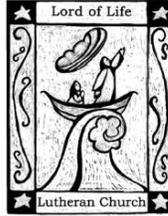


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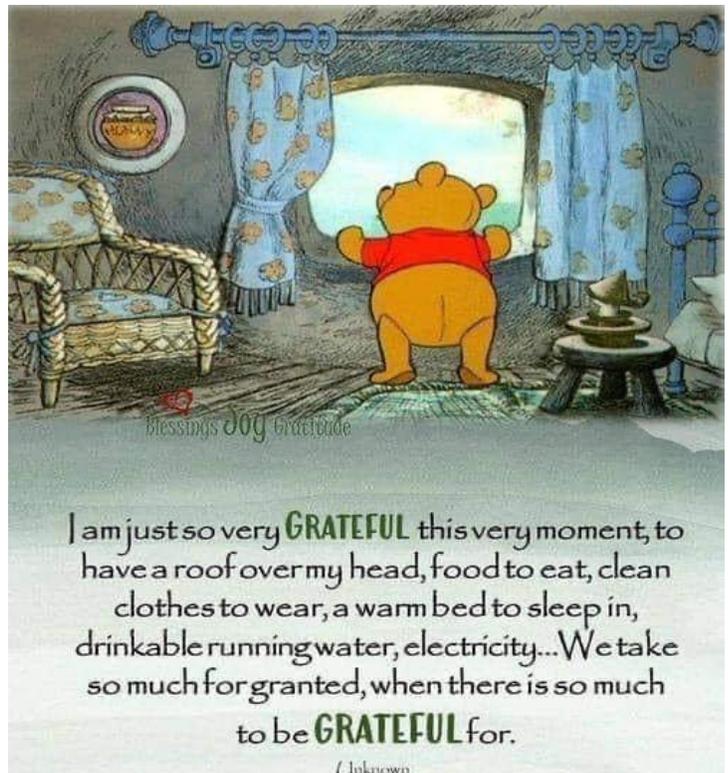
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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

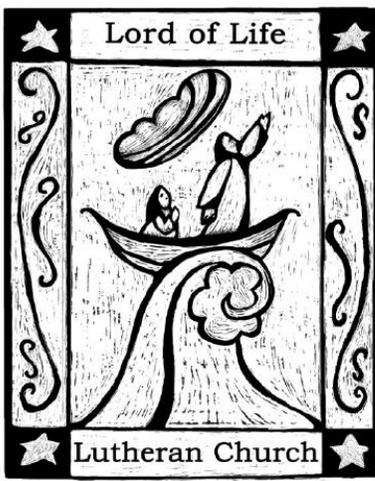
**Sundays:** 10 am – In-Person Worship  
10 am - Virtual Worship via Facebook  
Live <https://www.facebook.com/LoLLCGarner> OR on YouTube Channel  
(search for Lord of Life Lutheran  
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**Eucharist:** Every Sunday



I am just so very **GRATEFUL** this very moment, to  
have a roof over my head, food to eat, clean  
clothes to wear, a warm bed to sleep in,  
drinkable running water, electricity... We take  
so much for granted, when there is so much  
to be **GRATEFUL** for.

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# Life-Lines

October 2022



## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

This is the month we celebrate the Lutheran Reformation. It is the 505<sup>th</sup> Anniversary -- thus, I will give a little "behind the scenes" with Luther and his family. He married Katherina (Katy) Von Bora, an ex-nun, on June 13, 1525.

They had six children: Hans, a lawyer - which was the profession Luther's parents desired for him -- eventually becoming a government official. Paul, the Luther's second son, became a doctor serving as a personal physician of Augustus, Elector of Saxony. Martin studied theology but never became a pastor because he died at age 33. Elizabeth died as an infant, and Magdalene died in her early teens which tremendously affected Luther. Margaretha, the only daughter to survive into adulthood, nonetheless, died at age 36.

Despite an already large nuclear family, the Luther's home always welcomed others. It is said Katherina's aunt lived with them for many years. Martin and Katherina are said to have raised 8 orphaned nieces and nephews; and always provided lodging for a wide variety of guests: tutors, exiled clergymen, escaped nuns, government officials, university colleagues and many students. The Luther's had a large dining table serving up to 25 people per meal. All visitors were expected to take part in family customs, devotions, and prayers. Martin liked his beer and Katy was the family brewer. Luther wrote a great deal and was fortunate to do so during the inception years of the printing press. Nonetheless, he did have time for recreation. The Luther's apparently enjoyed "bowling", having a

"bowling lane" in their garden. They did play a form of chess also. If you look in our hymnal, several hymns are attributed to Luther, most notably, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".

They grew most of their own food and had at least one dog.

Martin and Katy were good parents who considered children the "best gift of God". Luther lamented that some parents seemed to overlook, ignore, and even neglect their children.

Somewhat as a result of the Luther's concern for children and their parents, Luther wrote his "Small Catechism". He also wrote hymns for his children so they could understand the good news of the Gospel. For example, Luther wrote the Christmas Hymn "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" with his and all children in mind. I envision Luther as the original innovator of Children's Sermons. It is said when he was away at a meeting, Luther wrote his children a charming letter describing heaven as a pleasant garden with delightful activities for faithful boys and girls. And since the Luther's had a pet dog, I can only imagine that when his children asked him if dogs go to heaven; he could have only responded with something like this. "If God is a God of love and grace, how can God's love and grace not be bestowed upon dogs who showed their human companions such love and grace?" Luther had a very productive life of unfortunately only 63 years, but full of God's love and grace.

It is said, even though he downplayed it, that in his later life he was quite the celebrity minus the paparazzi of course.

~ Pastor Wayne





## From the Desk of Your Council President

*"<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."*

1 Timothy 6:17-19, NIV

Hallelujah! The kitchen renovation is well on its way! We already have the improved electrical system and installed the cabinets. We anticipate the granite countertops to be in place within the week. We will continue to replace the appliances as we are able. Thanks to Sheryll Albert and Rita Clark for the professional paint job! Grace Barnes and Helen Holderman have worked tirelessly to rearrange and organize the new kitchen. Tim Clark has been invaluable in his dedication to secure the correct workmen for the job!

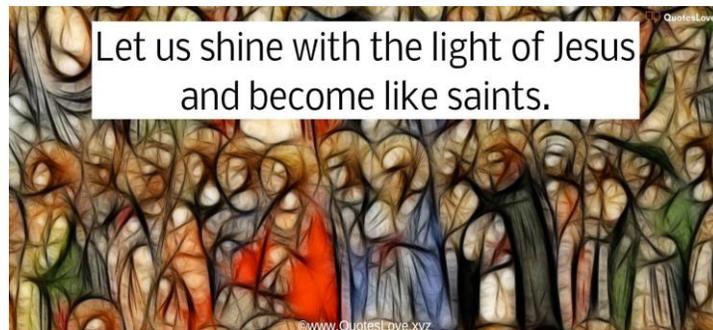
I hope everyone enjoyed the Rally Day picnic! We had planned to have an outdoor worship and possibly eat outside in the picnic shelter. God had a different plan! It rained most of Saturday and the ground was too wet for us to meet in the Grove. We will plan another outdoor worship and pray that the weather cooperates! The few of us that braved the inclement weather enjoyed the indoor "picnic". We will probably do that again too!

Please notice that the new Lutheran Devotion booklets are available in the Narthex. Pastor Wayne has purchased these books for us. The Devotion books are printed quarterly.

The Nominating Committee is looking for a few good people! Namely three exceptional people to serve on the Church Council. The term is for three years. Please consider if this is a ministry that you could take on at this time. And have your answer

ready, because you will probably be asked soon if you will consider becoming a Council member. Ask any member of the Council if you have questions about the responsibilities of the Church Council.

Blessings,  
Alecia Harrison, Council President



## ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, or Halloween, is a Christian celebration in honor of all the saints from Christian history. In Western Christianity, it is observed on November 1<sup>st</sup> by the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Lutheran Church, and other Protestant denominations. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic churches observe All Saints Day on the first Sunday following Pentecost.

The Christian festival of All Saints Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth. In Catholic tradition, the holiday honors all those who have passed on to the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a national holiday in numerous historically Catholic countries. In Methodist tradition, All Saints Day relates to giving God earnest gratitude for the lives and deaths of his saints, remembering those who were well-known and not. Additionally, individuals throughout Christian history are celebrated, such as Peter the Apostle and Charles Wesley, as well as people who have personally guided one to faith in Jesus, such as one's relative or friend.

In addition to weekly worship gatherings, "All Saints Day" annually reminds us of our connectedness as Christians. Perhaps, you were taught to think of saints as statues in a church building. But the Bible teaches something completely different. Who is a saint? You are. That is if you're follower of Jesus. God calls a "saint" anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation.



# Hello October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sundays</b> 9 am Coffee & Bible Study 10 am Worship						1
2	3	4	5 7 am Rotary Breakfast 7 pm Choir Practice	6	7 7 pm 	8
9 Council Meeting after Worship	10	11	12 <b>NO</b> <b>Rotary</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>TODAY</b> 7 pm Choir Practice	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 7 am Rotary Breakfast 7 pm Choir Practice	20 6:30 pm 	21	22
23	24	25	26 7 am Rotary Breakfast 7 pm Choir Practice	27	28	29
30	31 					

*"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."*

1 Timothy 6: 6-8, NIV



The Social Concerns ministry provides financial support to local, national and international people in need. We had a detailed discussion of victims of fires and flooding.

We continue to collect food for the Garner Area Ministry Food Pantry. Any non-perishable food items are welcome. GAM has a freezer so a few items can be stored there such as turkeys or hams for the holidays. Please consider purchasing an extra can of your favorite foods when you are at the grocery store. Many people currently are affected by food insecurity. Can you help?

We have selected the Aversboro Road Childcare Center to be the recipient of our 2022 Angel Tree. This is the same organization that the church supported last year. Look for the Angel Tree display next month.



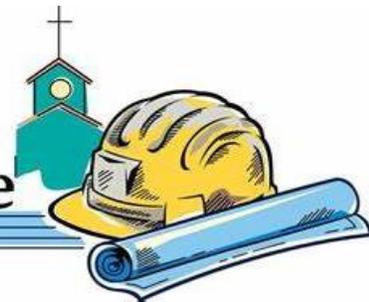
The 2022 CROP walk will be held at Pullen Park on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin at 2 pm and the walk will begin at 3 pm. The walk is about 3 miles long. Three miles is the average distance that a woman walks each day ONE way to get water for her family for cooking and cleaning. 75% of the money raised for the CROP walk will stay local and support their designated charities. 25% of the money will



go to support women and children to create a sustainable business in which they can provide basic needs for their family. If you would like to walk or make a donation, please ask Alecia for more information.

Alecia Harrison and Gale Isaacs  
Co-chairs, Social Concerns Ministry

## Property Committee



### Kitchen Update

The electrician has installed the necessary service for the kitchen. The cabinets have been installed and painting is complete. We are waiting for a paper towel holder under warranty, which is on order.

The granite countertop is scheduled to be installed on Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>. The countertop has to cure for at least 24 hours prior to using anything around it. The temporary sink must be removed before the countertop can be installed. The sink removal is scheduled for Wednesday after the Rotary breakfast. The kitchen will be out of use from Wednesday through Sunday. We should be in the kitchen by the middle of the next week.

Tim Clark, Property Committee



### NC Lutheran Synod Corner

The ELCA Churchwide

Assembly was held in Columbus, Ohio in August. Many North Carolinians attended.

Once again, the Synod will lead a virtual Fall book study, They are Us. They will meet via Zoom on Thursday evenings from October 20<sup>th</sup> to November 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:15 pm. You can join the Book Study by signing up on the NC Lutheran website.

The 2023 NC Synod Assembly is set for **June 2-3** at Koury Convention Center, Greensboro. The theme for our time together is "Who do you say that I am?: an exploration of the NC Synod Core Values." We need voting delegates to attend this assembly to vote on our behalf. Are you interested? And you CAN attend the Assembly as a visitor, you do not have to be a voting delegate to get in the door. I highly recommend that you attend a Synod Assembly at least once in your life!

Alecia Harrison

# *“Great Expectations” ...*

## *(Nope, Not the High School Novel)*

*“Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.” --- James 3:1*

For many of us, the novel “Great Expectations,” by Charles Dickens, was a mandatory read in high school where we were introduced to Pip; a character whose ‘expectations’ focused on social standing and wealth and later in life on the lesser ideals of compassion, loyalty, and coming-of-age responsibility... expectations that are part of our human fabric that engineer what we assume will happen... what we think... what we imagine... and what we guess will happen. This article is the result of a thinking-spreed about leaders and responsibility-free wanna-bee leaders. This ‘thought’ manifested itself a few days ago after I became a bit chagrined at the continued absence of an ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill business meetings procedure. Yet, for all of my real-life organization, board, and committee experiences, I had to face the realization that there are folks who like how they do things (correct or not) and will NOT change. Their expectation is that others will simply accept their behavioral ‘quirks’... well, perhaps far, far, away in a different galaxy this can be, but as I recall, with all of its trials and tribulations, we are living in in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Still, our leaders (wannabees and former) expect that they are not only above the fray, but that they are the determiners of the ‘fray’!

Well, as my thought processes unfolded, I reached my usual conclusion that sometimes, as in the case of long-standing esteemed individuals, we don’t want to ‘hurt feelings’, seem ‘ungrateful’ for past services, or ‘disrespectful’ of “The Way We Were” (in the manner of Barbara Streisand). Thus, we take it upon ourselves to assume that they, or their egos, are fragile; then, there’s the delusion that nobody does it better than they. Neither needs to be true. So, pray tell, what’s the deal? Do we expect too much from our leaders? YES, we do! But wait, hold on...this ‘yes’ is not a free pass to embrace the criticism heaped upon those that lead, nor lessen the reason that they are placed in their respective leadership positions... it’s a ‘YES’ to introduce the concept that WE (as the members) expect much of them, but nearly nothing of ourselves!

Each individual in a membership coalition is not immune to expectations.

Expectations are often abandoned when we assume that very little is expected of us. We entertain the idea that our mere presence is enough --- we come to the meeting/church; we pay dues/tithe; we sit through the speech/sermon; we interact with others/fellowship, and VOILA! we have fulfilled our purposes for inclusion and participation. It is this perceived expectation-exemption that supports the ‘fray.’

When we don’t clarify that there are expectations to church members, it encourages an unhealthy culture of consumerism in the church. It’s easy to slide into that culture without even realizing it! Like when we complain (often) about the tiniest of things. For example, no tissues in the pew pockets, hymns sung too slowly, too hot/no fan, can’t hear what the preacher said, and no meat in the repast! (Okay, these really are just sample-examples to make my point). We’d scare them away, you say? Well, I’m not advocating a stack of sign-up sheets but I’m also trying to shed some light where it’s often dim. All of us, each one, is expected to abide by minimum expectations that we attend worship services regularly, use our God-given gifts to foster a sense of welcoming, and work toward service where needed.

You didn’t join church to see what you can get out of it; you joined church to sacrifice for the mission of God. Each person has gifts... you are expected to use them graciously and often. Our expectations of our leaders and other members is what we expect of ourselves. The twelfth chapter of Romans (3-8) says:

*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.*

So, you see, we are ALL on the same trajectory... there are expectations of everyone!

Be blessed.



## GIGI AND NATE: A Review:

"Gigi and Nate" could possibly be a tear jerker, but I think it is more likely to warm one's heart. It is based on a true story.

The film tells the story of an 18 year old who becomes a quadriplegic after contracting meningitis from a lake swim. No swimming accident which is the case for Joni Erickson who, after becoming paralyzed from a swimming accident, has honed her artistic abilities painting by holding her brush with her teeth. Although Nate, with the help of physical therapy has enough strength in his hands to paint, he is known for his service monkey.

However, it was not like that for Nate when his life first crashed with meningitis. He was unable to eat, sleep or do everyday tasks which he used to do prior to meningitis. Along with the lack of most simple physical activity came despair, naturally.

UNTIL a capuchin monkey transforms his life. Although very little changes physically for Nate except his slow strength gain in his hands whereby he can hold a paint brush; Gigi transforms his spirit. Gigi's effect on Nate is what warms the heart. Bonding between Nate and Gigi plainly is depicted as not occurring instantly. However, once Gigi becomes comfortable with Nate, she becomes involved with various simple activities of Nate's life; operates his phone, flips pages of books he is reading pushes him with his physical therapy. In fact Gigi is perhaps most responsible for any physical gains Nate makes. Most importantly, Gigi renews Nate's zest for life, shown by a party within wheelchair driving distance from his house which Nate attends unbeknownst to his mother. Nate and Gigi are the "life of the party."

The only real drama (Hollywood drama) is when animal rights activists attempt to present the case that Gigi is

abused. A case is presented to take Gigi away from Nate, and that is when our state North Carolina saves the day. Nate and his family resided in Tennessee and in that state unusual service animals like Gigi were not allowed. North Carolina allowed it and the family moved to North Carolina, YEAH Tarheels.

A critique of the film is that the actor playing Nate has no disability.

There is another film on Netflix - "Justine" - in which a young girl in a wheelchair has spina bifida. The actress has autoimmune syndrome, but not spina bifida. When I was directing camps for those with disabilities, I remember a young lady with spina bifida who spent most of her day laying on her stomach because she could barely tolerate a wheelchair, so it is polyana to think there is a young actress somewhere with spina bifida who could play the role.

Nevertheless, these films make us who are temporarily non-disabled aware of the challenges those with disabilities face.

I know I am glad that both our sanctuary and fellowship hall are wheelchair accessible. However, Nate and Gigi got me wondering if we need to also be "service animal" accessible. A few years ago, there was lady who was selling something; and everywhere she went, her dog would go.

I mentioned in the Wonderments From Pastor Wayne's World that Martin Luther and his family had a dog. I have been to Wittenberg and I can easily imagine Luther's dog following him all around Wittenberg including when he entered either Christ Church or the local church Luther pastored. Which reminds me... in the tradition of St. Francis the annual Blessing of the Animals will take place Saturday morning October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the outdoor chapel.

~ Pastor Wayne



# Prayer Requests

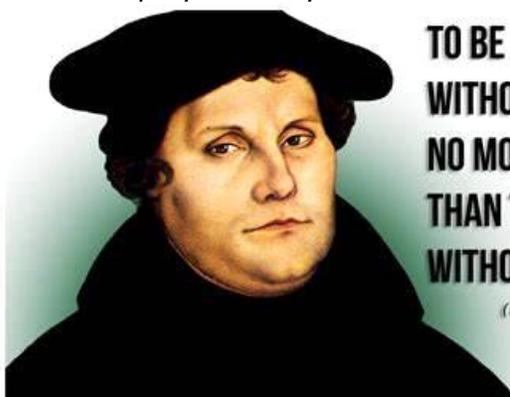
We pray for our world and those in it with hope for our future.

Family of Don Wallace; Susie Lowe – stage 4b ovarian cancer; Benjamin and Bryce Lowe; Judy Stewart – multiple health issues; Richard Suriano. Julia Lochra's Father in Law; Betty, friend of Julia Lochra

– coping with husband's rehab from a stroke; Tim & Rita Clarks sister-in-law, Jane Clark – breast cancer has returned; Paul & Geri's son, Luke Savolainen – battling cancer; Sheryll Albert's great-nephew, Keegan Dawes, age 12 – heart surgery 7/6; Sheryll Albert's father, John Pope, and his wife, Barbara Pope; Jim Powers; 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; Kathi Tichansky's friend, Sarah Bell – bad fall and broken vertebrae; Sylvia Lambert – hip replacement 8/9; Sylvia's niece, Lori Wise – cancer; 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; Lora Clark's friend, Rebecca Bowman, recovering; Peg Stamp, myeloma; 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.



Please pray for everyone affected by Hurricane Ian.



**TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
WITHOUT PRAYER IS  
NO MORE POSSIBLE  
THAN TO BE ALIVE  
WITHOUT BREATHING.**

*(Martin Luther said)*



## October

October 1	Kristin Hayduk
October 2	Tim Clark
	Connie Fortmeyer
October 5	Keara Grayson
	Doris Weden
October 8	Avery Britt
October 10	Scott Lokken
October 14	Tom Harrison
October 25	Amy Macurdy
	Thomas Isaacs

## November

November 2	Maddie Terrazas
	Carolyn Watkins
November 3	Pastor Mike Deal
November 4	Paul Savolainen
November 5	Michael Eggert
	Tess Andrews
November 7	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
	Brad Hunnicutt
November 23	Christopher Hayduk
November 24	Jason Blanchard
November 28	Terry Barnes
November 29	Lindsay Crocker