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January 2024



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

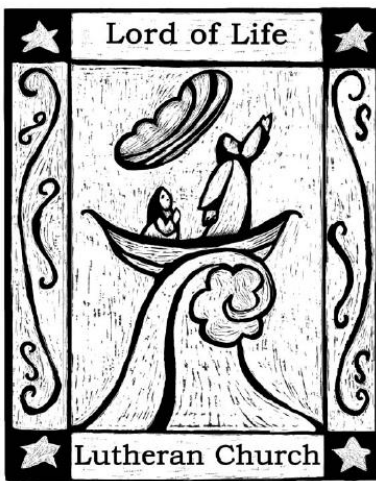
Sundays: 9 am Adult Bible Study
10 am – In-Person Worship
& Virtual Worship via YouTube
(search for Lord of Life Lutheran
Church ELCA)

Eucharist: Every Sunday

"If you have to choose
between being kind and
being right, choose being
kind and you will always
be right."

~ Unknown ~





Life-Lines

January 2024



A FEW THOUGHTS ...

Let's face it –

"Everyone appreciates being thanked."

Lord of Life congregation is blessed with many folks who are not being paid for their devoted time, skills and work. And too often folks who agreed many years ago are still filling leadership positions because *no one else* wants the responsibility.

Just about every church member is doing 100%+ with their presence, time and serving! Let's face it: all Christians should be (gladly) sharing their resources, talents & time.

"Lord of Life Folks" -- It didn't take me long to witness your 'team' support of each other - you expanded my understanding of **congregation**.

As 2024 has begun – hear & read these words: "*Thank you* and *thanks* be to the Lord of Life!"

+ PJ, Interim Pastor



*Pastor John
and Laura
thank you all
very much for
your generosity
this Christmas!!!*

Lord, our Savior -

You have provided us with three unique opportunities: the past, the present and the future.

Some of us dwell unduly in the past, thus find the present unsatisfactory and the future frightening.

Many live only for today, forgetting our heritage of responsibility; thus, through selfishness endanger the future.

Others look only toward an uncertain future thinking that the past was quaint and best forgotten, the present not relevant to life, hence must be rejected.

Help us, Lord, to see in proper perspective the opportunities which all three afford.

The past as an outline that could, if we chose to eschew the evil and adapt the good, be a model of what should be.

The present as life's laboratory and harbingers our future which, under appropriate governance, can provide a less uncertain tomorrow.

And the future as a goal not to be feared, but to be attained.

Make us, our Savior, part of the best heritage of the past, a bit of the true relevancy of the present and architects of worthy future goals.

Amen.

Written by Albert P. Lochra Jr.

Julia's Father



From the Desk of Your Congregation Council:

During the March 2023 Council Meeting, we met with a representative from the Synod and reviewed “Holy Conversations – 10 options for congregations considering a vital and sustainable future” provided by the North Carolina Synod. The 10 options were categorized in three ways:

- ❖ Choosing Transformation: making significant change to current context from within to connect with God’s mission. Options include intentional vitality process, redevelopment, and sale of the building.
- ❖ Choosing Partnership: engaging in shared ministry with another congregation(s) for the sake of the gospel. Options include yoking, merger, consolidation, and anchor church models.
- ❖ Choosing Resurrection: embracing the end with belief in the promise that God is doing a new thing. Options include closing and re-opening, word & service mission post, and holy closure.

As a team, we chose Transformation. Transformation as described in the booklet *“is a God-driven process that takes something that exists and makes it anew”*. As I reflect on 2023, with the Holy Spirit hard at work through the Synod and individuals, it has truly been a year of transformation at Lord of Life Lutheran in Garner, North Carolina.

2023 was a very busy year for the Congregation Council. Beginning with the call process for a new part-time Pastor. Then we were approached by Able to Serve, who

wanted to purchase property from Lord of Life so that they may continue to grow their ministry. In August we saw the departure of our Minister of Music, who had led us in music for twenty-three years, causing us to begin looking for a replacement. Just one of these agenda items would be an undertaking for any Congregation Council, but with a strong leadership team and the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit we have continued to keep moving forward.

We were blessed in having Pastor John Petry join us as our interim. This provided some much-needed change and stabilization for the congregation. As a leadership team we set some very simple objectives for the year. Raise and stabilize our weekly attendance, which was a focus for everyone during the Lenten season. We now have a core group of + / - 45 attendees each week and we notice when someone is absent during worship. I consider this a great accomplishment because it established a “new normal” following the pandemic. We also committed to protecting our building. We established rental agreements for those using our facilities. We recognized that there was a lot of wear and tear on our facilities and that we should receive some sort of compensation to help with maintenance.

As your Council President, I have the unique opportunity to see how the Holy Spirit has been working hard at Lord of Life over the past year. It all began with the Synod’s recommendation of Pastor John Petry as our interim. Through Pastor John we made the connection with Christ the King Lutheran in Cary. Through this connection, we learned that Christ the King was looking to expand in Southern Wake County. Although they were not certain how or where they would expand, they did approach Lord of Life with an Accompanying Model for consideration. Also, through this connection we have had guest

musicians from Christ the King supply for us while we look for a new Minister of Music. In parallel Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane, the Senior Pastor at Christ the King, had submitted his paperwork to the Synod for a part-time Pastoral position. He is set to retire from his full-time position mid-February 2024, but was not quite ready for full-time retirement. Through the call process, Pastor Wolfgang was presented to the Council as the primary candidate and was unanimously approved. In addition to this connection with Christ the King, we were approached by our long time “partner” Able to Serve about purchasing some of our property. If approved, the sale of the property would not only allow Lord of Life to pay off the mortgage, but it would also allow us the financing required to really grow moving forward.

January 2024 will be a very busy month at Lord of Life. We will have something going on every Sunday, beginning with the final meeting of the current Council Sunday, January 7th. During the following three weeks everyone’s attendance is requested.

- ❖ **January 14th**: Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane and his family will join us for worship and then there will be a question-and-answer meet and greet during Fellowship. It will be an opportunity for you as members to ask questions and vice versa.
- ❖ **January 21st**: We will have two Special Congregation Meetings. The first will be for the Call and the Terms of the Call for Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane. We will close out the first meeting and then have a second meeting to vote on the offer from Able to Serve to purchase property from Lord of Life.
- ❖ **January 28th**: Will be our Annual Congregation Meeting to affirm by vote new council members and vote on the 2024 operating budget.

We are not yet done with our transformation, but we are well on our way. Hopefully all of you see that we are in a much better place January 2024 compared to January 2023. With the continued help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, I trust that we will be in an even better place come January 2025. The future of Lord of Life Lutheran in Garner, North Carolina is bright.

Happy New Year,
Shannon J. Thomsen
on behalf of your Church Council

Tess Andrews	Tim Clark
Terry Barnes	Alecia Harrison
Steve Brantley	Linda Hash
Neil Brennecke	Sylvia Lambert



Bishop Tim Smith continues his treatment for prostate cancer and is currently on sabbatical. Pastor Phil Tonneson is the acting Bishop.

You can hear or read Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's Christmas message on the ELCA website.

A Blue Christmas virtual service was held on Thursday, December 21st to offer a safe place to bring your grief, fear and loss through brief readings, quiet and reflective music and prayer.

The last week in February, Lutheran Disaster Relief is planning a work week in New Bern to help Craven County Disaster Recovery, the effects of Hurricane Florence in 2018. LDR Carolinas is looking for people to help with this recovery effort.

“...we learned that Christ the King was looking to expand in Southern Wake County. Although they were not certain how or where they would expand, they did approach Lord of Life with an Accompanying Model for consideration...”

The Accompanying Model:

Struggling churches partner with vibrant ones for a season. They remain independent but come alongside a healthy church for a time of coaching and encouragement until they regain their stability. At that time, the goal is for them to dissolve the partnership so that they can multiply this model and become a coaching site for others. This coaching model also applies to using anchor churches to launch new worshipping sites to provide them the leadership, members, resources, and vitality to begin strong with the intention of making them independent within 3 – 5 years.

Accompaniment / Mutual Transformation:

We recognize that many struggling congregations possess a rich history and organizational memory of a day and time when they were vibrant and alive. Thinking of closing or being assimilated into another congregation can be a stumbling block toward redevelopment and renewal. The Coaching Model allows a struggling congregation to maintain its autonomy while being accompanied by a vitalized congregation that is also engaging in a re-visioning and strategic development process of its own. Both congregations benefit through the partnership and focused strategic development. While rebuilding the struggling partner congregation, the anchor congregation develops a cutting-edge perspective enabling it to grow and also remain vitalized and relevant.

Strategy:

1. A covenant is created to define the relationship between the two congregations.
2. The staff of the anchor congregation serves as a resource for the partner congregation.
3. The two congregations assess where they can overlap and/or collaborate (e.g. confirmation, web development, printing of materials, outreach initiatives).
4. The process of redevelopment includes:
 - a. A period for relationship and trust building
 - b. Generating new guiding statements (6-12 months) as needed
 - c. Creating a 3-phase strategic plan
 - d. Accompaniment for 3 to 5 years

Pay it Forward:

With the rapidly changing North American context, all congregations must practice an ongoing redevelopment cycle every 3 to 5 years. The hope is that after 3 to 5 years of accompaniment, the congregation being redeveloped will be on the path to new life and ready to repeat the process on their own. When doing so, we hope that they will become the anchor congregation for one or two other struggling congregations to introduce them to the process. The plan is for this “pay it forward” model to gain significant traction throughout the greater church over the next 10 to 15 years.

REV. DR. WOLFGANG D. HERZ-LANE

BIOGRAPHY

Pastor Wolfgang D. Herz-Lane has been serving as senior pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cary, NC, since November 2016.

Born in the Black Forest in southern Germany and educated initially as a newspaper reporter and editor, Pastor Wolfgang came to the United States as a 21-year-old full-time volunteer. Raised as a Roman Catholic, he was working as a youth and parish worker for the Lutheran Churches of Camden, New Jersey, then as now one of the poorest places in America, and as the executive director of a faith-based social services agency called The Good Samaritan Center (1975-1977 and 1978-1992). He was later called to serve as mission director for the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (1992-2000), leading the synod's mission development efforts as well as urban ministry initiatives.

Ordained in 2001, Pastor Wolfgang then became a mission developer, working to build a new multicultural congregation from the ground up. When he left Bridge of Peace Community Church six years later, the worshipping community there was one-third white, one-third Black, and one-third Latinx.

Between 2006 and 2010, he served as mission director again, this time in the Delaware-Maryland and Metro Washington DC Synods of the ELCA. He was elected Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod and served one term until 2016.

Pastor Wolfgang holds a Master of Social Work degree from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (1982); a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia (2001); and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia/Gettysburg (2018).

He has been married to the Rev. Margaret E. Herz-Lane, a now retired African-American pastor, for 40 years; the couple have two adult sons and two grandchildren.



Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday, January 14

12 - 3:30 pm

Fill up the Jails an NCSU virtual experience
In Person Only

3:30 Interfaith Celebration
In Person & Online
ctkcary.com/live



Friends and Colleagues: Christ the King, Cary, is once again hosting the MLK Interfaith Celebration on MLK weekend. The date is Sunday, January 14th, 3:30 pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church (600 Walnut St, Cary) and online as well (ctkcary.com/live). In addition, the NC State "Virtual MLK Project" will be at CTK from 12 Noon-3:30 pm. This is a virtual reality presentation where participants can experience King's "Fill up the Jails" speech from 1960 in Durham; the speech was not recorded but a manuscript survived which the project used to recreate the speech in a VR version.

Peace & Blessings,
The Rev. Dr. Wolfgang D.
Herz-Lane



This strip was first
published on
January 18, 1993
in honor of Martin
Luther King, Jr. Day.

Greetings from Social Concerns



The Week Before Christmas

'Twas the week before Christmas
and all through the church,
Ladies were working,
stuffing those bags in a lurch.
They were counting blankets,
adding in the socks,
and not to forget all those cookies
in that great big box!
When out on the drive
there arose such a clatter,
We threw open the church doors
to see what was the matter?
Could it be Santa, his reindeer, and sleigh?
Who could it be coming our way?
No, it was Carlton in his big white van.
And with him a helper,
Jacob his right hand man.
The task went quickly
and we were off in a dash
Arriving at Lawndale
unloading the van in a flash.
We left in a hurry,
calling as we drove out of sight

*Merry Christmas to all
and a blessed Good Night.*



Monday Night Concert

Dr. Hunnicutt and Ray Greene treated us with the 8th Annual Christmas Concert as a Memorial to Mary Jo Albert.

So many people helped to make this a special evening. Thanks to Matt, Tim and Mary for setting up the big sign at the end of the driveway. Thanks to Gale for the beautiful programs. Thanks to all of the members of Social Concerns for helping set up the cookies and punch reception and later the cleanup.

The Concert was the perfect opportunity to set aside the hustle and bustle of Christmas and just reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, as we listened to the beautiful music of the season. Our Special Thank You to Brad and Ray for such a lovely evening that goes down as one of the Highlights of the Season for Lord of Life.

Save the Dates!

We will again be collecting new and gently used children's books during the month of January for Wake Up and Read. This is a program in Wake County for children that qualify for free and reduced lunch. Each child will receive 3 books that they can take home and keep. Look for the collection bin in the narthex.



Super Bowl LVIII is coming soon! The actual game is February 11th. Who are you pulling for to be in this big game??? We will again collect soup for our LOL Soup-R-Bowl during the month of February. The collection bins are already available for you to donate any non-perishable foods for the GAM Food Pantry. The need for groceries is greater than ever. So if you are able to buy an extra can of whatever you are buying, please do so. And bring it to church. The blessings are countless!

Rita Clark and Alecia Harrison



Parish
Committee

Joy! Joy! Emmanuel is with us. Don't be in a hurry to put everything Christmas away because December is past; it is still the Christmas Season. Jesus is with us!

Thank you to all who helped decorate our narthex and sanctuary for Christmas.

Sylvia Lambert will set the altar for January.

Please remember to sign up on the new 2024 flower chart for Sundays you choose.

The joy of Christmas be yours!

Ginny King
(919) 763-0445

Jesus
EMMANUEL
god with us

A Christmas Blessing

I will light candles this Christmas.

Candles of joy, despite all the sadness.

Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.

Candles of courage where fear is ever present.

Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days.

Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens.

Candles of love to inspire all my living.

Candles that will burn all the year long.

— Howard Thurman

Our Parish Committee has had various responsibilities over the years, including our current responsibilities listed below.

- **Ministry Fair** – Annual event held around October/November timeframe. We coordinate scheduling of this event for all ministries and groups.
 - We share light snacks and share about what our committee does. We also provide our time & talents sheets at our table, which offers the opportunity for those wishing to volunteer their non-monetary gifts to our church.
- **Annual Stewardship Campaign** - We encourage monetary giving through distributing Financial Pledge Cards to the entire congregation. They're distributed through member mailboxes and passing out with bulletins at the beginning of worship. After calculating a total for pledges, we share this total with the council to help develop our budget for the following year.
- **LOL List** – We maintain a list of recommended contractors for our church family and others. We have hard copies of list in a wall pocket on bulletin board directly across from our members' mailboxes. This list is also available on our LOL website under Links/LOL List.
- **Cards** – Volunteers from our group currently send out Get Well/ Encouragement and Sympathy cards to our church family.

- **Pictures** – Formerly, we had a member directory with pictures of our entire congregation. Currently, we have pictures on bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, which needs to be updated. We're currently working on updating.
- **After Service Fellowship** – We have a variety of food options/snacks following each worship service. The most challenging tasks are cleanup, dishwashing and drying. Guidelines for hosting or helping with Fellowship are posted on board next to signup sheet.
 - Whoever hosts fellowship can determine how much or little they provide.
 - We discussed recruiting backup help when Parish members are unavailable or short-handed (primarily cleanup duties)
 - We just updated our Fellowship Signup sheet to include room for volunteers who wish to Host, Setup, or Cleanup to provide more resources.

We enjoy our fellowship time after service and having the opportunity to share in inviting, casual conversations with our church family, guests and visitors.

I've been on the Parish Committee since 2016 and been the Parish Chair since 2018. I've enjoyed my time with the Parish Committee, but it's time for change. I'll be leaving the Parish Committee to focus better on other responsibilities within the church. I'm hoping that someone will volunteer to take over this leadership role and bring forward positive changes. I appreciate all the help of those on my committee: Steve Brantley, Barbara Kyles, Clyde & Rena Bogle, Tim Clark and Grace Barnes. Also, thanks to all those within our church family for their help and contributions. I'm pleased to help guide and direct the next leader for a smooth transition.

Respectfully submitted:
Terry Barnes, Parish Chair

The Black Telephone

Those of us old enough to remember when the phone was wired to the wall, usually in the kitchen, can relate to this story.



When I was a young boy, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember the polished, old case fastened to the wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I was too little to reach it, but used to listen with fascination when my mother talked to it.

Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing she did not know. Information Please could supply anyone's number and the correct time.

My personal experience with the genie-in-a-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer. The pain was terrible, but there seemed no point in crying because there was no one home to give sympathy. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway. The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver and held it to my ear. "Information, Please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head.

A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. "Information."

"I hurt my finger..." I wailed into the phone, the tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

"Isn't your mother home?" came the question. "Nobody's home but me," I blubbered. "Are you bleeding?" the voice asked. "No," I replied. "I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts." "Can you open the icebox?" she asked. I said I could. "Then chip off a little bit of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice.

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography, and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math. She told me my pet chipmunk I caught in the park just the day before would eat fruit and nuts. Then, there was the time Petey, our pet canary, died. I called, "Information Please," and told her the sad story. She listened, and then said things grown-ups say to soothe a child. But I was not consoled. I asked her, "Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?" She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, "Wayne, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in." Somehow I felt better.

Another day I was on the telephone, "Information Please." "Information," said in the now familiar voice. "How do I spell fix?" I asked.

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. When I was 9 years old, we moved across the country to Boston. I missed my friend very much. "Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home and I somehow never thought of trying the shiny new phone that sat on the table in the hall. As I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me. Often, in moments of doubt and perplexity, I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy.

A few years later on my way west to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about a half-hour or so between planes. I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister. Then without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information Please." Miraculously, I heard the small, clear voice I knew so well. "Information."

I hadn't planned this, but I heard myself saying, "Could you please tell me how to spell fix?" There was a long pause. Then came the soft spoken answer, "I guess your finger must have healed by now."

I laughed, "So it's really you," I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time?"

"I wonder," she said, "if you know how much your calls meant to me. I never had any children and I used to look forward to your calls."

I told her how often I had thought of her over the years and I asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister. "Please do," she said. "Just ask for Sally."

Three months later I was back in Seattle. A different voice answered, "Information." I asked for Sally. "Are you a friend?" she said. "Yes, a very old friend," I answered. "I'm sorry to have to tell you this," she said. "Sally had been working part time the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago."

Before I could hang up, she said, "Wait a minute, did you say your name was Wayne?" "Yes" I answered. Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. Let me read it to you. The note said, "Tell him there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean."

I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant.

*Never underestimate the
impression you may make on others.
Whose life have you touched today?*

Important Dates and INFORMATION



January 7th

January 14th

Meet & Greet

with Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane



Congregational Meeting

*To Vote on the Call
& the Terms of the Call
for our New Pastor*



January 21st

January 28th



Meet Your 2024 Council Nominees

Matt Himmeger

Hello!

My name is Matt Himmeger and I have been married to Larissa for 38 wonderful years. We were blessed with 3 daughters, 2 are married and we have 3 grandchildren. After college for all 3, they moved south and several years later we followed. I have recently retired from a glass manufacturing factory in Ohio after 35 and a half years. We decided to move down here to be closer to our grandchildren and girls.

My wife is currently employed by UNC Health, having her Pharm D License. I was a Paramedic in Ohio for 13 years, retiring in 2000. I was a baseball umpire for 25 years and am currently a basketball official in Ohio, entering my 42nd year.

I have been told that I am quite the handyman, anything from construction to car repair. I enjoy helping others with anything that I can do; I get more joy in giving than receiving.

I have been raised Lutheran my entire life, my mom being a PK. I have had many cousins and uncles ordained Lutheran pastors – you can't find a person in Ohio that is Lutheran that does not know the Mittermaier name. I have served as a deacon and on the call committee at our last church. I would be proud to serve LOL as a council member.

Thank you.

Sharyl Eggert

Greetings!

This is **Sharyl Eggert**, who grew up in the LCA at Christ Lutheran Church in Ozone Park, NY. In those times, the church parish center

was integral in the daily life of school age children and families. It hosted weekly religious instruction classes, Girl Scout troop meetings, Junior Choir, Confirmation Classes for two years, Teen Luther League, Sunday School, visiting shut-ins and many other activities interwoven in the life of the church.

Michael was brought up as a Catholic and attended Catholic Schools and we married at Christ Lutheran 51 years ago.

Newly licensed as a teacher in NY, I started my teaching career at St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool. My home church then called me to open a school as a ministry and support for them, which I did.

We started our family and moved to Long Island, where I served as Director of Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool in Baldwin NY. Our family grew and we moved and attended St. John's Lutheran in Lynbrook, and St Peter's Lutheran in Baldwin, NY where I served as Assisting Minister, Reader, and Sunday School teacher. Also, I gained much experience serving on various church committees.

Michael owned a small trucking company working out of Kennedy Airport as a customs licensed trucker. I worked as an elementary and Reading teacher in NYC Public Schools. We had a very busy life with Verity, Holly and our Timothy. (Whew!)

We moved to Garner post 9/11 (as we had a family member tragically perish), and my sister was living here in Arbor Greene already. We joined Lord of Life immediately with Tim. He was confirmed here at Lord of Life. We were very happy here, and I served as an Assisting Minister and Reader here as well.

We both worked for WCPSS. I also taught in Johnston and Durham for several years and retired from there as an ESL teacher. My daughter Verity is in NY and Connecticut, Hollybeth graduated UNC Chapel Hill and is now working there. She had our first grandchild Sawyer, who is a delightful 16 month old, and they live in Pittsboro, NC. Tim lives nearby in Raleigh, and has a successful job after getting his MA in International Studies and Finance from NC State.

I made a spiritual decision to take a hiatus from LOL church several years ago. I missed my church family, and kept up with all the news. I also surprisingly found I was a staunch ELCA Lutheran in my travels.

In January of 2023 as Pastor John became the Interim Pastor we rejoined our church, which we found had gone through many changes.

I now serve on the Altar Guild, and have an interest in Worship and Music as well. I am happy to serve on Council as I have the time to give to do so.

Enid Weatherwax

Enid Weatherwax, a dedicated member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church for two decades, hails from the picturesque island of Jamaica and was raised in the Anglican faith. Married with a daughter named Sage, who is also part of the church community, Enid actively contributes as a member of the Social Concerns Committee. Her commitment to the committee stems from witnessing the deep dedication of its members in extending help and God's love through various initiatives.

Enid's professional background includes roles as a substitute teacher and Teacher Assistant with Wake County Public Schools. Currently employed at the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, she oversees office operations, conference logistics,

membership programs, and other administrative duties.

Enid feels honored to have been invited to serve on the Church Council.

JANUARY

COLD	RESOLUTION
FROZEN	RUNNY NOSE
GLOVES	SCARF
ICICLES	SHOVEL
KILOO	SKIING
MITTENS	SLEDDING
NEW YEAR	SNOWBALLS
PENGUIN	SNOWFLAKES



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My New Year's resolution
is to simply write 2024
Instead of 2023.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7 am Rotary Breakfast 7 pm Choir Practice	4	5 7 pm 	6 
7 Council Meeting after Worship	8	9	10 7 am Rotary Breakfast 7 pm Choir Practice	11	12	13
14 Q&A Meet & Greet With Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane during Fellowship	15 	16	17 7 am Rotary Breakfast 7 pm Choir Practice	18	19	20
21 2 Special Congregational Meetings (See Council Report)	22	23	24 7 am Rotary Breakfast 7 pm Choir Practice	25	26	27
28 	29	30	31 7 am Rotary Breakfast 7 pm Choir Practice	Sundays 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship		



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

Jim & Betty Powers
(Jim hospitalized); Becky
von St. Paul – oral surgery
1/2; Josef Herz-Lane; Kathy
Hart – knee surgery;
Tommy Wise, Sylvia's

nephew - biopsy; Maggie, close friend of Sylvia –
awaiting heart procedure; Shirley Lewis, friend of
Laura – ALS; Hannah Kestner Bockover; Mike & Tina
Kestner; Diana Havenstein; Rob Havenstein; Mary
Ann Jackson – brain tumor; Dayshaun – sickle cell
anemia/seizure/stroke/ recovering from surgery;
Rita's co-worker, Elizabeth Alexander – colon
cancer; Wendy Casey's mom, Barbara – under
hospice care; Judy Stewart – multiple health
issues; Carolyn Watkin's neighbor, Mr. Smith; Clyde
Bogle's sister-in-law, Wanda – cancer; Nick &
Sharon Vietri; Linda Hash's brother, Charles Barlow,
and sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon; Rebecca
Swanson's sister in PA – Post Polio Syndrome, and
her nephew, Dr. David Shaefer; Tess Andrews
brother, David Van Benschoten; the Hans' family.



January

January 6	Holly Hans
January 7	Becky Roof
January 8	Grace Barnes
January 9	Anne Marie Dubnansky
January 14	Jamie Bredell
	Becky Von St. Paul
January 15	Rita Clark
January 18	Gere Savolainen
January 19	Amanda Childress
	Amanda Hempel-Stone
January 21	Ryan Macurdy
January 24	Barbara Kyles
January 25	Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

February

February 3	Daniel Cook
February 5	Pam Petry
February 9	Paul Finger
	Lisa Hash Burnett
February 12	Daniel Jordan
February 15	Clyde Cook
	Vince Wright
February 16	Josh Kestner
February 17	Antonio (Tony) Smith
February 21	Patrick Niemann
February 24	Helen Reeves
February 29	Paul Blanchard