Lord of Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)

FAMILY WEEKLY

Lord of Life

Our Mission: Inspire a deeper and richer connection to Christ, our community, and each other.

Monday, February 13

8:30 am	Faithful Mothers
10:00 am	LSS Caregiver Support Morning Out
1:30 pm	"*An Altar in the World*" Book Study
6:30 pm	Pinetree Patchworkers
7:00 pm	Sunday Contemporary Group Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 14

Newsletter Articles are due!

7:00 am	Baxter Area Kiwanis
10:00am	Office Staff Meeting
1:00pm	Sarah Circle
6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 36-Den 1
7:00 pm	Martha Circle

Wednesday, February 15

9:30 am	Executive Committee
11:30 am	LOLLY 55+ Potluck
6:00 pm	**Worship w/Installation of Council/Team Members**
6:45 pm	7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
7:00 pm	*"Quiet Strength"* Book Study

Thursday, February 16

9:00 am	Quilters
10:00 am	Men's Fellowship
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #637
7:00 pm	Church Council

Friday, February 17

6:30 am	Men's Breakfast
7:30 pm	Liturgy Day Concert (Tornstrom Auditorium)

Saturday, February 18

9:00 am	Liturgy Day Workshop (St. Andrew's Catholic)

Sunday, February 19– *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

9:00 am	**Worship w/Installation of Council/Team Members**
9:15 am	Kid's Church
10:00 am	Fellowship
10:30 am	**Worship w/First Communion Received**
10:45 am	God's Kids Lent All-Ages Event
11:30 am	Fellowship
12:00 pm	Freshman Confirmation Faith & Photography Mini-Course

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 am	**Worship w/Communion**
9:15 am	Kid's Church
10:00 am	Fellowship
10:30 am	**Worship**
10:45 am	God's Kids
11:30 am	Fellowship
12:00 pm	Soup Kitchen Ministry (Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen)
1:00 pm	Brainerd Area Germans from Russia Meeting
2:30 pm	PM Praise Rehearsal
5:30 pm	Middle School Youth Group
6:00 pm	Stretch & Pray
7:00 pm	*"Quiet Strength"* Book Study
7:00 pm	*"Prodigal God"* Book Discussion Group
7:00 pm	District Band Rehearsal

Copies of the Pastor's sermons are available at the Welcome Center.

Wednesday Night Event Schedule

4:30 pm	PM Praise Rehearsal
5:30-6:30 pm	Supper
6:00 pm	**Worship w/ Installation of Council/Team Members**
7:00 pm	God's Kids
7:00 pm	Senior Choir

See Wednesday schedule at far left for Confirmation information

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3:00 pm	Heartland Conference Annual Meeting (Light of the Cross Lutheran Church, Garrison)
5:30 pm	PM Praise Rehearsal
5:30 pm	Middle School Youth Group
7:00 pm	*"Quiet Strength"* Book Study
7:00 pm	Mission Possible Youth Meeting
7:00 pm	District Band Rehearsal

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Please submit all items for the Family Weekly to the church office by 12 noon on Thursday.

Upcoming Events...

Date/Time **Title of Activity**

February 15 ***"Making Sense of the Cross" Book Studies***

We will begin Lenten studies the week of February 26th, focusing on the meaning of the cross. We'll base our studies on David J. Lose's book, *Making Sense of the Cross*. You can order a copy of Lose's book at our Welcome Center for $13.00. There are several ways in which you can join the conversation during Lent.

1) Gather some folks and form a small group. A discussion guide and DVD for each group will be available for each group.
2) Come to a class, discuss the book, and see how modern filmmakers have interpreted the meaning of the cross. The Sunday night class meets at the church from 5:30 - 7:00 pm, beginning on February 26th. Childcare will be provided on Sunday nights. The Monday class meets at the church from 1:30 - 3:00 pm, beginning on February 27th.
3) Read *Making Sense of the Cross* on your own, and then come to worship each Sunday to see how our pastors have interpreted (and wrestled with!) each lesson.

February 17 & 18 ***Marty Haugen & Michael Joncas Liturgy Day Concert & Workshop***

Marty Haugen and Michael Joncas will be in Brainerd to lead a **Liturgy Day Concert on Friday, February 17, 2012**, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd. Fr. Mike and Marty will be singing your favorites and some new music selections: a World Premiere of "Sacred This Banquet, Holy Our Feast" and more. The concert will feature the Lakes Area Ecumenical Chorus and Orchestra, and a larger Mass Choir. Tickets to the Friday night concert are just $15 each until February 11th. Tickets are available at www.cedarbrook.us, or by using the form available from the church office. **Saturday, February 18, 2012, a Liturgy Day Workshop** with Marty Haugen and Michael Joncas will be held at St. Andrew's Church in Brainerd. The theme of the day is Psalms in Christian Liturgy. Cost of $25 covers the workshop from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and lunch. LOL musicians – scholarships are available, please ask! More information on the workshop is available at http://www.cedarbrook.us/ (click on Liturgy Day for information.)

February 22 ***Ash Wednesday***

Ash Wednesday Worship will be held at Lord of Life at 12 noon and 7:00 pm.

February 27 ***American Red Cross Blood Drive***

American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, February 27, 2012 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. at Lord of Life. For appointments and information please call Sally Jacobsen at 218-829-1704, or online at www.redcrossblood.org.

March 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m. ***New Member Class***

New Member Class will begin on Tuesday, March 6th and run for six weeks. Our time together will be shaped by the very season of the church year that we will find ourselves in - the season of Lent. As a congregation, during Lent, we will be using David Lose's book, *Making Sense of the Cross* as our guide in preaching and small groups. As a new member class, we will also walk through Lose's book, discovering ever more deeply how Christ crucified and risen gives shape and meaning to our lives as Christians. Have no fear - we will also talk about ministry at Lord of Life, Stewardship and other good things! Class will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m., March 6 - April 10. Childcare will be provided upon request. Books will be provided at no cost to participants. New members will be received on Sunday, April 15th at the 10:30 a.m. service, and Wednesday, April 18th at the 6:00 p.m. service. We're looking forward to making sense of the cross with you!

Name Tag Request

If you are new to our church or are a member who needs a new nametag, please mark the attendance clipboards. For new worshipers, your nametag(s) will be placed in an envelope in the clear plastic file boxes on the Welcome Center by the next Sunday. Members will find their nametag(s) in their mailbox in the Narthex. Members who have forgotten their mailbox number can find a listing at the west end of the mailboxes.

Today's Text (Week of February 12):
2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30
Mark 1:40-45

Next Week's Text (Week of February 19):
2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6
Mark 9:2-9

Please pray for strength, comfort and healing…

Lisa Garberich and family, as her extended family grieves a death and other health concerns.

Christine Keran, daughter of **Brian & Joyce Alt**, as she struggles with complications during pregnancy.

Don Hardy, who underwent a procedure to regulate the rhythm of his heart.

Justin Banks 13 year old son of **Travis and Tracy Banks**, is hospitalized in Minneapolis with pancreatitis and gall stones. Prayers for pain relief and healing of the pancreatitis so gall bladder surgery can take place. *Update:* Pancreas inflammation reducing; waiting for further healing before surgery can take place.

ReNe Bertsch, sister of **Gary Engelmann**, has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer.

Mark Bateman's aunt, Mary Peterson, was recently diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing more testing.

Natalie Grutsch, one year old daughter of **Rob & Bri Grutsch**, was recently diagnosed with cerebral palsy, and has been fitted with a brace for her right leg.

Tammy Myran, as she prepares for her second round of chemotherapy.

Chuck Olson tore her rotator cuff, and will be undergoing physical therapy.

Justin Semmler fractured his fifth metacarpal in his left hand.

Max Smith is recovering from complications due to a fall.

Prayers for strength for families struggling with personal and/or financial hardships.

When hospitalized, please inform the hospital that you are a member at Lord of Life, and also call the church to let us know that you are there.

The following people are known to have Caring Bridge Websites…

www.caringbridge.org/visit/firstnamelastname

Justin Banks, Natalie Grutsch, Tammy Myran (site is "tmyran")

Currently receiving treatment for cancer…

Justin Banks, Jennifer Ludwig, Marian Miller, Tammy Myran

Please continue to pray for long term healing…

Jana Behr, Dawn Benedict, Warren Benedict, John Blong, Mike Blowers, Kathy Wimmer Engelmann, Bruce Femling, Julie Halverson, Paul Hansen, Mallori Headley, Jim Jackson, Caleb Keran, Bruce Mogensen, John Obermiller, Chuck Olson, Pat Roettger, Peggy Rudkin, Beth Selinger, Connie Toensing, Tony Whitlock

Our members & family in the military

Jacob Belanger, **Jim Figliuzzi**, Darrell Geving, Kenny Gorron, Rob Grutsch, **TJ Hall, Patrick Holman, Bruce Jensen, Kevin Jensen,** Aarron Johnson, Zachariah King, Don Kottke IV, Jessica Kuhnly, Joel MacDonald, **Nate Mogensen**, Ben Nelson, Christie Nelson, **Eric Nelson**, **James Nelson**, Mike Nelson, Scott Thesing, Michael Thompson, William Toomey, **Evan Tougas,** Michael Roschen Wimmer (LOL Members are **bolded**)

Currently Deployed Overseas: Errol Belanger (Afghanistan), **Jim Bentson** (Kuwait), **Kaisone Ithivongkham** (Kuwait), **Joshua Jay** (Deployed to Sea-USS Abraham Lincoln), Jesse Seguin (Kuwait)

Currently seeking employment

Jennifer Alt (Human Resources/Research & Development); **Andy Behr** (Electrician); **David Johnson** (Auto Detailing); **Gia Lofstrom** (Guidance Counselor); **Gary Peterson** (Custodial/Handyman); **Bob Roehrich**; **Frank Ruzich** (Pharmacist); **Jackie Tyrrell** (Hospitality; Bakery)

2/12 Ava Borchert
Val Jones
Ellie Mattson
Peter Mithun
Donna Salli
Will Stolski
2/13 Nate Foss
Mashona Jensen
Tyler Jensen
Richard Koop
Nancy Morey
Ashton Peterson
2/14 Amy Starzinski
2/15 Beau Coonfield
Arnold Olsen
Claire Rud
2/16 Jacob Morey
Helen Smith
Brian Wallace
2/17 Heather Koering
Jimmy Lorenz
Dick Lyscio
2/18 Michael Fordyce
Cole Harmer
Olivia Schilling
Julie Weidell
Kelly Woodman

2/12 Steve & Amber Houle
2/14 Tom & Terri Getty

❖ = **Celebrating 25-49 years!**
✞ = **Celebrating 50 years or more!**

Lord of Life's Parents-to-be

February
Jeff Allard & Amy Herboldt

March
Shane & Christine Keran
(Grandparents-Brian & Joyce Alt)

April
Darrin & Sherry Dumpprope
Jesse & Angie Lind
Adam & Jessica Jones
(Grandparents– Steve & Val Jones)

May
Jay & Kelly Blowers
Tim & Lisa Hoglin
David & Katie Selinger
(Grandparents– Dan & Beth Selinger)

Singers Needed for Lenten Services

We'll begin practicing "Unfailing Light" this Sunday, February 12th, beginning at 2:30 pm. The music is flowing and easy to follow, and we'll be singing in unison in order to guide the congregation in worship. Come and add your voice to our Lenten choir!

Questions? Contact John Huhta at 855-1882 or jjhuhta@msn.com

- **Practices:** February 12, 19, and 26 at 2:30 pm
- **Wednesday Lenten Worship:** February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 6:00 pm.

Pastoral Transition Update

The Church Council has voted to move forward with hiring an Interim Pastor. It is expected that we will have an Interim pastor for a minimum of 12 months. This will allow Lord of Life time to adjust to Pastor Darrell Pedersen's absence and to prepare for a new Sr. Pastor. Interim pastors are specially trained to help us determine our vision and goals for the future.

A Council sub-committee has been formed to interview an interim pastor nominated by the Synod and to make a recommendation to the Council. During the interim period a Call Committee will be selected to call a new Senior Pastor. The Call Committee will have six members that are nominated and then approved by Congregational vote. At this time the Synod has sent the name of one Interim Pastor Candidate and may send additional names.

Lord, Thank you that life is never boring when we follow you! Even though we're full of questions for imprisoned by our fears, when you call us into your freedom we can escape into your care. Help us to hear your call and respond, trusting your love to lead us into then venture that you have prepared for us. Amen.

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