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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 10 am – In-Person Worship

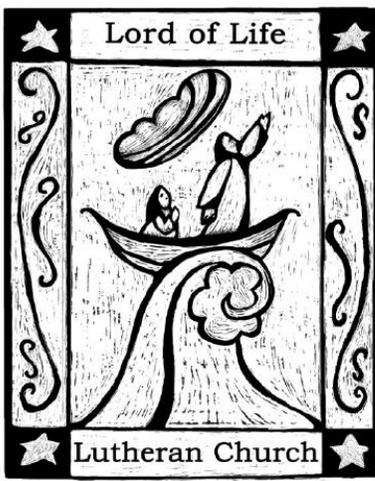
10 am - Virtual Worship via Facebook
Live [https://www.facebook.com/
LoLLCGarner](https://www.facebook.com/LoLLCGarner) OR on YouTube Channel
(search for Lord of Life Lutheran
Church ELCA)

Eucharist: Every Sunday

The greatest
gift we can
give others is
our prayers.

~Unknown





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WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

True or False --- There is a strong, but small Lutheran Presence in Ukraine. True.

The Ukrainian Lutheran Church, formerly called the Ukrainian Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession is a Byzantine Rite Lutheran Church. It consists of 25 congregations with over 2,300 members. There are 17 Ukrainian Lutheran pastors serving small congregations just like us. Clergy study at Saint Sophia Ukrainian Lutheran Theological Seminary in Ternopil in Western Ukraine. The ULC supports charitable and diaconal ministries and is co-founder of the International Charity Fund, "Gift of Life." We who are proud of the social ministries we support can relate to the Ukrainians social justice focus.

In April of this year the Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations produced a statement which concludes:

"Every state in the world should not remain silent. Every state in the world should recognize the genocide of the Ukrainian people during the 2022 Russian Invasion and condemn the ideology of the "Russkiy Mir" as one that is justifying the genocide of peoples and the destruction of the entire states."

The Ukrainian Lutheran Church clearly opposes the war and even now remains a member of the Confessional Lutheran Conference, a worldwide, confessional Lutheran churches of the same beliefs from which it received support. It has its origin in the 17th century and the first Ukrainian Lutheran liturgy was created in 1933.

The ULC upholds Holy Scripture as the only authoritative source of doctrine, and subscribes to the Lutheran Confessions (The Book of Concord) as

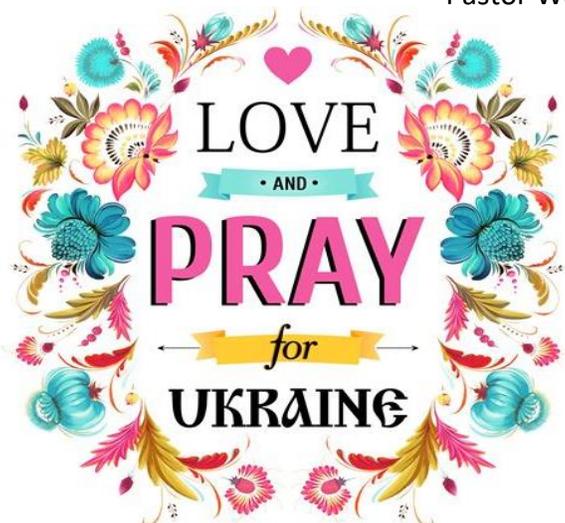
accurate presentations of what Scripture teaches. For Ukrainian Lutherans Jesus is the center of faith and the way to life eternal with God. Christ is at the center of the Church and the way to salvation.

The Holy Spirit is their guide in living the Christian Life and Confession and Absolution is included with the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. The ULC uses the Luther Rose with an Orthodox Cross in the center as its seal. The Church endured persecution and even martyrdom during the Soviet and Nazi eras yet it has survived. It did not really return to a solid footing until Perestroika when controls on religion were relaxed.

As fellow Lutherans with them, we support them with our prayers and have given some financial support.

May our prayers be that the Ukrainian people will remain safe, the war end soon, and that both during and after the war the Ukrainian Lutheran Church will continue to be a witness of peace and love throughout the world.

~ Pastor Wayne





From the Desk of Your Council President

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:7-8, 15-16, NIV.

We have VERY exciting news about the Kitchen Update. After 2 ½ years of collecting money, we have started the renovations on the church kitchen!!! Thanks to Sheryll Albert for her leadership in getting the kitchen painted. Tim Clark has worked tirelessly to secure an electrician. Thank you Tim! Grace Barnes and Helen Holderman selected cabinets and the granite countertops. I helped pick out the dishwasher, sink and microwave. Needless to say, this has been a team effort. And I thank ALL of YOU for your prayers and financial support for this project.

I anticipate that my next newsletter article will boast completed wiring in the kitchen and cabinet installation. Even though the cost of supplies and labor have changed drastically over the past 2 years, we still have money in the kitchen renovation fund. BUT it is going fast!

We added a line item to our church budget to begin gathering money for a new church sign. We have already had several donations to this fund. Just like the kitchen renovations, we will gather all the money needed for the sign before we begin that project.

Also this month, one of our aged Air Conditioner units died in the Able to Serve building. The good news is that we had money in the checking account set aside for such emergencies. Thank you to Harry Albert who insisted that the church set up a strategic reserve fund many years ago when he was the Church Treasurer. That account has certainly prevented us

from being in a more difficult financial situation! SO if you have a few extra dollars, I have a suggestion for a GREAT place to invest your money! We will continue to need a few extra dollars for the Kitchen Fund, Sign and Infrastructure Fund. Thanks for your prayerful consideration!

Rally Day will be here BEFORE we know it! September 11 be an outdoor worship service followed by a church picnic. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider bringing a side or dessert for everyone to enjoy! These fellowship activities are usually a lot of fun. We have invited Pastor Shertzer and his family to the picnic. If you have not met them, please spend time with them. They are very excited about their young ministry in Garner.



And finally, we will vote on THREE Council members at our Annual Meeting in January. The Nominating Committee consists of Pastor and our three outgoing Council members - Julie Bogle, Sylvia Lambert and Sarah Watkins. Please consider if this is



a ministry that you could take on. Council members serve a three year term. We are stronger with a diverse group from the church to oversee the business of the church. Ask any

current member for more details and check out the current Council Job Description which is included elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Blessings,
Alecia Harrison, Council President

But do not forget to do good
and to share, for with such
sacrifices God is well
pleased.

Hebrews 13:16 NKJV



New Hope Valley Railway

October 15, 2022 2:00 PM Doors Open: 1:00 PM

Track or Treat Halloween Event

A kid-friendly train ride complete with scenes of flying witches, smoking cauldrons, large pumpkin faces, Count Dracula and other friendly creatures along the route. Passengers can also play Mummy Mayhem, a game where riders search for 13 mummies hidden along the train tracks. In the rail yard, families can listen to songs by the popular singing pumpkins, take advantage of the many photo opportunities and watch model trains zip around the Garden Railway. Our gift shop will also be open. Halloween costumes are encouraged for passengers of all ages.

Lord of Life has a total of 14 going on the train ride on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 1:00 pm (when the gates open). Please consider going with us that day and costumes are encouraged. I promise you laughs and BIG smiles! Harry and I have purchased a costume from Amazon for a reasonable price. (We plan to reuse the costume for our neighborhood trick or treat and next year's train ride.) Food will be available for sale: The DogFather Hotdogs and water and crackers are available in the Gift Shop.

Tickets are \$14, plus Ticket Fee: \$2.45, plus Sales Tax: \$1.02 for a TOTAL COST \$17.47 Purchase tickets at www.triangletrain.com.

Any questions please contact Sheryll Albert at 252-314-8377 or by email albertsp9324@outlook.com.

NC Railway Museum, Inc. (New Hope Valley Railway)
3900 Bonsal Rd, New Hill, NC 27562
Phone No. 919-396-5833



Council Member Job Description

1. Be a member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church.
2. Regularly attend worship services.
3. Regularly attend extracurricular church activities, including Sunday School.
4. Attend monthly Council meetings, date and time TBD. One excused absence per year.
5. Read emails and be prepared for discussion of topics identified prior to the meeting.
6. Be a liaison to one of Lord of Life's ministries and give a monthly update to the Council.
7. Lead devotion for a Council meeting at least once per year.
8. Be a Greeter and Offering Counter at least two months of the year.
9. Attend the Annual Meeting if possible, usually held in January.
10. Attend the Annual Leadership meeting, usually held in February.
11. Pray regularly for the Pastor, Council and Congregation.

The members of the Congregation Council, except the pastor(s), shall be elected by written ballot at a legally called meeting of the congregation during the month of January. Their terms shall be for 3 years or until their successors are elected.

Council Officers:

President: The President will chair all meetings of the Council and Congregational meeting.

Vice President: Shall preside in the absence of the President.

Secretary: Record minutes of the Council and Congregational meeting.

Treasurer: The Chief Financial Officer of the church, Chair of the Finance Committee, shall submit monthly reports to the Council and present the annual budget and the annual congregational meeting.

The Council will elect its officers at the annual Leadership Retreat, usually held in February each year. The officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their terms shall begin at the close of the Council meeting in which they were elected.

No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 9 am Coffee & Bible Study 10 am Worship</p>				1	2 7 pm 	3
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Back – 2 – Basics

It's back again! Yes, it's time to gear-up for after-Labor-Day & back-to-school. Although we consistently adhere to our regularly programmed ongoing outreach ministry, we take time to address unscheduled needs that arise within our church and local communities, as well as those that are beyond our physical environment. Locally, our September collection/donation to Garner Area Ministries (GAM) centers on collecting and donating the kinds of foods that best serve the needs of school-age children who are sorely lacking in nourishment. For this month, we are targeting "Back-2-Basics" as the descriptive theme for donations for the children and their families. Wherever possible, please include in your giving items of:

Pasta, tomato sauce, rice,
peanut butter, jelly,
tuna, mayonnaise,
canned milk (e.g. Carnation),
canned vegetables (peas, carrots, beans,
spinach, greens, and canned spaghetti.

When it is not feasible to purchase these aforementioned foods for donation, it is ALWAYS welcomed when you put any food and/or toiletry item in the baskets! Thank you in advance!

Please be mindful that the Annual Yard Sale will no longer be held. There are organizations that continue to need your items so please seek them out and give as you have always given. Direct giving to the schools has been curtailed so, the Back-to-School Giving Tree will NOT be activated during the month of September.

In addition to the MS Bike Ride, Women of the ELCA, and other regular donations and contributions, our added assistance this month comes in the form of helping at home by donating to the church Infrastructure Fund (given the impact of replacing an air conditioner unit) and a set-aside donation to aid in the future purchase of a new church sign. We received acknowledgements of thanks from World Hunger Relief, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, our camp



scholarship recipient and publications from several agencies with whom we work.

Help for the Rotary Breakfasts on Wednesday mornings has gotten better; however, if you can spare an hour or two, please do so! You can contact Helen Holderman, or Alecia, or Pastor Wayne. As always, Social Concerns Ministry thanks this awesome congregation for your support in ways that enable us to do what we do!

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



Kitchen Update

Plans for the current phase of the kitchen update have been completed. The cabinets have been unpacked and appear to be in good condition. The dishwasher and microwave oven have been purchased and are on hand.

The electrician is scheduled to come on August 31st to upgrade the necessary electrical systems in the kitchen and to do the necessary wiring for the dishwasher and microwave oven.

Plans are in the works to paint the kitchen prior to the installation of the cabinets and counter top. Thank you Sheryl! Albert for leading this effort!! Our contractor plans to return on September 6th to complete the installation of the cabinets and the dishwasher and microwave oven. When the cabinet installation is complete, then the countertop can be measured, ordered, and installed.

If everything works as planned this should all be completed by early fall.

Tim Clark
Property Committee



Music ... O What a Joy!

“David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their kindred as the singers to play on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise loud sounds of joy.”

– 1 Chronicles 15:16

I can't attest that music has always been a part of my life, but factually it has since my teen years. Whether it was rock 'n roll (dancing, singing & listening), Glee Club, marching band, or the classical genre... I was into it! Plus, pew singing in church was a no-brainer because growing up, Sunday and church were synonymous. Over the years I have learned that music is its own awesome entity which cannot be defined simply as a tune, a melody, a song, a composition, or a harmony. Yet, on an intellectual level there has to be a definition, so let's let the dictionaries have at it because Webster doesn't consider how music makes us FEEL in heart, soul, and mind! Nor does the dictionary reveal that music is a gift from God.

Music is not meant to be explained; it's meant to be experienced. There are times that it can express what we feel far better than words ever could... it can lift us when we're down, soothe our wounded spirit, bless us through good times and hard times, and it allows us to carry our praises, thanks and appreciation to God The Father. In childhood many of us learned to recite Psalms 100 – *“Make a joyful noise to the Lord... Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing...”* God never asks us to sing on key or with perfect pitch! He says, quite simply, to *“Make a joyful noise!”* Over the years, however, church music got a bit skewed along a perceived denominational spectrum and created a few biases. Some began to think that we are to sing praises without movement... no swaying... no toe-tapping... and no clapping! We sing to the Glory of God and if the music infuses you spiritually, then clap or tap! In an attempt to illuminate the reach of church choirs, David Guzik wrote:

“This speaks of the great spiritual power in music. This speaks of the great power of giving our gifts to God.

This speaks of the great strength of what seems to be small or unexpected things.

This speaks of the great importance of worshipping God in song.”

Hallelujah!

Our church choir here at Lord of Life has dwindled greatly... you know that. Those of us who now make up the choir honor our commitment to participate in Worship by using one of God's greatest gifts! We don't have perfect pitch and sometimes sing off-key, but God doesn't care! We do ourselves much spiritual good by embracing God-honoring music and by worshipping Him in song. We're making a joyful noise, feeding our spirits and that is really all that He asks of anyone.

So, the next time you're singing in the shower, or along with the radio, or even while sitting in the pews on Sunday singing to your favorite hymn, consider lending your voice to the choir. Yeah, I know you sing where you sit... I can hear you from where I sit! But come and join a fun fellowship all-the-while assisting firsthand in worship; that way you'll always know exactly when to stand.

We are thankful for music that lifts the soul so join the choir and praise God in a new way... we practice in the sanctuary each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. Be blessed.

Gale J. Isaacs





MARCEL: THE SHELL WITH SHOES ON: A Review:

One reviewer calls “Marcel” a “feel good movie unlike any you have ever seen before.”

And who would have thought that a movie about a shell with shoes on would bring such “good vibes” nationwide? First off, it is hard to imagine him. He is a Scotch Bonnet shell, North Carolina’s state shell. He is pictured on his side with shoes on his feet and one big eye on the left side, his mouth is in the middle. He traverses the house in which he lives via a tennis ball. He and his grandmother are the only ones left in the house, which was formerly an Air B and B, so it is a big house, plenty of room for two shells. Grandma Connie’s residence is in an open jewelry box. One obvious aspect of the film is getting a perspective of the world from Marcel. She is inquisitive, chatty like a child seeing things for the first time, and depicts a shell that one would want to rescue from the “Shell Shelter.” Marcel’s bed is a slice of bread.

Marcel is creative. With no indication of how he did it, he made a zip line using a shoe hanging from the clothesline. When his grandmother Connie (voiced by Isabella Rossellini) dies, he uses a chess piece (the queen maybe?) as her memorial stone. Marcel drags around a ball of lint using a human hair. That is the “dog” Marcel regrets he never had.

This all began in 2010 with a 3 minute short about Marcel which became immensely popular on the internet causing Dean Fleischer Camp, the creator and human star of the film, to expand it into this full length classic. And the film shows when the idea of Marcel first got noticed via the internet, and just some on the

initial praise it has garnered. The film also lets us intrude into the real lives of Dean and his fiancée Jenny Slate.

Marcel has even drawn the attention of 60 Minutes and Lesley Stahl who interviews Marcel for a 60 Minutes segment.

Apparently it is popular since it has garnered over \$12 million at the box office, but when I watched the film in Chapel Hill, there were only twelve viewers including myself.

If you were to see this movie, you might feel the same warmth as another movie now celebrating its 40th anniversary, ET. You might want to “Phone Home” and elsewhere to tell everyone you know about this film. You might just get caught up on the Marcel phenomenon and become a fan of Marcel, yes, you got that right, Marcel the Shell with Shoes on. You will be glad you did.

~ Pastor Wayne





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

Don Wallace – in
Hospice care; Susie Lowe –
stage 4b ovarian cancer;
Benjamin and Bryce Lowe;
Judy Stewart – multiple
health issues; 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;
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; 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; Julia Lochra – knee replacement
7/1; 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.



Please pray for safety for EVERYONE in Ukraine.

Prayer
*A man stands tallest
when he's on his knees*



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	Shannnon Thomsen
September 27	Esther Bredell
September 29	James Stewart
September 30	Adia Hans

October

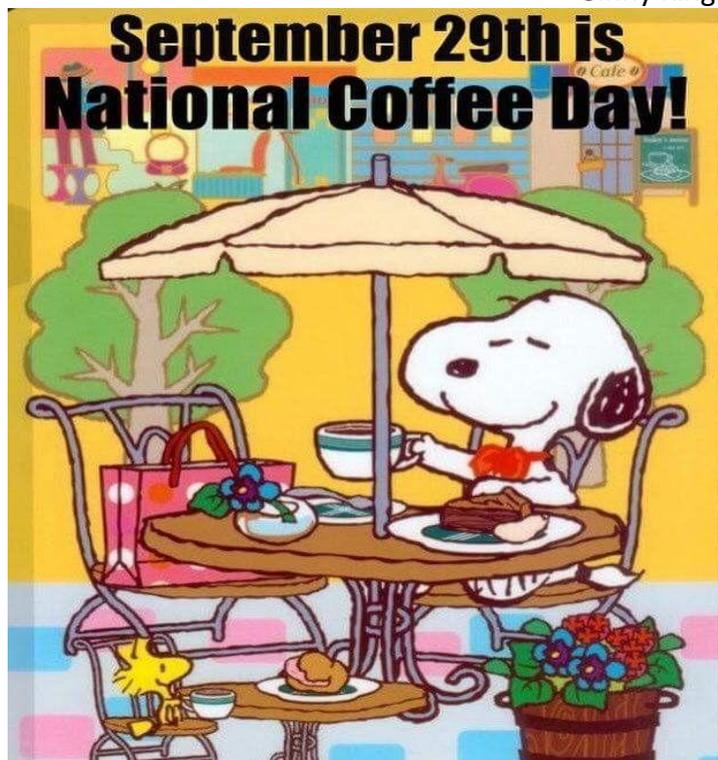
October 1	Kristin Hayduk
October 2	Tim Clark
	Connie Fortmeyer
October 5	Keara Grayson
	Doris Weden
October 8	Avery Britt
October 10	Scott Lokken
October 14	Tom Harrison
October 25	Amy Macurdy
	Thomas Isaacs



The Altar Guild members of Lord of Life are a very dedicated group of ladies who care for our worship space, furnishings, and linens. We would welcome new members, men included!

Thank you to Grace Barnes for serving in August, and to Helen Holderman and Sylvia Lambert who baked bread. The Altar Guild met on Saturday, August 20th at 10 am where we planned for the remaining months of 2022.

Ginny King



Coffee is the unsung hero of culture, commerce, and what would otherwise be awkward conversations. So ... who do we have to thank for its origin? According to the National Coffee Association (whose website is *chock-full* of interesting coffee facts), legend has it that the first cup of coffee came about when a goat herder in Ethiopia saw how perky his goats became after eating berries from a certain tree. He mentioned it to the village abbot who turned the berries into a beverage and voilà! Coffee was born! Word of the beverage spread to the Arabian Peninsula. Soon the berries and beans inside were cultivated, and the drink was enjoyed in homes and public spaces throughout the Near East. European travelers got a whiff of the excitement, word continued to spread, and eventually

the Dutch, French, and British started cultivating coffee in their respective colonies throughout Indonesia, the Caribbean, and the Americas.

In the 1600s, Italians had doubts about the wholesomeness and holiness of the bitter beverage, so they asked the Pope to taste it and weigh in. He was a fan, so you can imagine how fast that hashtag trended! The Europeans started trading in their morning mugs of mead and beer for a cup of coffee and conversation. In the 1770s, coffee was the perfect substitute for American colonists when British taxes had soon-to-be patriots tossing their tea into Boston Harbor.

The next thing we knew, coffee became a global economic driver and we're all standing around the office coffee machine swigging that comforting cup of Joe like our brains depended on it. And, just as our coffee forbearers did, we swap stories, talk shop and build friendships right there in the modern-day public square, otherwise known as the breakroom.

The world's most expensive coffee is Kopi Luwak, an Indonesian coffee with prices ranging from \$100 to \$600 per pound, or \$35 to \$100 per cup! The coffee comes from Asian Palm Civets, cat-like creatures that roam the forests of Bali at night eating ripe coffee cherries. The animals digestive enzymes break down specific proteins in the beans before they are defecated and then collected, cleaned, and roasted for coffee.

Centuries ago, using wild civet cats to process coffee may have resulted in a smoother, better tasting coffee. But unfortunately today the civets are removed from the wild and kept in tiny cages on coffee plantations. These plantations universally fail to meet animal welfare standards in areas like hygiene, shelter, and mobility. Civets are nocturnal, shy animals, and many plantations allow tourists to view them in their cages. They may also be force-fed the cherries or kept on uncomfortable wire surfaces. And the civets' restrictive coffee-only diet can lead to malnutrition and other health issues.

