



LifeLines

Lord of Life Lutheran Church



A Word from Pastor Steve

Thanks for the Memories

I'm beginning to think that my life is a meme. I use famous lines from movies and song titles all the time, not because I'm such a movie or music buff (I'm not) but because they express a range of emotions in so few words.

Right now, I have a very broad range of emotions: anticipation, trepidation, relief, anxiety, excitement, sadness and just about everything in between. For the past ten years we have worshipped and worked together for the Lord of Life. Yes, I said that right, we worship and work for the Lord of Life, not just for a church called *Lord of Life*. And during that time, we laughed a lot. I think it's hilarious that our church's initials are LOL. When our church was chartered in 1981, who could have foreseen how serendipitous our name would be?

We laugh out loud a lot. And we cry, as well. Living in the Third Chapter of Life means living with loss, and loss always hurts. It hurts less when we are part of a caring community like Lord of Life, and when we are embraced by the Lord of Life.

Thanks for the memories that I will take with me into retirement.

The **projects** we worked on like solar energy for a greener church, Feed My Starving Children, refugee resettlement, and the Legacy of Love which will refresh Ruby Hall, plan for future needs and help plant a new church in the West Valley. The **places** we have been, like Spirit in the Desert retreat center for 3rd Chapter Initiative retreats, and the Israel and Jordan church trip in 2018.

But, most of all, the **people** I have come to know and love as "companions in our pilgrimage on earth". How many times have I read those words from the funeral service as we celebrated the lives of the saints? Too many times. Like I said, we laugh out loud a lot. We also cry.

Thanks for the memories.

Thanks also to wonderful staff who are devoted to the ministry and mission of this church. I know that you see the fruit of their labor; I also see what they put into the job to make LOL so productive. Pastors are expected to work evenings and weekends and answer the call at 3 o'clock in the morning. You may not realize it, but every member of the staff is just as dedicated; ready, willing and able to answer the call.

Thanks to congregational leaders who serve on committees, teach classes, volunteer for projects and serve on the Congregational Council. Our Council members wear the "red badge of courage" because they have earned it. We came through an epidemic that tested every decision and action we made —forcing us to close the doors to in-person worship for nearly a year. Our Council and Covid-19 Task Force provided sound, strong leadership that protected your health and safety.

Thanks to Pastors Kim and Pam, interns Kimberly and Kathleen, Minister of Music Gloria and Choir Director Dave, the choirs and musicians who make worship and music so special at Lord of Life.

And thanks to Toni, who truly is my better half. Every time I got orders for a "permanent change of station" in the Navy, we knew that "permanent" only lasted two or three years. Toni never hesitated and has always been ready for the next adventure.

That adventure begins on April 8th and will eclipse everything that came before. But like everything that came before, it's just another temporary duty station until what is actually permanent arrives. But that's another chapter, altogether.

Thank you!

Words of Gratitude From:

- Lutheran Campus Ministry
- California Lutheran University
- Feed my Starving Children



Collections

Congratulations and thank you to the members of Lord of Life. In March you responded with 704 lbs. of food for Food Bank. Thank you for your ongoing support and your response to their continual need.

Donations

We love your donations! Please remember to put all donations in bags or boxes prior to putting them in the Donation Center in the Social Hall.



**NAVAJO
LUTHERAN
MISSION**

**GRACE LUTHERAN
HOMELESS PROGRAM**



Introducing the Lord of Life Telephone Ministry

The Lord of Life Telephone Ministry Team resumed in March, after a post-COVID hiatus. The role of this team is to follow up via phone with Lord of Life members who have been hospitalized, in rehab, or who have experienced other medical challenges...to ensure that they are recuperating well, or to provide additional assistance (working with our pastoral staff and parish nurse). The team will call approximately two weeks after the member's discharge date, and again two weeks after that.

As the team will use their own personal phones to make these calls, they will not appear on your phone as "Lord of Life," but rather, by their own name. If you are unable to answer, they will leave a voice mail message. The members of the Telephone Ministry team are: Cheryl Bosak (coordinator), Jean Kiernat, Ellie Malin and Sandi Zickau. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this type of ministry, or if you'd like to volunteer to be on the Telephone Ministry team, please contact the Church Office at 623-584-2000.

APRIL BIBLE READINGS			
April 7 Acts 4:32-36 1 John 1:1--2:2 John 20: 19-31	April 14 Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	April 21 Acts 4: 5-12 1 John 3:16-24 John 10: 11-18	April 28 Acts 8: 26-40 1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8

Music at Lord of Life

We have arrived at our concert Series Finale with our own Lord of Life Big Band on Tuesday, April 2 at 7 pm in The Sanctuary. Rumors have it that Pastor Steve will be joining Toni on one of the numbers! Also, the Andrews Sisters (aka Z, S, and S) will chime on the Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy. Another opportunity to hear this fun, talented 20 piece band led by Paul Engebretson. No tickets needed, there will be a freewill offering. All are welcome!

Postponement of May 5 Concert. Sometimes we schedule our concerts 9 months in advance and don't always know what important things will coincide with the date. In this case, a couple of important graduations are happening on the East Coast, so we are rescheduling this May 5 Flute Duo Concert to next fall. Watch for updates in late summer.

West Valley Finalist: Upon reading the Independent, March 2024, Lord of Life Lutheran Church is one of two finalists in Place to Worship. The winner was CCV and Lord of Life and Dream City Church Glendale were finalists.

A BIG Thank You for all the faithfulness, joy, talent and dedication our choirs, soloists, small groups, instrumentalists have brought to us this year, October through May. We have our Worship Choirs, Chamber Singers, JuBELLation, WINK Songleaders which bring music to our Saturday and Sunday Worship Services. We also have Glory Singers and Sing-Along Choirs which go to Assisted Living Places and other places where people sometimes can't get out and about as easily. We also have the LOL Big Band. Then our soloists, both vocal and instrumental, and small groups are amazing. We are most grateful for all of you.

Gloria & Dave Lien

Friends of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

The Thompson Ranch Jaguars would like to invite you to our upcoming Ballet Folklorico Performance during our annual Cinco De Mayo Celebration. Our Jaguars are thankful for all you do to help our families throughout the Christmas Season and all the support you give us throughout the school year. We are preparing a special Thank You performance on May 3, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Thompson Ranch Elementary School Gymnasium and hope that you can join us. - Kimberly Lawson Byrd and Your Jaguar Friends

Kimberly is the Family Outreach Specialist at Thompson Ranch Elementary and our liaison for the Christmas Giving Tree. If you would like to attend the special performance on May 3rd, contact Cathy Melville via the church directory, or notify the church office.



THOMPSON RANCH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Leaving for the Summer?

STAY CONNECTED

FIND THE SUMMER
ADDRESS FORMS ON
THE NARTHEX
COUNTER OR STOP
BY THE OFFICE
BEFORE YOU
LEAVE!



Heat Respite

Be on the lookout for information on the Heat Respite Program coming in June! This ministry supports Grace Lutheran Church in Phoenix by providing sandwich lunches for the homeless during the summer months.



**SOUP
SUPPER**
Thank you!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HELPED WITH SOUP SUPPERS THIS YEAR! THE GROUPS THAT HOSTED WERE: THE GLEANERS, THE NEBRASKA GROUP, SOS, MEN'S CARING AND SHARING, AND THE ECHO MESA FRIENDSHIP GROUP. YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED. THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS A SPECIAL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AT LORD OF LIFE CHURCH!

LIBRARY LINES

We are still looking for suggestions on books or topics you might be interested in having in the library to read. Just leave a note on the library desk and we will do our best to find it.

We are looking for new volunteers to help monitor the library and assist patrons in finding things they are looking for. We usually ask for a 2 hour commitment weekly and certainly understand days that doctor appointments interfere! You may leave a note on the library desk or contact the church office to indicate your desire to make the library your mission.

An added task coming up SOON will be people to help pack up all the library books for the library/social hall renovations that will be taking place, hopefully in April, if all goes as planned. Again, please let the library or church office know that you would be willing to assist. Thank you and HAPPY READING!!
-Barb Chase

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

LUTHERAN THRIFT SHOP
10615 WEST PEORIA AVE.,
SUN CITY



Right now the Lutheran Thrift Shop is looking for Cashiers; Men and women who are friendly and love interacting with others. We will train you to use the cash register!

With summer quickly approaching, getting more qualified cashiers trained and working is a priority. We are looking to fill morning and afternoon shifts – Monday thru Saturday. Cashiers need to be flexible as to day and shift so they are able to fill in where needed.

Remember, as a volunteer at the LTS, you receive a 20% discount on your purchases.

Monthly Book Group

All are invited to the next book discussion on Monday, April 29, 1:00 PM at the church. The selection for this month is **AMORALMAN** by Derek Delgaudio.

He believed he was a decent, honest man. His memories are reawakened when he finds and re-reads his old journal. He is forced to confront and try to understand his role in acts of deceptions from his past.

Looking forward to discussing this memoir. The book is available in the church library and also local libraries.

Gail Muehling

Monday April 29, 1:00 PM

AMORALMAN

By: Derek Delgaudio

April Book Group Discussion

All are invited to the next book discussion on Monday, May 20, 1:00 pm at the Church. We will meet a week early because of Memorial Day. This month the Selection is **THE DICTIONARY OF LOST WORDS** by Pip Williams.

Inspired by actual events the author delves into the archives of the **OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY** to tell a highly original story. It is a thoughtful, provoking celebration of words and the power of language to shape the world.

Gail Muehling

Monday May 20, 1:00 PM

By: Pip Williams

DICTIONARY OF LOST WORDS

May Book Group Discussion

STAYING SAFER IN AN UNSAFE WORLD

Contractor Scams and Obituary Scams

Contractor Scams:

A so-called contractor comes to your door. They are “doing work” in your neighborhood and are offering a special/reduced price if you book with them NOW. They might even claim your roof/driveway/paint needs to be replaced/redone/repared, etc.

You might be shocked thinking you need to take care of this “alleged” repair right away to avoid future damage or higher cost. You sign a contract, make a down payment (perhaps even pay in cash), and you never hear from the “company” again. Your money is gone, and you have little recourse. Or the work is done but is inferior.

These scams happen quite often and are disturbing, but there are ways to protect yourself.

Before you hire any contractor, for any type of work, do the following:

- Only deal with licensed contractors!
- Obtain at least three bids for the work to be done.
- Don’t assume a contractor is licensed in the State of Arizona! Also, don’t assume they are licensed, bonded, or insured.
- Always check with the Arizona State Registrar of Contractors to verify the license: <https://roc.az.gov/> before-hire before hiring or signing any contract. In addition, make sure that the contractor you hire is licensed for the work you are having done. For example, you wouldn’t hire a roofing contractor to perform electrical work. The ROC website does indicate types of licenses required and if you still have a question – call them!
- Ask contractors for recommendations – or ask friends/family/neighbors and check them out!

One caveat: you can still be scammed; obtain shoddy workmanship; failure to complete a project - even when the ROC website does not show a problem. If this happens to you – be sure to report it to the ROC so that they can investigate. This might offer some restitution to you (though not guaranteed) in the future.

Obituary Scams:

Losing a loved one is traumatic in and of itself, but this is also a time when many people are the most vulnerable. Scams can include false billing – claims the deceased owed them money; long-lost relative (even a child who claims to be a biological relative) demanding a part of the inheritance; claims for additional health/mortuary/obituary billing. Even worse is coming home to find that your home has been burglarized because of an obituary posted prior to the funeral/memorial service. Plan ahead by doing the following:

- Only post obituary information in the paper/online AFTER the services. During the services, have a trusted relative/friend/neighbor who is willing to stay in the home during the service.
- Know upfront what medical bills/obituary/funeral bills might be coming.
- Have legal paperwork in order (for example – wills/trusts, etc.) that specifically spell out who inherits.
- As hard as this might be – close all accounts in the name of the deceased. This is especially important for Social Security, Pension and Military benefits.
- Monitor all joint accounts carefully. As soon as possible, if you share an account with the deceased, have their name removed from the account.

**Remember: Most Crimes Are Crimes of Opportunity
If It Sounds Too Good to Be True—It Probably Is
If It Sounds Too Bad to Be True—It Probably Is**

Next Edition—June/July: Resources to Protect Yourself Before/During/After A Scam

For more information contact Suzanne Thomas through the online directory or church office.



Undie Sunday was a great success!

The count is in and we have collected close to 3,000 items. The socks and underwear will go to the homeless men and women that receive services at Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Phoenix.

Each Monday a team of persons from Lord of Life deliver these and other items of clothing to the Church to be distributed.

The last two years we have collected over 4,000 pair of socks and underwear for these needy persons. Thank You to Lord of Life! - The Women's Ministry of Lord of Life



HABITAT
FOR HUMANITY



Exciting news as we wish a big congratulations to the Dudley family whose **BRAND-NEW** Habitat House will be dedicated on Saturday April 6, 2024! Their kitchen will be outfitted by the LOL Habitat Pantry!

Upcoming LOL University Classes

Gospel of John

Facilitator: Pastor Jeff Hackler

Wednesday at 2:00 pm

April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

History of the Qu'ran

Facilitator: Brenda Reynolds

Tuesday at 6:30 pm

April 2, 9, 16, 23

History of Eastern Orthodox Christianity

Facilitators: Mike Boll, Mark Johnson, Tom Teichman

Wednesday at 6:30 pm

April 10, 17, 24



Lots of Changes at Lord of Life!

In the face of a pastor's retirement and the arrival of a new spiritual leader, faith communities embark on a poignant journey of change and adaptation. The departure of a long-serving pastor stirs a mix of emotions, as congregants reflect on years of guidance and shared experiences. This transition is more than a change in leadership; it's an opportunity for growth and new beginnings. The new pastor brings fresh perspectives and ideas, challenging the congregation to remain open-minded and patient during this period of adjustment. As the community navigates this change, it's essential to support and welcome the new leader, fostering a space for mutual understanding and shared vision for the future. In doing so, the congregation strengthens its bond, ensuring a resilient and vibrant community ready to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS



LYNN HUNT

April starts a new era for Lord of Life. We are getting ready to say goodbye to Pastor Steve and we have welcomed Pastor Jeff to share the pulpit with Pastor Pam. I am going to refer to Pastor Jeff as our "bridge pastor" instead of our "interim pastor", as we are using a new model for our transition. Pastor Jeff along with Pastor Pam will do the preaching and the teaching, and Pastor Dominic Palacios will be our transition coordinator. He will work with the council and transition team to lead us through the transition process. I know everyone wants to know how long it will take, and the best answer is "time will tell." Everyone I've spoken to says that history points to 8-18 months from start of the process to calling our new pastor. I want to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who is involved in Pastor Steve's retirement celebration. I'm sure it will be a wonderful evening, and it takes a lot of work, by a lot of people to put together something like this. I wish Pastor Steve and Toni a wonderful retirement. I'm sure the Grand Canyon Synod will find ways to keep him busy. Do any of us really "retire?"

Let the adventures begin! One final note, safe travel to those of you who are leaving us for the summer. If you haven't already, please let the office know when you are leaving and when you are returning especially if you receive envelopes.

—Lynn Hunt, Congregation President



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Legacy of Love

CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

As of March 15, 2024

Goal: \$1,500,000

Intent: \$1,645,455.36

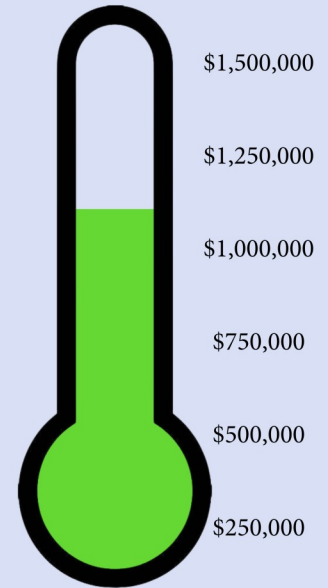
Received: \$1,161,420.72

Because of your continued generous giving, all campus buildings now have a new roof! Thank you for making that a possibility!

You may have noticed some activity with the handicapped access ramps. The ramps were completed to code and a new concrete patio section has been laid next to the conference room.

The courtyard committee is currently shopping for a fountain. Discussion has been on the height and type needed. There will be a sitting area near the fountain and accent lighting will be installed for illuminating it at night.

The artistic medallion in the center of the courtyard will reflect portions of the Lutheran Cross and also show that it has been provided by gifts from the Legacy of Love.



Nadaburg School Supplies Needed

The Nadaburg Unified School District #81 is a K-12 school district in the town of Wittman, AZ. It operates two elementary schools: Nadaburg Elementary (the historical school in the town) as well as Desert Oasis Elementary in Surprise city limits; eight miles from LOL. Nadaburg also operates Mountainside High School. Lord of Life has a long history of providing volunteers who tutor students and gather school supplies for the classroom teachers to aid in their teaching.



More than 75% of the students in this district receive free or reduced lunches daily, which is an indication of the poverty level in the district. If you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer in this elementary school district, please contact Jack Sellers via the church directory or call the church office at for his contact information.

-Jack Sellers



Thank you for your continued support of the wheelbarrow project. As of this writing, the March MACness is on the way to a very successful collection of Mac and Cheese for the Valley View Food Bank. The first two weeks brought in close to 400 boxes! Check the chart in the Narthex for the final count. Thanks to those who brought items and to those who take it to the Food Pantry. Your generous donations to the bi-monthly wheelbarrow and to the weekly shopping cart are making lives easier for those in need.

The wheelbarrow will return in May. Watch for the items being collected in the GWOD and on a wall slide as we get closer to May.

Men's Caring & Sharing

Men's Caring & Sharing, which meets **Monday mornings at 9:00 am**, chooses to care for each other and share their thoughts and concerns. If you have questions, contact Glenn Austad through your church directory or call the church office for contact info.



LORD OF LIFE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Monday, April 1

Hannah
10:00 AM
Lord of Life Campus
Contact: Janet Horst

Wednesday, April 3

Esther
10:00 AM
Lord of Life Campus
Contact: Sheila Johnson-Soma

Monday, April 8

Katherine
9:30 PM
Lord of Life Campus
Contact: Elsa Heinemann

Monday, April 8

Rachel
1:30 PM
Offsite
Contact: Jan Erlanson

Wednesday, April 10

Team Meeting
10:00 AM
Offsite
Contact: Judy Stacey

Thursday, April 11

Anna
1:00 PM
Offsite
Contact: Christi Rich

Thursday, April 11

Ruth
10:00 AM
Lord of Life Campus
Contact: Lynn Norton

Friday, April 12

Days for Girls
8:30 AM
Lord of Life Campus
Contact: Shari Jones

Wednesday, April 17 **General Board Meeting**

10:00 AM
Lord of Life Campus
Contact: Judy Stacey

Friday, April 19

Sarah
9:00 AM
Offsite
Contact: Geri Skogen

Saturday, April 13
Cactus Conference
8:30 am – 2:15 pm
LOL Campus

Cactus Conference Women's Gathering - Registration

**"Sea of Galilee Meets Silicon Valley
Artificial Intelligence, Faith Communities & Faith"**

Saturday, April 13, 2024
8:30 am – 2:15 pm
Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Order of Service:

- Artificial Intelligence, Faith, and Faith Communities - Brian Flatgard, Director of Communications, ELCA, GCS
- Lunch
- Women's Ministry Leaders - Myrna Wells-Ulland, President, Church-wide; Laura Krueger, President; and Suki Kisling, Ambassador, Grand Canyon Synod
- Closing Communion Service
- Katie's Fund
- Offering



Registration forms are available in the office and narthex. Your \$15 registration fee is due with your completed form by Friday, April 5 and includes morning coffee and lunch. Geri Skogen is happy to answer your questions at gskogen@umn.edu.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 Marilee Kyte	08 Carol Berg	14 Bev Johnson	20 Ethel Amundson
02 Marilyn Grieve	Wayne Hose	Judy Van Sickle	21 Jeanne Moe
Kathie Knoop	Nancy Hunt	15 Debbie Dorn	Sally-Ann Williamson
Mary Moors	Harry Jebesen	16 John Harris	22 Marguerite Bradley
03 RuthAnn Atkinson	Gary Kakert	Bill Nutt	Leone Lovejoy
Carol DeAmbra	Laverne Svitak	Rylla Riverman	Sandy Rhodus
04 Janet Farnsworth	09 Jean Erickson	Jon Thompson	25 Roger Bruggink
Lynne Norrell	Charlene Farwell	Jim Wright	Rogene Clark
Anna Royko	Thomas Fedje	17 Nancy Comas	Ernie Kletz
Gael Schneider	Pam Sax	Janet Horst	Cindy Kueter
Gary Syverson	Jack Sellers	Marge Le Gore	26 Bob Linse
05 Randy Mekus	Jean Erickson	Joan Sauer	Al Mau
06 Nancy Crossen	Charlene Farwell	18 Dottie Anderson	Sue Opsal
Marlene Haller	Thomas Fedje	Angela Botz	Don Riegel
Dennis Hullstrom	Pam Sax	Ann Grummert	27 David Evans
Cecil Lamphier	Jack Sellers	Kaye Thorkelson	Ed Hoel
LaVerne Mallon	11 Carl Lasiter	Peggy Watkins	28 Jim McLinn
Marylee Manoog	Colleen Lekawa	19 Jeff Burroughs	John Ostrem
Bob Nix	Linda Ruefer	Jane Kerton	29 Carl Doak
Jill Svee	12 Linda Fryman	Betty Merwin	Julie Hippen
Dick Weidner	Linda Hall	Carole Perkins	Betty Van Kotel
Pam Wille	13 Glen Heinemann	Roger Schaffler	30 Les Sackreiter
07 Jay Boekhoff	Vicki Huska	Ray Weihofen	



Happy Birthday!

Fun Fact:

The largest birthday cake ever made weighted a whopping 128,238 pounds! It was created in 1989 for the 100th birthday celebration of Fort Payne, a city in Alabama. This colossal cake measured 128 feet long and required over 16,000 points of icing and 4,000 pounds of cake mix to construct. The cake was so large that it had to be baked in 1,000 pound sections and assembled on-site.

EYE OPENER BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday
at 7:30 AM



FRIDAY Centering PRAYER

9:00 AM



Grief Support Group

Thursday 1:30 PM



MAY BIRTHDAYS

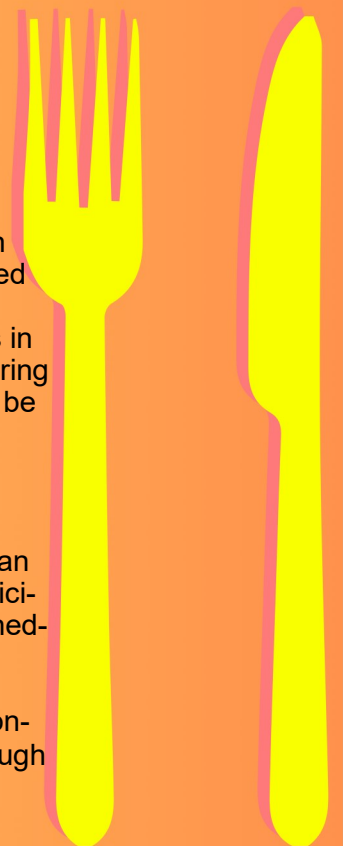
1 Dave Brinkman	12 Larry Anderson	Carolyn murphy	Pam Lucas
Jean Jorgenson	Phil Engh	Donna Nicholson	Bernice Rath
Dave Gloria Lien	Jim Wille	20 Judi Johnson	Mae Greenhalgh
3 Lynne Syverson	13 Gloria Anderson	Eunice Roberts	29 Bob Thomas
4 Don Busker	Matt Derrick	21 Ron Hippen	Lenore Gillespie
Alice Maul	Joanne Kimball	22 Marianne Bourgeois	Jim Jorgenson
Vicki Repsholdt	Ellie Malin	23 Karen Eppelsheimer	30 Don Lekawa
Jim Webber	Colleen Clabaugh	Jim Gaver	31 Bob Pray
Ing Wilson	Chuck Reynolds	Jerry Hamilton	
6 Cheri Katzberg	15 Jackie Moline	Diana Kubajak	
7 Pat Bangart	Eugene Robertson	Kathy Moen	
Pete Hassemer	16 Leonard Saathoff	24 Eileen Tellefson	
Wanda Wilson	17 Ardie Helgeson	25 Lynn Hunt	
8 Gail Mroczko	Lynn Pinto	Margery Newman	
Jan Nelson	18 Denny Rossey	Yvonne Parks	
Ron Siegel	Madeline Jarvis	Sandra Solomon	
9 David Lima	Jackie Larson	26 Liz Midboe	
10 Dick Wells	Gary Onnen	Pam Sievers	
11 Ron Brown	Jim Schultz	27 Dave Lien	
Brenda Ereth	19 Doug Gering	Sherry Zueger	
James Shaffer	Debbie Geske	28 Rosemary Bartz	
Mardie Timken	Myron Kempen	Mary Brinkman	

Summer Suppers For Six

Introducing Summer Suppers for 6 (+/-)! During the current pastoral care transition and Social Hall remodel this summer, this will be a wonderful way to stay connected and to get to know each other. Singles and couples are invited to participate. The "Supper" could be brunch, lunch or dinner, and will be held in people's homes in May, June, and July 2024. The hosts provide the entrée and beverage. Guests bring a salad or dessert and/or other items as desired. You will host for one month and be guests for the other months.

Please sign-up from now through April 12th by sending an email to: sheila@lolaz.org with your name, street address, email address, phone number, which month you prefer to host and which month(s) you want to participate. You can participate in one month or all three months! You will receive a group list and participants' contact info a few weeks prior to the next month so the group hosts can schedule the meal gatherings for their respective groups.

If you have questions and/or need more information about this program, please contact the coordinator Suk-King Yiu-Gering. Her contact information is available through the online LOL directory.



News of Our Members

Membership Count as of March 25, 2024

✚	Full	793
✚	Associate	292
✚	Total	1085

In Memoriam

Don Myers
Don Swanson

Hospitalized Since Last LifeLines

Carol Clausen
Carol DeAmbra
Bev Fischer
Joe Hertel
Ellie Malin
Jim Merwin
Jack Niemi
Ardy Stotts
Paul Wainio
Terry Horst

Removal from Membership

Wayne Gonyer
James Meadows &
Patricia Bangart
John Pipis & Evelyn
Meyer
Willard & Jean Erickson

Lord of Life Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report February 2024

	Feb Actual	Feb Plan	YTD Actual	YTD Plan
Income				
Envelope Offering	91,118	111,000	194,538	222,000
Loose Plate Offering	3,145	1,200	6,408	2,400
Other Income	3,143	3,693	15,610	7,271
Total Regular Income	97,406	115,893	216,556	231,671
Expense				
General Expenses:				
Salaries & Benefits	65,446	64,656	129,141	129,095
General Operations	5,680	6,059	13,447	13,259
Regular Ministries	2,529	4,406	9,451	10,762
Building & Grounds	5,887	12,156	12,567	24,812
Utilities	1,463	1,600	3,525	3,650
Insurance	1,513	1,816	3,022	3,630
Sub-Total General Expenses	82,520	90,693	171,153	185,207
Mission Support:				
G/C Synod Support	11,110	11,110	22,220	22,220
G/C Synod Pass-Thru	4,754	4,754	9,508	9,508
Non-Synod Direct	1,085	1,085	2,170	2,170
Sub-Total Mission Support	16,949	16,949	33,898	33,898
Total Regular Expenses	99,469	107,642	205,051	219,105
Net Operating Income - Month	-2,063	8,251		
Net Operating Income - Year-to-Date			11,505	12,566
Variance to Month Budget	-10,314			
Variance to Year-to-Date Budget	-1,061			
Mission Endowment Fund Balance	962,574			
Online Giving	30,987	17%		
Estate Gift				
Notes:				
None				

Giving Options

It is important to remember it still takes this community to keep the church doors open and working in the world. Please remember to continue your contribution by:

- ◇ Texting **LOLAZGIVE** to **(833) 750-9316**
- ◇ Donate online at www.lolaz.org/donate
- ◇ Use Bill Pay from your bank
- ◇ Consider asking your financial planner about a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA or 401K
- ◇ Mail your contribution to us at 13724 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375
- ◇ Drop your contribution in the mailbox next to the front door of the office!

Please note that all electronic forms of giving are protected and secured by PCI compliant methods.

We are also grateful for the directed gifts from Thrivent Choice dollars
and any other charitable groups through your financial institution.

Virtual Worship Services

www.lolaz.org/online

April Worship

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Summer Worship

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am

April Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 3 pm

Summer Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 3 pm

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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 at www.lolaz.org, or subscribe to Lord of Life on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/c/LordOfLifeLutheranChurch.
- ✚ **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 leave a message. The on-call pastor will return your call as soon as they are able.
- ✚ **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. You can also request to add your name or those you care about to the prayer list for any reason, for up to two weeks.
- ✚ **Council Minutes and Financial Statements** These documents are available for your perusal in the church office or on our Members Only website.
- ✚ **Lost & Found** Check the Narthex counter or come to the church office to claim lost items.
- ✚ Text LOLAZGIVE to (833) 750-3196 to give today!