



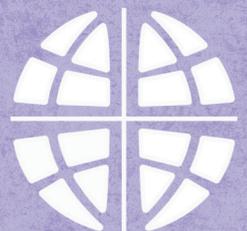
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Lord of Life Lutheran Church



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Monthly Newsletter
March 2026



A WORD FROM PASTOR PAM

Welcome to Lent 2026! It is a most familiar narrative that we should think about “giving something up” for the Lenten season. The likely candidates are usually a favorite food item, chocolate is big on the hit list! In recent years, I’ve become a fan of an alternative plan for Lent. That is an action plan. Instead of “giving up,” I favor “taking up” something for Lent. Here at Lord of Life there have already been two significant ways we have “taken up” an action item during Lent. The first; Feed My Starving Children an annual event on campus that brings in around 900 community members beyond the walls of Lord of Life.

We witness what can happen when many hands come together working toward an outcome to benefit others who are far from us. This year, over 186,000 manna packs were made in just one and a half days! That translates into 511 children being fed for a year! Well done! We are well on our way to packing two million meals on this campus alone. But we don’t accomplish this in a vacuum. There are many groups and hands which come together to register participants, set up spaces, welcome visitors, make cookies, provide water, and let’s not forget those stylish hairnets we get to wear!

Something else that has been “taken up” was a third year of representation by Lord of Life at the Lutheran Day at the legislature. I am so grateful to report that four members of this congregation joined me this year at the event. When you see Kathy Ginsbach, Bob Charves, Linda Wainio and Sherryl Valentine on campus, ask them about their experience! We joined members of American Lutheran, Christ Evangelical Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ parishioners from Sun City West, Sun City and Goodyear. It was a good day at the Arizona Capitol. Both the House and the Senate were in session working on hundreds of bills before them. I was part of a group of four of us that were given the opportunity to talk with our District 28 Representative, Beverly Pingerelli. The best part of that meeting was that we did not have to agree on our stances, but we were able to have agreeable conversation about the issues. There is plenty of work to be done, and the best work gets done when we work together.

It is an old cliché to say that we hold others in our “thoughts and prayers,” that is not a bad thing, but when we add action to those thoughts and prayers we make a difference in important ways. So, I encourage you to give some thought to what you might “take up” during this season of Lent! God’s work, our hands makes meaningful changes for good in the lives of our neighbors!

Lenten Blessings,

Pastor Pam

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS



JERRY SOMA

The LOL Men's Book Club recently read a book that described the different ways the Bible is used to take positions on a variety of issues. One of the comments at the end of the book asked, "Are all Christian Churches followers of the teachings of Christ?"

One may ask, "What are the teachings of Christ?" Theologians have spent centuries answering this question. In a very simplistic way, I would refer to Matthew 22:36-40. What is the greatest commandment? "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." The second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This is followed by Christ's words in Matthew 25:35-40 where Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."

I would challenge you to review these passages and list all the ways that Lord of Life Church takes action to meet what it means to follow Christ. I submit that we at Lord of Life are followers of Christ. Does this mean we should rest on our laurels? No, rather we should continue to look at new and better ways on love our God and our Neighbor.

Jerry Soma
President, Congregational Council

Thank You

Words of gratitude from organizations that have written to thank Lord of Life for our support over the past month:

- California Lutheran University
- Community House
- Desert Oasis Elementary School
- Lutheran Campus Ministry at U of A
- Feed My Starving Children
- Foster Arizona
- Friends of St. Josephs Family
- Midtown Primary School
- Navajo Lutheran Mission
- Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
- Phoenix V.A.
- St. Joseph's Indian School
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Valley View Food Bank
- West Valley Lutheran Thrift Store

THANK YOU FMSC PACKING EVENT

Thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy, and heart to help pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. Because of your willing hands and generous spirits, We were able to pack 24 pallets that is 186,624 meals! 511 kids will be fed for an entire year.

Your teamwork, joy, and servant hearts truly made a difference. We are so grateful for each of you and the impact you helped create.....AND more pictures to come!



MEMBER ONLY

Want to access the Lord of Life Online Directory? We have easy step-by-step instructions available – just send an email to info@lolaz.org and we'll be happy to send you the instructions via email. Or you can pick them up at the church office.



Want to learn how to use the online SignUpGenius tool to sign up for various Lord of Life activities?

We have easy step-by-step instructions available – just send an email to info@lolaz.org and we'll be happy to send you the instructions via email! Or you can pick them up at the church office.

March Bible Readings

MARCH 1

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

MARCH 8

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

MARCH 15

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

MARCH 22

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

MARCH 29

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14–27:66

LOL EXERCISE SCHEDULE



MOVE AND GROOVE

TUESDAY: 9 - 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY: 9 - 9:45 AM

THURSDAY: 9 - 9:45 AM

CARDIO DRUMMING

THURSDAY: 10 - 11 AM

SATURDAY: 10 - 11 AM



STARTING MARCH 2 THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A MONDAY EXERCISE CLASS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED



Lord of Life has a long history of supporting Nadaburg Elementary School District and Thompson Ranch Elementary through tutoring and collecting classroom supplies.

Nadaburg Elementary School District is currently in need of pencils, plain and lined paper, and glue sticks.

Thompson Ranch Elementary is also requesting a variety of supplies, including pencils, paper, glue sticks, erasers, colored pencils, hygiene items, and notebooks.

Donation bins are located near the Social Hall Annex.

HELLO FROM THE LOL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

All are welcome to attend the next book group meeting on **Monday, March 30 1 PM** at the church. The book selection for March is *Solito* by Javier Zamora. This is a memoir and the author tells the story of his nine-year-old self migrating from El Salvador to the United States. It is a story of bravery, hope and finding family.

Two copies of the book are in the church office and are available to be checked out. Please read in a timely manner and return so that others may also read the selection. Do check local libraries also for the memoir.

Blessings,

Gail Muehling



HAVE NEW CONTACT INFORMATION?

Have you moved recently and have a new address? Do you have a new phone number, email address, or emergency contact?

Be sure to let the church office know at info@lolaz.org or by calling (623) 584-2000.



Save the Date

SOS (Survived our Spouses)
Potluck Social
Sunday, March 22
4 PM - 6 PM
Social Hall



MARCH GRATITUDE GIFT



WORLD HUNGER

The C.A.R.T Returns March MACness

Following on the heels of a wonderful Souper Bowl weekend collecting cans of soup, we are heading to March MACness!

For the entire month of March the cart will be accepting donations of boxes of Mac and Cheese. This is a very substantial food item for those who are having difficulty feeding their family. All donations will be brought to the West Valley Food Bank.

Last year Lord of Life donated an unbelievable number of boxes, the total was 1,545. That is a big number to top. Keep in mind that the main goal is to help feed those in need, so any number of donations will make a difference.

Look at the word "CART". Draw an imaginary line down the middle.

The CA belong to Lord of Life

- **Caring Abundantly**

The RT belongs to the Food Bank

- **Received Thankfully**



Thanking you in advance for your generous gifts.

THANK YOU

The annual Super Bowl weekend tradition of collecting cans of soup was a success! Thank you for your generous donations in filling up the CART with soup. The total this year was 467 cans. That is very impressive!

So many people who depend on getting food from the West Valley Food Bank will be helped immensely by your generosity. A huge thank you to Ted and Vicki Repsholdt who brought the great balloon tower topped with a football. That was a wonderful visual reminder and received so many comments.

Please remember the brown CART is only for our single monthly food item collection. All other food donations should be placed in the metal shopping cart by the door and is always there for your donations.



LOL Music Programs

Haven't joined one of our choirs/orchestra/bells/sing-along groups? We still have room for you. Call Dave Lien or Gloria Lien for specifics: 602-321-3457 (Dave's Cell) or 602-418-2989 (Gloria's Cell). See below for choir schedule.

| Group | Leader | Rehearsal Day(s) | Rehearsal Time | Rehearsal Location | Performs on | Rehearsal Start Date |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|--------------------|--|----------------------|
| Worship Choir | Dave Lien | Wednesday | 1:30 PM | Sanctuary | Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 & 10:30 AM | Ongoing |
| Chamber Singers | Dave Lien | Thursday | 10:30 AM | Chapel | Various Dates | Ongoing |
| WINK <u>W</u> orship in a <u>N</u> ew <u>K</u> ey) | Gloria Lien | Thursday | 1:30 PM | Sanctuary | Saturday Worship Service at 5:00 PM | Ongoing |
| Sing-Along Choir | Gloria Lien & Barb Chase | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1st & 3rd Thursdays - Meet at 9:40 AM | N/A |
| JuBELLation Handbell Choir | Gloria Lien | Tuesday | Set up at 10:10 AM; rehearse at 10:30 AM | Sanctuary | 4th Sunday | Ongoing |
| Lord of Life Big Band | Bill Fox, Jay Boekhoff, Marsha Kletz | Friday | 9:30 AM | Social Hall | Various Dates | Ongoing |

WARTBURG COLLEGE CASTLE SINGERS & KAMMERSTREICHER

Enjoy an inspiring evening of music at on **Thursday, March 5 at 7 PM**. The Castle Singers, a 28-voice mixed choir directed by Dr. Nicki Bakko Toliver, and Kammerstreicher, a 16-member chamber string ensemble conducted by Dr. Rebecca Nederhiser, come together to showcase the rich tradition of Wartburg's renowned music program—celebrated for its excellence, artistry, and long history of touring.

Join us for a beautiful concert filled with powerful voices and elegant strings. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through the church office or at the door.

Lord of Life will provide the students evening meal and overnight accommodations at various church members homes.



LOL UNIVERSITY

SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS BOOKCLUB

Our first book for discussion will be C.S. Lewis' *A Mere Christianity* (227 pages, \$11.38 on Amazon). If you have ever wanted to read this book, please feel free to join us on **Wednesday, March 18 at 3 PM** as we discuss this Christian Apologetics classic.



The focus of the book is the "Reasonableness of the Christian Faith," distilling it to its foundational "mere" essence – which is shared by most believers, rather than focusing on specific denominational beliefs or differences.

Snapshots of fellowship, fun, and faith from recent months.



As the Tail Wags

MR. BANKS ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS



Hi, it's Mr. Banks! I'm back to answer your questions, share a few stories from my busy days, and, of course, wag my tail as much as possible. Maybe even sneak in a treat or two along the way—don't tell Pastor Pam! I love hearing from all of you and spreading a little joy.

I have talked with several friends, but would like to hear from your own tongue and teeth. Do you visit cats? Do cats make you want to bite something or someone?

Oh my... straight from my own tongue and teeth? I like that.

Now, about cats. Yes, I do visit homes where cats live. When I'm working with Pastor Pam, I am on my very best behavior. I walk in calmly, tail low and friendly, and I remember that I am there to bring comfort – not chaos.

Do cats make me want to bite something or someone? Absolutely not. I am a therapy dog, which means I have been trained to stay gentle, steady, and kind no matter what furry (or feathery) creature I meet. Cats may stare at me. They may swish their tails. Sometimes they perch up high and watch me like royalty surveying the kingdom. I respect that.

If I ever feel excited, I look to Pastor Pam for guidance. My job is to keep people feeling safe and peaceful. That means no chasing, no nipping, no nonsense – just calm paws and a soft presence.

Truth be told, most of the time I'm far more interested in the humans in the room. They give the best scratches.

So rest easy – this golden retriever keeps his tongue for smiling and his teeth for chewing on approved toys only.

Thanks for your questions! I love hearing from all of you, and I can't wait to sniff out more answers for next time. **Please submit questions to info@lolaz.org.** Keep questions coming – who knows, yours might be featured in the next edition of *As the Tail Wags*!

 *Mr. Banks*

MEN'S BOOK CLUB



In March, the Lord of Life Men's Book Group will meet Tuesday, March 10 at 10 AM. The book for March is *"Make Your Bed - Little Things That Can Change Your Life and Maybe the World"* by Admiral William H. McRaven. Admiral McRaven had a 37-year career as a Navy SEAL and had commands at every level. As a Four-Star Admiral, his final assignment was as Commander of all U.S. Special Operations Forces. After retiring from the Navy, he served as the Chancellor of the University of Texas System from 2015 to 2018. This book outlines ten principles he learned during his SEAL training that helped him overcome challenges not only during his training and service as a SEAL but throughout his life. The book is autobiographical as he draws on actual life events to illustrate the principles.

While this is a short book, it packs a lot of thought-provoking material. I expect a good discussion not only about the principles he has included but also principles you have found to be important in meeting life's challenges that he may not have included in his list.

I hope to see you there and hear what you have to add to his list.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

MENS CARING AND SHARING

Monday from 9 - 11:30 AM

LOL UNIVERSITY: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Monday at 11 AM

ZOOM AT NOON

Wednesday at 12 PM

QUILTING TEAM

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 8:30 AM

EYE OPENER BIBLE STUDY

Thursday at 7:30 AM

THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP

Thursday at 9 AM

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

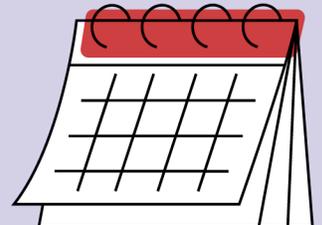
Thursday at 1:30 PM

CENTERING PRAYER

Friday at 9 AM

MAHJONG GAME GROUP

Friday at 11:45 PM



A SEASON OF RENEWAL: CARING FOR BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT



March brings longer days, a little lighter, and a reminder that caring for ourselves is part of caring for our faith. As we move through Lent, it's a good time to check into our spiritual health, our physical well-being, and our connections with one another

If you've been feeling tired, lonely, or a bit out of balance after a long winter, you're not alone. This congregation is a place of care, encouragement, and grace. I invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and service—sometimes the best medicine is simply being together.

As we spring forward this month, may we all take small steps toward health, hope, and wholeness.

Spring is a great time for a gentle "health reset." Try adding a short walk to your day, even ten minutes at a time. Movement helps boost mood, improve sleep, and ease stress after a long winter. Pair your walk with a moment of prayer or gratitude—and don't forget to stay hydrated as the days get warmer.

Parish Nurse Leoma

LENTEN SUPPERS



Join us for Lenten Suppers this month. Each supper includes a meal, a light sweet treat, and beverages. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and will be available for purchase around worship services and in the Church Office through March 9th. Mark your calendars for these special evenings.

If you would like to help serve or assist in any way, please contact Sheila in the church office to volunteer.

SUPPER SCHEDULE:

March 4 – Hosted by the Men's Caring & Sharing Group

Enjoy a comforting bowl of chicken soup served with crackers.

March 11 – Baked Potato Bar

A baked potato with a variety of delicious toppings to choose from. *Please note: March 11 is pre-sale tickets only. NO tickets will be sold at the door.*

March 26 – Salad Potluck

We invite you to bring your favorite salad dish to share as we enjoy a wonderful variety of fresh and flavorful options together.

We look forward to this special time of fellowship, conversation, and community during the Lenten season.

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Lenten WORD SEARCH



Ash Wednesday
 Easter
 Easter Vigil
 Fasting
 Forty Days
 Good Friday
 Holy Week
 Jesus

Lent
 Maundy Thursday
 Palm Branch
 Palm Sunday
 Prayer
 Purple
 Resurrection
 Sacrifice

2025 ANNUAL BENEVOLENCES

\$ 669,868*

Gratitude Gifts

\$127,528

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| Christmas Giving Tree | \$ 13,212 |
| Community Fund of Sun City West | \$ 5,256 |
| ELCA Good Gifts | \$ 17,902 |
| ELCA World Hunger | \$ 3,650 |
| Feed My Starving Children | \$ 45,106 |
| Friends of SJF (Haiti) | \$ 3,238 |
| Grace Lutheran Church | \$ 5,431 |
| Lutheran Social Services Refugee Project | \$ 9,104 |
| Nadaburg Desert Oasis | \$ 5,204 |
| Navajo Mission | \$ 6,079 |
| The Barbell Saves Project | \$ 2,208 |
| Thompson Ranch | \$ 6,248 |
| Valley View Food Bank | \$ 4,889 |

Budgeted Benevolence

\$ 195,576

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| Benevilla | \$ 3,000 |
| Cal Lutheran | \$ 4,008 |
| Campus Ministry | \$ 7,008 |
| ELCA Fund for Leaders | \$ 1,008 |
| ELCA Missionary Support | \$ 10,008 |
| Friends of SJF (Haiti) | \$ 2,004 |
| Grace Lutheran Church | \$ 4,200 |
| Grand Canyon Synod ELCA | \$ 133,320 |
| Lutheran Social Services of the SW | \$ 10,008 |
| Native American Urban Ministries | \$ 5,004 |
| Pacific Lutheran Seminary | \$ 5,004 |
| Pan de Vida | \$ 6,000 |
| Valley View Food Bank | \$ 5,004 |

Other Mission Benevolence

\$ 59,170

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| ELCA Disaster Response | \$ 10,820 |
| Grand Canyon Synod ELCA | \$ 2,400 |
| Lutheran Social Services of the SW | \$ 10,000 |
| Lutheran World Relief | \$ 100 |
| Pacific Lutheran Seminary | \$ 34,850 |
| Salvation Army | \$ 500 |
| St. Jude Children's Research Hospital | \$ 500 |

Special Benevolence - Krogh

\$ 157,500

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| Camp Aloma | \$ 30,000 |
| Community House | \$ 15,000 |
| Cuttin Up Community Project | \$ 10,000 |
| Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church | \$ 15,000 |
| Foster AZ | \$ 10,000 |
| Grace Lutheran Church | \$ 10,000 |
| Inside Out Network, Inc | \$ 15,000 |
| Lutheran Social Services of the SW | \$ 30,000 |
| Mission Africa | \$ 12,500 |
| Mosaic | \$ 10,000 |

Mission Endowment Fund

\$119,048

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| Benevilla | \$ 15,000 |
| Global Health Ministries | \$ 6,500 |
| Pacific Lutheran Seminary | \$ 52,200 |
| Rainbow Acres | \$ 10,000 |
| Shepherd of the Desert Luth. Church | \$ 22,790 |
| Thrive Az | \$ 5,000 |
| U of A Lutheran Campus Ministry | \$ 3,000 |
| Valley View Food Bank | \$ 4,558 |

WM/WELCA Benevolence

\$2,674

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| Grand Canyon Synod ELCA | \$ 1,183 |
| Red Cross LA Wildfires* | \$ 431 |
| Valley View Food Bank | \$ 409 |
| WELCA-Grand Canyon Synod | \$ 641 |
| Women of the ELCA Churchwide | \$ 441 |

40-40-40 Lenten Challenge

\$ 7,942

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| Navajo Mission | \$ 7,942 |
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SPRING CLEANING WITH PURPOSE



Spring is here, and before the weather gets too hot, now is the perfect time to do a little spring cleaning! As you sort through closets, garages, and kids' rooms, you may find items that are no longer needed, no longer fit, or are simply taking up space. Those gently used treasures can become a blessing to others through the Lutheran Thrift Shop.

Donating is a simple way to clear clutter while supporting a ministry that gives back to our community. Clothing, household items, toys, and more help us continue our mission of supporting local West Valley nonprofits.

Donation hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and our volunteers are always happy to help. Drive around back to the red door.

Have items that are too big or heavy to haul yourself? No problem! Just call the shop at 623-815-7061 to schedule a pickup. Our strong, courteous crew will come into your home, remove the items, and leave you with more useful space, a little extra peace of mind and that good feeling you get when you give to help others.

Thank you for thinking of the Lutheran Thrift Shop as you clean, organize and refresh your home this spring. Your donations truly make a difference!

INTRODUCING LORD OF LIFE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA) at Lord of Life (LOL) is undergoing changes. Many women members are unfamiliar with WELCA or its purpose. WELCA serves as the church's women's organization, encouraging growth in Christ, community service, and reaching out to others.

According to our WELCA Constitution and by-laws, we must have a board for leadership; however, there is currently no leadership team. Over the past year, we have held meetings to find a solution. On January 25th, a group of women discussed the future direction of the organization. During this meeting, it was suggested that WELCA at LOL be dissolved and renamed as "Lord of Life Women's Ministry." This motion was made, seconded, and approved by those present.

To that end we developed a Purpose Statement:

We are a community of women united by common values, committed to strengthening faith, supporting each other, engaging in ministry and service, and promote well-being within the church and beyond.

We're creating new opportunities for women members to get involved. While our Circles continue to meet, we're focusing on planning events and activities that address a broader range of interests and concerns. We encourage all women to join us as we take this fresh approach together. If you'd like to participate in Lord of Life Women's Ministry, please reach out to Christi Rich.

ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING ?

Please check the Lost and Found area at the Welcome Center. We have a pair of glasses and earrings that were found in the parking lot. Fingers crossed that they may be yours! We are also holding various items in the church office.



UPDATED PHOTOS FOR LOL ONLINE DIRECTORY



Have you taken a look at the Lord of Life Online Directory lately and thought it might be time for an updated photo? Whether your hairstyle has changed, you've added a new smile, or it's simply been a while, we'd love to help you refresh your directory picture.

The friendly staff in the church office are happy to take a new photo for you at your convenience. Just give us a call at (623) 584-2000 to schedule an appointment, and we'll be ready to welcome you when you arrive. Thank you for helping us keep our directory current and connected!

UNDIE SUNDAY

WOMENS MINISTRY



Mark your calendars! Undie Sunday is right around the corner. Our **7th annual Undie Sunday donation weekend** will take place **March 21 & 22**, and we invite you to be part of this meaningful effort to support our unhoused neighbors.

Something as simple as **clean underwear and socks**—items many of us take for granted—can make a powerful difference for those experiencing homelessness. The greatest needs are **women's underwear and socks (long and short)**, as well as **men's boxer briefs and socks (long and short)**.

If you'd prefer to give financially, **Undie Sunday donation envelopes** will be available in the Narthex that weekend.

As you're out shopping or running errands, please consider picking up a package or two to donate. Small acts of generosity have a big impact, and **every gift is deeply appreciated**. Thank you for helping us bring comfort, dignity, and care to those who need it most.

QUILTING MINISTRY



The Lord of Life Quilting Ministry is up and running again. Join us from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.

Remember: NO HAND SEWING REQUIRED! There are many tasks required to complete each quilt. We have machines and tools for your use. We have seasoned quilters to help you those who take kits home to assemble on their own machines. Break time includes exchange of ideas and even surprise snacks!

We are the friendship group you've been looking for! Please contact Sally Jo Brown at 623-444-8442 for more information.

LIBRARY LINES

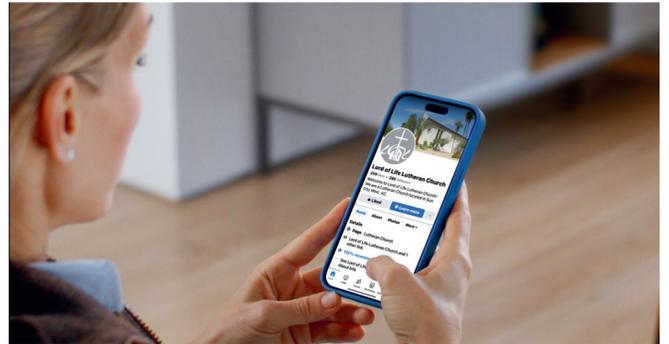


Happy March! The library has received some wonderful donations this month! Two fiction titles are "Prodigal Summer" and "The God of the Woods" both are great reads. We also received some great puzzle donations. Speaking of puzzles, we can use your help! We are trying to get bags into all boxes for 'edge pieces'. If you would bag the edge pieces when you are done, it helps those of us who really like 'an edge' as we start! If you do a puzzle and it is missing 2-3 pieces, please let us know! We can replace it with another puzzle that is complete! THANK YOU! Be watching the Good Word of the Day for more 'New to LOL' books that might peak your interest! Until then *Happy Reading AND Puzzling!* P.S. We also have DVDs, movies and old TV shows! DVDs for Kids, too!



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WELCA SCHEDULE MARCH 2026

| Hannah Circle | Katherine Circle | Rachel Circle | Ruth Circle | Sarah Circle |
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| Monday, March 2 10 AM | Monday, March 9 9:30 AM | Monday, March 9 1:30 PM | Thursday, March 12 10 AM | Friday, March 13 9 AM |
| Conference Room | Conference Room | Offsite | Room 2 | Offsite |



MARCH Birthdays

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|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 01 Larry Abner | 12 Jan Miller | 22 Peg Hauglie |
| 02 Fran Penry | 13 Marilyn Crosby | Linda Robertson |
| 03 Michael Boll | Rick Fryman | Marilyn Conery |
| Jan Carol Rucker | Carol Davy | Yvonne Stone |
| 04 Jim Boyce | Paul Anderson | Margie Sakowski |
| Sally Husak | Valerie Kuhn | 23 Jerry Solomon |
| Leland Smith | 14 Marilyn Wogsland | 24 Laverna Davidson |
| Jan Yetter | Carol Pietsch | Jan Nelson |
| Gene Abel, Sr. | 15 Dick Jessen | Norm Plath |
| 05 Ruthie Kempf | Carol Kluevein-Spencer | Bill Shaw |
| Bill Rodgers | Jim Foley | Ardy Stotts |
| 06 Marian Kyllo | 16 Kathie-Raye Hahn | Carleen Weady |
| Gail Muehling | Gary Turner | Bob Zickau |
| Nancy Johnson | Beth Brown | Kathy Ginsbach |
| Clyde Mohorne, Jr. | Charles Davelis | 25 Brenda Kutz |
| 07 Louise Mantel | 17 Pat Garrison | Jeanne Welborn |
| Muriel Moen | Wilbur Lider | Vicki Sadowski |
| Joanne Shoop | Sherryl Valentine | 26 Shirley Johnston |
| 08 Marsha Kletz | 18 Carol Nelson | Cheryl Hupalo |
| Jim Lundeen | Andy Srigley | 27 Jan Fosen |
| Katie Nix | 19 Marie Krause | Jan Riegel |
| Jeanne Pribnow | Betty Wiercinski | Gary Tharalson |
| 09 Pat Roberts | Randy Miller | 28 Loretta Gerken |
| Roger Sondrol | 20 Linda Halverson | Ruth Alford |
| Lee Bruggink | Randy Farwell | 29 Jan Capps |
| 10 John Clark | 21 Char Swanson | Delores Stroh |
| 11 Dee Novoa | Janet Shelly | 30 Mary Dunford |
| Rich Noyer | | Bob Nelson |
| Dorothy Ziehl | | |

Membership Count

661 Full
 242 Assoc
 903 Total

Surgery/Hospitalization since last Lifelines

Gene Abel
 Larry Abner
 Leona Kraus
 Dale Oakes
 Norm Plath
 Dave Roberts
 Stuart Salter
 Norm Schnabel
 Blanka Schuster

In Memoriam

Bonnie Finch
 Don Lekawa
 Dorothy Ludtke
 Allen Pearson

Removal from Membership

Jim & Ellen Danielsen
 Beryl Flathman-Braaten
 Jerry & Kandy Husbands
 Donna Kramber
 Dick & Judy Stuckey
 Phyllis Wilk
 Ed & Sally-Ann Williamson

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church
 Treasurer's Report
 January 2026**

| | Jan Actual | Jan Plan | YTD Actual | YTD Plan |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Envelope Offering | 77,816 | 96,512 | 77,816 | 96,512 |
| Loose Plate Offering | 3,492 | 3,178 | 3,492 | 3,178 |
| Other Income | 10,949 | 6,452 | 10,949 | 6,452 |
| Total Regular Income | 92,258 | 106,142 | 92,258 | 106,142 |
| Expense | | | | |
| General Expenses: | | | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | 66,558 | 70,463 | 66,558 | 70,463 |
| General Operations | 5,781 | 7,172 | 5,781 | 7,172 |
| Regular Ministries | 4,302 | 3,932 | 4,302 | 3,932 |
| Building & Grounds | 5,938 | 6,715 | 5,938 | 6,715 |
| Utilities | 3,127 | 3,180 | 3,127 | 3,180 |
| Insurance | 1,827 | 2,189 | 1,827 | 2,189 |
| Sub-Total General Expenses | 87,534 | 93,651 | 87,534 | 93,651 |
| Mission Support: | | | | |
| G/C Synod Support | 11,110 | 11,110 | 11,110 | 11,110 |
| G/C Synod Pass-Thru | 2,335 | 2,335 | 2,335 | 2,335 |
| Non-Synod Direct | 417 | 417 | 417 | 417 |
| Sub-Total Mission Support | 13,862 | 13,862 | 13,862 | 13,862 |
| Total Regular Expenses | 101,396 | 107,513 | 101,396 | 107,513 |
| Net Operating Income - Month | -9,138 | -1,371 | | |
| Net Operating Income - Year-to-Date | | | -9,138 | -1,371 |
| Variance to Month Budget | -7,767 | | | |
| Variance to Year-to-Date Budget | -7,767 | | | |
| Mission Endowment Fund Balance | 2,110,223 | | | |
| Online Giving | 26,297 | 23% | | |

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:

- Donate online at www.lolaz.org/donate
- Use Bill Pay from your bank
- Ask your financial advisor about a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA
- Talk to us about gifting if you have a 401(k) account
- Mail contributions to 13724 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375
- Drop contributions 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.

WORD SEARCH ANSWER KEY

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| B | K | A | B | E | A | S | T | E | R | V | I | G | I | L |
| C | A | S | H | W | E | D | N | E | S | D | A | Y | H | H |
| G | O | O | D | F | R | I | D | A | Y | F | W | V | O | B |
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| B | S | C | W | K | A | B | N | C | G | E | P | L | K | R |
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| C | M | A | U | N | D | Y | T | H | U | R | S | D | A | Y |
| H | M | S | A | C | R | I | F | I | C | E | Q | R | F | H |

WORSHIP HOURS

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
Sunday Fellowship: 9:30 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 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 system 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 having surgery or in the hospital and want us to be aware of it, please call the church office or have someone call on your behalf. 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 Member's Only website.
- **Lost & Found.** Check the Narthex counter or come to the church office to claim lost items.
- **Visit** www.lolaz.org/donate to give today!