The year was 1943. The world was at war and service members were deployed around the world and the end was not yet in sight. Knowing that many families would be separated for yet another holiday, Bing Crosby tried to lift spirits with the now familiar classic: “I’ll be Home for Christmas.”

You might remember hearing it on the radio. Or remember hearing your parents or grandparents talk about their experiences during the war. The holidays have a way of reminding us of what’s important. As difficult as those times were, we also have warm memories of how we gathered round the hearth, with heart and hands and voices.

On Wednesday, November 28 we’re going to revisit Christmases past and prepare for Christmas to come with some heartwarming stories, familiar songs and the continuing celebration of life. The format is still in flux. It’s not a worship service and it’s not a concert. Think Prairie Home Companion meets The Tonight Show!

In preparation for the evening I would like you to submit one or two family Christmas photos: one old and one more recent. The photos will be shown (projected) as a collage during one segment of Heart & Hearth. We will scan and return the photos to you. If the photos are already digitized simply email them to info@lolaz.org. Make sure to include your name!

And please invite your friends on November 28. They will enjoy the songs and stories. And since it’s not a worship service they might be more inclined to say “yes.”

We all want to be home for Christmas. Gather with family and friends with heart and hearth. When we were young it may have been the war, or work or time or distance that kept us apart. Today we may be separated . . . again. All the more reason to gather with family and friends, knowing that, in Christ, we are always home for Christmas, if only in our hopes and dreams.

Pastor Steve

Heart & Hearth: Home for the Holidays Photo Submission
Drop off photo submissions at weekend worship or in the office. We will provide plastic bags. Be sure to write your first and last name on the bag. The office staff will scan the photos and return the photo within a week. Photos should be no larger than 8 x 10.

Congregational Meeting
December 9 & 10
Following Worship
Congregational Council Elections

For many years, it has been the tradition Lord of Life Lutheran Church to host an Inter-Faith Community Thanksgiving Eve Celebration. This year, Shepherd of the Hills UMS is hosting and the Synagogue will participate as well. The service will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 21.

If you would like to contribute a pie for the social, please deliver to SHUMC prior to the service that evening. We encourage an offering of non-perishable food items for the local food bank.
Greetings from Peoria, AZ! By the time you are reading this I will have been officially installed as the Associate Pastor at Community of Grace Lutheran Church! While it was very difficult to say goodbye to our church family at Lord of Life, Josh, Oliver, and I have been welcomed very warmly and are beginning to settle in. I am hopeful that I may still get to see some of you every now and then being so close geographically! It has been a whirlwind couple of months since saying ‘goodbye’ to Lord of Life. There have been numerous celebrations, new beginnings and transitions, and we’re looking forward to hopefully sharing news soon of Littlest Lotz’s arrival!

We wanted to say thank you again to everyone at Lord of Life for the love, support, and generously given to our entire family throughout our time with you all. We were so blessed to be with you for the year of my internship (not to mention how additionally blessed we were to be connected to you through your scholarship support and prayer while I was completing course work through PLTS!). Thank you so much for offering an encouraging and supportive place for me to learn and explore more deeply what it means to be a pastor. I will always be grateful for the ways in which you all helped to shape me into a better servant of the gospel. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the love offering you gathered as a congregation for us and cannot begin to express how thankful we are for such a gift. I pray that God blesses the congregation of Lord of Life abundantly in the coming years as you continue to discern and live into whatever new adventures God’s Spirit is calling you.

Peace be with you,
Kathleen and Family

Lord of Life Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday, December 5 at 6:00pm at the Briarwood Country Club. Doors open at 5:30pm. Please make your reservations in the church office. Tickets will be on sale only in the church office November 12 through the 27. Dinner entrée selections are Chicken Florentine or Salmon.

For our entertainment, the Glory Singers are proud to present the cantata “A Song Was Born At Christmas”. The Glory Singers Choir is a LOL outreach choir directed by Mary Lynn Hedrick. The choir consists of half Lord of Life members and half from other churches in the surrounding retirement communities. Its purpose is to share the gospel through music with community members who are in assisted living and nursing facilities. This ministry is a mission of service out of love for the Lord. They will also be giving 26 programs from November-April 2018.

There are tables of eight so if you wish to sit with your friends, please organize your group and purchase your tickets together. Cost is $27.00 per person. We will need your food selection at the time that you purchase your tickets. We look forward to a very enjoyable evening!

LOL University: The Holy Land Today

Join Pastor Steve on Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30pm to learn about The Holy Land today.

Lutheran Campus Ministry at ASU is having a Lefse Fundraiser to support their ministry. They will be selling Lefse the weekend of November 24 and 25 around worship services. Cost is $10.00 per bag (6 slices) Cash and checks are accepted.

November 4
Isaiah 25:6-9
Revelations 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 11
1 Kings 17:8-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:36-44

November 18
Daniel 12:1-3
Mark 13:1-8

November 25
Daniel 7:8-10, 13-14
Revelations 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November Bible Readings

Save the Date
Lord of Life Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 5 - 6:00 pm
Briarwood Country Club

Uff Da! It’s Lefse Time
The weekends of November 3 & 4, 10 & 11 and 17 &18 you may pick up names for the annual Christmas Giving Tree Project. This year’s program will provide gifts for approximately 249 children under age 13, 97 teenagers, and 46 seniors from 102 families referred by Thompson Ranch, Desert Oasis, and Nadaburg Elementary Schools and Pan de Vida Lutheran Church. The Christmas Giving Trees will be in the Narthex with cards that have the names of the children and their sizes hanging from the trees before and after every service beginning November 3 until all names are selected. After you select a name or names from the tree, please be sure to see a volunteer who will record your name and phone number next to the child’s name on our tracking list. We ask that you provide an item of clothing and an age appropriate toy for each child. Wrapped gifts will be due at the church by December 9.

In addition, you may sponsor a senior or teen by taking an envelope off of the designated trees, placing your contribution into the envelope, and dropping it in the offering plate. This money will be added to the Gratitude Gift fund and used to purchase a $35 Kohl’s gift cards.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of this effort to make Christmas a more joyous time for our neighbors in need.

Christmas Giving Tree Program Coordinator
Marilyn Jaster

Summer Quilting Report

While many quilters were enjoying the summer months in cooler places those who enjoyed the Valley of the Sun summer days were busy. In addition to the quilts presented to the Rev. Kathleen Lotz family when Kathleen finished her year’s intern at Lord of Life others were donated to various charities including:

- **Okoboji Bible Camp Auction**—1 full size quilt ($300) & 2 Pocket Pal Quilts ($205)
- **Carl Hayden VA**—48 lap robes, 5 full size quilts, 26 baby quilts
- **Phoenix Indian Medical Center**—20 baby quilts
- **Del Webb Hospital**—12 lap robes
- **Grace Lutheran Church** (for children in foster care)—26 Pocket Pal Quilts
- **Solution Church Africa** (through Sun City West Baptist Church)—20 full size quilts

Quilters meet in the Social Hall on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month from 8:30 –11:30. New quilters are always welcomed. Especially needed at this time are those willing to tie quilts. For further information contact Jan Yetter (janyetter@cox.net) or Carol De Ambra (deambra.cj@gmail.com).

November Gratitude Gift: Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree Program at Lord of Life annually counts on your generous giving to provide food gift certificates for our 102 families from Thompson Ranch, Pan de Vida Lutheran Church, Desert Oasis and Nadaburg Elementary Schools. The dollar amount of the food gift certificates are given to the families based the number of people in their family. For example, a family of two will receive $25 where a family of 10 or more will receive $100. This year we need $4,975 to buy the food gift certificates for our 102 families.

For the past two years, we have been buying $50 Kohl’s gift cards for our seniors with the Giving Tree Gratitude Gift money and the money you put in the sponsor a senior envelopes. This year we will buy the gift cards for the seniors and teenagers with the Gratitude Gift money and adopt a teen/senior donation. We are decreasing the amount of the Kohl’s gift cards to $35 and providing the seniors and teens with personal care items such as shampoo and toothpaste. We have 46 seniors and 97 teens. Therefore, we need $5,005 to purchase the $35 gift cards for the seniors and teens. The Christmas Giving Tree Program will no longer be asking the congregation members to purchase items for teens, hoping donations will replace that frustrating experience of buying the teens gifts.

With the total amount needed for food gift certificates and Kohl’s gift cards being $9,960, The Christmas Giving Tree Program hopes that you will prayerfully consider making a generous contribution to the November Gratitude Gift, so we may make this Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

Congregational Council Representative for Benevolence
Marilyn Jaster
Transportation to medical appointments in special circumstances
Holy Communion in the home
Delivery of CDs of weekly worship services
Telephone Ministry

Call the church office if you would benefit from any of these. The ministries are possible because of wonderful volunteers. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Parish Nurse, Ruth Lundeen.

Would you like to become a member of Lord of Life? There will be classes for new members on November 13 & 20 from 6:30 - 7:30pm. New members will be received during worship on the weekend of November 24 & 25.

If you are interested in membership, either as a full or as an associate member, please speak with one of the pastors or call the church office at 623-584-2000.

Collections
Congratulations to the Lord of Life congregation. In October you responded with 977 pounds of food for the Food Bank. Thank you for your response to their continual need.
Little did most of us know when we joined this church, how much comfort and joy would be ours. We, the congregation, though having come from so many different places and traveled so many different roads, are still unified as one in our church family. That is a sense of comfort. Whether we are having dinner, lunch, or breakfast together, or just enjoying time with each other during the Fellowship Hour, we grow and learn as we share stories around those tables. How very interesting to find out the little connections that we have with each other. We never would have found out those things had we not all ended up here, at this place, at this time in our lives.

Coincidence? Maybe, or just part of a bigger plan. Having the opportunity to worship here, volunteer here, join a musical group, women’s circle, men’s group, quilters, or one of the many bible study groups makes this such a special and unique place. You know how Pastor Steve always quotes from our vision statement that retirement is not our mindset? We realize that we are chapter three people, and are happy to be so. We should give thanks for many things, but certainly because we realize just how lucky we are to be here at Lord of Life Church.

Each day is God’s gift to you.
Make it blossom and grow into a thing of beauty.

Lori Jensen, President
(623) 214-0182

40 Day Challenge Donors!
Hopefully you were able to walk through the new office facility in September. If you were unable to do so, there will be another opportunity in January. We heard nothing but positive comments at both the Saturday and Sunday Open House tours. At that time it was about 90% completed and yet people were still pleased with how their donations had been used. As mentioned previously at one of the 40 day challenges reports, with any construction project there would probably be some delays. Unfortunately that was true and our potential early September move back, was delayed until the middle of October.

Our staff was so patient with their cramped working conditions and our members were also patient with the temporary office creating a lack of extra meeting space. The good news is this. Your donations during the 40 day challenge made this all possible. Lord of Life now has a beautiful up-to-date facility for our pastors and staff and for that you deserve a huge THANK YOU!

They say everything good is worth waiting for. We waited and wow, it is good!

Lori Jensen

Sift Gifts
Sift? Is Lord of Life starting a baking class? I am afraid the answer is “No”. However, just as we do sift and blend ingredients in baking, we are embarking on a type of blending which we will call a partnership with Celebration Lutheran Church in Peoria AZ. Celebration is a church in renewal with a first call pastor. As we learned at the Synod Assembly, churches in renewal are not given funds by the Synod in order to help them grow and flourish.

As you walked through the new office facility last month, did you wonder what happened to all the desks and standing bookcases that used to be there? They now reside at Celebration Church. Over a dozen members of that church came to LOL the weekend before our demo day. Six pickup trucks and a U-Haul were here to receive the office furniture and put it to good use in their church.

Let’s get back to SIFT. It stands for:
Small - Items - For - Tots

Celebration church with the help of a MEF grant is going to open a preschool, Agape Lutheran Preschool. While the wheelbarrow is away until January we have another opportunity to help a local church for the months of November and December by donating Small Items For Tots. There will be a box near the Welcome Center to collect these five items for the new preschool: children’s books, crayons, coloring books, small toys, or small stuffed animals. Unlike the Giving Tree Gifts, these should NOT be wrapped. If shopping is difficult for you, perhaps you may want to put a dollar or two in an envelope and mark it DIRECTORS CHOICE. You can find some plain envelopes for that purpose at the Welcome Center. Any money would be used by the preschool director to purchase such things as small tables or chairs, bean bag chairs, playground items or whatever the directors sees as a need.

We have this wonderful opportunity not just to help out a local church, but to help build up a Lutheran preschool with hopes that those little ones will become a Lutheran preschool. While the Agape grant is going to open a preschool, we must think of what would help build up a Lutheran preschool. Let us continue this new partnership between Lord of Life and Celebration with some SIFT GIFTS.

-Lori Jensen
Community Outreach

Thompson Ranch

How many children and teachers have we been privileged to touch in some way….mittens, hats, shoes, notebooks, pencils and paper, crayons, art supplies, tutoring. Christmas decorations, folk dancing costumes and other funding for the dancers. Christmas gifts for children and food for their families. We’ve contributed pianos and keyboards and other musical instruments, computers and printers, money through tax credits and funds for families to pay their utilities and to hire exterminators when the need arises. The list goes on and on. How important this association has been to us as a church body and to us as individuals.

Even though our volunteering in classrooms has diminished since our first years when we sent over 50 volunteers to classrooms, we continue to support the children and teachers with mountains of school supplies every year as well as other support.

A list of supplies requested by the school:
1. #2 wooden pencils
2. Notebook paper-3 hole punched
3. Wide and college rule 70-100 page spiral notebooks
4. Reams of copy paper
5. Wide rule composition books
6. Pocket folders
7. Colored markers (8-12 colors)
8. Boxes of tissues
9. 3 X 5 index cards

Put these items in the Thompson Ranch bin in the hallway of the Social Hall. Always helpful: art supplies-stickers, colored paper, pictures, calendars, ribbon, scrap-booking supplies, Boxtops for Education - found on cereal, cake mixes, granola bars, etc., Campbell Soup labels, and many office supplies.

Nadaburg School

Supplies Needed
A box has been placed in the Social Hall to receive needed school supplies. Thanks to all those who have already given and thank you in advance to all who will give.

Volunteers Opportunities
- In-Class Learning
- Math Specialist
- Reading is FUNdamental Program
- Teacher Assistance
- Library Helpers
- Presentations
- Tutoring in the after-school program
- Hours, except as noted above, are flexible and keyed to volunteer availability

Contact Jack Sellers at 623-584-2049 or jsellers7131@gmail.com to discuss this rewarding activity.

Thompson Ranch

Tutoring at Pan de Vida
If you are interested in being a tutor or a substitute tutor, contact Joan Janis (jajan@q.com) or Jan Yetter (janyetter@cox.net). Tutors who are proficient in math, as taught in schools today, are especially needed.

Full STEAM Ahead!
Thompson Ranch
recently held their week-long STEAM showcase event where students showcased projects as well as 21st Century skills such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving and creativity. The event is part of a year-long series of STEAM activities including field trips, career days, and content specific programs.

By implementing a STEAM approach to learning, Thompson Ranch is aiming for students to engage in personalized learning opportunities that will increase academic rigor by focusing on the critical attributes of the Dysart Profile of a Graduate.

STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. The end results are students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process.

Volunteer at Dysart
To volunteer call 623-876-7875

Hats & Mittens are needed for the children as our weather cools. They can be left in the boxes in the Social Hall hallway.

The Nadaburg “Yellow” School Bus will be in the Lord of Life parking lot on Saturday, December 1 from 9:00am - 12:00pm to accept Tax Credit Donations. The tax credit donation forms will be on the Narthex counters the first weekend in November.
Interested In Taking an Active Role For The Upcoming 2019 Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack???

Soon you will have that opportunity. On November 28 at 2:00pm the Feed My Starving Children Committee will be having their first meeting in organizing the 2019 FMSC MobilePack held on Friday, February 8 and Saturday, February 9 to be hosted by our generous congregation. Hosting these events have proven to be a wonderful opportunity to bring many from our community onto our LOL campus and share the warmth. Besides the MobilePack event, there will be a Kick Off Chili Feed on Wednesday, January 16.

We would love to have enthusiastic and interested people join our committee. Your time commitment will be just a couple one hour meetings plus the amount of time you wish to donate to the events. We think you will find participating on the committee to be a rewarding and fulfilling commitment. It’s a good way to serve LOL, help feed hungry children around the world, and share in the warm feelings assisting with God's work.

The last two years we fed 788 children each for an entire year by packing over 287,000 meals! An awesome example of what we can accomplish together. Just as important, we provided the opportunity for people in our West Valley community from the young to some over 100 years old to use a couple hours of their day turning hunger into hope with their own two hands. During the last two years many commented the manna packers received more than they gave.

“Pack a meal, Feed Your Soul”
Please feel free to join us!

We would like to invite any and all men of the church to join us on the second Wednesday of the month to discuss the following book selections. Copies of the books may be available in the library as well as Amazon and electronic sources. They are probably available in either or both the SCW library as well as the Northwest Branch of the Maricopa County Library in Surprise. If you have any questions call Harry Jebsen at 547-7410 or email him at hjebse@aol.com.

November 14- Lawrence Wright- The Looming Tower: Al Qaeda and the Road to 9/11- a look at how we became involved in the interminable wars in the Middle East.

December- NO meeting

January 13- Yuval Noah Harari- Homo Deus: A Brief(not really) History of Tomorrow- where are we as humans heading.

February 13- Neil deGrasse Tyson- Astrophysics for People in a Hurry- an understandable look for the layman at current theories in the world of physics and where we fit in.

March 13- George F. Will- A Nice Little Place on the North Side: Wrigley Field at One Hundred- our look at baseball as we celebrate spring training in Arizona.


News of Our Members
Stewardship Report
as of October 15, 2018

Full 887
Associate 359
Total 1246
Units 816

Attendance Averages
2017 2018
October 474 446

Removal from Membership
Chris & Kathy Blatt
Mary Ann Carlson
Janet Kintz

Hospitalized since last
LifeLines
Elsa Heinemann
Carolyn Loschen
Eunice Peterson
Fran Reott
Judy Roskens
Jeannie Welborn
Jim Winterstein

Removal from Membership by Death
Richard (Dick) Allart
Joy Bolyanatz
Evelyn (Evie) Conradson
Doris Feeney
Vernon Fetterman
Janet Terranella
Leona (Lee) Vizdal

Treasurer’s Report
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
Month ending September 30, 2018

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Total Net Income-September 2018 -22,303 -18,813

Total Net Income-Year-to-Date -12,624 -50,226

Variance to the 2018 September Budget = $-3,490
Variance to the Year-to-Date Budget = $37,602

NOTES:
September Income was $8,714 under the September plan (-10.3%).
September Expense was $5,224 under the September plan (-5.1%).
YTD Income is $28,278 over the YTD plan (3.2%).
YTD Expense is $9,324 under the YTD plan (-1.0%).

Plan Ahead - End of Year Giving Information
Thank you for your generous support of Lord of Life Lutheran Church! This article is to help you plan your end of year giving if you wish to receive contribution credit for gifts in 2018.

Due to the IRS rules for compliance with GAAP, we will only be able to accept gifts for contribution credit in 2018 if the following are true:
1) We physically receive the gift by midnight on 12/31/2018.
2) A mailed gift is dated AND postmarked on or before 12/31/2018.
3) A gift from distributions such as an IRA is also to be dated AND postmarked by 12/31/2018.

We too must strictly comply with the IRS regulations. Not adhering to these rules will be flagged as Regulatory Non-Compliance in an audit. Look for more information to come as we get closer to the end of the year!
Dinner for 6 or 7 or…. This is a great way to get to know each other! The hosts provide the entrée and beverages. Guests bring a salad or dessert and/or other items as desired. Singles and couples are invited to participate. Forms are available on the counters in the Narthex or in the church office. Dinners will take place in January, February, & March.

Deadline to sign up is November 18. For more information, contact Donna & Jim Boyce, 623-533-6008 umbertine@aol.com or jboyce403@gmail.com.

Saturday Nite Life’s, November 17, theme is Thankful Hearts and we are thankful to have Dale Elliott for our entertainment! He performs at the Grand Imperial Hotel in Silverton, CO playing the piano and singing Ragtime music. He has a CD out called Medleys and Memories: Yesterday’s Favorites. We are sure to enjoy this music!

We will have a dinner of Roasted Pork Loin and sides at 6:15pm in the Social Hall following Saturday evening service. Tickets are $10.00 and can be purchased at the Church Office through Monday, November 12 and around worship services on the weekend. Be sure you come to November’s Saturday Night Life to enjoy this special show!

Attention Thrivent Members and Persons Interested in Learning About Thrivent Financial Benefit Programs

As a membership organization of Christians, Thrivent Financial, wants to make it easy for members to be active in helping us live out our full mission so more members, their families and communities thrive.

Please join us for lunch and an information session on how Thrivent can come along side of YOU to make an impact in your communities. Included will be brief discussions on Choice Dollar and Action Team programs as well as question and answer periods.

Location: Lord of Life Lutheran Church Social Hall

Dates & Time: Wednesday, November 7 • 11:30am to 1:30pm

Lunch will be served. Reservations by November 1, please.

RSVP: Call church office or email glennaustad@sprintmail.com

We will be recognizing the Valley View Food Bank as a community charity and ask attendees to Bring a Jar of Jelly or Jam. Please wear “…give Generously” shirts if you have one.

*This informational session is offered by Thrivent Financial. The mission is to help Christians be wise with money and live generously. No products will be sold.
November contains the day we pause to offer special thanks to God for all of the many blessings we have been given throughout our lives – Thanksgiving Day. Certainly near the top of the list of those blessings were the food we are privileged to enjoy each and every day – but especially so the feast we will enjoy on Thanksgiving Day itself.

Nowadays however, it seems that all we hear is how we are negatively affecting our health by consuming too much food; too much fat, too much sugar, too many calories. … on and on it goes. Well let me try to put a positive spin on our food consumption using the traditional Thanksgiving Day meal as an example.

⇒ 5 oz of turkey provides 50% of the recommended daily need of folic acid and 32 grams of protein;
⇒ 5 oz. of mashed potatoes contain 27 mg of vitamin C;
⇒ String bean casserole is loaded with beta-carotene and B vitamins;
⇒ ½ cup of sweet potatoes provides 33% of the daily allowance of vitamin A;
⇒ 1 ½ slices of canned cranberry sauce contains only 86 calories. Better yet, make your own for the full antioxidant and infection-fighting benefits;
⇒ 5 oz glass of wine is packed with antioxidant reservatrol which reduces bad cholesterol and prevents blood clots;
⇒ 1/8 of a 9” pumpkin pie provides 4.2 grams of fiber and 288 mg of potassium which helps counteract high levels of sodium (that often are ingested in other parts of the traditional Thanksgiving Day meal!)
⇒ Oh, sorry folks, the traditional turkey stuffing doesn’t really offer much – just calories!
⇒ But don’t worry my friends. Enjoy the season. Enjoy Thanksgiving Day. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Day meal. Yours can be a happy, healthy experience.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

November Events
- November 5, 9:30am - 12:00noon
  Type 2 Diabetes Seminar
- November 6, 10:00am
  Healing Hands Tour
- November 9, 1:00-2:30pm
  Driving to Independence
- November 10, 9:00-11:00am
  Atrial Fibrillation Seminar
- November 12, 9:30am-12:00noon
  Type 2 Diabetes Seminar
- November 16, 9:00am-4:00pm
  VRATE (Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo
- November 19, 9:30am-12:00noon
  Type 2 Diabetes Seminar
- November 26, 9:30am-12:00noon

Atrial Fibrillation Seminar
November 10, 9:00-11:00am at the church

Join us for a free educational event to learn about the causes of AFIB, how to recognize if you have the condition & different treatment options.

VRATE: Visual Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology Expo
November 16, 9:00am-4:00pm
Glendale Civic Center

VRATE is an opportunity to connect with blind and visually impaired individuals, influencers and educators from all over the southwest. Many business and organizations will display products and services for blind/low vision consumers of all ages. VRATE 2018 is free to attend. Pre-Register On-Line (www.vrate.org/register.php) to avoid the lines or you may register when you arrive at VRATE.

Grief Support

Lord of Life Grief Support Group meets Thursday at 1:30pm. We will meet every Thursday except holidays. This group is for anyone who has experienced a loss, is living with grief, is in need of being with others who are going through a grief process as well.

We want you to know that you are not alone. Please contact Pastor Kim if you have any questions or concerns.
Women of the ELCA (W-ELCA) Executive Board will meet Thursday, November 15 at 10:00am. The W-ELCA Leaders Bible study will be Thursday, November 29 at 9:00am. W-ELCA Board with Circle Representatives will meet Thursday, November 29 at 10:00am.

November is a busy month for us. Thursday, November 1 at 5:30pm we have “W-ELCA Fun Night” of Trivia and Pasty Dinner. Everyone is invited to this event. Tickets are $10.00.

Friday, November 16 is our Thank Offering Service and Luncheon. This is our opportunity to give Thanks to God in a beautiful service in the chapel followed by Lunch in the social hall. We have our General Meeting for the year at our Lunch. Tickets for the lunch are $5.00.

Our Service Project is Days for Girls. We are using the fabric and supplies donated in May to make kits. Please join us the third Wednesday of the month.

The Grand Canyon Conference will be November 9, 10, & 11 in Phoenix. Some of us are going for the day on Saturday. If you are interested in going for all or part of it, please let Shari know so we can meet up.

Remember to save the date! January 10 is our day retreat at Lord of Life, the theme will be Live, Love, Laugh!

Shari Jones
President, W-ELCA

It’s Poinsettia Time!
You can order your Christmas poinsettias by using the Poinsettia envelopes on the counters in the Narthex, and also in the church office. The cost is $15.00. Deadline is Monday, December 16. You may designate this as a memorial. An acknowledgment will be in the Christmas bulletins. The poinsettias will be available for pickup after the Christmas Day worship service.
Music at Lord of Life

Lord of Life Concert Series

Thursday, December 13 & Friday, December 14 • 6:00pm
Lord of Life Choirs Freewill Offering
Our Lord of Life Choirs are bringing Advent and Christmas to us modeled after St. Lucia, known for bringing light.

Friday, March 1 • 7:00pm
Glenn Henriksen Freewill Offering
Glenn Henriksen, who hails from Iowa, has played here a number of times and gets a larger following each time with his warm, homespun conversation and the variety of music played on the piano and organ.

Sunday, March 10 • 3:00pm
Phoenix Boys Choir
$10
The famous Phoenix Boys Choir is actually two choirs: the Town Choir and Tour Choir. These young boys are trained from a very young age and have the opportunity to travel around the US, last year to Peru, and a few years ago in Japan. They are a favorite wherever they go.

Wednesday, March 27 • 7:00pm
Luther College Band Freewill Offering
In the past we have hosted college choirs. We are privileged to have this well respected 65 piece band in our Sanctuary.

Thursday, April 4 • 7:00pm
LOL Big Band Freewill Offering
The LOL Big Band is known for their exuberant, toe-tap playing.

There is still time to join our choirs: Celebration, Chancel, Visitation, JuBELLation (bells) all welcome you. Talk to Dave or Gloria (or other choir members) about rehearsals etc. . .

Our choirs will join the choir at Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church for Thanksgiving Eve worship. This year’s service is held at the Methodist Church.
CONCERT SERIES HIGHLIGHTS

JOHATHAN & VICTORIA OKSENIUK
TREMBLE CLEFS
NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

01 Phyllis Stageberg
02 Loren Koppelman
William Reay
Karil Roff
Dee Sutherland
Jinny Templeman
03 Ann Bord
Linda Kohl
Jackie Seifert
04 Scott Mohr
Don Van Kolen
05 Volene Adams
Bob Kyllo
Evelyn Laws
Judy Nelson
Karen Teichman
06 Pauline Bauer
Napoleon Bradley
Sylvia Oie
Mary Price
Clark Stevens
07 Dorothy Blum
Ginger Hopkins
Ellie Skon
Gary Worthington
08 Mark Johnson
Jack Keyes
Barbara Larson
JoBeth Stevens
09 Carol Bromme
Daryl Hansmeier
Kristi Houska
10 Lynn Retzak
Mary Pat Vering
11 Kirk Hall
Roger Pribnow
12 Peggy Boke
Gordy Hvidsten
Marilyn Knudson
Frank Krueger
Evelyn Treacy
13 Karen Peterson
14 Karen Boschee
John Boyd
Nancy Kjelgaard
Sandy Matschke
Carol Thunborg
15 Red Majava
Elaine Robinson
Jerry Soma
Paul Spear
16 Norwin Bittner
17 Eileen Bannon
Mike Janis
Al Steffen
18 Garland Cox
Bill Dowling
Carol Hager
Shirley Herring
John Hopkins
Kirk Margosian
Eric Pedersen
Bob Roady
Rudy Sumpter
21 Dean Campbell
Vern Johnson
Loren Krumwiede
David Peterson
Tom Teichman
Donna Thompson
24 Jan Chrisman
Jan Larson
Carolyn Loschen
Lynn Norton
25 Candice Brostrom
Debra Dorough
David Gross
Janet Reimiller
Don Thunborg
26 Jerry Herring
Joseph Hertel
Joanne Rodgers
27 Roger Bourland
Bill Norberg
Annette Willis
28 Robert Latvalla
Ruth Metzler
Betty Reay
Muffy Tiede
29 Roger Oie
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Holy Communion is Celebrated at all Worship Services.
**Winter Worship Times**
Saturday, 5:00pm
Sunday, 8:30 & 10:30am

**Church Office Hours**
Monday through Thursday
8:00am - 4:00m
Friday
8:00am - 3:00pm

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**Items of Interest...**

- **Worship Services on the Web.** If you are out of town or not able to attend services, visit our website and listen to the service.
- **Listening Devices.** Assisted listening devices are available as part of our sound system during worship services.
- **Holy Communion in the Pew.** If you wish to receive Holy Communion in the pew during worship, please notify one of the ushers prior to the beginning of the service. We are always happy to offer the sacrament to anyone who is unable to come forward to the altar.
- **Unisex Handicap Restrooms.** The restrooms in the Chapel are Unisex Handicap Restrooms and are available for people who need family member assistance or are in wheelchairs.
- **Wheelchairs.** Wheelchairs are available in the Narthex for those who may have difficulty walking from the parking lot to the Sanctuary for worship. The door into the Sanctuary on the east side of the building (next to the Columbarium) is handicap accessible for those in wheelchairs, walkers or who have difficulty walking.
- **Pastors on Call.** One of your pastors is on call after office hours, on weekends and on holidays for emergencies. If you need to contact a pastor during those times, call the church office answering machine at 623-584-2000 and you will be given the name and contact information for the pastor on call that week.
- **Hospitalizations.** If you are in the hospital and want us to be aware of it, please call the church office or have someone call on your behalf. Unless directed otherwise, your name will be placed on the prayer chain and included in electronic notifications.
- **Council Minutes and Financial Statements.** These documents are available for your perusal in the church office.
- **Lost & Found.** Come to the church office to claim lost items.
- **Mobile Donations.** Use the code to the right to use Lord of Life’s secure mobile donation site. Simply scan with your smart phone’s QR Code reader application.