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LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LIFELINES

From the Pastor in November

Researcher Brené Brown writes that grateful people don't just have an inclination or "attitude of gratitude," but instead, these people engage in specific practices that fuel their sense of gratefulness. Saying grace before a meal, offering a prayer of thanks at the beginning or end of the day, or taking time to worship God are disciplines that exercise our trust in God's very nature of goodness. These practices don't just focus on blessings that have already materialized. Similarly, generosity and stewardship are faith practices that increase our confidence, our faith in God and God's ability to provide for our well-being in the present and future.

In this Thanksgiving season we harvest many blessings. With gratitude we recognize and give thanks for the work that churches, community groups, and denominations are all doing to remove the obstacles that keep people from sharing in God's abundance. We celebrate the diversity of faith traditions across race, ethnicity, and culture that are working together to end hunger. Moved by God's love in Jesus Christ, we are reaching out in love to our neighbors—and we are putting into practice generosity and gratitude. **God calls us to act, to just go and do it...together.**

Together with partnership and good spirit we are working together in Christ's name. Let us remember what is happening in our midst to bring bread to the world and hope for the hungry.

Ten members of Lord of Life gathered in September with friends from other congregations and our community to prepare meals for starving children in a far-off country. We did it together.

Schaumburg volunteers produced and harvested a good crop of vegetables in the garden by the parking lot for the community food pantry past summer. They did it together.

Three young adult women of Lord of Life gave a teamwork message of their participation in Young Adults in Global Mission for the ELCA in England, El Salvador, and Costa Rica and how they connected with host families, regional church and other groups, to bring good news of the gospel and friendship in Christ. They did it together with new partners in ministry.

Twenty women from Lord of Life and local community met on Thursday mornings and other times this past year to create 267 beautiful quilts for international homes and numerous children kits to area families. What a partnership, what a fellowship! They did it together.

Mike Johnson of Lutheran World Relief works with donors and congregations in three mid-western states and came to Lord of Life recently to preach, teach, and dedicate the beautiful LWR quilts for sending them to countries with extreme poverty. He shared experiences of how LWR works with other church groups overseas to bring help and hope to people. He told us that Lord of Life has it together.

Lord of Life has contributed over \$20,000 last year from our Endowment Fund to dozen organizations locally and internationally that provide food for the hungry. These good gifts to partners in service to others are ways to practice gratitude and generosity. Our congregation has worked together in the ELCA World Hunger drive and other mini

In November we have begun another season of sharing. Let us worship together in our church and homes. Let us prayerfully consider to pledge our financial support for the coming year of many ministries at Lord of Life. And let us prepare to welcome a new called pastor in 2019. Thank you for the joy of being your interim pastor for six months this year.

Pastor Art Puotinen

RACHEL CIRCLE

Rachel Circle will meet this month on Friday, November 9th, at Diane Giesel'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, November 3rd, 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!!!

It's that time of year! 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.

Grant & Dolores Giesler on the death of Grant's aunt, June Gregerson.

Gary & Cathy Thoma on the death of their daughter's mother-in-law, Diana Schroeder.

Gary & Cathy Thoma and the Anderson family on the death of James Anderson.

Jim & Barb Dobson and family on the death of Jim's brother Michael Dobson

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

LOL HAPPENINGS

Saturday, November 3
LSSI Giving Banner goes up

Sunday, November 4
All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings Time ends

Sunday, November 11
Pledge Sunday

Wednesday, November 21 7:00 pm
Thanksgiving Eve Service
Pie Social following service

Sunday, November 25
Giving Banner gifts due

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

Please mark your calendar

Fellowship,
learning,
helping
and
loved ones
lost.



**On Sunday,
November 4,
2018 at 2 a.m.,
Daylight
Saving Time
Ends**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 3, before retiring (or 2:00 am Sunday, November 4, for you night owls!)

A Time of Remembrance

Christian holidays were often adapted from pagan or non-religious observances. On November 4 we will celebrate All Saints Day, one of those holidays that has been around in some form for centuries.

In the pre-Christian Western world, the season of Samhain (sow-en) was an important occasion. The growing season ceased, and the ability to harvest ended. The Celts and Druids considered it the end of the year. The Druids believed that the boundaries between the living and the dead could be more easily crossed at that time. Hence, it was thought wise to offer small gifts, such as little parcels of food, to any wandering spirits that had passed through the divide between the two worlds.

During the Middle Ages, before the Reformation, the Roman Catholic Church observed a three-day period which overlapped the end of Samhain with the beginning of the Druid new year. All Hallowtide consisted of All Hallows' Evening on October 31, All Saints' Day on November 1, and All Souls' Day on November 2.

All Souls' Day was the last day to offer prayers for the recently departed so that they might be able to leave Purgatory and find their way to Heaven. As church processions went through the towns and countryside saying their prayers, the poor and children (called "soulers") would gather along the route and offer their services. Give a beggar a penny or soul cake, and he would offer additional prayers to help liberate a loved one. However, if someone rebuffed a request for a soul cake, the beggar might pray instead that the soul stay in Purgatory even longer! That was the "trick" of the day. This is thought to be the origin of trick-or-treating.

If you're looking for a treat to make on All Souls Day, try these Soul Cakes. (They're more of a shortbread cookie than a cake.)

Soul Cakes

...stop
consuming so
much; the
earth can't
support it.

1 c. butter
3 ¾ c. flour
1 c. sugar
¼ t. nutmeg
1 t. cinnamon
2 eggs
2 t. cider vinegar
6 T. milk
powdered sugar to sprinkle on top
1 t. ginger
1 t. allspice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cut the butter into the flour.

Blend in the sugar, nutmeg, ginger, cinnamon and allspice.

Beat eggs, vinegar and milk together.

Mix with the flour mixture until a stiff dough is formed.

Knead thoroughly and roll out ¼ " thick.

Cut into 3" rounds and place on greased baking sheets.

Cut a cross shape into the soul cakes before baking.

Prick several times with a fork and bake for 20-25 minutes.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Each year the church celebrates and gives thanks for all the saints, "who from their labors rest." We will be doing a special remembrance for Lord of Life members who died in the months of November 2017 through October 2018. We will light candles and speak their names during The Prayers giving God thanks for each of them.

We will also offer, at both the 8:00 and 9:30 worship services, the opportunity to those who wish to remember loved ones who have died from November 2017 through October 2018. If there is someone you wish to remember we will invite you to come forward to light a candle and to speak their name. Pastor Art will say a brief prayer of thanksgiving for their life and then you may return to your seats. We miss those who have gone before us into eternity but we rejoice in the gift of time we shared in this life.



BAPTISM

Sophie Amelia Schulze was baptized on Sunday, October 14, at the 9:30 a.m. service. Sponsors are Nicholas & Leigh Stone. Proud parents are Gregory & Mar-yann Schulze

Congratulations to all!



Sounds of Giving



Ring in the season by selecting a bell from the Sounds of Giving banner (formerly Giving Tree) that will be hanging in the narthex beginning November 3rd.

After choosing a tag, for an LSSI child, be sure to write your name and phone number on the recording sheet next to tag number.

(There is a \$50.00 limit for these gifts.) Remember to take a bag for the gifts and return them to church no later than Sunday, November 25th.



Gift wrapping will be held on Saturday, December 1st at 5:00 PM in the lower level of the church. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

MANY THANKS!

Quilter's News



The MISSION QUILTERS wish to thank everyone who helped in any way on Quilt Dedication Sunday. The quilts have been delivered to the Church of the Brethren in Elgin where

they shortly will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland, for international distribution. This past year Lord of Life quilts were distributed in the Ukraine and Zambia through the use of tracking labels. What will be their 2019 destinations? This marked the 38th years of quilt-making at Lord of Life with 267 quilts completed in 2018 for an overall total of 8,476. This is only possible because of ongoing donations of fabric, bed linens, etc. by you, so continue to think of the group when cleaning linen closets. Worn blankets are always appreciated. Feel free to visit the group on any Thursday morning to see what we do and enjoy a cup of coffee. Again, thank you very much!



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.

Nov. 04 canned vegetables or fruit

Nov. 11 potato products

Nov. 18 gravy or sauces

Nov. 25 muffin or bread mixes

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED World Community Day celebration will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, at Christ Community Mennonite Church, Schaumburg. Our program is entitled "Reaching for Wholeness in Harmony with God's People." Before or after the program, you are also invited to shop for fair trade items at the Gifts of the World store on the church grounds.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME Daily Devotional Booklets for October, November and December are ready for pick up. You will find them on the usher's table in the narthex.

CALLING ALL CHILI CHEFS!

Do you feel your chilis 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 a vote and a prize will be awarded to the chili with the most votes! **DON'T DELAY...**

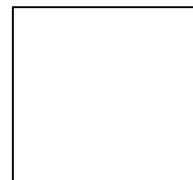
SIGN UP TODAY!!!



LIFELINES DEADLINE for the December edition is **Monday, November 19th**. Please email your articles to Gail at lifelines@lord-of-life.org Gail also has a mailbox at the bottom of the narthex stairs in which you can leave articles if you do not have a computer.



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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.