

## July 2022



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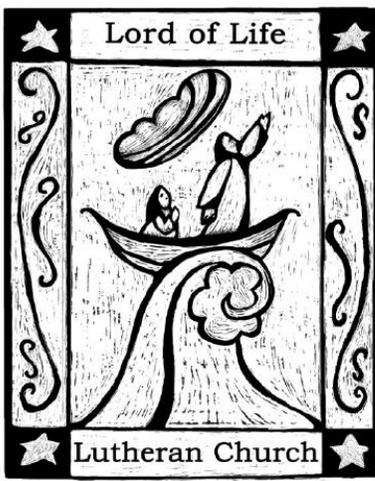
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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**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





# Life-Lines



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## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

The end of May would have marked the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. During those 45 years, the Good News of Jesus Christ has been spread through Word, Scripture readings, sermons, and deeds; all our programs. St Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 9:16, "For I preach the Gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel."

The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is the Evangelical in our name Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Certain key passages could "Gospel Passages" John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." Or from Paul's letter to the Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God." When we extend the meaning of these passages and others, we can see the Good News of Jesus in infinite ways. This past Sunday I mentioned a young mother whose first child was stillborn, Caitlin, the young, bereaved mother expressed the Good News of Jesus Christ by saying, "I held my baby her entire life."

If you were to peruse the narthex, you would have seen the Good News of Jesus in the bins stocked with food for Garner Area Ministries.

The Good News of Jesus Christ is shown on a Sunday morning like Pentecost Sunday or the past Sunday when several words in the Scripture readings are challenging, yet readers still volunteer to read phonetically challenging lessons. The Good News of Jesus Christ was visible as the fellowship hall was filled with people celebrating Nick Vietri's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday with

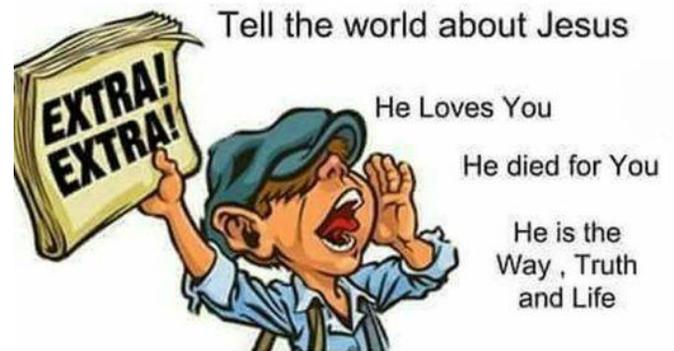
the understanding they will be there 5 years from now to celebrate again.

I am reminded of the Good News of Jesus as we blessed with two diverse congregations -- La Voz de Dios and the Church of God of Prophecy, which are spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ albeit in different ways.

The Good News of Jesus Christ was expressed in a phone call Ginny King received from the Florida Bahama Synod expressing the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

Looking back pre-pandemic until the present, the good news is that we as a congregation have emerged from the pandemic as a place similar to when the pandemic began. I feel that is, in large part, because the Good News of Jesus Christ remained central in all we did. That will not change in these "post-pandemic" times either. May we continue to be blessed.

~ Pastor Wayne



And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15



## From the Desk of Your Council President

*"The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.*

~ Deuteronomy 28:12, NIV

Your Church Council continues to work hard for you! We are still concerned about ensuring our visibility in the community. This includes but is not limited to considering a new sign.

We had a VERY successful church workday! Thank you to ALL the people that came to help. It initially sounded like a list of Bible heroes.....Timothy, James, Steven and 2 Sara(h)s! Additionally, we had strong help from Rita, Carolyn, Terry, Gerry, Julie, Barbara, Pastor Wayne and myself. It truly makes light work when so many people help. And the church looks noticeably better!

We received an offer for the bus and accepted it. The bus has been removed from our church campus.

The Kitchen Cabinets have been ordered. They are anticipated to arrive in 2 months. Stay tuned for details on future cabinet installation and limited kitchen access.



This year for July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be celebrating with both Able to Serve and Iglesia Gracia Abundante. We will have a potluck celebration that includes eating around 6 pm and fireworks around 9:30 pm. Additionally, we will be parking cars in the side grass lot. This is truly the best thing that Garner does all year. I hope you will be able to join in the fun!

Pastor Wayne and his family will be celebrating their Summer break together July 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Marissa Krey will be our Supply Pastor on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please make her welcomed.

Life is a series of joys and concerns. We celebrated Nick Vietri's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and also said see you later to Pastor Dennis King, who passed away this month, complications from his stroke. We will miss Pastor Dennis!

There are many on our prayer list. Try to pray for everyone on the list at least once a week. We have started a new way to keep up with our prayer list by erasing the board each month and starting over adding names to the board. Also, please let Laura know when your name or the name of someone you added can come off the prayer list.

Blessings,  
Alecia Harrison, Council President



Nelson Mandela Day seeks to celebrate the political and social achievements of former South African President Nelson Mandela. Mandela, who spent three decades in prison for his political activism, became the first black president of the Republic of South Africa in 1994. His presidency ended the long-standing apartheid in which whites ruled over blacks and saw the birth of democracy and equality among all citizens. He was also active in combatting poverty, encouraging land reform, expanding health services, and supporting education. Mandela set out to demonstrate an example of peace, anti-racism, and human rights adherence for other nations.

Nelson Mandela International Day was designated by the United Nations and the Nelson Mandela Foundation in 2009. It is celebrated on Mandela's birthday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, in an effort to recognize the impact of Mandela's values and his contributions to humanity. Mandela passed away in December 2013 at the age of 95.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>Sundays</b> 9 am Coffee & Bible Study 10 am Worship						1  <b>No            Men's Group            Meeting            Tonight</b>	2
3  Annual Independence Day Celebration	4 	5	6 7 am <b>NO            Rotary            Breakfast            TODAY</b>  7 pm Choir Practice	7	8	9	
10  <b>Council Meeting            After Worship</b>	11	12	13 7 am Rotary Breakfast  7 pm Choir Practice	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20 7 am Rotary Breakfast  7 pm Choir Practice	21  <b>NO            Social            Concerns            Meeting            This Month</b>	22	23	
24	25	26	27 7 am Rotary Breakfast  7 pm Choir Practice	28	29	30	
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**Christmas in July...  
AND Independence  
Day!!**



Let's start with Independence Day... aka the Fourth of July... aka July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lord of Life and the Town of Garner. Social Concerns will roll out our usual "Red Carpet" for the Garner residents who pass our sidewalk table of goodies each year as they meander to find that perfect viewpoint for the concert music and the fireworks display. Let's hear it for the nightfall! The giveaways for this year consist of red Frisbees imprinted with a cross bounded by "Lord of Life" at the top, and "Garner, NC" at the bottom. While we can never be without the distribution of miniature military figures, we will add, for the first time, "glow-in-the-dark" necklaces for children of all ages. Our mini-recruitment effort will be the distribution of Life Lutheran Church information cards that list our worship schedule on one side and describe 'Luther's Rose' (aka *Luther's Seal*) on the reverse side.

Social Concerns Ministry has committed to a new inter-congregational outreach activity to be called the Birthday Ministry. Cards will be sent to all members in recognition of their birthdays. Please make sure your birthday month and day are on record with Laura.

We have officially commandeered the phrase "Christmas in July" as the descriptor for the fellowship meal that we are hosting on July 24<sup>th</sup>, as well as the designation for our July donations to Garner Area Ministries. In addition to your regular contributions of any and all types of food (especially since school is not in session and lunches have become more scarce), the theme reflects items that can, as a matter of food-fare, be used during a holiday. We are suggesting canned vegetables, pasta, cake mix & frosting, stuffing, gravy packets/cans/jars, rice, cornbread, and turkey. Please remember the less fortunate families who, for a myriad of reasons, do not have enough to eat. Please be mindful also that donated food items of any kind are welcomed so look in your cupboards and find those unexpired foodstuffs that you really

didn't like that much anyway, or catch one of those 5/\$6 sales at the grocery store!

Even though July was declared vacation month for Social Concerns, nothing actually changes but for a meeting break! See you soon!

Gale Isaacs and Alecia Harrison  
Co-chairs of Social Concerns Committee



## Kitchen Update

An electrician is scheduled to update the electrical system for the kitchen in July. The white kitchen cabinets have been ordered through Lowe's Lumber and are due to be delivered in August. A contractor has been hired to install the cabinets once we receive them.

We plan to include information on the progress of the kitchen project in this Newsletter each month until completion.

Tim Clark,  
Property Committee



Serving in the altar guild is a ministry with an attitude of thanksgiving to God in the name of our Lord Jesus. It is a ministry carried out with a song in one's heart.

Our current members are very dedicated. Thank you to Sylvia Lambert, Helen Holderman, Barbara Kyles, Grace Barnes, and Sarah Watkins who have served so far this year. We welcome any new members who would like to volunteer. Training is provided.

Ginny King



## **Got Something to Say? Then, Say It!**

*"...let us stop passing judgment on one another.  
Instead, make up our minds not  
to put an obstacle in our brother's way."  
- Romans 14:13*

Luckily for us here at Lord of Life, we have efficient, practical and readily available communication transports available.... one is our NEWSLETTER! It's okay if you don't know the name of our monthly Newsletter (Life Lines); it's okay if you'd rather read a hard copy than go online to read it (it's available); and it's even okay if you would have held a different viewpoint than one of the writers on a specific article or issue topic! Fear not! It's time for you to join the ranks of the unofficial staff writers. You see, articles can be written for the Newsletter based on your activity within a specific ministry or committee, or (even better) based on a human-interest area to which you ascribe! However, I think maybe you should stay away from one of those "what I did on summer vacation" perspectives. Laura dutifully sends out the call for articles EVERY month.

Equally efficient here at Lord of Life is everyone's option to tap a COUNCIL MEMBER if you have a problem, gripe, or even a compliment on how things are progressing. I do suggest though, that you be mindful of the methodology that you use to convey your message be it positive, constructive, or close to downright mean. It is so important to choose our words wisely as we are all imperfect humans with feelings and often times an important issue to one of us, is much less important to another. BUT, if it isn't communicated, who will know anyhow? Are you sure chatting amongst yourselves without going to a reliable source will solve the problem? Or, in the case of no problem, will the viewpoint change as it permeates throughout the masses? Communication is sharing information. Of course, if the information can be categorized as gossip then by all means, just keep it to yourself... no need to share.

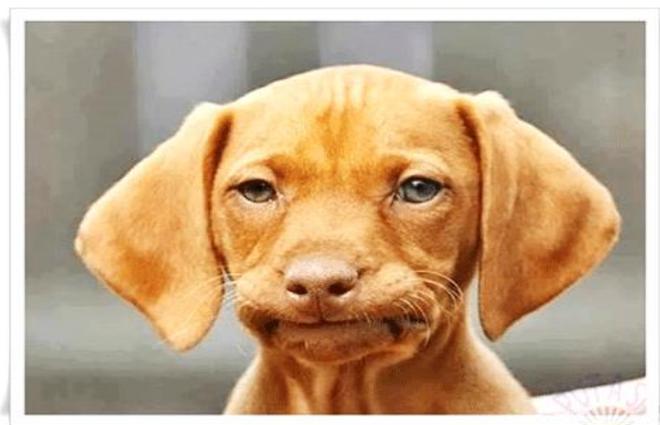
I'll be the first to acknowledge that there are informational tidbits in the communication-pipeline that seem to stall before the full congregation is aware. Usually it's an illness or a relocation... sure, somebody knows it and those 'somebodies' obviously assume that the rest of us will learn of it by osmosis (yes, I'm being facetious). I wonder if when the telephone burst onto the scene people slowed in writing letters... I mean putting ink to paper, inserting the finished creation in a stamped envelope, and dropping it in the post for delivery? Regardless, information was shared and even then, there was more than one way to do it.

Church communication is about sharing information in a practical, hands-on way to keep members informed and engaged. There are two sides to the coin, however... it our individual responsibility to read and listen once the information is circulated; and if you forget, ask somebody! There are dry erase boards, bulletin boards (everywhere), and cork boards to post information for all to read. The bottom line is that we ALL have a forum... an outlet... a means to vent; a means to congratulate; a means to express sympathy; and a means to '*chew-the-fat*' whether it be verbal or graphic.

We have it...HERE... NOW! All we have to do is dive in and use it for whatever we deem necessary! So, select the method you prefer and say it! It's ready for you... but, it's sorta like that ole adage goes: "*you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.*" Be thirsty! Be blessed!

Gale J. Isaacs

## **WHEN YOU REALLY WANT TO SAY SOMETHING.....**



## **BUT YOU HAVE TO STOP YOURSELF!!**



## **MONTANA STORY: A Review:**

First off, the refreshing aspect you cannot help but notice is that this movie is not typical "Hollywood". It is actually set in Montana and the gorgeous scenery is panned often. Secondly, it is all about "real life". Something similar could have happened to any one of us and it may have already.

We're introduced early on as to why Cal and Erin, estranged siblings, have returned to the ranch where they grew up. Their father had a stroke and is on oxygen, his life support. His human life support, however, is Ace, the father's Hospice nurse. It has to be a first for a movie to exhibit a Hospice nurse in such a key role. He gave a lesson to Cal as to how to help care for his father, but it also was a lesson to the movie viewers as to how to care for loved ones and others. Ace did not view what he did as a job, but he might use the word "calling" as a way to describe it.

Cal and Erin have been estranged for 7 years, and their father, whom they have come to say their goodbyes to, is the reason for their estrangement. Cal is an architect working in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Erin is a cook in Red Hook, New York which some of us, myself included, may know Red Hood as an exit on the Thruway or the beginning of "upstate from NYC". She was a graduate of the CIA, Culinary Institute of America, which some of you may be familiar with in upstate New York as well.

The tension is real and there is no Hollywood "Quick Fix".

A side story has Erin intending to take her 25 year-old horse back to New York with her, so she purchases a beat up truck and horse trailer to do so. Eugene Brave Rock, aka Mukki, who sold her the pick-up truck and trailer, and Cal do not think it wise, but allow her to come to the realization herself.

In the middle of the film, Erin brings Cal to a big hole in the ground which the father, as a lawyer, litigated in favor of a big mining company so it would be able to extract what it wanted to from the land without "renewing" it.

The father dies and there is no outstanding "kumbaya" moment with Cal and Erin; however, Cal gives Erin a ride to the airport, and they both agree to call one another as they separate once again. They are not fully "reconciled" but through the willingness to keep in touch via phone calls, it is clear they intend to stay connected.

Owen Teague who played Cal, and Haley Lu Richardson who played Erin, were both excellent at keeping a safe distance from each other while testing the water to renew their familial tie. I decided I missed my opportunity to get into films. I could have played the father who is shown several times simply breathing using his oxygen tank.

If you enjoy films with great actors playing real people, "Montana Story" might be a film to add to your playbook. I highly recommend it.

~ Pastor Wayne



# Prayer Requests

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

Family of Dennis King; Sheryll Albert's great-nephew, Keegan Dawes, age 12 – heart surgery 7/6; Julia Lochra – knee replacement

7/1; Ben Hart (Kathy's son) – recovering from heart attack; Sharon Vietri; Monna Stamm; Linda Hash's brother, Charles Barlow, and sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon; Lisa Grayson; Agnes Beecham; Kathi Tichansky's friend, Sarah Bell – bad fall and broken vertebrae; Sylvia Lambert's niece, Lori Wise – cancer; Sheryll Albert's father, John Pope, and his wife, Barbara Pope; Jim Powers; Shirley Poole; Jonathan McCoy; Gary Dubnansky; Karen Morassi, cousin of Anne Marie Dubnansky; Ingrid Albee, long-time friend of the Dubnansky's; 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; Peg Stamp, myeloma; friend of Julia Lochra, Tom Chism – ALS; Kathryn Lochra, Julia's sister; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten, multiple myeloma; 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; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.

Please pray for safety for EVERYONE in Ukraine.

**The first ever cordless phone was created by GOD. He named it "prayer" it never loses its signal and you never have to recharge it.**

**Use it anywhere..!**



## July

July 1	Jerry Hart Laura Roscoe
July 9	Alice Austin Helen Holderman
July 13	Gavin Hans Joyce Havenstein Caleb Macurdy
July 21	Kieran King
July 30	Kathi Tichansky
July 31	Lauren Langworthy

## August

August 1	Aidan Johnson
August 5	Stacie Johnson
August 6	Abbey Renfrow
August 7	Sarah Weisenburn
August 12	Edie Craig
August 13	Dylan Rebbeor
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