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LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LIFELINES



From the Desk of Pastor Rebekah Costello

"'Forgive them, for they know not what they do.' But now, like the prodigal son, we have come to our senses. Our lives are measured not by the lives of others, not by our own ideals, not by what we think might reasonably be expected of us, although by each of those measures we acknowledge failings enough. Our lives are measured by who we are created and called to be, and the measuring is done by the One who creates and calls. Finally, the judgment that matters is not ours. The judgment that matters is the judgment of God, who alone judges justly. In the cross we see the rendering of the verdict on the gravity of our sin."

Read more at <http://www.beliefnet.com/Faiths/Christianity/2000/04/A-Wretch-Like-Me.aspx?p=6#cLKqc8C58HQQxUkl.99>

The quote above is taken from the pages of one of my favorite meditative books, Death on a Friday Afternoon, written by the late Father Richard John Neuhaus. I commend this book to you for your own devotional reading as you journey through Lent. Neuhaus' writing is thick with content and yet accessible for all. If the above quote wets your appetite you can read an extended excerpt online by following the link noted.

I want to underscore this phrase: " Our lives are measured by who we are created and called to be, and the measuring is done by the One who creates and calls. Finally, the judgment that matters is not ours. The judgment that matters is the judgment of God, who alone judges justly. In the cross we see the rendering of the verdict on the gravity of our sin."

We so easily measure the worth of things and people on the basis of our own felt needs, desires, and ideas about what we define as good, reasonable, and acceptable. What value do we assign the unborn child, the criminal waiting execution, the elderly family member who can't remember our name, the children we will never meet or know who die of hunger? The good news is that it's not our job to do the measuring. God has already done that, and it's not pretty. It looks like the cross. No one measures up.

In Death on a Friday Afternoon, Neuhaus frequently cautions his reader to spend time at the foot of the cross. He warns us not to rush to the resurrection, and yet that is our temptation. We do find it rather uncomfortable to confront our mortality and our role in the death of God's Son. We don't want to think ourselves capable of the horror of the cross. But the answer to the words of the hymn, *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*, is; yes, we were there. And, in spite of it all, the good news is that God will not leave us there. Therefore, we can afford to stay at the cross for a while.

Pastor Rebekah

IT'S OFFICIAL!

On Sunday, March 31, 2019, Pr. Rebekah Costello was installed as Pastor of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Rev. Cynthia Hileman performed the Rite of Installation. Pr. Rebekah and her family joined all in attendance for a Celebration Luncheon. She has been shepherding us since January. Lord of Life has been truly blessed with her leadership and guidance!

"BOOKS OF THE MONTH" for April will feature Lenten & Easter books in both library areas. We have many nice seasonal books for all ages -- fiction, craft & devotional books, biography, etc. So, why not take a respite from the busyness of the season & do some family reading? Books can be checked out for 2 weeks. Please follow check-out procedures as post-



EASTER FLOWERS

Beautiful spring flowers will adorn the chancel area on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the narthex. You will also find an envelope to put your money in. Please place the envelope on Kim's desk or in Barb James' mailbox at the bottom of the stairs.



Flowers may be taken home after the 9:30 a.m. Easter service. If you have questions see Barb James.

CHICAGOLAND FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF'S

Annual spring luncheon will be held on Friday, April 26, at Avalon Banquets in Elk Grove Village. Guest speaker is Nicole Hark, LWR Deputy Regional Director for Asia and the Middle East. Reservation fee of \$25.00 may be given to Barbara Peterson by Sunday, April 7, for group mailing or contact her for additional information.

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

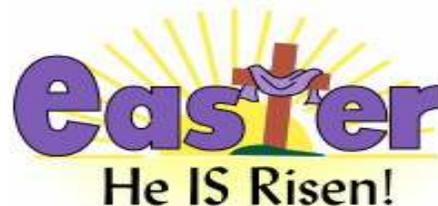
Friday, May 3, at noon, at First United Methodist Church, Palatine. The theme is "The Time is Now! Agree to Differ." This is a potluck salad luncheon, please bring your favorite to pass! Come and bring a friend; all are welcome

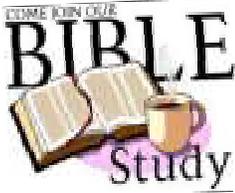
LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sign-up sheets can be found on the narthex bulletin board for the remainder of the midweek and Holy Week services.

Please check the sign-up sheets and help out where you can.

Thank you,
Pastor Rebekah & Kim





RACHEL CIRCLE

Rachel Circle will meet this month on Friday, April 12th, at Barbara Peterson's home. Please call the church office for address information.

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, April 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!



CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

Join us on the labyrinth on Easter Sunday after the 9:30 service for an Easter Egg Hunt! Visiting children are welcome! If the weather does not cooperate the hunt will be held in the basement.

THOSE WHO MOURN



The members and friends of Lord of Life offer prayers and condolences to those who have lost family and friends:

Dave and Kati Collins on the death of Kati's friend, Ronald Edelman, Jr.

Barb, Gerry and Karissa James on the death of Gordon James.

Gary and Cathy Thoma on the death of their friends, Veronica Vasilakis and Milos Tomasevich

May the memory of our departed loved one always be a blessing.

LOL HAPPENINGS

**Wednesdays in Lent,
April 3—April 10**

Midweek Lenten Services 7:00 pm

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SUNDAY

April 14, Palm Sunday

Holy Communion 8:00 & 9:30 am

April 18, Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion 7:00 pm

April 19, Good Friday

Worship Service 7:00 pm

April 21, Easter Sunday

Holy Communion 8:00 & 9:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt **After 9:30 service**

Please mark your calendar

Fellowship,
learning,
helping
and
loved ones
lost.



SPRING CLEAN-UP

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

TIME: 8 a.m. UNTIL 1:00 p.m.



Come when you can
Stay as long as you can
Help where you can

Lunch will be served.
Please call the church office
or sign up in the narthex. This is helpful
when figuring how many will be here
for lunch.

THANK YOU for your participation



SPRING
CLEAN-UP
DATE:
SATURDAY,
APRIL 27TH

Rain Date: May 4th

Quarterback Quiches

Pastry for two-crust pie

12 slices bacon, crisply fried, crumbled

1 c shredded natural Swiss cheese (about 4 ounces)

1/3 c finely chopped green onions

2 T snipped parsley

4 eggs

2 c whipping cream



1. Prepare pastry. Divide pastry in half. Roll each half into 14-inch circle; cut into smaller circles with 3-inch cutter. Fit small circles into 2 1/2 inch tartlet pans. Press pastry to fit into pans.
2. Heat oven to 425. Sprinkle bacon, cheese, onions, and parsley in pastry lined pans. Beat eggs slightly; beat in cream.*
3. Pour egg mixture carefully over bacon-cheese mixture in pastry lined pans; sprinkle with paprika. (Do not allow egg-cream mixture to fill beyond pastry.)
4. Bake 5 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 300. Bake until knife inserted toward center comes out clean, about 20 minutes. Remove from pans. Serve warm.

*Recipe can be prepared to this point in advance; tightly cover and refrigerate pastry and filling separately no longer than 48 hours.

Makes about 30 appetizers.

MANY
THANKS!



ELCA World Hunger

“DARE TO LOVE MORE!” As Christians, we are called to feed the hungry. It is estimated that more than 800 million people—that’s 1 in 10 people in our world today—suffer from hunger. While such numbers may seem overwhelming, the ELCA is uniquely positioned to reach those in need. From health clinics to micro-loans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for us to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. During Lent, we’ll learn about some of the innovative ways that ELCA World Hunger is carrying out its mission. That includes providing help to the disadvantaged here in the US.

“WITH WOMEN IN POWER, MALARIA DOESN’T STAND A CHANCE!” The ELCA Malaria Campaign brought about lasting change in 13 African countries, including Zimbabwe, the home of the strong women profiled in today’s bulletin insert. Although that fundraising campaign—which exceeded its \$15 million goal!—concluded in 2015, the ELCA’s commitment to ending deaths from this preventable, treatable disease has not. Support to our companions and partners to address malaria continue to come through gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

You will have an opportunity to contribute to this year’s ELCA World Hunger offering on April 28th and May 5th. God is calling us into the world—together.

There will be other stories in the coming weeks of how the ELCA is assisting underprivileged people around the world.

Thank you for helping Lord of Life respond to that call.

COTTAGE MEETINGS As an opportunity for the congregation to get to know Pr. Rebekah and for her to get to know us better, Cottage Meetings are being set up. Please see the narthex bulletin board in front of the church office to sign up as a place to meet or as a participant.

More dates will be added soon! If you have any questions regarding these gatherings, please contact Heidi Haffner or the church office

HUNGER KNOWS NO SEASON! Your donations for our caring and sharing ministry help people throughout the year at our area pantries. Items may be placed in the "Moses Basket". If a monetary donation or gift card is given please mark "Caring & Sharing" on the memo line of checks or on the envelope. Thank you.

Apr. 07 baby and toddler food items

Apr. 14 paper products (Kleenex, towels, toilet paper)

Apr. 21 healthy snack items

Apr. 28 disposable diapers, baby wipes

SMILE, SMILE, SMILE, we want you to **smile.amazon.com** that is. The next time you order from Amazon, order from **smile.amazon.com** instead. When you do, ½ of 1% (.5%) of your purchase will be donated to us, Lord of Life. And it will cost you nothing, except for your purchase. It's that easy. These donations will be used to purchase restaurant gift cards which in turn will be donated to The Kenneth Young Center in Elk Grove Village. The center will distribute them at their discretion to people in need of a meal or a smile. How do I do this you ask, well its easy. The next time you order from Amazon go to **smile.amazon .com**, then chose a charity, that's us. We are listed as **Lord of Life Lutheran Church of Schaumburg**, it's that easy
Thank you from the Lord of Life Congregation Council



THE MISSION QUILTERS use an enormous amount of cotton fabric for the tops of the 250-300 quilts sewn for LWR each year. At this time, the supply is running low so any new COTTON fabric remaining from a sewing project would be more than welcomed and will aid in keeping someone warm.

Fabric may be left in the ushers' cabinet in the narthex or brought to church on Thursday mornings. Perhaps your friends, neighbors, or co-workers discover fabric pieces when spring cleaning and always keep in mind that garage sales are a good source for items for the quilts (and Baby Care Kits).

Any yardage is acceptable. Thanks, again, for your ongoing support each year. Any questions, contact Barbara Peterson.

Please email your **favorite recipe** to lifelines@lord-of-life.org or please it my mailbox at the church. Thank you Gail Power

WE ARE IN NEED of **Assisting Ministers for the 8:00 a.m. service** and **Ushers, Greeters, and Adult Nursery help at the 9:30 a.m. service**. Please let the office know if you are able to help out in any of these positions

A BIG THANK YOU!

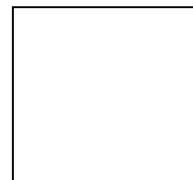
Donations to our five Advent ministries in 2018 totaled \$5,400.00! As a result, each of the five recipients—Augustana Open Arms Specialized Foster Care, Holy Family Ministries, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, North Side Housing and Supportive Services, and Project Lifeline—will receive a check for \$1,080.00. Your faithful offerings and prayers enable these ministries to continue doing the good work they have undertaken.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LOVE AND GENEROSITY!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME Daily Devotional Booklets for April, May & June are ready for pick up. You will find them on the usher's table in the narthex

IF YOU LIKE TO DO JIGSAW PUZZLES there are several in the library that you can take home and enjoy and then bring back when you are done. They are located on the bottom shelf near the door to the narthex.

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DATED MATERIAL: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY



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.