

NOVEMBER 2021 MAST

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR BOB

NOVEMBER 14, 3:00 PM

RSVP BY SIGN UP OR CALL

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

See inside for details



MANNA HOUSE

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. We will also need members to hand out lunches at the door. To hand out lunches, please come at 11:00 AM.

Lord of Life's turn to serve at Manna House is on the second Thursday of the month. Virginia will be this month's team leader.

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 to assemble bags.

See you Thursday, November 11, at 9:00 AM!

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**Pastor - Bob Kasting
Music Director - Mary Monroe, Council President - Tony Tate**

Food for Thought

As we start to think about the season of giving, I wanted to share with you an article I read. Just some thoughts to keep in mind as we support Sparrow's Nest with our food drive.



"So, I spent some time at a Food Bank today and spoke to the people getting food. Here are some things I learned from those in need:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure as kids need it for the cereal that they get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta and sauce.
4. They cannot eat the canned items unless they have a can opener. Look for pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice-A-Roni which they get a lot of.
6. Spices, salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee. Need I say more.
8. Sugar and Flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in the springtime because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without meat.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly, but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter and margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting make it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dish soap is very expensive and appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing."

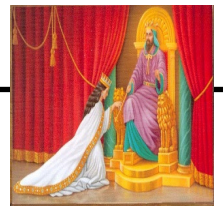
As I said above, this article written by someone else did give me food for thought.

We do a great job in giving "necessities". Can we go the extra mile and give some "luxuries" that we don't consider luxuries?

I will specify two dates, one before Thanksgiving and before Christmas for cold food drop off. In talking to our contact at Sparrows Nest she said that turkeys and hams are needed, as well as butter, eggs and fresh vegetables. Look for those dates to be listed in the bulletin. The food that isn't in need of refrigeration will still be collected in the lobby of the fellowship hall.

I am so thankful for our church community,

Social Ministry



Esther Circle

Esther Circle will meet on the second Monday, November 8 at 11:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall.

We are studying Liz Curtis Higgins book, *The Women of Christmas*. We will discuss chapters 3 and 4, the Virgin Mary's story, found in Luke 1:26-56.

Invite a friend to join us. Be sure to bring your Bible with you.

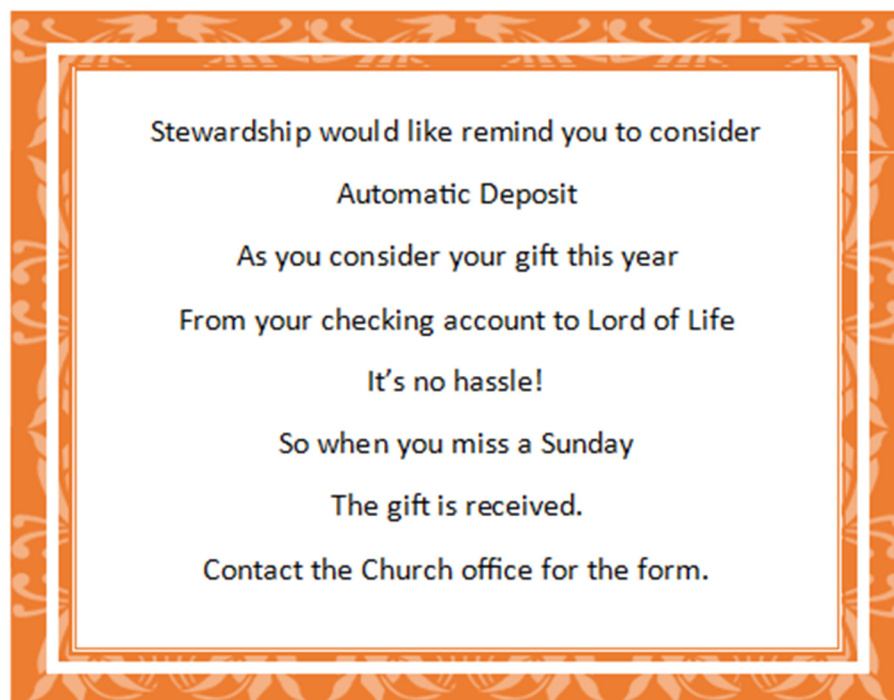
From the Music Director



How wonderful it has been to get back into our beautiful Sanctuary on Sunday mornings to worship together once again; even our choir has been able to offer gifts of music during our services again. However, if you have attended and heard them singing, you have noticed that there are several empty chairs in our loft!

Over the next couple of months there will be plenty of opportunities to worship through the ministry of music. Please pray about this opportunity. Wednesday evenings are so fulfilling for those who attend our rehearsals. We would love to have others join us. If you are interested, please see me after a service or let our Administrative Assistant, Dona know, and she will get the message to me.

Join us Wednesday evenings at 6 pm for Choir!



THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER



Join with your church family on November 25, for a Thanksgiving Day covered dish dinner at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please RSVP on the sign-up sheets so there is plenty of turkey and place-settings for everyone.

Bring a friend or neighbor along with your favorite Thanksgiving covered dish to share.

All are welcome to attend, especially those without families nearby.

Turkey and Beverages will be provided.



If you need a ride, please call the church office: 638-4673

Questions? Call Bud & Virginia Lensch: 912-638-3425

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BIRTHDAYS

Warren Boyer, Nov. 2
Erika Bueken, Nov. 3
Jack Cheetham, Nov. 4
Jerry Latvala, Nov. 6
Sharon Borich, Nov. 10
Olivia Zantow, Nov. 10
Dot Donahoo, Nov. 11
Alex Alley, Nov. 12
Meyer Earl, Nov. 12

Doug Neal, 13
Kevin Terrill, Nov. 15
Phillip Campbell, Nov. 18
Brittany Taylor, Nov. 24
Thomas Boyer, Nov. 27
Graham Treece, Nov. 27
Rich Reiter, Nov. 29
ANNIVERSARY
The Zantows, Nov. 1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10 am, Pastor Bible Study 7 pm, Pastor Bible Study	2	3 9 am, Open Sewing 6 pm, Choir Practice 7 pm, Let Us Pray	4 Noon, Mary Martha	5 9:00 am, Pack Sea Farers Shoeboxes	6 9:30 am, Watercolors
7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS 8 am, Worship 10:30 am Worship	8 10 am, Pastor Bible Study 11 am, Esther Circle 7 pm, Pastor Bible Study	9	10 9 am, Open Sewing 6 pm, Choir Practice 7 pm, Let Us Pray	11. Veterans Day Manna House	12	13 9:30 am, Watercolors
14. 8 AM, Worship 10:30 am Worship 3 pm, Pastor Bob's Installation OCC Set UP	15 OCC, Fellowship Hall	16 OCC, Fellowship Hall	17 9 am, Open Sewing 6 pm, Choir Practice 7 pm, Let Us Pray OCC, Fellowship	18 OCC, Fellowship Hall	19 OCC, Fellowship Hall	20 OCC, Fellowship Hall
21 8 am, Worship 10:30 am Worship OCC, Fellowship Hall	22 OCC, Fellowship Hall 10 am, Pastor Bible Study 7 pm, Pastor Bible Study	23 OCC, Fellowship Hall	24 9 am, Open Sewing 6 pm, Choir Practice 7 pm, Let Us Pray	25 Thanksgiving 3:00 pm Dinner	26	27 9:30 am, Watercolors
28. 1st Advent 8 am, Worship 10:30 am Worship	29 10 am, Pastor Bible Study 7 pm, Pastor Bible Study	30 10 am, Book Club		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS November 6 at 2 am. Set your clocks back. 		

FROM THE PRESIDENT



A Cleanup Workday is Scheduled for Nov 6. Please help if you can. Rick gave a very good 'temple' talk on our tasks for this day. An important item is we will clean up closets. If you have something you want to keep, make sure it is labeled and dated. A 'discard after date' would also be helpful. Please come for the fellowship and maybe a little cleanup of the property. See you there.

In a few weeks we will have completed the installation of Pastor Bob as the Pastor of Lord of Life Lutheran. This marks an important milestone both for the church and for Pastor Bob. You are aware of the efforts the Call Committee and the Church Council undertook to reach this goal. Our visiting guests and Bishop Strickland will see a small, vibrant church doing the ministry of our Lord; and following in the traditions of our Lutheran heritage. As we are a friendly congregation, take a minute to greet our guests and the Pastors family.

We will also be concluding our Stewardship drive by press time. If you haven't, please return your pledge and talent sheets. You allow us to do important things with monetary and talent gifts.

The new doors are also on order and expected to be in shortly.

We recently updated our bank account signature cards to current members. This removed some former and deceased members.

The Council recently held half-day 'retreat' in the Fellowship Hall, the first in a long time. This gave us time to develop team skills and the time to delve into a more strategic vision for the future.

Remember our Congregational meeting Dec 5 after late service. Budget and selection of the Nominating Committee will be covered. Let me know if you would like to serve on this important committee that recruits members for council election.

Blessings, Tony



Come, Let Us Pray

What looks impossible to man is possible with God...and it all starts with a single prayer. *I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Isaiah 38:5.*

We meet around the altar each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. Join us!

Financial Update

2021 Year-to-date

Offerings	\$154,226
Expenses	<u>\$154,001</u>
	+ \$225.00

Thanks for all your faithful giving.

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

A Church Workday is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A dumpster has been ordered to accommodate the larger items that need to be disposed of. Here are the areas that need to be addressed:

- Repair Shed: Repair and replace the rotting boards, clear the area around the shed, clean and organize the interior
- Fellowship Hall: Check and remove unserviceable room dividers, wipe down chairs and tables, clean windows and doors
- Kitchen: Clean kitchen, wash serving plates and silverware, clean shelves and appliances
- Sanctuary: Clean and dust interior, clear items from the restroom closet
- Two Story Building: Clear out and clean the outside closet under the stairs, wash downstairs windows, remove straw bales

There is no need to trim any bushes or cut tree limbs. Our landscaping company will do that prior to Pastor Bob's installation.

Please bring your time, talents, and tools to this event. A light lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please call Rick Apfel at 410-727-2263.

Thank you, The Property Committee

The Installation of Pastor Bob Kasting

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Lord of Life Lutheran church

3:00 pm

Reception to follow

RSVP by November 1st

In the church hallway

Volunteers Needed. See the bulletin board for ways to help

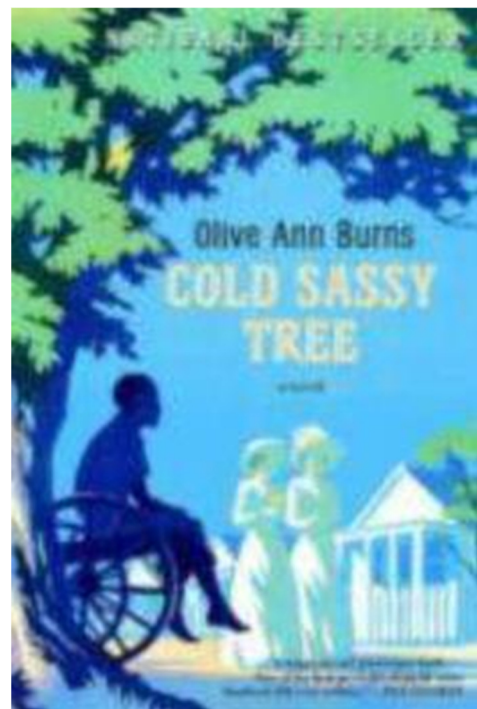
**Lord of Life Literary Society
(Book Club)**



Join us for Book Club in November with our host, Virginia Lensch. We'll meet on Tuesday, November 30, in the Fellowship Hall. at 10:00 AM.

Virginia has selected Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns. The book is available at local bookstores and/or online at Amazon.com, AmazonSmile and Thriftbooks.com. A Kindle edition is also available.

RSVP to Virginia and join us for discussion and fellowship.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEWS

National Collection Week (NCW) is the week of November 15th-22nd. Lord of Life has the opportunity to serve as the Central Drop-Off Center for the Southeast Region for the 7th year! Of course this means that volunteers will be needed. Please check your schedules and consider signing up to serve in this wonderful ministry which reaches out way beyond our church walls to places most of us could only imagine.

Just as we did last year, we will follow a "Curbside Drop-off Model" presented by Samaritans Purse. Volunteers are needed to serve in the following positions: greeter, host, unloader and cartonizer. Each has their own responsibilities which provide for social distancing. Additionally once all the cartons are packed, additional volunteers will be needed to load them on a 28-foot trailer (which will be parked along the fence of our playground). Please note that PPE (personal protective equipment) will be made available and worn by all volunteers while serving. Lord of Life will be open the following hours for others in our local community to drop off their shoeboxes during NCW:

Monday-Wednesday (11/15-17) 9:30-11:30am & 5-7pm

Thursday & Friday (11/18-19) 9:30am-12:30pm

Saturday & Sunday (11/20-21) 12:00 noon-3:00pm

Monday (11/22) 9:30-11:30am & 5-7pm

Please feel free to invite others to serve from outside of our church congregation. Working near other brothers and sisters in Christ is a huge part of this ministry. There were 400 cartons delivered to our church recently in an 18-wheeler. We need all the help we can get to fill these cartons and load them on the truck.

If you would like to fill a shoebox, there are many available at the church. Fill free to take as many as you want. When you return your filled shoebox to the church, please place it in the red cabinet in the Fellowship Hall lobby. If you would prefer someone bring you a shoebox, please call the church and a delivery will be made. If you do not want to shop in person, please think about one of the following ideas:

filling a shoebox online (samaritanspurse.org)

shopping online

make a financial contribution

Many people wonder about why all this fuss over a shoebox full of toys. Not only are the children who receive these boxes overwhelmed with joy at what they find in them, but a larger community is also being built. The Gospel is certainly alive and well in this ministry. For additional information or to volunteer, please call Mary Ellen Long -- 638-7431 or 270-4160.



MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

Mary Martha Circle meets on the first Thursday of the month at noon

We will enjoy our sack lunches as we meet in the Conference Room

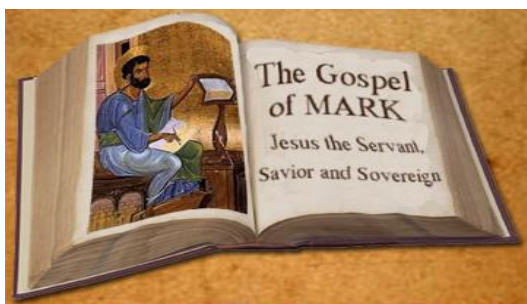
From the Pastor's Desk.

"For Everything There is a Season"

This November sees the end of the current Church Year and the beginning of the next. The current year ends with "Christ the King Sunday," November 21st. The new Church Year begins Sunday, November 28th, four Sundays before Christmas, with the "First Sunday in Advent." As you may know, the Church Year is a cycle of Sunday scripture readings and worship concentrations. The scripture readings are set in a three-year series. This allows us to focus on the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, the Gospel of Mark in Year B, and the Gospel of Luke in Year C before repeating it all again. Over the three years we get a balanced and thorough exploration of the Gospels, as well as readings from the Old and New Testaments. Anyone notice there is not a year for the Gospel of John? We get a fair share of John mixed in every year. Just as the natural year has seasons moving from Spring through Winter and back to Spring again, so the Church Year has its own seasons. Can you name them? Here they are (out of order). Advent – Lent – Epiphany – Christmas – Pentecost – Easter. See if you can put them in their proper order: you can check your answer at the end of this article. Don't peek. Why, through its history, would the Church have developed this annual cycle of Seasons? Think again of the natural seasons. Each has its own focus and opportunities. The beauty of new growth in Spring, birds busy with their nests while we may grab the golf clubs or our gardening tools, file our taxes. Summer brings crops, outdoor recreation, vacations. Fall, lots of leaves to rake or let be, hunting season, back to school. Winter we get out the skis, snow mobiles and snow blowers, while the earth gets a much-needed rest. Likewise, the Seasons of the Church Year, from Advent through Easter, lead us on a journey through Christ's promised return followed by his earthly life as it unfolds from birth through ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. With Pentecost we then delve into the life of the Church and discipleship. This seasonal cycle to the Church Year is, by the way, a very good argument for regular attendance at worship, in-person or online. Imagine going about our business Fall through Spring but somehow sleeping through the whole Summer. That would be a tremendous loss. So, with worship: each Sunday builds on the next. Why? So that our trust in Jesus may grow, be our stronghold in life's crisis, our joy in life's blessings and mature through the years like an oak against which we may rest and find peace. Peace in the divine word of forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life. For this Jesus died and rose. For us Jesus died and rose. For you Jesus died and rose. But while an oak will one day fall, the love of God in Christ Jesus is "from everlasting to everlasting." Sure, and certain in every season. The Seasons of the Church Year in order: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost.

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Bob

Pastor Bible Study



Monday's at 10 AM & 7 PM

Nov 1 Mark 9:2-13

Nov 8 – Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16

Nov 22– Mark 13:1-17

Nov 29– Mark 15:22-39

Dec. 6 – Mark 16:1-8