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LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LIFELINES

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, March 31, 2019, Rev. Rebekah Costello will be installed as the Pastor of Lord of Life. The Installation Service will take place at 9:30 a.m., Bishop Wayne Miller, presiding. This will be the only service on that Sunday. A celebration brunch will follow immediately after the service. Please note: there will be no Sunday School and 4U adult education classes that day, however, students and their families are encouraged to join us at the worship service and brunch.

LOL HAPPENINGS

- Wednesday, March 6**
Ash Wednesday Worship Service
with distribution of ashes and Holy Communion **7:00 pm**
- Wednesdays in Lent, March 13–April 10**
Midweek Lenten Services **7:00 pm**
- Sunday, March 10**
Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Friday, March 15**
AAUW Bunco Night **7:00 pm**
- Sunday, March 31** **9:30 am**
Installation of Rev. Rebekah Costello
- 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**

Please mark your calendar



Daylight Savings Time
DON'T FORGET TO "SPRING AHEAD"
ONE HOUR

before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 9th, unless you are night owl, in which case you can change your clock at 2:00 a.m.

Sunday morning, March 10th.

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sign-up sheets can be found on the narthex bulletin board.

Confirmation students will be helping with the Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday 3/06. We will need some adults to help them out, as well as volunteering for the rest of the midweek and Holy Week services

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

Thank you,
Pastor Rebekah & Kim

Let me begin by thanking you, the saints of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, for welcoming me and my family into your midst. I am humbled and excited to begin ministry together and pray God's blessings upon it.

Few would deny that the call of pastor and congregation in our day and age is critical. North American culture, particularly in the United States, has undergone rapid change in terms of its demographic makeup and moral cohesion. With the rise of a post-modern and post-Christian culture, one finds it more and more difficult to articulate a common story that transcends and unites people of different places and tribes. In addition to these cultural changes the church and congregations in mainline denominations have seen a decline in membership and cultural privilege. Longing for the glory days of a bygone era, we clamor for ways to reverse these trends, too often chasing after our culture's whims and narratives just to keep the church doors open.

However, in our urgency to keep the doors open, let us spend some time answering a fundamental question, one that gets at the heart of *who* and *what* we are about as pastor and congregation: What particular *good* does the church have to offer the world that necessitates keeping the doors open? This question, I would argue, has much more urgency than how do we keep the church doors open at Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

In her book, The Sense of the Call: A Sabbath Way of Life for Those Who Serve God, The Church, and the World, Marva Dawn cites 2 Timothy 4:1-5 as the biblical framework around which the call of both pastor and congregation is understood. As such, this passage of scripture is a basis upon which we can probe the urgent question raised above: What particular *good* does the church have to offer the world? This seems to me to be a good place for us to start as we begin to carry out our ministry together.

Note that the author of 2 Timothy writes with urgency:

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly *urge* you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully (2 Timothy 4:1-5).

First, the challenge the church faces today is not unlike the challenge the author and recipients of 2 Timothy confronted as they struggled to hold fast to the faith of the apostles during unfavorable times. Second, it is important to note that the urgency in 2 Timothy is *not* related to keeping the church doors open. The urgency in 2 Timothy is related to remaining faithful to the proclamation of the gospel message and persisting in the good the church has to offer the world: the presence of God in Christ Jesus and his kingdom. The person and reign of Jesus Christ is *the good* we, as pastor and congregation, have to offer the world!

Having made this clear, the author of 2 Timothy then goes on to urge the struggling church with a litany of imperatives: *proclaim the message; be persistent; convince; rebuke; encourage; be sober; endure suffering; do the work of an evangelist; and carry out your ministry fully.*

Therefore, *what message* do we proclaim as pastor and congregation? — Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected. *In whom* do we persist as pastor and congregation? — Jesus Christ and his kingdom's reign. *Why* do we *endure suffering* as pastor and congregation? — Because we follow Jesus Christ in whose suffering and death we were baptized. *What ministry* do we carry out? — The ministry of reconciliation given to us in Jesus Christ.

In an age of change and doubt, we move forward as pastor and congregation, trusting the faith that we have been given in Jesus Christ is true and good. As such, we seek to embody a vision for ministry that is far more exciting and promising than *how do we keep the church doors open?* Let us, then, look forward to new and exciting ways God will call us to proclaim and persist in preaching, teaching, and embodying *the good* the church has to offer the world: Jesus Christ and his kingdom's reign.

Grace and peace in Christ,

Pastor Rebekah W. Costello



RACHEL CIRCLE

Rachel Circle will meet this month on Friday, March 8th, at Lord of Life, hosted by Dee Anders.

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, March 2nd, 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!

Fellowship,
learning,
helping
and
loved ones
lost.

THOSE WHO MOURN



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

Janet Brandt on the death of her sister, Lois Mueller.

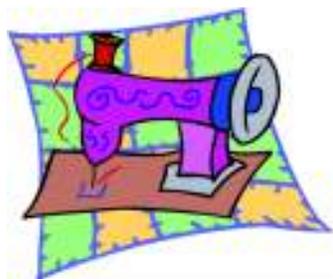
Ted and Alicia Wierbowski and their family and friends on the death of member, Candie Wierbowski.

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

In Memoriam

We are collecting forms for our In Memoriam plaque until April 12th. Forms are available on the Usher Table in the narthex or contact Cathy Thoma at cjthoma@sbcglobal.net (630-801-5101).

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.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Wyatt Thomas Dopke was born January 18, 2019 in Phoenix, Arizona, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 19.5 inches long. Proud parents are Christopher and Cheryl Dopke. Proud grandparents are Bruce Dopke and Linda Cain.

Congratulations to all!

<u>Green Team Message</u>

Education, Ecospirituality, and Poetry Down on the Farm

About three years ago, our “Lifelines” article featured Wendell Berry’s book, “It All Turns on Affection.” This month, we’d like to tell you about Berry’s efforts at leaving a gift to his community, a gift which he hopes will last well beyond his time.

St. Catharine College is on a 500-acre piece of land that has been managed by the Dominican Sisters of Peace since 1823. The sisters continue to operate it on the basis of the Four Pillars of their educational philosophy – Prayer, Study, Community, and Ministry. It is now home to the Berry Farming and Ecological Agrarianism Program. Before the sisters would grant Berry, his family, and prospective instructors access to the pastureland on the College, they had to be convinced Berry was sufficiently devoted to those Four Pillars. They now remark that they have found him to be a “deeply spiritual man.”

The Berry Farming program aims to pass on Berry’s farming ethic. Studies consist of raising food crops intended for local market consumption, philosophy, agricultural science, soil stewardship, soil conservation, and an ethical relationship with the land – “ecospirituality.” About five years ago, the first class consisted of one student. Now there are 25 – most relatively local, but some from far parts of the world including Africa and India.

When they enrolled, most students did not know what a prolific writer Berry is. Now they know that he writes not only factual reports and other prose, but also poetry. Many have decided to read that poetry, feeling that it helps them grasp what their relationship with the land and what their place within a community should be. Here are two samples of Wendell Berry’s poetry:

From a “Manifesto for the Mad Farmer’s Liberation Front”

“...Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay.
Want more of everything ready-made. Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die.
And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more.
Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer.

When they want you to buy something they will call you.
When they want you to die for profit they will let you know.
So, friends, every day do something that won’t compute.
Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it...”

“The Peace of Wild Things”

When despair grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound, in fear of what my life and my children’s lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.
I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting for their light.
For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

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Thank you from the Lord of Life Congregation Council



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.

- Mar. 03 canned meats
- Mar. 10 potato products
- Mar. 17 meal in a box (hamburger helper etc.)
- Mar. 24 fruit or vegetable products

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.

HOLY FAMILY MINISTRIES, which is one of our Advent Charities, supports a K-8 faith-based school on Chicago's west side, called Holy Family School. They would love to have visitors and hope that Lord of Life can join them for a very special day. **Monday, March 4th** is Dr. Seuss Day and they would love to have you come and share in the joy of reading with their Holy Family School students. All are welcome at either of their two reading sessions - 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. A flyer with further information is posted on the narthex bulletin board.

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.

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 HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that made the Chili Cook-Off a success! Thank you to our contestants: Kyle Jenkins, Marci Erhardt, Kim Puchalski, Chris Selep, Sue and Mike Carr, Anna Carr, Bill Luthardt, Rose Kaplan, Heidi Haffner, Bill Peterson, Kyle Collins, and Aaron Collins, and Jim Heinking. Also, thanks go out to the Collins, Jenkins, and Scanlan Families for putting on the Cook-Off. A HUGE thanks to Altar Guild, Endowment, Quilters and Church Council for your spectacular raffle items! Finally, thank you to all that attended the Chili Cook-Off. Through you, we raised a record \$2,203 for The Schaumburg Township Food Pantry. The total the cook off has raised for the Food Pantry over the last five years is \$7,665!!!

PRINCE OF PEACE ASH WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST will be held on **Wednesday, March 6th at 9:15 a.m.** Mark Burkhardt, who is Director for Faith Formation in the Domestic Mission Unit of the ELCA Churchwide Organization, will speak on "Outdoor Ministry: Living in Wonder, Love and Praise!" To make a reservation for the breakfast, please contact the church office by Friday, March 1st and tell us the number attending with you as well as the number needing child-care. (847-885-7010 or church@princeofpeace.net). A free will offering will be received at the breakfast.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS would like to say a great big THANK YOU for supporting their Phil's Friends service project. Through your generosity, we collected two bins of needed items and \$332.



CONGRATULATIONS to our 2019 chili grand champion James Heinking!! Your chili and presentation was AWESOME! Enjoy your yearlong reign as Chili King and wear the crown to church often!



MANY THANKS!

Broccoli and Mushroom Quiche

- 1 10 oz. pkg. Frozen Chopped Broccoli
- 1 Lg. jar Chopped Mushrooms
- 8 Eggs (well beaten)
- 1 lb. cheese (shredded) 1/2 Mozzarella 1/2 Cheddar
- 2 tbsp. Mayonnaise
- 6 Green Onions chopped
- 2 tsp. Dill

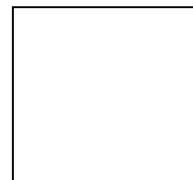


Beat eggs well in bowl. Add all remaining ingredients. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Bake in 9 x 13 glass pan. Spray with PAM. It is done when bottom is golden and middle is solid.

Do you have a favorite recipe or a recipe that are a favorite for others? How about sharing it with on the newsletter? Please leave it on my mailbox or email it to me at lifelines@lord-of-life.org. Thank you Gail



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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.