

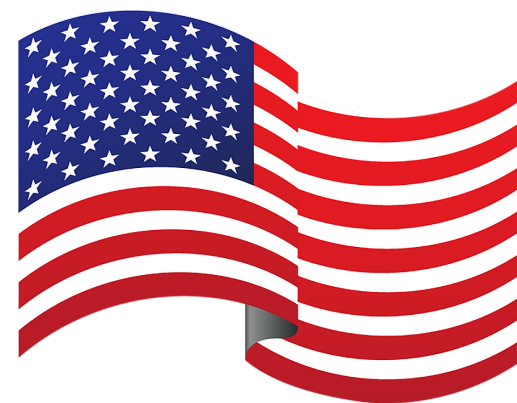


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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

MISSION STATEMENT

"Our Mission at Lord of Life is to Worship God,
and Share the Love and Grace of Jesus Christ."

A Message From Pastor Craig

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace to you and Peace in the midst of all that life and God brings. As some of the Covid-19 booster signs remind us, we are all in this together.

As I was preparing sermons in the last two weeks, I found myself trying to find the heart or poetry of the preaching lessons. The heart or poetry of the lessons is (for me) where I experience God's living presence (sometimes, usually, not always – its ongoing work and prayer).

So here is a poem for our journey together.

NOTHING MAKES MORE SENSE

The force that created the unimaginable splendors
and the unimaginable horrors
has taken refuge
in us,

and it will follow our
commands.

Power in the hands of the weak creates suffering
and divides men.

those who have held beauty work to overcome their prejudice
and seek to bring all into
Her arms,

for nothing makes more sense
than being there
with Him.

by Catherine of Siena, from Love Poems from God, 12 Sacred
Voices from the East and West, Daniel Ladinsky

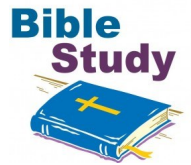


Remember Adult Bible Study -

We have begun our study of Matthew.

Class will be held via Zoom on Sunday at 9:15 am.

E-mail reminders and links will be sent.



Take a moment when you are here at Lord of Life,
whether for worship, exercise class or just driving by...

The Fountain and all the flowers are really lovely.

Thanks to Russ Marane!!

Thank you, Russ.



From the Music Minister

*"The hearing ear and the seeing eye,
the Lord has made them both".*

Proverbs 20:12

As we continue to 'live and breathe' through a mask on a daily basis, I find that some of our usual modes of communication have changed a bit. Our mouths are such an obvious way for us to communicate an emotion; with a smile or a scowl we are able to convey exactly what we are feeling. That obvious form of communication does not exist right now as our lips are covered for safety. I have found it interesting to have to communicate and connect with others through their eyes alone. Instead of concentrating on another's lips to decipher an expression of a feeling, I find myself drawn to their squint or how high their brow line raises as their eyes open wide. I am learning to read, more carefully, the joy or sorrow that can accompany tiny lines that appear around another's eyes as they tell a story.

There are blessings in these strange times: we cannot touch, but we are driving by one another's homes to check in ; we cannot gather, but we are calling one another; we cannot read one another's lips, but we can look into one another's eyes.

Our ears, our eyes, our arms and legs; a wonderful reminder that the Lord God has made them all. In fact, he has created us 'a little lower than the heavenly kings and crowned us with glory and honor'. We continue to live into that description as this pandemic attempts to define what we can and cannot do as a community. We remain connected in thought, word, and deed, and most certainly through the Holy Spirit; and even though we are not yet together as one, physically, our mission to worship and to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ continues.

Mary Monroe



MANNA HOUSE



With the Covid-19 virus, the rules of Manna House have changed. We are no longer preparing and serving meals, rather we are preparing iced tea and bag lunches distributed at the door by Board Members.

The community has come together to provide everything needed to prepare a bag lunch consisting of sandwiches, chips, etc. and ice tea served in lidded cups.

We will need 8-10 team members in the kitchen at 9:00 AM to assemble the bagged lunches. Please wear a mask; gloves are provided.

Please let Virginia Lensch know (Phone: 912-638-3425, Email: vlensch@bellsouth.net) if you would like to be a part of the kitchen crew to help prepare sandwiches or iced tea or assemble bags. See you Thursday, July 9, at 9:00 AM!



Come Let Us Pray

The disciples would often face difficult situations that could be resolved only through prayer. Prayer is the key that unlocks faith in our lives. Effective prayer needs both an attitude (complete dependence) and an action (asking). Prayer demonstrates our reliance on God as we humbly invite him to fill us with faith and power. There is no substitute for prayer, especially in circumstances that seem impossible.

Remember to use the Prayer Request form in the back of the bulletin or call or email the church office.

Presidents Message for the July Mast 2020

Greetings All,
As the COVID 19 restrictions continue easing, Lord of Life has opened our doors for limited and responsible participation within the Sanctuary. Church services were held on the weekend of 6/13 and 6/14 with abbreviated services and limited attendee restrictions. We will continue these services on a limited basis. Detailed information concerning these services will be provided through our Friday Reminders, emails and the Mast. The information will also be available by calling the church office. The Council and Worship Committee are very concerned about the safest and best ways to continue "safe practices" at the church and will work very closely together to prioritize the safest and best approach in moving forward. We will keep everyone updated with information as it becomes available. I want to provide a very heartfelt final special thanks from me to Laura Kipp as the chairperson for her leadership on the Worship Committee and for all the committee members: Ruth Kolumber, Virginia Lensch, Mary Ellen Long, Cathy Erickson, Mary Monroe and Pastor Craig. Especially through their hard work, dedication and love for Lord of Life have we been able to stay connected with one another.

The Council, in unison with Pastor Craig, using guidelines based on Synod recommendations, has developed a call committee. The individuals on the Call Committee are Kate Boyer, George Cressman, John Girton, Mary Monroe, Gardi Woods and Lucy Zantow. Keep all these individuals and the body of Lord of Life in your prayers during this extremely important phase of moving forward to call a new Pastor.

The semi-annual Congregation Meeting was held on 6/21 and the following Council positions were voted on and filled: President – Tony Tate, Vice President – Dave Erickson, Evangelism – Vanessa Wardlow and Social Ministry – Cathy Erickson. Congratulations to these individuals and thanks for your willingness to serve! Also, many thanks to Renee Balka, Gardi Woods, Sharon Borich and Gloria Burns for all you have done for Lord of Life during your terms on Council!

As always, remember Pastor Craig, Council members and Dona at the church office are available to be contacted with any concerns or questions. Stay safe, healthy and please let the church know of any needs!
Blessings, Doug

Service, Interest and Study Groups at Lord of Life

Below and continued on the back of the calendar is a listing describing the various groups and activities associated with Lord of Life which meet with some regularity. One and all are invited to join in with a group that may be of interest. Simply contact the contact person named (phone numbers are listed in the church directory). We hope we can resume activities. Meanwhile check website for online continuation

Esther Circle: We meet as a women's circle on the second Monday of the month at 11 am in the Conference Room. We study the Bible and work on outreach projects. (Contact Virginia Lensch to find out when they will resume meeting).

Mary Martha Circle: We meet as a women's circle for lunch on 1st Thursdays, in the months of Sept-May, from 12 Noon-1:30 PM. Contact Mary Neal or Ruth Kolumber.)

Let Us Pray: We gather in the sanctuary every Wednesday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM to lift up prayer concerns of the congregation and others. Virtually only. Contact Mary Ellen Long.

Bible Study: Wednesday at 10 am. Check with John Girton about resuming meeting. The study is for about an hour and all are welcome. Hope to be able to resume the studies later this summer.

Choir: We hope to Adult choir practice begins at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays. No professional vocalists have joined us. Just a group of folks who like to sing.

Esther Circle



We will meet again on the second Monday in September at 11:00 AM, in the Council room, to continue our study on the Really Bad Girls of the Bible series.

JULY, 2020

BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Manson, July 3
 Ken Bryson, July 4
 Janet Hays, July 5
 Alex Alley, July 6
 Christine Schonfeld, July 9
 Mary Neal July 16
 Laura Kipp, July 24
 Barb Jokinen, July 28
 Byron Zantow, July 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Rich and Melanie Reiter
 July 4th
 Ken and Shelan Bryson
 July 24th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 pm, Let Us Pray, Virtual	2	3	4. "FOURTH OF JULY" 
5 Sunday service on YouTube 9:15 am, Zoom Sunday School on Matthew	6	7	8 7 pm, Let Us Pray, Virtual	9 9 am, Manna House contact Virginia Lensch	10	11 9:30 am, Watercolors 5:30 pm, Communion Service, 20 pp or less
12 8 am and 10:30 am, Communion Service, 20 pp or less 9:15 am, Zoom Sunday School on Matthew	13	14	15 7 pm, Let Us Pray, Virtual	16 6:30 pm, Church Council Meeting	17	18 9:30 am, Watercolors
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26 8 am and 10:30 am, Communion Service, 20 pp or less 9:15 am, Zoom Sunday School on Matthew	27	28	29 7 pm, Let Us Pray, Virtual	30	31	

Service, Interest and Study Groups at Lord of Life

Manna House: We prepare, serve and clean up at the Manna House the second Thursday of every month. Preparation begins at approximately 8:30 AM; lunch served at 11:30 AM. But, volunteers come when they can and stay until they must leave. Contact Virginia Lensch

LoL Labors of Love (Stitchery): LoL Labors of Love Stitchery Group knits and crochets prayer shawls and lap blankets to present to those in need of comfort. Supplies are available for anyone interested in making these at home. Please contact Renee Balka for kits and for additional information.

Open Sewing "Sew Happy": We meet each Wednesday from 9am – 3pm to sew and socialize. Projects include LWR quilts and Quilts for Kids, tote bags for DFACS, and other charitable items. Contact Pat Schwandt, Bobbye Underwood, or Gardi Wood

Youth Group: We meet for a variety of activities on an as-scheduled basis. Contact Mary Monroe

Book Club - Literary Society On the fourth Tuesday of each month we meet at a member's home from 7pm to 8:30pm to discuss a portion of a book we have read over a cup of coffee or cider. We not meet in November or December. (Contact Virginia Lensch).

Friday Night at the Movies We sometimes gather on a Friday night at 7:00 PM to watch a popular movie together with popcorn and soft-drinks. Watch for dates and movie titles in the announcement section of the worship bulletin.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

**We will resume meeting
in September.**



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We will continue to plan to offer in person worship opportunities in July based on the feedback and interest of the congregation from June 13-14. Please note that health and wellbeing is our highest priority during the pandemic. Therefore, while our sacristans and other members will do everything possible to sanitize and keep everyone safe from Coronavirus spread, if infection rates increase dramatically or if there are infected members who may have had contact with anyone who attends, we may have to change the plan. CDC and DPH guidance will be strictly followed. No more than 20 parishioners will be allowed for each service and masks are required. Make sure you reserve your spot for the specific service you wish to attend by calling the church office and letting Dona know ahead of time. Thank you to everyone for making worship in person possible!

Saturday, July 11 at 5:30 pm

Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 and 10:30 am

Saturday, July 25 at 5:30 pm

Sunday, July 26 at 8:00 and 10:30 am

Thank you,
Laura



PRAYER LIST

Members

Anne Lyerly	Charles & Lynda Brand	Steve & Linda Bullock
Carol Campbell	James St. Clair	Lynn St. Clair
Ellen Strojan	Natasha Terrill	Patrick Boyer
Bob & Pat Schwandt	Fred DeFoe	Bruce Raines
Gay Eubanks	Christine Schonfeld	Jane Bozza
John Borich	Shirley Powers	Virginia Lensch
Kevin Manson	Max Kipp	Vanessa Wardlow
Debbie Phillips		
Jill Kneuppel and the family and friends of Virginia (Ginni) Kneuppel		

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Rachel Gang	Bobbie Underwood's granddaughter
Reid Opdahl	Grandson of the Balkas
Opdahl family	Joe & Renee Balka's daughter
Flora Mundy	Lucy Zantow's Aunt
Brad Wright	Debbie Phillips' cousin
Beverly Alley	Rachel Alley's Mom
David Sherman	Cousin of Diane Rancourt
Larry Eubanks	Gay Eubanks' son
Family of Kimm Eubanks	
Peggy Williams	Laurie Bentley's sister
Gene Olson	Cathy Erickson's Dad
Stebschulte family,	cousins of Ellen Strojan
Dawne Spangler	
Daneen Brinckmann's sister	
Buffy Jobe	Friend of Zantows
Eva Stein	Friend of Debbie Phillips
Carrie Petrovich	friend of Diane Rancourt
The Handlers	Steve Kipp's sister & family
Randy Hardy	Friend of Bev Latvala
Mildred Coleman	Friend of the Amie's
Gerard Retzer	Zantow family friend
Craig Moore	Beth Brockwell's brother
Steve Oldaker's family and friends	
Friends & family of Andrew Dorogi	
Billy & Carolyn Smith	Friends of Ginger DeFoe
Jacob Wilson	Schwandt's grandson
Rob Schwandt	Son of Bob and Pat
Margaret Evridge	Friend of the Schwandt's
Trudy White	Friend & former member
Charles Wier (3 yrs)	Friend of the Amie's
Hugh Ham	Cousin Nancy Ringeling
The Snyder family	friends of Bullocks
Carole Kozicki	Cousin of Judy Cressman
Carter family	Friends of congregation

FRIENDS AND FAMILY CONTINUED

Linda Aschbrenner	sister-in-law of Renee Balka
Thomas Hardy	Brother of Pat Morris
Jill Godfrey	The Long's niece
Oeller family	Kipp family
William Ballenger	Anne Lyerly's brother
Sal Cenicola	Friend of Monroe family
Judy Hellgren & family	Co-worker of Laura Kipp
Kurdish people in Syria	Ellen Kennedy
Austin	Grandson of Schwandts
Nicolas Dragutin	Susan Madden's son
Violet & family	4 yr old with cancer
Meghan Day	Daughter of Nancy Day
David Schofield	Nancy Ringeling's cousin
(child in critical condition)	
Nancy Barbee Brooks	Brenda Tate's Sister
Bonnie Baechtel	Pastor Bonnie's Mom
Cassidy Autenreint	Pat Morris' niece
Mike and Arlene Huber	former members
Mara DeLage	
Christopher Godfrey	Nephew of the Longs
Faithworks	
Bishop Kevin Strickland and staff	
Pray for Remington Academy	
Our world leaders, that they may work together for peace.	
Those recovering from disasters, natural and man	

Pray for those on the prayer list. And check the list for errors or needed changes.

Vanessa Wardlow

As you may have heard, Vanessa fractured her hip requiring surgery. In order to heal and receive physical therapy, Vanessa has been transferred to a facility in Savannah.

If you would like to send a card or drop a note in the mail to Vanessa, please address it to:

Vanessa Wardlow
Riverview Health & Rehab Center, Room 719
6711 LaRoche Avenue
Savannah, GA 31406

2020-21 Council

President, Tony Tate
Vice President, Dave Erickson
Secretary, Joan Wiley
Treasurer, Kirby Crawford
Evangelism, Vanessa Wardlow
Fellowship, Brittany Taylor
Property, Bob Schwandt
Social Ministry, Cathy Erickson
Stewardship, Don Long
Worship & Music, Laura Kipp

Call Committee

Lucy Zantow
Mary Monroe
Kate Boyer
John Girton
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Virginia Lensch



Lord of Life Literary Society

Book Club is currently on summer hiatus. However, it will begin again on September 22.

Book Club typically meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 PM, from September to May. Meetings are held in member's homes or at the church with a light dessert and beverage.

If you love to read, look for book announcements and plan to join us.

A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading. –William Styron



Holiday Market

We regret that this year's Holiday Market, to be held Saturday, December 5, has been canceled. Because of the uncertainties and unknowns with the corona virus, we made this decision out of caution. There were too many questions we aren't able to answer. How do we keep our volunteers safe? How do we social distance shoppers and keep them safe? What would happen if one person contracted the virus who had attended the market? Would there be a liability factor? We felt that it was important to make the decision at this time because it is the right thing to do for our vendors so they may make other arrangements.