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LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH



**ST. NICK'S
 WRAPPING
 PARTY**

We will have a gift wrapping party on Saturday, December 1st, at 5:00 p.m. in the church basement to wrap the gifts donated to the Sounds of Giving Project, which provides foster children with a joyful Christmas. Food will be provided. Bring your scissors and tape along with your wrapping skills.

LOL HAPPENINGS

Saturday, December 1
 St. Nick's Wrapping Party **5:00 pm**

Sunday, December 9
 Advent Service of Lessons & Carols with Communion **8:00 & 9:30 am**

Saturday, December 15
 Meet & Greet with New Pastor Candidate **Time to be Announced**

Sunday, December 16
 Congregation to Vote on New Pastor **9:00 am**

Sunday, December 24
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services **4:00 pm & 10:30 pm**

Monday, December 25
 Christmas Day Service of Lessons and Carols with Communion **10:00 am**

Saturday, January 26
 Chili Cook-Off/Supper **5:00 pm**

Please mark your calendar

Notice of Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on December 16, 2018 at 9:00 (between services). The congregational meeting will be to accept/reject the call to Pastor Rebekah Costello. There are two copies of the constitution available in the Library, if you have any questions regarding policy and procedure - Chapter 9 (The Pastor) and Chapter 10 (Congregational Meeting) will be pertinent.



From the Pastor for December

I write this newsletter on the day after Thanksgiving, also known as Black Friday. Some shoppers went to stores early to acquire bargains for gift and household purchases. Our neighbors are decorating their outdoor trees with bright lights to signal the coming of the Christmas season. At home I am preparing for the Advent and Christmas worship services at Lord of Life.

December will be a festive time of five Sundays for gathering together for the daily message from the Biblical story, festive anthems, and the Lord's Meal. The high point will be three memorable worship services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Welcome to worship with us as we hear and reflect upon the events before, during and after the birth of Christ! The gospels come to us this season from Luke who shares the traditional stories in the following sequence.

December 2	Advent 1	Luke 21:25-36
December 9	Advent 2	Luke 3:1-6
December 16	Advent 3	Luke 3:7-18
December 23	Advent 4	Luke 1:39-55
December 24	Christmas Eve	Luke 2:1-14
December 25	Christmas Day	Luke 2:15-20
December 30	Christmas 1	Luke 2:41-52



Let us pray for and celebrate meaningful worship experiences in this month of many Sundays and messages to inspire and inform us.

In our Advent preparations I also invite you to participate in “The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem.” This Advent Adult study is a DVD, paperback text, and discussion series by Adam Hamilton. This pastor and best-selling author writes,

“I’ve drawn on the insights of scholars, historians, theologians, and archaeologists to help you read the Bible accounts with fresh understanding. I traveled to the Holy Land to re-discover the stories in the places they occurred, starting in Nazareth where Mary learned she would give birth to the Christ. I then went to Bethlehem, Joseph’s hometown, where he probably was living when he learned that Mary was pregnant. Next, I visited Ein Karem, the traditional site of Elizabeth and Zechariah’s home, where Mary spent the first three months of her pregnancy. I walked portions of the road Mary and Joseph may have taken as they were forced to travel to Bethlehem in the ninth month of Mary’s pregnancy. Finally, I completed the journey by returning to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born.”

I welcome you to any and all the worship services in December and the adult Bible study group that meets on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. From my bride Carol and me, we wish for you a blessed and joyful Advent and Christmas season



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

We need volunteers to snow blow at Lord of Life. Pick one day of the week (A.M. or P.M.) and if it snows at that time on that day, come and snow blow at church. Sign up is on the bulletin board in front of the office. Thank you from the Property Committee. Got any questions, contact Mark Puchalski.

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 it's 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!



CALLING ALL CHILI CHEFS!

Do you feel your chili is award-winning? Would you like to be crowned The Lord of Life Grand Champion of Chili? Then sign up to be a contestant on the bulletin board outside of the office! All you need to do is cook your fabulous chili and bring it to the cook-off on January 26th. We ask that you bring enough to serve at least 15 people. All attending will get to vote and a prize will be awarded to the chili with the most votes!

DON'T DELAY....SIGN UP TODAY!!!





RACHEL CIRCLE

Rachel Circle will meet this month on Friday, December 14th, at Rita Tweed'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, December 1st 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!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

January 26th will be the 5th Lord of Life Chili Cook Off! Who will be the grand champion of chili this year? Please mark this date on your calendar! There will be another EPIC raffle benefitting the Schaumburg Food Pantry.



A GRAND time will be had by all!

THOSE WHO MOURN



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

Grant & Dolores Giesler on the death of Grant's cousin, Ann Krueger.

The Pommerening, Scholl and Olson families on the death of Brandon Scholl's grandfather, Lowell Pommerening.

Pr. Art and Carol Puotinen and the Kruse family on the death of Roy Kruse.

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

BOOKS OF THE MONTH for December will feature Advent and Christmas books in both library areas. We have many nice seasonal books – devotions, customs, stories activities, etc. Some family reading time would be a good respite from the busyness of the season. Books can be checked out for 2 weeks. Please follow checkout rules as posted by library desks. Also, the library committee would like to invite members and friends to contribute to the Library Christmas Card Fund. This is a monetary way of contributing to the church library in lieu of sending cards to anyone in the congregation. Checks should be made out to "Lord of Life Church" with a notation for "Library Christmas Card Fund" on the envelope. Contributions can be put in regular offering, library mailbox on lower level or given to Ruth Ann Pickard. Thank You!

Green Team Message

HAVE I GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!

What if I told you that you could save money and save the world at the same time? Wouldn't you jump at the chance?

Okay, here's the secret – **buy a reusable water bottle, and stop buying bottled water.** Yes, it's that simple. Here are the reasons:

Saving money:

Bottled water costs much more than tap water. The average cost per gallon of bottled water is \$1.21. Tap water? \$2 per 1,000 gallons.

Saving the world:

First, **the plastic bottles.**

Each plastic water bottle requires almost half a gallon of water to produce.

Since water is our most precious resource, is manufacturing plastic a good use for it?

Only 20% of plastic water bottles are recycled.

Second, **the water itself.**

Most bottled water comes from the same sources as our tap water, and sometimes it *is* tap water! The difference is that multi-million dollar companies have bought up the rights to those sources upstream from where cities get their water. Not realizing what they were giving up, cities sold those rights for next to nothing, meaning that the multi-million dollar companies are getting even richer. What companies? Nestle, Pepsi, and Coca-Cola, to name three.

The water is no safer than tap water (barring rare cases like Flint, MI, where officials tried to save money without making sure their service lines were treated with corrosion control). Tap water is tested 100 times per month; bottled water is tested once a week.

What are the **advantages of a reusable bottle?**

They come in many different sizes.

Water tastes better in them – no plastic taste.

You can spend a little extra for an insulated water bottle, and your water will stay cold all day. (Quite a difference from a plastic bottle that keeps your water cold all of five minutes!)



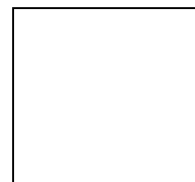
Buy a bottle with a flip-top cap and you no longer have to bother with screwing and unscrewing the cap every time you want a drink.

There is only one reason people have given me in favor of disposable one-use bottles that I can't dispute and that is: I can throw it away when I'm done with it.

Start greening yourself! Choose reusable over disposable every time. It's a win for all of us.

REDUCE – REUSE -- RECYCLE

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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.