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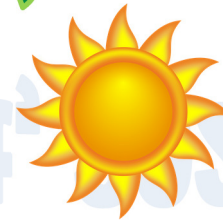
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Music Director - Mary Monroe, Council  
President - Tony Tate  
Worship Services - 8:00am & 10:30 am**



# August, 2021 Mast



## WELCOME

**PASTOR BOB AND KELLY!!**

*Join us today after the late service for a welcome  
lunch for Kelly and Pastor Bob.  
Be sure to remember to bring a dish.*

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## 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 Bob

From the Pastor's Deck,

First, I want to thank you all for the warm reception and welcome you have shown Kelly and myself. At the time of this writing, we are unpacking and getting settled in. It is great to be here at LOL and continue the ministry you all are doing and to expand on new ministries.

*Matthew 15:10-20(The Message)*

*He then called the crowd together and said, "Listen, and take this to heart. It's not what you swallow that pollutes your life, but what you vomit up." Later his disciples came and told him, "Did you know how upset the Pharisees were when they heard what you said?" Jesus shrugged it off. "Every tree that wasn't planted by my Father in heaven will be pulled up by its roots. Forget them. They are blind men leading blind men. When a blind man leads a blind man, they both end up in the ditch." Peter said, "I don't get it. Put it in plain language." Jesus replied, "You, too? Are you being willfully stupid? Don't you know that anything that is swallowed works its way through the intestines and is finally defecated? But what comes out of the mouth gets its start in the heart. It's from the heart that we vomit up evil arguments, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, lies, and cussing. That's what pollutes. Eating or not eating certain foods, washing, or not washing your hands—that's neither here nor there."*

As I have been seeing on the news, social media and all around us I got wondering why it is that we are so quick to judge others, say terrible things, hateful and nasty things to people. We, and I include myself in this, are so quick to see someone and make judgements on them or say something about a person even before we know them. I wonder why I am like that. But I also wonder why WE who call ourselves Christians do this. We do it all the time, inside the church building, with each other, about groups, people who use the building. If we are truly Jesus' disciples, then we should know better to show love and grace to each other.

In the gospel of John 13:33-35 "*Children, I am with you for only a short time longer. You are going to look high and low for me. But just as I told the Jews, I'm telling you: 'Where I go, you are not able to come.' 'Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.'*" Jesus tells us that he is the only one who judges people, and that we are to love one another as he loves us, unconditionally.

A few years ago, someone handed me a copy of a newsletter from a church in Florida. I am reprinting it. I will add Lord of Life where it is necessary.

*Lord of Life Lutheran Church welcomes you! We welcome if you are single, married, divorced, gay wealthy, poor, black, brown, yellow or white. We welcome crying newborns, squirming children, and frazzled Mom and Dad's. You are welcome if you sing like an opera star or can't carry a tune in a bucket, like some of us. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Martin Luther, haven't been in church since little Joey's baptism, or if you're "just browsing." We welcome you if you are over 60, even if you haven't grown up yet, or if you are a teenager and growing up too fast. We welcome starving artists, latté sippers, vegetarians, and junk food junkies. You are welcome if you are in recovery or still struggling with your addiction. We welcome you if you have been having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion". We've been there too! If you are left-wing, right-wing, or no wing at all, you are welcome here. If you are visiting Grandma and Grandpa and they made you come to church, WELCOME! You are welcome if you are vacationers, year-rounders, snowbirds, seekers, doubters, or if you are inked, pierced, in flip flops or a three-piece suit. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now. We welcome you to Lord of Life Lutheran Church because we are a place of saints and sinners of all kinds who are here by the grace of God. Your Brother in Christ, Pastor Bob*



From the Music Director



I have the honor of getting to know so many of the residents at Magnolia Manor. I have heard so many of their stories; good and bad, joyful and sad. I had a dying resident tell me not too long ago that even though she was suffering from terminal cancer.....*'she chooses to be joyful'*. I remember telling her how wonderful it is to have that kind of peace with our God and reminded her that she never has to 'choose' that kind of joy.....that joy is a response to God's love.

1 Peter 1:8 reads; *"Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy"*. God's people do not have to choose joy, they are able to live into that joy because of God's awesome character of steadfast love and mercy.

Remember, God never promised us a trouble-free life....in fact, he actually promised us the opposite in John 16:33 which reads; *"I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you WILL have trouble; but take heart.....I have overcome the world."* What a profound reminder that He has promised us joy even in the midst of difficult times and that the peace that passes all human understanding is found in Him alone.

Joy is not just a fleeting feeling based on the circumstances of our lives at any given moment. God's joy is a perpetual gladness of the heart that comes only from knowing and dwelling in him. When we know him, how can we not respond with thankfulness and joy?

Mary Monroe

### MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

**Mary Martha Circle will resume meeting on  
the first**

**Thursday of September.**

**Hope everyone has a wonderful summer!!**



From the Worship committee—

Welcome Pastor Bob! We are excited about new possibilities and adventures ahead. The Worship and Music Team had our first official meeting with Pastor Bob on July 25 where we discussed some of the important issues of the day for worship and got to know each other a little bit. Spreading the word about activities and worship opportunities is something he is passionate about. Keeping our website and Facebook page updated as well as putting items in the Brunswick News were topics of conversation. So, all you Facebook fans, if you post a "check in" when you get to church on Sundays, it gives us some of that good PR and lets others know you are here. We have a technology team that has worked diligently and tirelessly to get our worship live streamed and we are almost there, so that will be another way to share LOL with lots of people, near and far. As you know, we return to two Sunday services this week. Sunday Servant schedules are done for August and September. We will be working on October, November, and December very soon. It really helps to let me know when you might be unavailable to serve and also when you want to serve. We ALWAYS welcome new people in the roles of Sunday Servant so please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the following team members with your requests. Right now we have Lector, Assisting Minister, Acolyte, Sound Tech, and Usher positions available. We welcome youth to assist and shadow adults in any of these roles too.

-Cathy Erickson,-Virginia Lensch, -Mary Ellen Long, -Mary Monroe,  
-Ruth Kolumber.

Be well and be blessed! Laura Kipp (638-6840)

From The President,

Aug 2021 Mast



Change continues to be a way of life. We saw the departure of Dr Mike as interim pastor and the arrival of Pastor Bob. We celebrated Dr Mike's departure with a potluck luncheon. We will welcome Pastor Bob and Kelly on Aug 1 with their luncheon. How nice it has been to return to a more normal service and be able to gather in the Fellowship Hall.

The property committee under the very capable Rick Apfel has made some needed repairs: a sanctuary chandelier light quit working and it was determined to be a bad timer and replacement timers were installed; the Choir room light had not worked, so as a licensed electrician was on premises this was addressed. Plans are proceeding to fix doors in FH as keys don't work (bad Locks) and lawn service company has been counseled on doing a better job. Rick is working with pre-school to improve their dumpster location. And thanks to Dave Erickson who painted the hall.

Your committees work so hard for you I hate to single out any one as they all make our church go. But how else will you know? When you see a council member take a moment to thank them and remember they can use help.

Also welcome to new members Larry and Susan Bacon and Craig and Jacquie Wheeler who joined on Dr Mike's last interim service. Welcome.

Council did not meet in July and will meet August 15 after late service.

Remember we return to 2 services on Aug 1.

Blessings  
Tony

## 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 11:00 am. We study the Bible and work on outreach projects. We will not meet again until September.

Mary Martha Circle: We meet as a women's circle for lunch on 1st Thursdays, from 12 Noon-1:30 PM. Contact Mary Neal or Ruth Kolumber for more information.

Let Us Pray: Every Wednesday evening from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM we lift up prayer concerns of the congregation and others. Virtually only. Contact Virginia Lensch to learn more.

Choir: We hope to have Adult choir practice at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays. No professional vocalists have joined us. Just a group of folks who like to sing. Choir will take a "summer vacation" for June and July. Check with Mary Monroe for more Details.

### **Choir Rehearsal Returns**

*Come join us as we return to the 'loft' on*

**Thursday, August 26th at 6pm**

*We would love to have your voice!*

*If you have questions please contact Mary Monroe  
at the church office.*



# August, 2021 Mast



## Birthdays

John Girton, Aug. 2  
 Bud Lensch, Aug. 2  
 Allen Burns, Aug. 7  
 Fred DeFoe, Aug. 7  
 Bryar Lensch, Aug. 7  
 Daniel Kipp, Aug. 12  
 Bob Schwandt, Aug. 16  
 Jane Bozza, Aug. 17  
 Gale Speich, Aug. 17

Kirby Crawford Aug. 23  
 Ginger DeFoe, Aug. 24  
 Don Scheuerle, Aug. 26  
 Bobbye Underwood, Aug. 27

## Anniversaries

Dave & Cathy Erickson, Aug. 5  
 Jerry & Bev Latvala, Aug. 14  
 Nancy & Ken Day, Aug. 17  
 Tony & Brenda Tate, Aug. 26

| Sun   | Mon                 | Tue   | Wed   | Thu                                    | Fri | Sat  |
|---|---------------------|---|---|--|-----|--|
| 1<br>8:00 am, Worship<br>10:30 am, Worship<br>Welcome Pot Luck<br>for Pasto Bob | 2                   | 3   | 4<br>9:00 am, Open Sewing<br><br>7 pm, Let Us Pray  | 5                                      | 6   | 7<br>9:30 am Watercolors   |
| 8<br>8:00 am, Worship<br>10:30 am, Worship                                      | 9<br><br>Pastor off | 10<br><br>First Day of School<br>Pastor Off | 11<br>9:00 am, Open Sewing<br><br>7 pm, Let Us Pray | 12<br><br>Manna House                  | 13  | 14<br>9:30 am, Watercolors   |
| 15<br>8:00 am, Worship<br>10:30 am, Worship<br>Council Meeting                  | 16                  | 17  | 18<br>9:00 am, Open Sewing<br><br>7 pm, Let Us Pray | 19                                     | 20  | 21<br>9:30 am, Watercolors   |
| 22<br>8:00 am, Worship<br>10:30 am, Worship                                     | 23                  | 24  | 25<br>9:00 am, Open Sewing<br><br>7 pm, Let Us pray | 26<br><br>6:00 pm, Choir Prac-<br>tice | 27  | 28<br>9:00 am—3:00 pm,<br>Via DeCristo Meeting,<br>Fellowship and<br>Sanctuary |
| 29<br>8:00 am, Worship<br>10:30 am, Worship                                     | 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. Meet at Manna House at 9:00 am. Wear masks and gloves. Contact Virginia Lensch for details.

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 9:00 am – 3:00 pm 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 to discuss a portion of a book we have read over a cup of coffee. Book Club will not meet until September.

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### **Adult Sunday School**

The Adult Sunday School is on break

# **SAVE THE DATE**

*12th Annual*

## **Holiday Market Craft Fair**

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

**2801 Frederica Road, Saint Simons Island**

**Saturday, December 4**

**9:00am ~ 4:00pm**

### **DONATIONS ARE NEEDED**

Please save your old books for Mary Martha's Book Sale

Pint jars for pickles for the Sew Happy Quilters

We are so excited to be able to keep this great tradition going.

There will be more to come soon.

### **Mutual Ministry Committee**

We have established a mutual ministry committee whose purpose is to serve as an independent conduit on issues of the congregation, council, and staff. Our main purpose is to affirm and strengthen the mission of our congregation and ministry. With your support we will be able to accomplish that.

We are your listening post and sounding board and we welcome you to share your concerns with any of the committee members. You can be assured that we will handle every issue fairly, expeditiously, and with the hopes that any conflict may be resolved equitably to all involved. We also want to hear the good things our church is doing and welcome your positive comments. All issues brought to this committee remain completely confidential.

The members are Brenda Tate, Don Long, Jim Fraser, George Cressman, and Renee Balka.

## MANNA HOUSE

With the Covid-19 virus, the rules of Manna House have changed. 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 5-7 team members at 9:00 AM to help prepare sandwiches, assemble the bagged lunches or make iced tea. Please wear a cap when preparing food. Masks are optional. Gloves and hairnets are provided.

If you would like to distribute the bagged lunches and iced tea at the door, please come at 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We will need 3-4 members for distribution. Masks are optional. Gloves are provided.

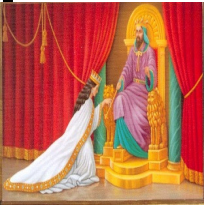
Please let Virginia Lensch know (Phone: 912-638-3425, Email: [vlensch@bellsouth.net](mailto:vlensch@bellsouth.net)) if you would like to be a part of the kitchen crew to help prepare sandwiches, iced tea, and assemble bags or distribute bags at the door. Cathy Erickson will be our lead cook.

See you Thursday, August 12 at 9:00 AM!



## ESTHER CIRCLE

We will meet again to begin a new study, on the second Monday in September, at 11:00 AM, in the Council room.



Continue to be inspired by the women of the Bible and the women around you every day.

## In Honor and in Thanks to Dr. Mike and Kandyss

On July 11, we thanked Dr. Mike with Potluck after church.

Shown below is Dr. Mike receiving his quilt made for him by the Wednesday morning Quilters.



## Women's Fitness Center

The Women's Fitness Center, located on the first floor of the two story building across from the fellowship hall, is now open to new members. We have been extremely careful during the pandemic and going forward we welcome new members. This is a resistance form of exercise combined with cardio. Our hours are 8:30 ~ 11:30 and the monthly rate is \$35 for unlimited workouts, each taking a little over 30 minutes. If you are interested in

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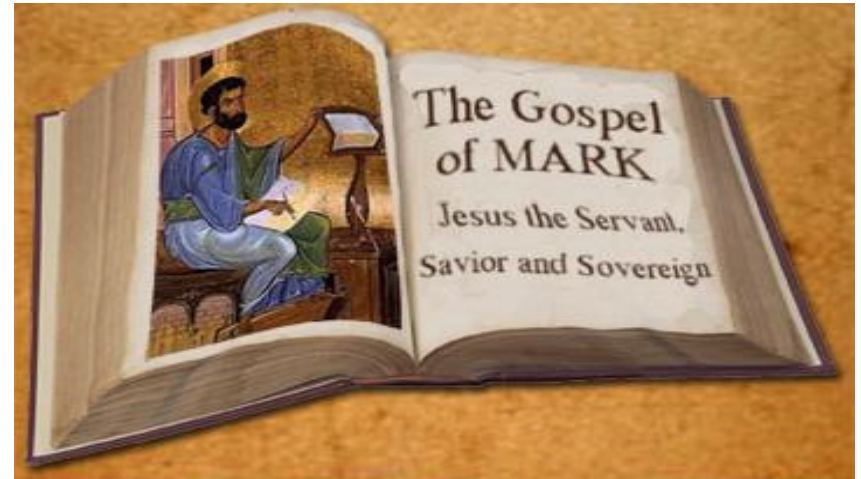


Book Club is currently on summer hiatus.

However, it will begin again on September 27.

Book Club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, typically at 10:00 AM (hostess choice), from September

## Bible Study



Monday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM

[Sept 13 - Mark 1:1-15](#)

Sept 20 – Mark 7:14-30

Sept 27 – Mark 8:27-9:1

Oct 4 – Mark 9:2-13

Oct 11 – Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16

Oct 18 – Mark 13:1-17