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**JANUARY
2019**



On Sunday, January 13th, Pastor Art will celebrate his last Sunday as our Interim Pastor. We will have cookies after services, thank you to Jan Stage and the fellowship committee. The council and I thanked Pastor Art for his service to this congregation at our last council meeting. He will surely be missed. We would publically like to thank him for his hard work during the short six months of service. His wisdom and guidance have been greatly appreciated. We shall also miss his wonderful "Sunshine Reports." He visited and called many of our parishioners - past, current and future. Carol often accompanied him for hospital visits. Thank you, Pastor Art, may God bless both Carol and you.



2019
HAPPY
NEW YEAR

From the Pastor for January, 2019

I like a list of resolutions prepared by the Rev. Walter Schoedel. He calls them '7-UPS for the New Year.' No, this has nothing to do with the soft drink. These 7-UPS fall under the heading of attitudes and actions.

The first is WAKE UP--Begin the day with the Lord. It is His day. Rejoice in it.

The second is DRESS-UP--Put on a smile. It improves your looks. It says something about your attitude.

The third is SHUT-UP--Watch your tongue. Don't gossip. Say nice things. Learn to listen.

The fourth is STAND-UP--Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good.

Five, LOOK-UP--Open your eyes to the Lord. After all, He is your only Savior.

Six, REACH-UP--Spend time in prayer with your adorations, confessions, thanksgivings and supplications to the Lord.

And seven, LIFT-UP--Be available to help those in need--serving, supporting, and sharing.

If you're going to make New Year's resolutions this year, Rev. Schoedel's list is good with Seven UP for a starter. Let's add a few others to have a Top-Ten List.

Eight, if you MESS-UP make sure to FESS-UP. Admitting one's faults and mistakes in prayer to God and in conversation with those you trust is an important step. God wants us to confess our sins. Raymond Aaron says the first item on your To-Do List is M. Clean up your messes.

Nine, START-UP your engine and move forward in mission to achieve your goals for 2019. Take decisive action with the opportunities you have and blessings from God available to you.

Finally, Ten. BUILD-UP good will among family and friends by celebrating their achievements, birthdays, and spiritual gifts.

Who can predict what will happen in 2019? It's a TOSS-UP until you remember that God will come DOWN to meet you where you are, just as God came DOWN to earth in Jesus Christ on Christmas morn. Today and tomorrow is a new day of Grace from God who saves, strengthens, and sustains us throughout the New Year.

Lord of Life Care and Share ministry for 2019

In 2018 the items for this ministry were shared with the following: Schaumburg Township Food Pantry, Hanover Township Food Pantry, WINGS, Vital Bridges, Woodfield Area Charity Organization along with individuals who may need items.

In 2019 we will not have Vital Bridges in our area to give donations to as the suburban location in EGV is now closed with 3 sites in Chicago open. WACO will be emphasized in November. with a variety of food items. The emphasis for WINGS will be personal care items, baby care items such as diapers and wipe offs, gift cards and household cleaning items. The township food pantries will receive a variety of food products, household cleaning items and personal care items. Monetary donations and gift cards are always welcome for the food pantries' needs. Thank you for sharing the information to our Lord of Life members and friends.

Barb Olson
volunteer

Fellowship,
learning,
helping
and
loved ones

LOL HAPPENINGS

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

Sunday, January 14
Pr. Art's last Sunday at LOL

Sunday, January 20
Pr. Rebekah's first Sunday at LOL

Please mark your calendar

SAVE THE DATE!!!

January 26th will be the 4th 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!



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!!!

HELP US HELP PHIL'S FRIENDS!

In October the confirmation class and their families volunteered at Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends is a nonprofit organization that sends care packages and cards to people going through chemotherapy. The experience was a powerful one for all those in attendance. This experience has bloomed into a confirmation service project. The confirmation class has decided that they would like to help Phil's Friends even more. In the month of January we will be collecting the following items that go into the care packages they send. The confirmation class will be raffling off a basket that the students will put together at the end of January! For every item you bring in you will receive a raffle ticket. Bring in 10 items and you will get 10 tickets! The same goes if you wish to donate money-if you donate \$20 you will get 20 raffle tickets! Donations will be accepted every Sunday in January between services. The raffle will take place after the 9:30 service on January 28th. You do not need to be present to win! The items most needed are:

new hats- baseball, crocheted, knitted, etc.
 fuzzy socks
 Biotene
 decks of playing cards
 5 oz or smaller of fragrance free lotion
 gift cards to Jo Ann fabrics, dollar tree, walmart, target or walgreens
 lip balm
 journals/small notebooks size 5 x 7
 adult puzzle books
 single toothbrushes
 5 oz or smaller of toothpaste
 blankets- rolled throws, crocheted or fleece tied

Thank you for supporting our confirmation students in this student led service project

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.



RACHEL CIRCLE

Rachel Circle will meet this month on Friday, January 11th, at Marlene Ryan'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, January 5th 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!

THOSE WHO MOURN



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

Bob, Laura, Dakota, Alex and the Joens family on the death of Bob's mother, Betty Helen Joens.

Barbara Peterson and the Johnson family on the death of former member, Aimee Johnson.

Verbie, Steve, Linda, Laura, Danny and the Covey family on the death of Steve's mother, Iva Covey.

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



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*

Granite City Food and Brewery in Schaumburg wants to help us raise more money for the Schaumburg Food Pantry. On Monday, January 28 there will be a food night. Granite City Food and Brewery will donate 20% of the sales to us. Watch your bulletin for a flyer the last two weeks of January to bring with you when you dine on January 28th!

Please join us for a fundraising event for **Candie Wierbowski** who is battling cancer.

The benefit hosted by Candie's family and friends will be held on

Saturday January 19th, 2019 from 12 - 4pm

There will be hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, DJ and a silent auction

Seville Banquet Hall located: 700 S Barrington Rd, Streamwood, IL 60107 (630)289-4500

Donations can be made to: *Candie Wierbowski FUND* via **PAYPAL** theowier3@yahoo.com Select (send to friends & family)
For event details please contact: *Melissa Bruce* mellybruce@aol.com (630) 337-5676 or *Kathie Cunniff* kcunniff4@msn.com (815) 355-7063



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Thank you from the Lord of Life Congregation Council

Recipe of the Month

Cream Puff Ring

Preheat oven to 425 degrees

1 cup Water

1 cup Flour

1 stick butter

4 small Eggs

Boil Water and Butter. Remove from heat and add flour. Stir eggs in – one at a time with a wooden spoon. Bake 45 minutes, turn off over for 10 minutes and then refrigerate.

1 Instant Jell-O Pudding (small box)

1 ½ cup Milk

Pint of Heavy Whipping Cream

Mix pudding and milk till it starts to thicken. Whip Cream until soft peaks. Fold together. Cut about 1/3 of ring top off and fill the ring. Put top back on and refrigerate.

3 Tablespoons Coco

1 cup Powder Sugar

2 Tablespoons butter

3 Tablespoons Boiling Water (may need more)

Mix and dribble over top of ring – Refrigerate for three hours.



HUNGER KNOWS NO SEASON! Your donations for our caring and people throughout the year at our area pantries. Items

may be placed in the "Moses Basket". If a monetary donation or gift, mark "Caring & Sharing" on the memo line of checks or on the envelope.

Jan. 06 muffin or bread mixes

Jan. 13 sauces, gravy or tomato products

Jan. 20 canned or dried fruit

Jan. 27 household cleaning products



Green Team Message

Does Anyone Want to Stay Here?

Douglas Rushkoff follows the latest developments in the fields of digital theory, technology, and financial markets and institutions. He has written several books on these subjects and hosts a podcast on NPR. What has concerned him is that while technologies and markets were developed by humans, the day-to-day operations of these technologies/markets are at best amoral. Several months ago, Rushkoff received an offer from a group of investors with a speaker's fee equal to half his normal yearly income. And the meeting was to be held at a particularly plush private resort.

But instead of investment bankers wanting to know about technology and market trends so that they could maximize financial returns, Rushkoff found himself sitting at a plain round table trying to answer the questions of five super-wealthy, upper echelon, hedge fund managers. Their questions consisted of:

“Which region will be less impacted by the coming climate crisis: New Zealand or Alaska?”

“Is Google really building Ray Kurzweil a home for his brain, and will his consciousness live through the transition, or will it die and be reborn as a whole new one?”

One CEO of a brokerage house explained that he had nearly completed building his own underground bunker system and asked, “How do I maintain authority over my security force after the ‘Event?’”

The Event. That was their euphemism for the environmental collapse, social unrest, nuclear explosion, unstoppable virus, or a Mr. Robot hack that takes everything down.

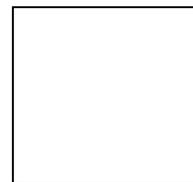
Rushkoff noted “... this single question occupied the group for the rest of the hour. They knew armed guards would be required to protect their compounds from the angry mobs. But how would they pay the guards once money was worthless? What would stop the guards from choosing their own leader? The billionaires considered using special combination locks on the food supply that only they knew. Or making guards wear disciplinary collars of some kind in return for their survival. Or maybe building robots to serve as guards and workers—if that technology could be developed in time ...”

And Rushkoff realized “they were looking at a digital future that had a whole lot less to do with making the world a better place than it did with transcending the human condition altogether and insulating themselves from a very real and present danger of climate change, rising sea levels, mass migrations, global pandemics, nativist panic, and resource depletion. For them, the future of technology is really about just one thing: escape.”

Rushkoff noted “...When the hedge funders asked me the best way to maintain authority over their security forces after ‘the Event,’ I suggested that their best bet would be to treat those people really well. They should be engaging with their security staff as if they were members of their own family. And the more they can expand this ethos of inclusivity to the rest of their business practices, supply chain management, sustainability efforts, and wealth distribution, the less chance there will be of an ‘Event’ in the first place. They were amused by my optimism, but they didn’t really buy it. They were not interested in how to avoid a calamity; they’re convinced we are too far gone. For all their wealth and power, they don’t believe they can affect the future. They are simply accepting the darkest of all scenarios and then bringing whatever money and technology they can employ to insulate themselves ...”

What about us? Do we spend the rest of whatever time we have on this Earth trying to manufacture immortality? Or do we try our best, as the Stewards of Creation we are meant to be, to avoid such temptation and face the problems of climate change, exploitation, tremendous inequalities of wealth distribution, and decline of democracy in as decent a fashion as we can?

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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.