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LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LIFELINES

From the Pastor

Every Sunday at Lord of Life Lutheran Church is an exciting experience of worship, faith enrichment and fellowship! On September 9 on Rally Day we celebrated God's Work, Our Hands Sunday with several activities. Emily Johnson received Jesus Christ in infant baptism. We began Sunday School for children, Confirmation student orientation, and introduction to Christianity and World Religions course for adults.

During worship services LOL members expressed in a survey the various ways they would participate in services projects. They noted their commitment to serve in God's Work, Our Hands service projects as follows:

- 23_ Provide *items* for the Lucille Resale project for Holy Family School
- 12_ Send a support letter for a worthy cause to my legislator
- 28_ Bring food for the Care & Share Community Food Pantry
- 24_ Contribute to the ELCA World Hunger or Disaster Relief Fund
- 12_ Support with prayer and/or gift the ELCA Young Adults in Global Ministry (e.g. Stephanie Olson)
- 11_ Prepare a Quilt for Lutheran World Relief with LOL Quilters
- 13_ Prepare Baby Care Kits with LOL Loopy ladies
- 10_ Feed My Starving Children
- 13_ Visit a homebound or hospitalized person
- 10_ Phone a member or prospective member of LOL
- 9_ Plan to do a service project of their own choosing

On September 16 LOL launched its New Heart Telephone ministry during the sermon and survey for member interest. Ten persons have already expressed interest to become involved.

On September 30 Pastor Paul Pfeffer will lead the worship services while I attend the Finlandia University Board of Trustees meeting in Hancock, Michigan.

Looking ahead to October the tradition of celebrating World-Wide Communion Sunday happens on October 7. Dedication of the quilts and children kits takes place on October 15 with Lutheran World Relief regional director Michel Johnson from the Twin Cities to speak and assist in the special prayers for the quilts prepared by the LOL Quilters. The quilters meet every Thursday morning at the church. Also dedicated to the Lord that day at 9:30 a.m. worship will be infant Sophie Schulze through Holy Baptism.

Then on October 28 the annual Lutheran Reformation Sunday will include festive music by our musicians and the dramatic sermon presentation of Martin Luther by Pastor Art Puotinen. You are invited to worship at Lord of Life every Sunday. Your presence and participation make our worship, service and fellowship so important and vital to Lord of Life faith community. Thank you everyone.

Pastor Art



RACHEL CIRCLE

Rachel Circle will meet this month on October 12th at Lord of Life at 9:30 a.m. Dust Ferris will be the host.

All are welcome!



Men's Breakfast

Men's Club meets at Checkers Pancake House, 506 W. Wise Road, Schaumburg.

The next breakfast will take place on Saturday, October 6th at 8:00 a.m. Join us in sharing fellowship and solving the problems of the world. If you have any questions, call Herm Scharm. Hope to see you there!

BAPTISM



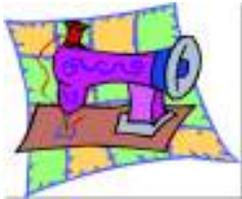
Emily AnnaLynn Johnson was baptized on Sunday, September 9, at the 9:30 a.m. service. Sponsors are Gabriel John Reynolds and Madison Kay Eaton. Proud parents are Taylor Johnson & Elizabeth Reynolds.

Congratulations to all!

LORD OF LIFE MEMORY BOARD

We are taking "In Memoriam" requests through the 11th of November. Forms are on the Usher's Table or you can contact Cathy Thoma with any questions.

MISSION QUILTERS



Quilts are now being tied with #10 crochet thread - yarn is no longer being accepted. If you do have extra yarn, consider donating to Loopy Ladies for Baby Care Kits. The yarn can still be left in the quilter's box in the usher's table in the narthex. Spools of any colored thread and #10 crochet thread are especially needed at this time.

The group is especially thrilled that Michael Johnson, a representative from the Minneapolis Office of Lutheran World Relief, will be the guest speaker **on October 14**, Quilt Dedication Sunday. He will be updating the congregation of the work of LWR along with local partners in providing lasting solutions to poverty, injustice and human suffering.

LOL HAPPENINGS

Sunday, October 14

Quilt & Layette Dedication
8:00 & 9:30 am

Sundays, October 21 & 28

Fair Trade Fair **Between services**

Saturday, November 3

LSSI Giving Banner goes up

Sunday, November 4

Daylight Savings Time ends

Wednesday, November 21

Thanksgiving Eve Service **7:00 pm**

Sunday, November 25

Giving Banner gifts due

Please mark your calendar

Green Team Message

A Smashing Idea

Did you know that Illinois is one of the leading agricultural states for the number of pumpkins grown annually and is the number one state in canned pumpkin production?

Despite these impressive statistics, most of our Halloween pumpkins end up in the trash and ultimately, a landfill. But recently, Illinois decided its number one ranking should not end with pumpkin production but should also extend to a leading role in “green management” of discarded Halloween pumpkins. And what is one of the very greenest things you can do with an old Halloween pumpkin? Make compost out of it.

Enter the “Pumpkin Smash” event! In Northeastern Illinois, SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) is one of the leading proponents of creating compost from leftover Halloween pumpkins. The first Saturday morning after Halloween is set aside to collect pumpkins. SCARCE works with local schools, churches, civic organizations, and civic environmental organizations to find hosts for a Pumpkin Smash dumpster. Participants may hand over their pumpkins for smashing or do it themselves! After the event is concluded, the dumpster is hauled to a commercial compost generation facility.

This event started in 2014. It has grown from three participating municipalities in the western/northwestern suburbs of Chicago to 36 participating localities in 2017. The 2017 event gathered 71.7 tons (yes, TONS) of discarded pumpkins. By getting this material worked back into the soil, SCARCE calculated that some 62 tons of CO₂ equivalent emissions were NOT released into the atmosphere via slow landfill decomposition.

Pumpkins really are an excellent choice for composting. They have a high water, sugar, and carbohydrate content so soil microbes can easily find suitable “food” for decomposition. There are obvious environmental benefits to composting pumpkins compared to disposing of them in a landfill. In a landfill, as food material decomposes, it generates the powerful greenhouse gas methane, which can contribute to climate change problems. But when used to make compost, decomposition is aerobic, and we avoid a potential source of greenhouse gas. The resulting compost is sold to go back into local soils to increase their carbon and nutritional content. The only thing that would make the process any better would be if communities declare that they want the resulting compost sold or delivered directly back to them for community garden usage, instead of going through a commercial landscaper.

The 2018 Pumpkin Smash will take place on **Saturday, November 3, from 9 a.m. to noon**. We will try to keep you posted on participating locations near Church. If you plan to smash your pumpkin at one of the sites, remember that it's *only the pumpkin* that's compostable! NO candles, yarn, stickers, googly eyes, plastic or metal.

All together now – do the backup singing for “Monster Mash” – “Let's do the smash/The pumpkin smash/You'll catch on in a flash/And you can pumpkin smash ...” The “Pretty Good Pumpkin” will approve!

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consuming so
much; the
earth can't
support it.

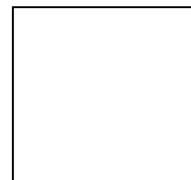
		AS A COMMUNITY				
		A LOT LIKE US	A LITTLE LIKE US	A LITTLE LIKE US	A LOT LIKE US	
We tend to be formal and programmatic.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We tend to be informal and spontaneous.	
We have clearly defined goals and plans for our future.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We have no stated goals or plans.	
We are racially and economically diverse.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We are demographically homogeneous.	
		OUR LEADERSHIP STYLE				
We welcome ideas that are provoking and challenging.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We prefer ideas that are tried and true.	
We rely on our leaders for direction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We rely on group decision-making.	
We have learned how to use conflict constructively.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We tend to perceive conflict as something destructive.	
		OUR PROGRAMMING				
Our facilities are often used by community groups.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Our facilities are only used for our activities.	
We train people to minister outside our walls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We train people to minister inside our walls.	
We focus on ideas and beliefs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We focus on skills and action.	
		OUR THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE				
We are obviously Lutheran in identify and practice.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We are less obvious about our Lutheran heritage.	
We participate in synod and ELCA activities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We are not very active in the synod and ELCA.	
We focus on Biblical studies and doctrine.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We focus on contemporary issues and topics.	

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: the Call Committee received several candidates and has begun the interview process, some candidates are local and some are from outside the US. We are considering all candidates. If you have any recommendations for pastoral candidates, please let a call committee member know, either in person or email the chair, haffner4@gmail.com. Committee members include: Heidi Haffner, Jim Heinking, Bill Luthardt, Marla Peterson, Kimberly Scanlan, and Gary Thoma.

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CALL COMMITTEE! Not only are we interviewing for pastors, but they are searching for us in social media! Candidates have already told us they are searching LOL on the internet! Consider posting a review on Yelp, Google, or even like the Facebook page. Share what you love about LOL as a way for our next pastor to find us.



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Know, Grow, Serve, Share

Lord of Life is a community of faith that is warm and welcoming. We strive to **KNOW** Christ by honoring traditional forms of worship as well as being open to innovations. We continue to **GROW** in Christ to a closer relationship with our Lord through learning and study. We **SERVE** Christ in the work of ministry by volunteering our time, energy and faith to church services and social programs. We **SHARE** Christ in mission and outreach within our church and community by supporting those who need our assistance and relief.