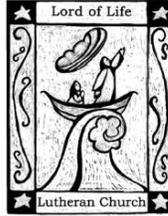


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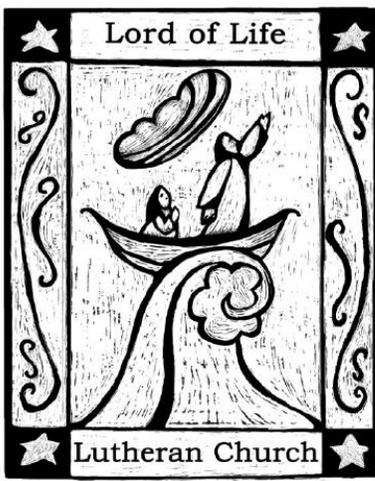
## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sundays:** 10 am – In-Person Worship  
10 am - Virtual Worship via Facebook  
Live <https://www.facebook.com/LoLLCGarner> OR on YouTube Channel  
(search for Lord of Life Lutheran Church ELCA)

**Eucharist:** Every Sunday

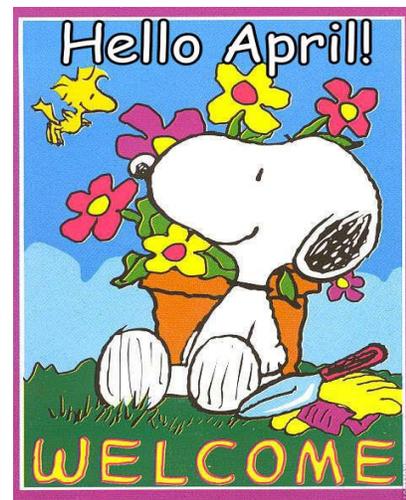
## Praying for Peace





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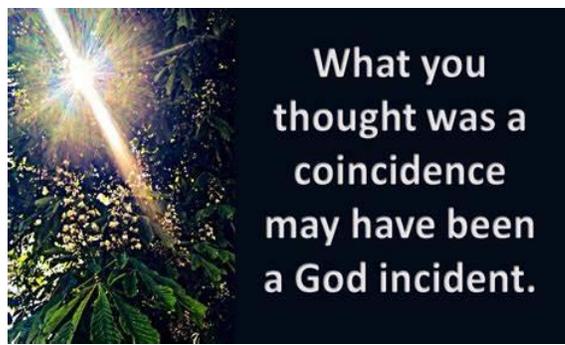
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## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

I admit I refer to the working of the Holy Spirit often; nonetheless, I have to begin by mentioning one recent instance I think most would agree with me on. Sunday, March 27, Dr. Brad called during Adult Bible Study to say he was ill, NOT with Covid-10, but would not be able to play for the worship. It just so happened that I had just picked up for the first time Donna Hanna, who just recently set up residence at Lawndale Assisted Living Facility, having moved from Charlotte, AND who happens to play the piano. So Donna agreed to lead our music for worship. The Spirit was working overtime; and a heap of gratitude to Donna. She willingly stepped up with no hesitation. Those of you who had the pleasure of meeting her know she has physical challenges. She has been living with Parkinson's disease for a number of years, and she readily acknowledges that she is not in a good relationship with God now because of her physical challenges. Nonetheless, she "wanted" to come to worship and expects to do so each Sunday if she is able. I don't know about anyone else, but I was inspired by her willingness to lead us musically in worship, but, most importantly, she still wants to worship her Lord and Savior even though her relationship with God is less than ideal at this time. You are a witness for all of us who can find any excuse to be absent from regular worship. Thank you, Donna!

The movie, "Infinite Storms" that I reviewed for this newsletter, which is based on an actual rescue near the summit of the highest mountain in the east,



**What you  
thought was a  
coincidence  
may have been  
a God incident.**

Mount Washington in New Hampshire, is another striking example of the presence of the Holy Spirit in one particular true story of a life or death situation.

Pam Baird, an experienced hiker and member of the Pemigewasset Valley Search and Rescue Team just "happened" to be hiking on a day she knew could have foreboding weather. She just "happened" to be keep going a little farther even though she knew soon she would have to turn back.

Soon she started to see faint tracks in the snow, and then she came upon a young man sitting on the trail with just shorts, sneakers, and a tee shirt. She successfully brought him down the mountain. Coincidence? Not a chance, at least not in my way of thinking. The Holy Spirit led her there. The Holy Spirit kept the man on the trail so Pam could find him. The Holy Spirit helped guide them down before the sun went down.

Now not all people would see that as I do, and that is okay. I don't even think Pam would. However, if there is ever a time when we could see the Spirit at work, that was it.

How do we see the Holy Spirit or God's presence in our lives? We don't often see the Spirit because we are not looking for Her. Also, we are not always sure about When or How or even Why She is working in our lives, but She is there as She was there with us

Sunday in providing a music worship leader for us. She was on the trail to Mt. Washington as She guided Pam in a successful rescue. She is there for us even when we do not recognize Her.

~ Pastor Wayne



## From the Desk of Your Council President

The Church Council had their first official Council meeting of the New Year. We were again delayed by Covid-19, which also delayed our Annual Meeting. Welcome to our New Council members: Terry Barnes, Tim Clark, Gale Isaacs, Sylvia Lambert and Sarah Watkins!

We selected the following Committee Liaisons:

Able to Serve	Tess Andrews
Christian Education	Sylvia Lambert
La Voz de Dios	Pastor Wayne
Men's Ministry	Steve Brantley
Mutual Ministry	Alecia Harrison
Parish	Terry Barnes
Property	Tim Clark
Social Concerns	Gale Isaacs
Technology & Social Media	Julie Bogle
Worship & Music	Sarah Watkins

We also voted for Council officers:

President	Alecia Harrison
Vice President	Tim Clark
Secretary	Julie Bogle
Treasurer	Lindsay Crocker

*In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.*

1 Timothy 3:8-10, NIV

We discussed the budget and continue to make suggestions on ways to reduce our overall costs. We received a request from another congregation to worship at our church. Iglesia Gracia Abundante, a member of the The Church of God of

Prophecy, will meet with Pastor Wayne and myself to discuss the possibility. They will be offered 12:30- 2:00 pm or after 5:30 pm on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Alecia Harrison, Council President



## Rotary Crew losing Don Craig

Here's the backstory. When Alecia was on deployment in 2016 she asked Don Craig if he could help plan, cook, serve and clean for Rotary while she was gone. Well, he's still here.

Don and Edie will be moving in the future to a CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community) out of the area. The move date is unknown depending on when their new home becomes available. Because they don't know if it will be weeks, months or years, it's time for a replacement now. Don's last day assisting Rotary will be May 29<sup>th</sup>.

In order to run smoothly, your Rotary crew needs three people to cook, serve and clean. Yes we arrive anytime from 5:30 to 6:00 depending on what is being served that week and that's the bad part. The good part is making a delicious breakfast for the Garner morning Rotary who support Lord of Life with a generous monthly check. We use this money to buy the food, and 100% of the difference goes to Social Concerns Ministry. Social Concerns then allocates the money each month to local, regional and international groups. Recently we were able to donate to Ukrainian Relief.

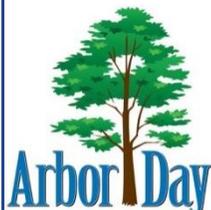
Without a full crew, it is likely we will not be able to continue. Please consider joining this important ministry! Come by any Wednesday at 6:00 am to see what we do and if you would like to join us.

Please contact Alecia Harrison (919) 333-6734 or Helen Holderman (919) 632-2692 if you can help.

## We Need Your Help





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Sunday</b> 9 am Coffee & New Testament Bible Study 10 am Worship		<b>WATCH OUT ITS...</b>  <b>APRIL FOOLS DAY</b>			1  7 pm <b>Men's Group Meeting</b>	2  <b>U.S. Marines 2D Aircraft Wing Band Luncheon</b>
3	4	5	30 7 am Rotary Breakfast  	7	8	9
10 	11	12	13 7 am Rotary Breakfast	14 7 pm Worship 	15 Noon Stations of the Cross 7 pm Tenebrae Service 	16
17 	18 	19	20 7 am Rotary Breakfast	21	22 	23
24	25	26	27 7 am Rotary Breakfast	28	29 	30

*"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.'*



Matthew 25:34-36, NIV

Just a reminder that we will not hold a Yard Sale this year.

And thank you for continued donations to the Garner Area Ministries' Food Pantry. We donated over 900 pounds of food in 2021. We continue to donate around 100 pounds of food each month. Again, we thank you for your support!

The Wall that Heals will be displayed at Lake Benson Park from March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will feed the Marine Corps Band at Noon on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. All help will be appreciated.

And our 2022 Relay for Life fundraiser will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. Please plan to join in the fun of a silent auction and reverse raffle. And of course Ole Time BBQ sandwiches will be for sale, \$5 for a sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. A bargain that cannot be beat! Final bids for the Silent Auction items will be Sunday after worship. You can bring your Silent Auction donations to the church any time after April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Able to Serve



## Mothers Day Breakfast

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

We are again celebrating mothers and care givers of the participants of Able to Serve. We began in 2018 and hosted the breakfast each year with the exception of 2020 due to the pandemic.

The ladies enjoy a delicious breakfast and a time to get together and share. The highlight of the day is when the participants arrive to introduce their moms and express their love.

We will meet from 9:00 am to about 10:30 on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and are looking for volunteers to provide 3 casseroles. Can you help? If so, please contact Helen Holderman via email [helen.holderman@yahoo](mailto:helen.holderman@yahoo) or phone 919-632-2692.



## M E N ' S C L U B

**Our next Men's Club Meeting** will be held on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tim Clark will host the dinner. The business meeting will be used to finalize our plans for our **LOL Shredding Day** fund raiser that will be held from 9 am until noon on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will also talk about whether or not we will have a team participate in the Agape Golf Tournament that will be held at Lochmere in Cary on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and about possibly having a LOL group outing for a Carolina Mudcats baseball game in early May.

Gerry Havenstein, Secretary



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

Alecia Harrison – recovering from knee surgery; Linda Hash’s brother, Charles Barlow, and sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon;

Lisa Grayson; Connie Fortmeyer; Paula Pickler; Agnes Beecham; Kathi Tichansky’s friend, Sarah Bell – bad fall and broken vertebrae; Antonio’s baby brother Ashton (2 yrs.) - surgery January 6 to repair a hole in his heart; Sylvia Lambert’s niece, Lori Wise – cancer; Sheryll Albert’s father, John Pope, and his wife, Barbara Pope; Jim Powers; Shirley Poole; Jonathan McCoy; Bob Savoysky – pancreatic cancer; Gary Dubnansky; Karen Morassi, cousin of Anne Marie Dubnansky; Ingrid Albee, long-time friend of the Dubnansky’s; Joan Stuart – broken hip; Rebecca Swanson’s nephew, Dr. David Shaefer, and her great niece, Hope Emmaline; Mary Langworthy’s mother, Evelyn Peterson – broken femur; Mary Langworthy’s brother, Tom Schmidt; Lora Clark’s friend, Rebecca Bowman, recovering; Kevin & his family, stage 4 cancer; Dennis King; Ginny King’s niece, Robin Littleton – recurrence of breast cancer; Peg Stamp, myeloma; friend of Julia Lochra, Tom Chism – ALS; Kathryn

Lochra, Julia’s sister; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten, multiple myeloma; John



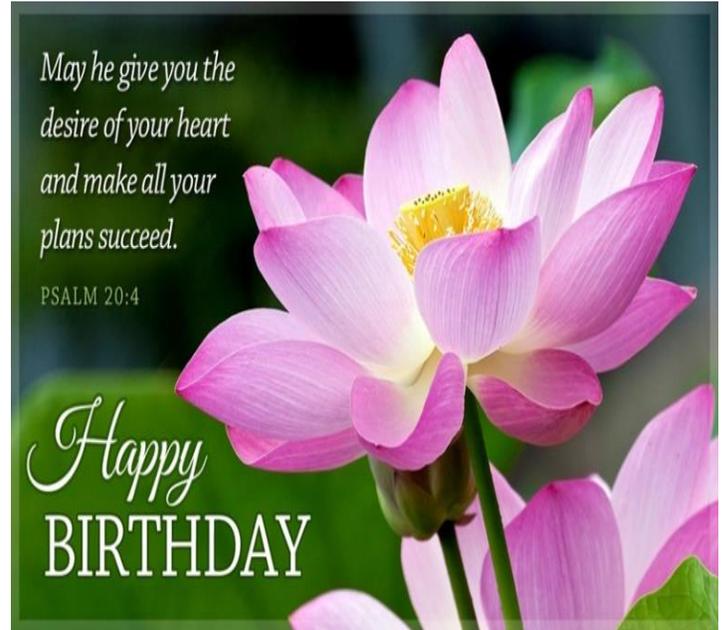
Driggers – heart surgery; Lindsay Crocker’s Nephew, Daniel Harman, health and healing; Pam Klawiter’s co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson, breast cancer; Holly Hans’ sister, Heather House and her family; Holly Hans’ mother, Carol Hardy; Don Wallace’s nephew, Chuck Wallace - health problems; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.

Please say a special prayer for all the Americans and Afghan allies who were needlessly left behind in Afghanistan and EVERYONE in the Ukraine.

## Who’s ready for Baseball???

Join us after worship on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> for a Carolina Mudcats game! RSVP to Pastor Wayne so he can get your tickets

CAROLINA  
MUDCATS



## April

April 7	Gray Anthony Trent Ryden
April 8	Steve Brantley
April 15	Andrew Green Shari Rebbeor Enid Weatherwax
April 19	Arthur Kyles
April 19	Roland Kyles
April 21	Jeannie Stang
April 24	Shirley Poole
April 26	Sara Melanie Bollinger
April 29	Alecia Harrison Chris Thomsen
April 30	Sarah Rebbeor

## May

May 6	Carla Niemann
May 10	Mary Cook
May 11	Leslie Hash
May 14	Sharyl Eggert
May 17	Virginia King
May 22	Tucker Britt.



## ***Taking the Fool Out of April***

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. -Proverbs 1:7*

The Book of Proverbs has been one of my biblical faves since my long-ago adolescent years. My perspective on its teachings has shifted over the years but remains steady in my adult years. Hardly anyone can read Proverbs without mentally and spiritually developing two primary groupings for reflection. One is being wise and the other, quite simply, is being foolish. No, not the kind of fool who pulls pranks on others; nor is wisdom's focus on academic knowledge. The benefits of wisdom consist of blessings, peace, triumph, and protection to name a few. On the other hand, the foolish path focuses on devastation, pride, indecision, and stubbornness (also to name a few). Proverbs 1:32 says, *"For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them."* So, how do you get wisdom? Well, Proverbs 2 offers some instruction. Seemingly, wisdom all boils down to the fear of the Lord... well, actually, the description of this "fear" is presented as an essay about a humble, respectful, and reverent submission to God. It's about loving Him above all else; trusting Him above all else; and believing Him above all else.

The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom, discipline and instruction. A fool does things his/her own way irrespective of conventional perception. So, in taking this position, a fool refuses God's direction because it seems there is always something else to do or we can do it better... OUR way. Often that "something" is our fool's way that pulls us away from time with the Father. But what if you had something to dwell on to help keep focus on teachings about Him? A reflection or two that can be in the back of your mind throughout your day? Maybe a little understanding of anything FOOL-proof! Maybe a question... maybe a challenge... maybe a reminder from the scriptures. Perhaps, though, there may be an encounter on just

how vast is understanding and just how flawed is the know-more-than-anyone-else-mentality; more than showcasing wisdom, it spotlights one as a fool!

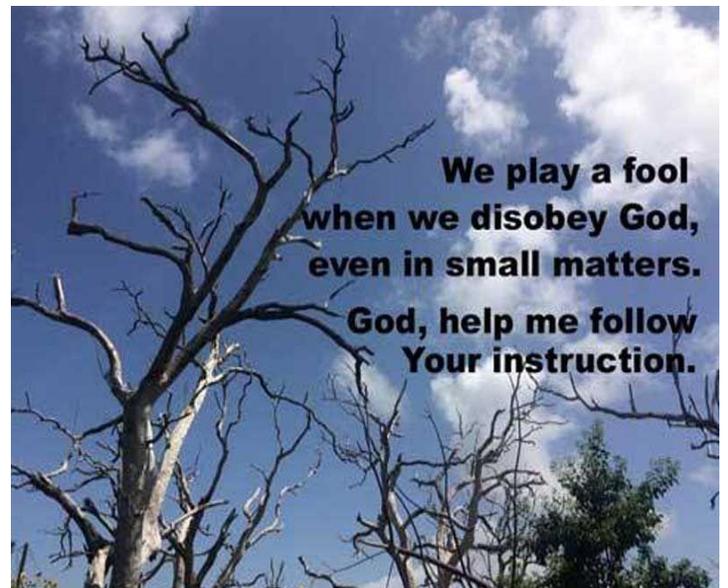
Now this in no way means that you should avoid your annual harmless prank in your attempt to 'April Fool' your pal, but it does shine light on the lack of wisdom in our day-to-day lives. An editorial in Christianity Today, "April Fools: Easter's joke is on us" reads:

"Stumbling to Jesus' grave that first Easter morning only to find an empty tomb must have seemed like a joke. Grieving women, courageous enough to show up at the gravesite, were met by dazzling angels who delivered a riddle: *"Why do you look for the living among the dead?"* And then the punch line: *"He is not here; he has risen!"* (Luke 24:5-6). But the mourners didn't get it. Luke's gospel reports first bewilderment, then terror. When the grieving women dashed off to tell the disciples what they'd seen, the disciples laughed them right out of the room."

--- Daniel Harrell

I doubt anyone really thinks that the moon is made of green cheese, but there are those who, despite the application of scientific theory, believe that the earth is flat... that the surface of the moon remains untouched territory... and that your dollar bill is better than my dollar bill! Fools embrace a faith, confidence, self-assurance, and conviction that they alone possess right thinking... where's the wisdom in that? There is none! If we can just flip the switch from down to up (folly to wisdom) we'll have it right... fools rush in where angels fear to tread and while we are farrrr from being angels (tarnished halos), for this April, let's act more like wise men. Be blessed.

Gale J. Isaacs





## INFINITE STORM: A Review:

So I had two simple reasons to go see “Infinite Storm” as soon as possible. First, I did not think it was going to be in the theaters long. Second, I wanted to have a “flashback moment” to my hikes in the White Mountains of New Hampshire as a twenty something. It was that and much more.

One reviewer sums the film up well in this one sentence. Embraced by an all-in performance by Naomi Watts and impressive behind-the-camera work, “Infinite Storm” is a ride that is both engrossing and emotional.

Naomi Watts plays Pam Baird, an experienced hiker and member of the Pemigewasset Valley Search and Rescue Team. She decides to go for a hike up Mt. Washington, the highest summit east of the Mississippi River, which is not unusual for her even though there was potential inclement weather forecast for later in the day. Soon after the snow begins to fly, she encounters a man sitting in the middle of the trail in shorts and a tee shirt and sneakers. He is already shown signs of hyperthermia. She gives him her extra dry clothes and gets him down the trail before it got dark. It was no easy task, but she had the outdoor skills to accomplish it.

Even though would never recognize it, she had a Christ-like quality about her as she worked to get her new-found, near death companion down the trail. Her unwavering drive to save John no matter the cost, even if it meant losing her own life, could only be called Christ like. She implied they were going to get down together or both die trying, made more impressive because John (John did not tell her his

name so she called him John) did not seem to care if he got down alive. She never seemed to entertain the notion of leaving him behind.

Apart from the incredible rescue, which I alluded to in the Wonderments article in this newsletter, there is the added spirituality of absolutely stunning scenery. Much to my chagrin, however, it was not filmed in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, but in Slovenia; and appropriately, Malgorzata Szumowska directed the movie.

If you want scenery, this film has it. If you want a happy ending, it has it with a hint of spirituality. However, I do realize this movie would not be everyone’s “cup of tea”; however, I am open to speaking further with anyone who wants to learn more about it.

~ Pastor Wayne





## PARISH COMMITTEE

Our Parish Committee last met on 2/20/2022. We talked about Fellowship and discussed the importance of meeting, eating and enjoying one another's company with casual conversation after service. This provides a great environment to get to know our visitors as well (and at some point maybe some will become members).

We talked about the "Fellowship Guidelines", which are listed near the Fellowship Signup sheet on the board inside Fellowship Hall. We revised our guidelines to include:

- ***"Unlabeled or unidentified food are "Up for Grabs" for anyone to use (if items are donated for Fellowship, please identify item and date)"***
- ***"Please do not store items in the kitchen storage area that are not to be used for Fellowship"***

Our group also discussed and is implementing "Fellowship Teams" to share the responsibilities with various groups within the Parish Committee to host the Fellowships. We'll have 3 teams within our Parish Committee to facilitate the various Fellowships we have. We also acknowledge that these teams will only "Host" when no other groups or volunteers are hosting.

We talked about our group sending Get Well and Sympathy cards out to our Church Family. It was brought up that many members of our church already are doing this, which is awesome! Sharing the responsibilities of everything in our church, especially due to our small size, is definitely a great way to have a collective synergy amongst all our members.

On Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> day of spring), our church broadcasted our first successful LIVE BROADCAST on both Facebook and YouTube. Although,

this is not considered a direct responsibility of the Parish Committee, it is another great way in which various people contributed to a successful (but very



challenging) project, which allows those individuals to worship from home when needed. Scott Lokken, Laura Raun, Tim Clark and myself were all involved in this endeavor.

Looking forward to a great year, with many great people!

God's Peace,  
Terry/Parish Chair

Parish Committee Members: Grace Barnes,  
Steve Brantley, Barbara Kyles, Tim Clark,  
Rena Bogle, Clyde Bogle, Pastor Wayne

## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

12:00 pm - Stations of the Cross  
(outside, weather permitting)

Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm - Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

6:30 am - Sunrise Service

in Outdoor Chapel

followed by coffee, donuts, &  
sausage biscuits in the fellowship hall

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

10:00 am Worship Service  
with Holy Communion