to live stream Sunday morning worship. So if you feel inclined to give toward either of these special projects, THANKS! But humbly, I thank the WHOLE congregation for their faithful giving during the pandemic. I thank you for your prayers because we know that prayers are heard.

Since we are unable to hold a Congregational meeting at this time, our three outgoing Council members have agreed to remain on the Council until we CAN have a meeting. That would be Dave Hash, Dan Hayes and Sarah Watkins. Julie Bogle, Lindsey Crocker and Linda Garoutte have one more year on their Council term. And Steven Brantley, Tess Andrews and myself have two more years on our Council term.

Even though we will NOT have our Congregational meeting in January, the Annual Report from each committee is STILL due by December 1<sup>st</sup> to Laura, our



Church Secretary. Please start working on those reports NOW! And thanks!

At this time, La Voz de Dios Church has disbanded; therefore will not be using our facility. The Girl Scout leaders have been meeting in the Fellowship Hall once a month utilizing social distancing & masks guidelines. And finally the Rotary has resumed weekly meetings, also following the guidelines.

I am so grateful for each and every one of you. May God bless you and keep you; make His face shine upon you and give you peace! (loose paraphrase of the Aaronic Blessing).

Blessings,  
Alecia Harrison

## A Minor Adjustment

*"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer."*

-1 Timothy 4:4-5

Thanksgiving Day is arguably the best holiday of the year. For the first time that I can remember, it doesn't seem to be the usual jump-start to Christmas. Don't frown... you know that after the big dinner, early Thursday evening or late afternoon, the next (and to some THE most important) thing about Thanksgiving Day is the ensuing Black Friday sales. We put a quick emphasis on being thankful for the entire day as amends for our yearly transgressions and then, it's on with the show. It's different this year as the pandemic does have our attention, be it divided or not... and who knows, perhaps we are called to reevaluate a few things in our lives; this doesn't have to be a bad thing. Okay, so we might have to adjust our traditions a bit... perhaps you won't get together with as many family and friends per usual because of safety concerns and travel restrictions. This will certainly impact my traditional decision to invite a few students to dinner who don't go home for the holiday since, due to safety issues, we have been cloistered in different places thus far this academic year.

What this really gets down to is the idea of "Thanksgiving." It's not simply the actions that we perpetuate, it's our hearts that hold and distribute the essence of what this season is all about. Of all the adjustments we will make, thanks and gratitude still

reign supreme. Yes, 2020 is different, yet regardless of our circumstances, we are each able to give thanks and show it. Simply put, we must acknowledge the awe-inspiring gift that God has bestowed upon us and thank Him for it! When we are negligent in this regard, we ignore the thoughtfulness, love, and spiritual engagement that we receive on a continuum; we must be thankful! **When we give God** thanks, do we really know what we are doing... is it enough to just say a prayer before a meal? And when we give thanks, are we thanking *HIM*, or are we just glad to be alive? Giving thanks is about acknowledging God's will regardless of circumstances. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 reads, *"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you."*

Just think, on the really bright side... you won't have to entertain that aunt who always complains about the pie; the uncle who thinks wine IS the meal; the sister who lets her kids run 'free' around your breakables because they're on vacation; and all the other relatives who want to discuss the two topics that remain forever off-limits... religion and politics!

So, as we re-work our planned traditions, think of the sanctifications inherent in this adjustment! Even though being surrounded by good friends and family can bring much joy to your Thanksgiving celebration, a quiet moment with scripture can be a great substitute. Think on these things! Be blessed!

Gale J. Isaacs



## Guidelines for Church Reopening



1. Masks/facial coverings will be mandatory. Masks will be available at the door.
2. Everyone will have their temperature checked immediately upon entering the building.
3. Every attempt to remain 6 feet apart will be made. Pews will be marked off if needed.
4. Common cup will not be used for Holy Communion. Communion is up to the discretion of the Pastor and will typically be offered the first Sunday of each month.
5. The offering plate will be stationary to limit touching, i.e., no passing of the plate.
6. No touching during the Sharing of the Peace.
7. We will discuss the use of hymnals during worship.
8. The backs of the pews and all door handles will be wiped down after use of each room in the church. Cleaning duties will be assigned after each indoor worship service.
9. We will continue to offer online streaming of a worship service each Sunday.
10. VBS baskets were prepared by Christian Education for each child to be done at home.
11. Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals are up to the discretion of the Pastor.
12. The coffee pot will not be initially set up in the kitchen. There will be no fellowship after services.
13. Door greeters will open the door as people enter the narthex. Visitors will be escorted into the Sanctuary and shown the bathrooms. Sanctuary doors will remain open to decrease touching the doors when entering and leaving. Bulletins, if used, will be distributed on the pews. Songs will be printed in the bulletin IF we are not using the hymnals. IF we are using the hymnals, they will be disinfected between each use.
14. We will continue to work on a way to accurately count attendance to include online worship and in person worship.
15. Sunday School groups will be limited to 25 people in the fellowship hall and 10 people in every classroom.
16. Lenten and Advent Wednesday night simple suppers will continue to be discussed, but will not occur at this time.
17. All groups will honor the Governor's phased Coronavirus reopening plan, i.e., no groups will meet inside the church until NC is in Phase 3, to include, but not limited to ATS, La Voz, Girl Scouts, and Rotary.
18. Anyone testing positive for Coronavirus or has a close family member that tests positive is to self-isolate for 14 days.
19. Special recognition for High School and College graduates, Mother's Day and Father's Day is at the discretion of the Pastor.
20. We will consciously consider positive outcomes from our physical distance isolation, such as Pastor daily email of thoughts based on scripture, more online worship opportunities, midweek music offerings, Sunday School packets delivered to the homes of our children, ongoing food collection for Garner Area Ministries, continued work of the church in the community, continuous worship for members of Lord of Life.
21. Pastor Wayne is always available for spiritual counseling, especially any additional issues due to the isolation of Coronavirus physical distancing



## RADIO: A REVIEW

One reviewer called “radio” the movie a very pleasant, refreshing moral diversion. I agree and then some. It is not merely a diversion, as if this does not happen in real life. Using a phrase coined often recently, this film tells us “All Lives Matter”, and all lives have purpose. James “Radio” Washington’s life matters. We are not sure of that at the beginning of the film. He is seen around town (this actually happened in Anderson, South Carolina in the 70’s) pushing his shopping cart... visible, yet unseen. That is, until the coach of the high school football team and athletic director notices him, and befriends him. Eventually, the team does, not without certain early holdouts, the high school does and the community does.

I wondered how I had missed this wonderful film until now. It will be included in the next Spiritual Life Cinema.

So as to not reveal too much; first, some local coincidences, Honeycutt is the assistant football coach and basketball coach. Dave Hash’s antique black Ford truck is the way the coach drives Radio around.

Now, for the spiritual aspect of the film, the coach brings Radio to church which provides insight to the coach’s love and compassion for Radio. Here are some of the words of wisdom worth keeping in our intellectual banks:

- When Radio’s mother asks the coach why he is helping Radio, he says, “It is the right thing to do.” She responds, “There’s a whole lot out there that is right, it doesn’t mean we always do it.”
- When the coach is concerned his caring for Radio was taking away from his family time, his wife responds, “It’s never a mistake to care for someone. It’s always a good thing.”
- When the coach is defending Radio to a group of influential local town folk, he tells them, “The way he treats us all the time is the way we wish we treated each other even part of the time.

The relationships throughout: Coach and Radio, Coach and his wife, Coach and his daughter are very real in their love for one another. Ed Harris plays Coach Jones; Debra Winger, the coach’s wife; Sarah Drew, his daughter Mary Helen; Alfre Woodard plays the high school principal who has Coach Jones’ back when he endures grief for taking on Radio and giving him so much time; and Cuba Gooding as Radio. Oh you are probably wondering, why Radio as a nickname? Because he enjoys listening to the radio, namely, Motown which prompts the Coach to say, “You might like country music also.” A small town embrace of an otherwise forgotten young man with football as a side story, that is “Radio”.

~ Pastor Wayne



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

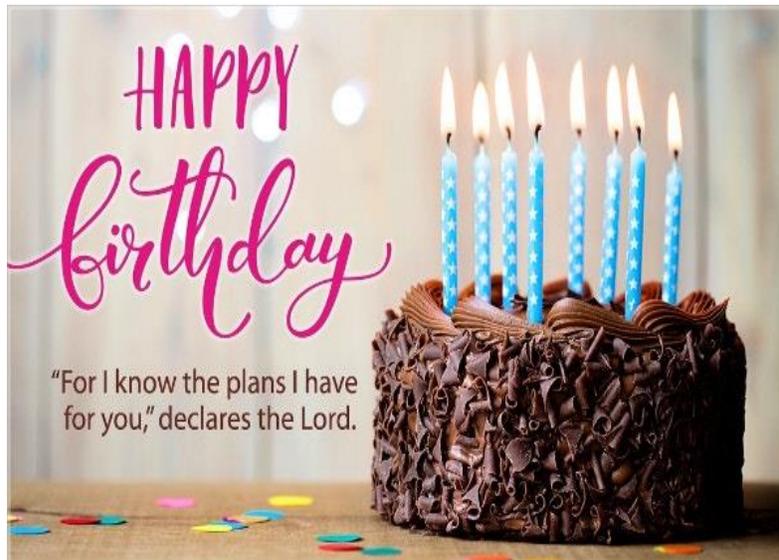
Family of Jason Dubnansky, Pastor Wayne's nephew, passed away in late October; Family of Martha Albert, Harry Albert's mother, passed away 10/23;

Family of Dan Stamm, passed away 10/11; Sylvia Lambert's nephew, David Wise, complications from surgery; Sarah Watkins, as she looks for a new career opportunity; The Owens family; Dennis King, prayer of thanks for improvement; Shirley Poole; Ken Fillingim; Peg Stamp, myeloma & back surgery; Eric Roeser, rotator cuff surgery; Julie Roeser, eye surgery; Alice Austin's friend, Kathy Koonce, brain tumor; Julia Lochra's cousin, Les Salmon, 3<sup>rd</sup> spinal surgery; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten, multiple myeloma; 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.



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

*thank you!*



## November

- November 2 Maddie Terrazas
- November 2 Carolyn Watkins
- November 3 Pastor Mike Deal
- November 4 Paul Savolainen
- November 5 Michael Eggert
- November 5 Tess Andrews
- November 7 Dennis King  
Benjamin Gerald Lowe
- November 8 Jeremy Hans
- November 11 Mark Macurdy
- November 15 Ryan Johnson
- November 17 Kari Britt
- November 21 Ryan Roof
- November 22 Bobby Grayson
- November 22 Brad Hunnicutt
- November 23 Christopher Hayduk  
Don Wallace
- November 24 Jason Blanchard
- November 28 Terry Barnes
- November 29 Lindsay Crocker

## December

- December 5 Rebecca Swanson
- December 7 Amanda Babel  
Jim Rebbeor
- December 8 Lisa Grayson
- December 9 Neil Brennecke
- December 14 John Nalepa
- December 17 Laura Raun
- December 20 Pastor Dave Brooks
- December 26 Becky Babel  
Drew Cook
- December 28 Karen Wright
- December 30 Verity Eggert



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am Virtual Worship 11 am 	2	3 	4	5	6	7
8 10 am Virtual & In-Person Worship 11 am Council Meeting	9	10	11 	12	13 Happy World Kindness Day!	14
15 10 am Virtual & In-Person Worship	16	17	18	19 	20	21
22 10 am Virtual & In-Person Worship	23	24	25	26 	27 	28 
29 10 am Virtual & In-Person Worship	30 	<p><b>Sunday Worship Schedule:</b>            10 am – Indoor Worship Resumes November 8<sup>th</sup>            Live Stream Virtual Worship From the Sanctuary            11 am – Outdoor Worship in the            Outdoor Chapel – <b>NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> ONLY</b>  <b>Eucharist – First Sunday of the Month</b></p>				



## NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

# Perpetual Gratitude

*Commit to spending 30 minutes a day writing 1 to 2 passages from the daily reading. Writing out Scripture will help us to memorize it and spending time with God helps us to know Him and His Word better.*

### WEEK ONE

- DAY 1: 2 SAMUEL 22:50
- DAY 2: 1 CHRONICLES 16:8, 34
- DAY 3: 1 CHRONICLES 29:10-13
- DAY 4: 2 CHRONICLES 5:13
- DAY 5: NEHEMIAH 12:27

### WEEK TWO

- DAY 6: ISAIAH 12:4-5
- DAY 7: LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24
- DAY 8: PSALMS 7:17
- DAY 9: PSALMS 28:7
- DAY 10: PSALMS 34:1-3
- DAY 11: PSALMS 92:1-5
- DAY 12: PSALMS 95:1-2



### WEEK THREE

- DAY 13: PSALMS 100:1-5
- DAY 14: PSALMS 105:1-2
- DAY 15: PSALMS 106:1
- DAY 16: PSALMS 107:1
- DAY 17: PSALMS 109:30
- DAY 18: PSALMS 118:19-21
- DAY 19: DANIEL 6:10

### WEEK FOUR

- DAY 20: LUKE 17:11-16
- DAY 21: COLOSSIANS 3:15-17
- DAY 22: ROMANS 7:23-25
- DAY 23: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-7
- DAY 24: 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14
- DAY 25: EPHESIANS 1:15-16
- DAY 26: EPHESIANS 5:20

### WEEK FIVE

- DAY 27: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7
- DAY 28: ROMANS 1:21
- DAY 29: COLOSSIANS 4:2
- DAY 30: HEBREWS 13:15

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*In contrast to those in this world who are never content with God's provision, the true Christian is thankful for everything, even the smallest joys.*

R. C. SPROUL



## Questions to journal

- WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TEACH ABOUT THE LORD?
- WHAT ARE SOME DOCTRINAL TRUTHS FOUND IN THIS PASSAGE?
- AFTER READING THIS, HOW SHOULD MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD CHANGE?

**Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18