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LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# LIFELINES

## **BAPTISM**



Marjorie Eve Gioe Neel was baptized on Sunday, December 31, at the 9:30 a.m. service. Sponsors are Lauren Gioe and John Lee. Proud parents are Rob Neel & Sarah Gioe.

***Congratulations to all!***

## **Thanks**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the LSSI Sounds of Giving gift collection and thank you to all who were able to be part of the St. Nick wrapping party. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. *Nancy Farver & Rita Tweed*

Thanks to everyone who said prayers for me, sent cards, visited me, and brought me some very delicious goodies. I appreciate it all and want to let you know that I am so grateful for so many wonderful friends. Many, many thanks. God's Blessings to all in 2018. *Jo McFarland*

## **LOL HAPPENINGS**

**Saturday, January 27**  
 Chili Cook-Off/Supper **5:00 pm**

**Sunday, January 28**  
 Healing Service **8:00 & 9:30 am**

**Wednesday, February 14**  
**Ash Wednesday Worship Service**  
 with distribution of ashes and Holy Communion **7:00 pm**

**Wednesdays in Lent,**  
**February 21 –March 21**  
 Midweek Lenten Services **7:00 pm**

***Please mark your calendar***

## **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

January 27<sup>th</sup> will be the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 benefiting the Schaumburg Food Pantry.



***A GRAND time will be had by all!***

## **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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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, January 12<sup>th</sup>, location TBA. Please call the church office for address information.

**All are welcome!**

**Men's Breakfast**

**JUST A REMINDER** that the Men's breakfast group will not meet on January 6, 2018. Their next get-together will be on Saturday, February 3, 2018.

**Help Needed**

A member and his family needs some help, occasionally, to keep him company so that his wife can run a few errands now and then.

They live in Hanover Park near Barrington and Irving Park roads. If you think you can be of help, please contact the office.

**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:

John & Annette Bibby on the death of their relative, Patricia Sanders.

Elaine Janssen and the Grey family on the death of Sharon Grey.

Elaine Janssen and the Patar family on the death of Sarah Patar

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

Fellowship,  
learning,  
helping  
and  
loved ones  
lost.

**BOOK DISCUSSION NEWS**

The books that have been selected for the months of December 2017 to February 2018 are as follows:

January 8 – The Age of Miracles by Karen Thompson Walker

On a seemingly ordinary Saturday in a California suburb, Julia and her family awake to discover, along with the rest of the world, that the rotation of the earth has suddenly begun to slow. The days and nights grow longer and longer, gravity is affected, and the environment is thrown into disarray. Her grandfather is convinced that it is a government conspiracy. As Julia adjusts to the new normal, the slowing inexorably continues.

February 12 – The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes

In a house on Orcas Island, the stories of two young women unfold: a 19<sup>th</sup> century Chinese-American and a recent college graduate trying to piece together a mystery left behind. Kelli Estes' debut novel is a pleasing blend of historical fiction and contemporary drama.



The Book Discussion group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month Sept. – May. We meet at 1 p.m. in the adult library area. All new participants are welcome. If a certain book appeals to you, please join us. You needn't come every month. Any questions call Sandy Smith.



## Green Team Message

### **Waste Not, Want Not**

“Waste not, want not” – We have all heard that admonition before, usually from someone from a different generation. Environmental writer Jody Tishmack decided to take a closer look at this saying. She concluded that it’s easy to “waste not.” We reduce, reuse, and recycle as part of our daily lives. We *could* be more mindful of the food we buy so that we don’t waste 30% of it, and we *could* cut down on our waste so that the floating plastic islands in the ocean don’t grow because of our carelessness. It’s within our grasp not to waste.

“Want not” is more of a challenge. It requires a deep soul change. “Wants” are what we desire, whether we need them or not. One Australian economist, Richard Denniss, likened some of our desires to the disease of “Affluenza”. He defined its symptoms as ‘that strange desire we feel to spend money we don’t have to buy things we don’t need to impress people we don’t know’. This disease of ‘affluenza,’ he argues, “is economically inefficient and is at the root cause of environmental destruction and global inequality.”

How can we live without demanding too much of our resources? A new phrase that combines our religion with environmentalism might be, “Be kind. It’s all connected.” Environmental writer Kurt Cobb notes that “the first two words are familiar to anyone affiliated with a religion. It is the equivalent of “Love thy neighbor.” But the second phrase creates a more expansive meaning for the first, implying that we should not only be kind to our fellow humans, but to all nonhuman entities, animate and inanimate. Just embracing such an attitude would mark a profound shift in consciousness. Achieving it in practice would necessarily be a revolution in modern society . . .” Taking the focus off of ourselves and thinking instead of *all* creatures on the earth is how we begin.

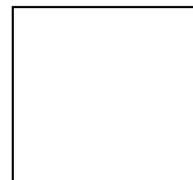
The Buddhist teacher, Sayadaw Pandita, wrote “. . . All of us are slaves of craving. It is ignoble but it is true. Desire is insatiable. As soon as we get something, we find it is not as satisfying as we thought it would be, and we try something else . . . Beings cannot become contented by . . . chasing after objects. Desire can never satisfy desire . . . This is why the Buddha said that contentment is the greatest wealth . . .”

The Dalai Lama observed that “. . . We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love seldom, and hate often. We have learnt how to make a living, but not a life. We have added years to life, but not life to years . . . We’ve cleaned up the air, but polluted our soul . . . We’ve higher incomes, but lower morals. We’ve become long on quantity; short on quality . . .”

We *need* clean air, water, soil. We *need* good companionship. We *need* love and art and music and education. We *need* to be content without so much stuff. Can we become a society that “wants not” in order to sustain our earth?

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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.