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Always believe
something wonderful
is going to happen.
Even with all the ups and downs,
never take a day for granted.

Smile, cherish
the little things
and remember to
hug the ones
you really love



Let's Live



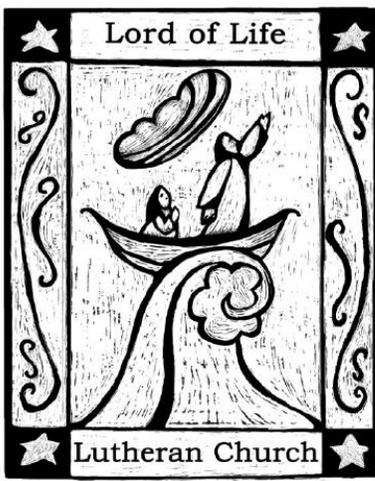
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 10 am – In-Person Worship

10 am - Live Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook

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

Eucharist: Every Sunday



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WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

I hope all of you noticed as I could not help but notice that the "Family" of Lord of Life Lutheran Church came together in support of Neil Brennecke and his extended family and the family of Dave Hash. You gave support by joining together to celebrate their lives, lives full of meaning and love. You gave support by replicating the story of Jesus Feeding the 5000 by providing food which seemed to multiply as more attending than were expected. We are family, we are all sisters and brothers.

No singular biblical verse is sufficient to describe what it means to be "Family in Christ". Nonetheless, 1 Timothy makes a fair attempt.

"Do not rebuke an older man, but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, all in purity. Honor widows who are truly widows. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents for this is pleasing in the sight of God. She who is truly a widow left all alone has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day." (1 Timothy 5:1-5)

I had taken the unprecedented step in letting the family of Lord of Life know that the funerals are worship, so if you had to choose between the funerals and Sunday morning worship, come to the funerals. And you did, and by so doing showed we are family. It needs to be stated also that Generation Y was represented. I won't mention her name, but she must know that I and hopefully others noticed. Her presence indicated that the elders of our church family are honored and loved by our young people

even though she was the only one bold enough to attend.

When Jesus was asked about His family, who are His mother and brothers, He replies, *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the Word of God and do it."* (Luke 8:21) One way to hear and do the Word of God is to give support and love to those who mourn.

Well done, good and faithful servants.

~ Pastor Wayne



Continuing through the summer on Sunday mornings at 9 am, before our 10 am Sunday worship, there will be a time for informal conversation with Pastor Wayne. You don't have to be a coffee drinker. Just like our Sunday morning fellowships – tea, hot chocolate, and other beverages will be available.

You bring the topic, such as "what it means to be a Sanctuary Church Body" or "what role did women play in establishing the early church." All are welcome.



From the Desk of Your Council President

"The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad." Psalm 118:24, NIV

Your Church Council will be led in a coaching session on August 13-14th. We will develop a strategic plan for Lord of Life Lutheran Church. ALL Committee leaders are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you are interested in joining in this meeting.

We are STILL in need of a TREASURER!!!! Thank you to former Treasurer, Becky Babel, who is currently working to close our 2020 books. And thanks to Tess Andrews who is still working on providing a way for on-line giving.

Our Nominating Committee is starting their search for 3 new Council members. If you are interested in serving the church in this leadership role, please let me know! All members of Lord of Life are eligible to serve on the Church Council.

Lutheran Services Carolinas is starting a campaign called "Be the Light" which will raise money to build two facilities for adults with traumatic brain injuries, while continuing to work with refugee resettlement and placement of foster children. Pastor Wayne will be our coordinator for this campaign. Look for more information in the future.



God's Work, Our Hands is an annual Day of Service within the NC ELCA. On Sunday, September 12th, we plan to create "zoom

bags" ...t-shirt, bottled water, granola bar, nabs in a zip lock bag. These zoom bags are convenient to keep in your car when you come across someone at an intersection asking for donations. You can give the person a zip lock bag and drive, or zoom, away. I expect other activities that day since this is typically

when we hold our Rally Day and the Men's Group have agreed to cook for a picnic. The Council is also looking to host a church wide work day on Saturday, September 11th. Again, more details to follow.

The Council recognizes the need for more Fellowship opportunities. We will host a movie night on Friday, August 20th. The movie will be "Only the Brave", story of the Granite Mountain Hotshots. This movie is PG13. Pizza and salad will be provided at 6 pm and the movie will start around 6:30.



Please prayerfully consider being a worship assistant and providing food for fellowship. If you need training for being a worship assistant, please let me know. If you need a buddy to help you with fellowship, also let me know. I have friends!

The Property Committee is looking for a new leader. I would love to talk to you if this is your gift of service to maintain the physical property of Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

The July 3rd event became a combined Lord of Life/Able to Serve event when an unexpected large number of ATS families decided to celebrate with their fellow participants. They simply had too many people to fit within their building. The advantage for LOL was that ATS had a pig cooker set up to cook hotdogs and hamburgers quickly. Thanks to Dan Hayes for his expert culinary skills! And then there was SO much food! We all ate well and had plenty available for the next 2 fellowships! I anticipate more combined celebrations in the future. Please let me know if you identify other combined activities that we could do between the church and ATS. We want to continue to be good partners with ATS as their client population continues to expand. LOL will remain the landlord, but ATS is committed to be an excellent partner to the church. Mutual respect, generosity and grace are important components to a strong, long lasting relationship between Lord of Life and Able to Serve. Thank you to everyone who is already working behind the scenes to make this partnership a success!

Blessings,
Alecia Harrison, Council President



"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the

kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:34-40, NIV

The Social Concerns committee continues to address needs in our community. We voted to support Pastor Wayne in his Refugee Food Ration challenge. Money goes to Church World Services that addresses hunger and clean water for people across the globe.

We also voted to make a regular donation to Community of Hope, a local group addressing hunger in the Garner area, and an annual donation to the Garner Police Department and the Garner Fire Department.

Start cleaning out your closets NOW! We will have our annual Yard Sale on Saturday, September 25th. We ask that clean items be donated, but we are unable to accept electronics this year. They just don't sell. And the Community Thrift Shop that usually takes any leftovers from the Yard Sale did not survive the pandemic! I will miss working with Tonya! So we voted to give our unpurchased items to Cause for Paws Thrift Shop.

Social Concerns will be providing the after worship Fellowship on Sunday, August 1st.

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



Dear Lord of Life Family,

Our family is humbled by the love and support we received from our church family. The service and music were so beautiful and uplifting and we felt Dave would be happy with everything. We were overcome by our Congregation's generous gifts of time, food, etc., and all the work that went into the beautiful reception. It was a special day for all of us.

Thank you for your kindness.



Love, The Hash Family
Linda, Lisa, Steven, Phillip,
Laurel, Leslie, David J.,
Charlotte, Henry and David
Hash.



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A Caring Church

Lord of Life... A Caring Church

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. – Galatians 6:10

I guess you're wondering why I'm writing about the obvious... well, I mulled it over a bit and decided that saying our church is a Caring Church never gets old, and I like writing about good things (a wee bit of bragging on ALL y'all). Our congregation overflows with kindness... it's just the way we are! A Caring Church embraces everyone in a web of kindness, compassion, and generosity... true benevolence and that's what we do. We are a place of fellowship and hospitality.

The recent memorials held for Christine and Dave were tremendously befitting. They made me take pause and think about US as a Christian community... about how we share with others in hurts and pains... how we celebrate life... how we weep together, knowing that JOY comes in the morning... and how we know that Lord of Life is a great place to be when we're going through loss. The model for a Caring Church is none other than Jesus. He spent a lot of time caring for others and building relationships with them... the same is true of Dave and Christine.

Our church is more than just a place to visit or even attend and, as the hymn goes, "All Are Welcome" (Hymn 641). A Caring Church is a giving

church; one that reaches out and touches someone, and we accept that challenge more often than you might realize... we give to the needy, the homeless, and to organizations whose reaches extend beyond our boundaries, be it food, financial aid, prayers, or 'good ole elbow-grease' (physical labor... work). We demonstrate the "Spirit of Gentleness" (Hymn 396).

It would be awesome if all people were fully aware that they can come to church and find support in their time of need and/or if they feel lonely, discouraged, or afraid. Nope, there is no magical, mystical fix here, but at Lord of Life, you never have to ask yourself, "Do people care for one another anymore?" A Caring Church isn't filled with high and mighty mentalities; we work without the expectation of public applause; we "do" because it's the right thing to do; we step up when need be. The least of us is as the greatest of us, fully embracing the meek and lowly... if you take care of the least of these, Jesus will take care of you, all by the Grace of God.

We might not think of it often, but there are specific reasons why a Caring Church is so important. Sure, the world is at a point where people don't go to church like they used to, and that's unfortunate (well, to be honest it's actually kind of shameful) because church is meant to be an environment where anybody can feel at home... no strings attached... just free and easy. A Caring Church is where you are accepted, valued, and loved as an individual regardless of your age, background, or gender... this is home... this is Lord of Life Lutheran Church, meant for you and me to come together and worship in our own personal divine ways. We are "One Bread, One Body" (Hymn 496); God blessed Christine and Dave and may He continue to bless us. Be blessed!

Gale J. Isaacs





SUMMER OF SOUL: A Review

One reviewer is quoted as saying, “while Woodstock and Gimme Shelter have long been considered the definitive documentaries of the 1960’s pop culture, Summer of Soul makes both look like a footnote to the main event; a festival in the heart of Harlem which was somehow left out of the history books.” I agree. I saw it in a theater, but would watch live streamed again if I can get the family to join me.

It happened the same summer as Woodstock, 1969, but was held over the course of several weekends at Mount Morris Park in Harlem – renamed Marcus Garvey Park after a Jamaican independence leader.

In comparison to Woodstock, what stood out was the orderliness and “look” of the crowd and performers. For example, the Edwin Hawkins Singers were dressed in lime green suits and gowns. All the highlights are too numerous to enumerate.

A 19 year old Stevie Wonder showing his versatility on drums and keyboards. So what is his real name? Times up! Stevland Hardaway Morris.

I cannot recall seeing the Fifth Dimension except perhaps on the Ed Sullivan Show. They did not disappoint with Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In.

I already mentioned Edwin Hawkins Singers impeccable fashion style, but their rendition of “O Happy Day” is unforgettable. The group was literally a church choir that reluctantly went commercial.

Sly and the Family Stone rocked it. Everyday People and it’s lyrics may be mentioned more by me in the future. Here is just the first verse of “Every Day People”:

A Butcher, a Banker, a Drummer and Then
Makes No Difference What Group I’m In
I Am Everyday People

My take away from the band was its female trumpeter and vocalist, Cynthia Robinson, who helped Sly and the band “take us higher”. “I Want to Take You Higher” closed the documentary.

In the past 20 years living in Durham, I have heard often about Nina Simone who makes Durham her home. Her husband, Phil Freelon, nationally known architect, died last year. Nina’s composition of “Young, Gifted, and Black” would have emblazoned her in my heart, but “Backlash Blues” is comparable in showcasing her remarkable talents as a very young woman.

Lest you are wondering why I am mentioning this documentary in the newsletter, there is some amazing religious music. I already mentioned the Edwin Hawkins Singers. The first line of “O Happy Day” is “O Happy Day When Jesus Washed My Sins Away”. Mahalia Jackson belts out “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”. The Mavis Sisters send out a prayer through song, “Help Me, Jesus” which was the first time I can remember hearing that song.

All this took place as the first landing on the moon by humans occurred. To people at the Harlem Music Festival, that was insignificant compared to what was taking place in Harlem.

And I must agree.

~ Pastor Wayne



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

Family of Dave Hash; Family of Christine Brennecke; Shannon Thomsen – bicycle accident; Jim Powers; Jonathan McCoy; Shirley Gayer – surgery; Bob

Savoysky – pancreatic cancer; Karen Morassi, cousin of Anne Marie Dubnansky; Connie Fortmeyer’s neighbor, Jack Stafford - surgery; Ingrid Albee, long-time friend of the Dubnansky’s; Lora Clark’s friend, Rebecca Bowman, breast cancer; Sheryll Albert’s father, John Pope, and his wife, Barbara Pope; Kevin & his family, stage 4 cancer; Dennis King; Ginny King’s niece, Robin Littleton – recurrence of breast cancer; Shirley Poole; Peg Stamp, myeloma & back surgery; Eric Roeser, rotator cuff surgery and MS; Julie Roeser, eye surgery; Julie Roeser’s brother, Paul Panek; Julia Lochra’s friend, Tom Chism, diagnosed with ALS; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten, multiple myeloma; Tess Andrews friend, Jon Driggers – heart surgery; 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; Pam Klawiter’s co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson, breast cancer; 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; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.



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

thank you!



August

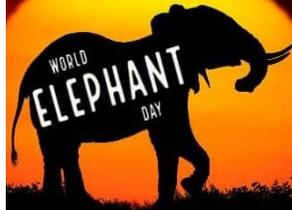
August 1	Aidan Johnson
August 5	Stacie Johnson
August 6	Abbey Renfrow
August 7	Sarah Weisenburn
August 12	Edie Craig
August 13	Dylan Rebbear
August 14	Sarah Watkins
August 19	Sheryll Albert
August 20	Alisa Hart
August 24	Linda Hash
August 28	Sage Weatherwax
August 30	Don Craig Kathy Hart Chip Kyles Joe Ann Wilder

September

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

AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am Coffee w/ Pastor Wayne 10 am Virtual & In-Person Worship	2	3 NATIONAL WATERMELON DAY 	4	5	6	7  PURPLE HEART DAY
8 9 am Coffee w/ Pastor Wayne 10 am Virtual & In-Person Worship	9	10	11	12 	13	14  WORLD LIZARD DAY
15 9 am Coffee w/ Pastor Wayne 10 am Virtual & In-Person Worship	16	17 BLACK CAT APPRECIATION DAY 	18	19	20	21 
22 9 am Coffee w/ Pastor Wayne 10 am Virtual & In-Person Worship	23	24	25	26  National Dog Day	27	28
29 9 am Coffee w/ Pastor Wayne 10 am Virtual & In-Person Worship	30	31				



August Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day 1-Philippians 1: 21-24
Day 2- Philippians 1: 25-27
Day 3-Philippians 1: 28-30
Day 4-Galatians 5:13-15
Day 5- Galatians 5:16-18
Day 6-Galatians 5:19-21
Day 7- Galatians 5:22-26

Day 8-Romans 7:4-6
Day 9- Romans 7:7-8
Day 10- Romans 7:9-12
Day 11- Romans 7:13-15
Day 12- Romans 7:16-20
Day 13- Romans 7:21-25
Day 14- John 15: 1-4

Day 15- John 15: 5-8
Day 16- John 15: 9-14
Day 17- Mark 2:15-17
Day 18- John 8:12-14
Day 19- John 8:15-18
Day 20- John 8:19-20
Day 21- Romans 2:1-3

Day 22- Romans 2:4-6
Day 23- Romans 2:7-11
Day 24- Romans 2:12-16
Day 25- 2 Corinthians 4:1-3
Day 26- 2 Corinthians 4:4-6
Day 27- 2 Corinthians 4:7-12
Day 28- 2 Corinthians 4:13-15

Day 29- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Day 30- Proverbs 21:1-3
Day 31- Choose Your Own Verse

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
Psalm 119:18

