

APRIL
MAST 2020



***Lord of Life
Lutheran Church
2801 Frederica Road
St. Simons Island, GA 31522***



He is Risen!
We will celebrate Easter together - and apart!

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,

Below is a quote from today's daily meditation from Fr. Richard Rohr.

"My life is not about me. It is about God. It is about a willing participation in a larger mystery. At this time, we do this by not rejecting or running from what is happening but by accepting our current situation and asking God to be with us in it. Paul of Tarsus said it well: 'The only thing that finally counts is not what human beings want or try to do, but the mercy of God' (Romans 9:16). Our lives are about allowing life to "be done unto us," which is Mary's prayer at the beginning and Jesus' prayer at the end."

The "practical" mission of Lord of Life Lutheran Church has forcibly been changed during this last month. As Interim Pastor and Congregation (with visitors) our new normal is to not worship together on Sundays and to not meet face to face in bible study, or sewing group, or committee meetings. Our new normal is to stay socially distant so that the Covid-19 virus will not spread and continue its devastating path of international damage. And it is important for each of us to keep following this protocol until we are given an all clear (or whatever our new normal is becoming).

A lot of grief and anger and frustration face us as we all have to deal with this new normal. I know I am feeling all of these.

Always remember, God is present and with you right here, right now. And God is always trying to catch your attention. So, your job is to listen, to see and to feel God's presence in what ever situation you find yourselves in. And because of social distancing we have a unique opportunity to slow down and pay attention to how God is really right here right now. So, breath and pray. But don't just pray to God, allow yourself to pray with God. Allow yourself to be with God, to trust, and to know you are loved and can never be alone.

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To my LOL Family -

The celebration of my 90th birthday remains memorable and rich with one of my life's greatest blessings, the caring and sharing of what brings us together as a church community.

Thank You for the celebration, thank you for the memories.

Ruth

Sunday Servants

It is time to prepare the Sunday Servants schedule for the second quarter. Please email Laura Kipp at lm.kipp@gmail.com or call: 912-638-6840 with times you know you will be away. As always, please find your own substitute and let the office know so names can be correctly

from the Pastor

And then after you have sat and been still, call, text, facetime someone on the phone or on your computer. **This is our new mission together: to stay connected and to reconnect with others we haven't talked with for a while (or even ever).** If you have a church directory take it out and call 5 people before or after your name this week, and then next week call 5 more. Help keep each other connected. This is especially important for those among the church who live alone. Also, if the person who is in the directory is someone you do not really get along with, call them any way and get to know them (and maybe just maybe, you might get along with them).

In Christ, Pastor Craig Storlie
Interim Pastor, Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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From the Music Minister



I keep gravitating toward the church building as I pass by it every day. The truck just sort of wants to turn into my parking spot.....I have decided that perhaps I should just give into that compelling urge more often than I already am. As I sit in the quiet Sanctuary I have been thinking about what happens on Sunday mornings that I am missing so much.....it is Bud walking through the door at 7:15 to 'wake up the building'. It is Mary Ellen and Ruth making sure that the altar and the meal are precisely prepared for all; it is the conversations that begin as the community starts to gather; and now, it is even the 'jingling' bells that adorn Pastor Craig's cincture that kind of make me chuckle, in a wonderful way, reminding me that the Holy Spirit, as he puts it, is always around us. I miss you all!

Those jingling bells and Pastor Craig's explanation of them really do send a powerful message as we continue to navigate through a strange time for a community that is so tightly bound to one another. When I think about not physically being together on Sunday mornings right now, I have begun to hear those 'jingling' bells and am reminded that we are ever surrounded by the power of the Holy Spirit and it is that Spirit that continues to connect us in a way like no other.

May we take this time to continue to be alert to God's 'jingling' reminder that although we are not together, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are always with one another!

Mary Monroe

Come Let Us Pray



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During these unusual circumstances where we are encouraged not to gather, rely on your relationship with the Lord, seek to know Him better and ask for increased capacity to prayerfully intercede for others. Then pray for courage to pray for your fellow Lord of Life members by praying the church directory.



Let us trust each other to pray for one another.

"Prayer throws faith on God and God on the world. Only God can move mountains, but faith and prayer move God." ~ E.M.

Bounds

FROM THE PRESIDENT... Greetings All,

Wow!! What a crazy and trying time we are going through with the coronavirus and having to practice "social distancing". While social gatherings are limited many positive things are happening at Lord of Life. Hopefully many of you were able to watch the worship service last week posted on the YouTube and Facebook sites. We will continue to provide worship services on those sites until we are able to all worship together in the Sanctuary again (and will still include posting the services on a regular basis on YouTube and Facebook). Many thanks to Brittany Taylor in being the foundation to get the initial worship service recorded with Pastor Craig and shared on YouTube and Facebook!

Also many thanks to the Worship Committee for all their work to enhance the worship service and recordings. The Worship Committee is investigating ideas to enhance worship services especially for Easter Sunday. The logistics are still being worked out and we will keep everyone updated on the outcome. Special thanks to Laura Kipp, Virginia Lensch, Ruth Kolumber, May Ellen Long, Cathy Erickson, Mary Monroe and Pastor Craig for all their time and hard work!

In following the mandated policy from Glynn County the Sanctuary will be closed to public gathering through April 13th. We will evaluate our schedule once again after that time. Most likely the Sanctuary closing will continue through April 30th as this is the current time frame to continue practicing "social distancing".

Please remember Pastor Craig is always available to meet with anyone on a one-on-one basis with any concerns, needs or just wanting to talk while he is here Wednesday afternoon through Sunday mornings.

Stay safe and healthy and please contact the church with any needs!

Many Blessings, Doug
Council President

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).

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).

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. Contact Mary Ellen Long.

Bible Study: Wednesday at 10 am John Girton leads Bible Study. The study is for about an hour and all are welcome.

Choir: 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.



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April 2020

April events and birthdays

Birthdays are on the calendar

*Check e-mail and website (lolssi.org) for services
and virtual gatherings
Office open 2-3 hours each weekday morning, or
call Dona for info and access.*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Erik Lensch	4 Lindsay Earl
5.  PALM SUNDAY	6	7 7 pm. Computer Club on ZOOM	8	9 Maundy Thursday	10 Good Friday Andrew Passwaters	11
12. EASTER SUNDAY 	13. Melanie Reiter	14	15 Mary Monroe	16	17	18
19 Worship online Janice Ciotti Laurel Conner	20	21	22 Mary Ellen Long	23	24	25
26 Worship online Judy Crawford	27	28 7pm, Book Club on line or in person	29	30 	ANNIVERSARIES Don & Mary Ellen Long, April 19 Alexander & Rachel Alley, April 23 Brandon & Stephanie Treece April 23	

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 for Pastor Bonnie 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

Mary Martha Circle will not meet in April



Computer Club will not be meeting at Lord of Life this month, instead they will meet on Zoom.

Computer Club

Greetings! Charles Murphy will do a presentation on "Things to Do During the COVID-19 Quarantine" when the Southeast Coastal Georgia Computer Club meets on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 6 PM online. For our member's safety and to comply with local mandates of public gatherings of 10 or more, the meeting will be held online via Zoom. You may join the meeting from any device but from a computer display or tablet would be better since it is a larger screen. Please see the details below:

Charles Murphy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Southeast Coastal Computer Club Meeting
Time: Apr 7, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/768428927>

Meeting ID: 768 428 927

Also you are welcome to call me any day before the meeting if you like help is getting Zoom setup to make sure you are ready before the meeting. My cell is (912) 506-8557.



CANON'S POINT



Pastor Storlie and a group of us hiked
Canon's Point Preserve earlier in March.



A Faithworks Blizzard Is In The Forecast

During the weeks of Lent we will be collecting paper products for Faithworks. Please bring paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, diapers, Kleenex, etc, and we will build a mound of snow in the fellowship hall lobby. All will be delivered to Faithworks after Easter.

We need more for Faithworks!!



WOMEN'S FITNESS CLUB

The members of the Women's Fitness Co-op love their (our) new home on the first floor of the two story building across from the Fellowship Hall. We cleaned, painted, and spruced up the area to make it feel like home to us prior to our opening on Monday, March 2. We also welcomed new members from our church. Out of precaution, we closed effective March 16 and look forward to reopening when it is deemed safe to do so. When we open we will let you know and we hope to see more church members try us out. We have a lot of fun while doing something good for ourselves.

Renee Balka

The Worship Committee met with Pastor via Zoom on Thursday, March 26. We brainstormed ways to do worship during Holy Week and Easter now that we are all isolating. Pastor is working hard to be flexible and creative in how we "worship from afar". We will have a Palm Sunday script read by several members of the church and recorded with the altar as a back drop to match the Passion of Jesus from Matthew's Gospel. Pastor and Mary will record services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as well and all of these will be available to members on the YouTube channel. Easter Sunday service is still under discussion but, stay tuned....we will let everyone know the plan as soon as possible.
Blessings to all of you,

Lord of Life Literary Society



Ruth Kolumbar has selected *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey for our April selection.

Even though we may not be able to meet to discuss our books, it is important to keep reading.

Books are available at discount from GJ Ford bookstore, Thrift-books.com and Amazon.com.

Save April 28 at 7:00 PM to meet to discuss Ruth's selection.



Ladies High Tea *In early May* *Has been cancelled*

Due to the COVID 19 virus and after-effects. We plan to reschedule in the Fall, so save your elegant hats and manners



MANNA HOUSE

Jesus prepared a meal for the multitudes to remind us that we feed people not because we believe they deserve it, but because they're hungry.

johnpavlovitz.com

.Lord of Life plans, prepares and serves a meal each month on the second Thursday of the month.

During this time of crisis, we are volunteering when we can and still helping to obtain food for those in need.

Please check the chart on the bulletin board to indicate your participation.

Esther Circle

Esther Circle will not meet in April. Continue to be inspired by the women in the Bible and those around us each day.

