



Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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LORD OF LIFE

MISSION STATEMENT

KNOW Christ, GROW in Christ, and GO as Christ to the world.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 6:15 p.m.

LORD OF LIFE CLERGY:

Pastor Nadine Lehr
(Mondays off)

Pastor Larry Giese
(Fridays off)

STAFF:

Youth & Family Director
- Open Position

Children's & Family Ministry
Coordinator

- Open Position

Office Manager

- Melody Karlberg

Financial Secretary

- Rebecca Verhaeghe

Custodian

- Arthur Remmich

LORD OF LIFE

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

LOL WEBSITE & E-MAIL

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Answering machine is available evenings and weekends when office is not staffed. Office is open during lunch hour most of the time.

February, 2012

WELCA Candy Making & Candy Sale

Candy Making

Saturday, February 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

"Sweetheart's Candy Sale"

Sunday, February 12th



Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 22, 6:15 p.m.

Lenten Dinner; 5:00-6:00 p.m.



Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28; 12:10 p.m.

Wednesdays, February 29, March, 7, 14, 21, 28; 6:15 p.m.

Lenten Dinners

Wednesdays during Lent; 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events in February

- WELCA Candy Sale
- Ash Wednesday
- Lenten Worship / Lenten Dinners

Camp of the Cross Newsletter

Camp of the Cross newsletter can now be read as a link off the Lord of Life website or by going directly to the Camp of the Cross website - www.campofthecross.com

Largos from Larry

“How lovely is your dwelling place, O lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.” Psalm 84:1-2

This month has been passing by quickly. The discarded Christmas trees from the boulevard have pretty much been picked up and recycled. I remember some Januarys that seemed a life time to pass--snow and cold enough to overwhelm the senses. I must say it is a blessing to leave my shovel in the garage and rest my snow blower this year. The days are beginning to lengthening which means Lent is just around the corner.

Epiphany is a liturgical season of growing, nurture, and renewal. It is time preceding Lent where one is “in between”—the time between the great festivals of Christmas and Easter. Late winter and early spring remind me often of this sense of being and dwelling in God. In the days to come I can already picture the snow beginning to melt into drops of water then into trickles and finally into streams. Buds ready to break. God is dwelling with us in and where we see God and above all in God’s holy Word.

Dwelling with God may mean we are very busy followers of God’s Son, Jesus. Farmers and ranchers are edging closer to calving and lambing season, machinery is in the shop for repair, there is the selection of seed for spring planting. Youth are preparing for studies, tournaments, and contests. Business men and women are gearing up to meet the demands of the consumer. What remains of the Epiphany season and what comes of Lent, I pray that we can actively rest, physically and spiritually. Let us rest physically, in the sense of keeping healthy, and spiritually through worship and daily devotions. I believe with the Psalmist, those who dwell with God are happily singing praises. Among these are confident followers who trust in God’s almighty strength.

I invite all members of Lord of Life to dwell with God through our Lenten journey. What is coming together as an exciting Lenten midweek series is a focus on five of the seven deadly sins—greed, envy, anger, gluttony, and sloth. Other opportunities include the greatest story “Jesus” on Sunday mornings or Connections: The Apostles’ Creed in daily life may interest you on Wednesday evenings following worship. Youth have opportunity to dwell with God in Sunday and Wednesday School. Pick up a devotional and focus on a verse from Scripture during a daily walk. Dwelling with God has its lovely places, moments, and times. May each of us experience God’s presence that brings joy to our hearts.

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Larry

Ash Wednesday Worship **Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012 – 6:15 p.m.**



Ash Wednesday is the most solemn day of the church year. It marks the beginning of Lent, a forty day season in which we are to commit ourselves to fasting, repentance, and renewal in faith. As we mark this beginning, we gather for worship to confess our sins, ask for forgiveness, and commit ourselves to the disciplines of the Lent season.

Please join us on Ash Wednesday for worship. We will follow a traditional liturgy with the imposition of ashes and holy communion. Each Wednesday following Ash Wednesday will be devoted to the Midweek Lenten series, “Whatever Happened to Sin?” Please see related article in this newsletter.

Note: There will be no Ash Wednesday service on the morning of Feb. 22. Morning midweek Lenten services will begin the following week on Feb. 29 at 12:10 pm. Ash Wednesday worship will only be offered at one service time: 6:15 pm.

“Whatever Became of Sin?” **Midweek Lenten Series 2012**

In the 1980’s, world-famous psychiatrist Karl Menninger wrote a book by this title. As a therapist, he knew that in our medically conscious age, we prefer to speak of “family dysfunction” or “character defects” or “personality disorders” or “personal weaknesses,” but rarely do we face the honest truth that we are sinners and that our sins give offense to God; however we may name or understand them.

In this year’s midweek Lenten series, we will talk honestly and openly about sin. In fact, we will look at five of the seven “deadly sins” identified by the church in the middle ages, namely Greed, Envy, Anger, Gluttony, and Sloth. These sins may carry traditional names, but they are very real and contemporary even in our day and age. Most of us can relate to each sin in some form and when we are honest, acknowledge that we need to work against these impulses if we are to grow in faith and obedience to God.

Each midweek Lenten service will include:

A litany of confession to help us reflect on our sins and ask for forgiveness and the strength to change.
A powerpoint presentation on each sin with a reflection by one of the pastors. These presentations will be geared toward children in a children’s sermon format, but will be equally relevant to adults of all ages.

A theme hymn. We will sing ELW #801, “Change My Heart, O God” every week. We will also sing traditional Lenten hymns at the opening and closing of each service.

An opportunity to sing one of our congregation’s favorite hymns, the Malotte version of the “Lord’s Prayer,” “in unison each week.

Services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm on Feb. 29 (Greed), March 7 (Envy), March 14 (Anger), March 21 (Gluttony), and March 28 (Sloth).

Morning midweek services of the word will also be held each Wednesday at 12:10 pm. These services will not include music but will include reflections on the same five deadly sins.

Lenten Dinners

Lenten dinners will be served by the youth every Wednesday during Lent from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The proceeds will go toward camperships for confirmation summer campers.

The menu is as follows:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 – Soup & Sandwiches
Feb. 29 – Pulled Pork
March 7 – Soup & Sandwiches
March 14 – Hotdishes
March 21 – Pulled Pork
March 28 – Hotdishes

Pastoral Acts



Baptisms

- † Soren Duane Ostendorf, son of Joel & Michaela Ostendorf, on January 29, 2012.
- † Kyan Shawn Roth, son of Shawn & Jennifer Roth, on January 29, 2012.



Memorials

Choir Fund – In memory of Carol Gomke

Baptism Class

Are you planning a baptism in February or March? A baptism class for parents will be held on Saturday, February 11, at 9:30 a.m., in the conference room. This class is strongly recommended for anyone preparing to baptize a child. Sign up in the church office.

Bible Study Opportunities

(Visitors and new members always welcome!)



Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study will meet Saturday mornings, at 8:30 a.m., at the church.

Women's Morning Bible Studies:

Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study will meet on Saturday, February 11th, at 8:00 a.m., at the church.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet on Valentine's Day, February 14th, at 9:45 a.m., with Coralyn Hoovestol and Carole Tosseth furnishing coffee.

Adult Education

Adult Ed. – Sunday mornings, at 9:45 a.m., in the conference room. “The Greatest Story Jesus,” is a 16-week series (runs through May 6th) which depicts Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. The story has changed the people who knew him and changed the world through them. Unique to this series is a presentation by a sand artist, Joe Castillo, who depicts the scenes of the story. This class is for young adults and adults new to Bible study and all interested in encountering Jesus through the greatest story. See you there.

The Nuts and Bolts of the Apostles’ Creed

The Wednesday evening adult education class has just begun the second unit of the “Connections” series on the Apostles’ Creed. All adults of Lord of Life are welcome to come and share in discussion and story of life connections with the Apostles’ Creed, one of the chief parts of the Small Catechism. Just as nuts and bolts are primary and foundational elements to keep buildings and machinery together, so too, as we study the primary and chief teachings of our Lutheran faith, get to the heart of the matter of how our spiritual journey of faith is informed and inspired in daily life. Come, share the journey! You’ll be glad you did.

The Apostles’ Creed Unit continues through February 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Unit Two: Living Confidently - The Apostles’ Creed

We will consider how God presents himself to us as Creator and Preserver, Protector and Defender, and Savior and Sanctifier.

Unit Three: Living Spiritually – The Lord’s Prayer and Sacraments

Wednesdays, March 14, 21, 28, April 11, 18, and 25.

We will reflect on prayer, forgiveness, and dealing with evil. Teacher TBA.



Special Music

Special Music is a wonderful part of the worship service. If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing special music for worship services, please sign up on the poster by the Choir Room. Help make worship more meaningful by using the gifts that you have been blessed with. Thank you!

Worship & Music Team

Blended Worship Service

The Blended Service will be held in the Fellowship Hall on the fourth Sunday of every month (February 26, March 25, April 22, and May 27). This Service is held in the Fellowship Hall and is a blend of traditional and contemporary music. The other services will continue as previously. First Sunday – ELW Setting 3; Second Sunday – With One Voice; Third Sunday – Let Us Enter In; and Fifth Sunday – ELW Setting 3. Please plan to attend and invite your friends and neighbors.



Technology Team Notice

Are you interested in technology? Do you have an interest in sound systems, video projection, computer graphics, recording or really any technology related interests? Dallas Anderson and Doug Tschetter are looking for any interested members to join them in learning about and exploring technology interests at Lord of Life. All ages and experience levels are encouraged to sign up. If you have no experience, that is fine also. You may sign up in the office or contact Dallas at 701-202-1823 or email at supersallad75@yahoo.com. Please join us; we look forward to meeting you soon.

Piecemakers

The first and third Tuesdays from 9:30-3:00 are set aside for Quilting. In February, these dates are on the 7th and 21st. We're looking for some new faces and new hands to help us "blanket the world", as Jan's daughter so aptly said it. See you there!



Young-At-Hearts



Betty and Karen Sprynczynatyk will be the hostesses for the pot luck on February 28th, at 11:30 a.m. Since there wasn't a get-together in January, let's all gather and catch up on some good visiting with our friends and also hear Betty and Karen tell about their wonderful trip to Sweden.

Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are a wonderful way to share love and care while making new friends. The Cozy Comfort group will continue meeting to make prayer shawls during the winter months. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 9 & 23 and March 8 & 22. We are a group who likes to knit or crochet – beginners are welcome – we will help you get started! If you have questions or would like to know more about us, please call Deb Knudsen at 224-9150.

Please contact Pastor Nadine, Pastor Larry or Coralyn Hoovestol with any prayer shawl requests.

"Stamp Saving"

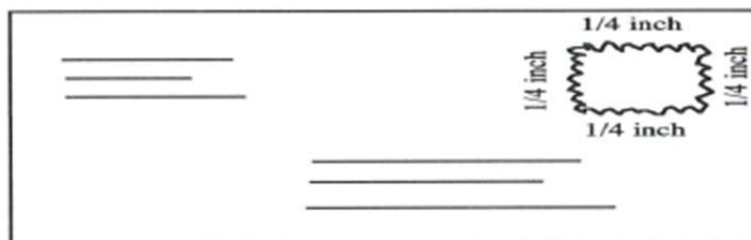
The Lord of Life Women of the ELCA are asking for your help to raise funds to support Lutheran World Relief's Quilt/Kit Shipping Fund. The money raised from collecting stamps is totally used for shipping.

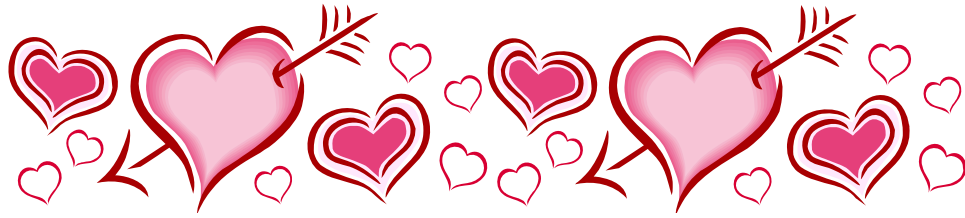
Please follow the instructions to make sure the stamps are not damage and can be used.

To Participate:

- Buy and use commemorative stamps instead of common ones.
- Place your stamps on the envelope allowing edges for opening without damage to the stamps.
- Save all cancelled postage stamps.
- Ask friends, family, neighbors, schools, businesses, etc. to save envelopes with cancelled stamps for you.
- Trim, allowing 1/4 inch from each edge of the stamp. The perforation is the most important aspect of the stamp and should not be cut or torn. If you leave more than 1/4 inch, this creates too much weight which is the method of calculating the funds received.
- Do not soak stamps.
- Please bring them to the church and drop them into the stamp collection box.

Remember, just save stamps and use commemorative stamps!!! Your biggest contribution is to save and ask others to save.





Candy Making – Join Us!

Lord of Life women, men and youth are invited to gather on Saturday, February 11, at 9:00 a.m., to make candy for our annual “Sweetheart’s Candy Sale” on Sunday, February 12th. Join us in the kitchen for fun and fellowship. You do not need to know how, we’ll teach you and we always need help packaging. Lunch will be furnished.

Ingredient donations are needed to help make the candy making process a success. The items that are needed are:



Almond bark
Semi-sweet or milk chocolate chips
Peanut butter chips
Pink and Red M&M’s
Sweetened condensed milk
Marshmallows
Quart zipper resealable plastic bags
Candy wafers for molds (may be purchased at Wal-Mart, Hobby Lobby, MagiCandle, etc.)
Valentine Themed or Colored Petit Four or Mini Paper Cups

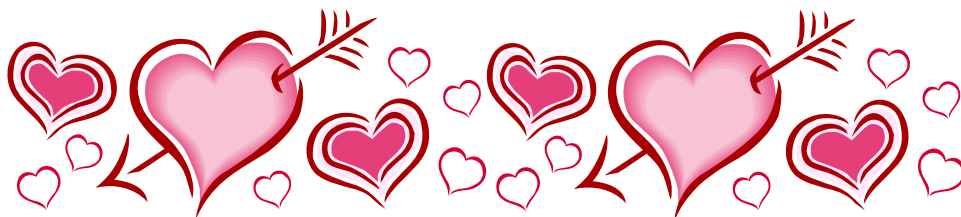
Coconut
Any kind of nuts
Pretzel rods
Pretzel rounds
Hershey kisses



Please drop off all donations, molds or square pans to make the fudge that we can borrow from you in the old kitchen. There is an area set up in the old kitchen for you to drop off your donations anytime you are at the church before Friday, February 10th or bring with you when you come. **Any homemade candy creations of your own making are also welcome.**

Please join in on the fun! Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please call Janell Quinlan at 224-8244, evenings/weekends.



Attention Women of Lord of Life!

Do you enjoy getting little notes of encouragement throughout the year? Do you like encouraging others through small gestures of kindness? We are starting up a "Secret Sisters" group and would love for you to join! Our goal is for each member who joins to get another member's name and info. You would then leave "Thinking of you" notes, Birthday cards, maybe even cookies; to let your "sister" know you're thinking about her and to put a smile on her face. At the end of the year-long group, we'll meet up for cookies and coffee and reveal who our "Secret Sister" was, and if you enjoyed this group, we'll pick new names. It's much like the "Secret Santa" activity from grade school. This group will be open to any confirmed woman who attends Lord of Life church. If you are interested, please fill out the form at the information desk no later than February 26th, so we can assign names and you can pick up your envelope to start this fun event on March 4, 2012. A full list of "instructions" will be available at the drop box. If you are interested, please contact Tammie Sauer for details. Her number is 595-2305 or e-mail her at tammiejo27@yahoo.com

Pictorial Directory



Please mark your calendars. The new church directory is in progress and pictures will be taken starting the beginning of May. Scheduling will occur at a later date. Watch upcoming newsletters and bulletins for details.

The Lenten Journey 2012 for Sunday and Wednesday School Sweet Deal for C.A.R.

Lord of Life Sunday and Wednesday School children and youth will be invited to get involved in a Sweet Deal for C.A.R.! Once again, our Synod, has purchased Mini M&M tubes which we will receive and distribute to raise funds for ministry with our companion synod, the Central African Republic. When empty, the tubes are just the right size to hold about \$14 in quarters.

So, around Ash Wednesday, our Sunday and Wednesday School leaders will pass them out so our children can enjoy the chocolaty goodness. Then, we encourage you to return them filled with quarters. By Easter we would like to have all the tubes gathered and ready the monies to be received at this year's Synod Assembly, June 1-2 in Minot. All gifts gathered will go to support the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic, our companion synod

Thank-You

A big thank you to the Lord of Life congregation for all the messages on our Care Pages and for your love and support. We are blessed to be members of Lord of Life.
Al & Doreen Kadrmas

Thank-You

Stephanie and Mark Swenson and the family of Carol Gomke would like to thank all of you who sent cards, flowers, and memorials in honor of Carol. We appreciate your prayers, thoughtfulness, and generosity. It has helped bring us comfort during this difficult time.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:30 am Worship No Sunday School No Adult Ed.</p> <p><i>NEW YEAR'S DAY</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>OFFICE CLOSED</i></p>	<p>3 9:00 am Staff Mtg. 9:30 am Piecemakers 2:00 pm Evangelism 6:30-9 pm Newcomer's Club 7:00 pm Team Mtgs.</p>	<p>4 6:15 pm Worship 7:00 pm Church School 7:00 pm Conf. Large Group 7:00 pm Connections Class</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 8:30 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>8 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship (Baptism Recognition) (Youth Caramel Rolls) 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Ed. 9:45 am Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm WELCA Meeting</p>	<p>10 9:00 am Staff Mtg. 9:45 am Women's Bible Study No Council Meeting</p>	<p>11 6:15 Worship (Baptism Recognition) 7:00 pm Church School 7:00 pm Conf. Small Group 7:00 pm Connections Class</p>	<p>12 6:30-8:30 pm Cozy Comfort</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8:00 am Women's Bible Study 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Baptism Class</p>
<p>15 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School No Adult Ed. 9:45 am New Member Sess. I 9th Grade Retreat</p>	<p>16 9th Grade Retreat</p>	<p>17 9:00 am Staff Mtg. 9:30 am Piecemakers</p>	<p>18 6:15 pm Worship (Koinonia) 7:00 pm Church School 7:00 pm Conf. Large Group 7:00 pm Connections Class (Unit 2 starts)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>21 8:30 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>22 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship (Blended Worship) (Kids Sing in 11:00 Worship) 9:45 am SS / Adult Ed. 9:45 am New Member Sess. II 12:00 nn Annual Mtg. Lunch 12:45 pm Annual Meeting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:00 am Staff Mtg. NO Young-At-Hearts 7:00 pm Care Ministries</p>	<p>25 6:15 pm Worship 7:00 pm Church School 7:00 pm Small Group Leaders Night 7:00 pm Connections Class</p>	<p>26 6:30-8:30 pm Cozy Comfort</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm Theme Table Dinner (Welcome House Fundraiser)</p>
<p>29 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship (New Member Recognition) 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Ed. 9:45 am Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 9:00 am Staff Mtg.</p>				

February Workgroup List

Thank You

February Leaders: Gary & Helen Just (255-2882)
Helen Swenson (223-6286)

Mary Mantz
Mark & Larissa Martin
Russ & Bobbie McDowall
Rod & Teresa McLachlan
Yves & Nirva Merger
Lori Meza
Curtis & Judy Miller
Lonnie & LeAnn Moody
Stephen & Joann Morrell
Wayne & Melissa Munson
Richard & Marcella Nathan

Nicole Many Horses
Myron & Cathy Mastrud
Don & Tondi McGuire
Don & Judy Meidinger
Duane & Katherine Mernitz
Larry & Sally Miller
Sharon Miller
Darlene Morast
Nadine Lehr
Steve & Sherrie Muse
John & Cristine Neibauer

Tom & Amy Marchant
Dave & Dawn Mayer
Gerald & Sandra McLachlan
Adam & Tiffany Melberg
Gene & Sherry Messmer
Lucille Miller
Marlin & Judy Mjelstad
Shelly Morast
Mark Mueller
Gene & Sue Nagle
Craig & Denise Nelson

February Birthdays



1 Jonathan Lepp
2 Bree Bergstrand
3 Andrew Knudsen
4 Paula Brosseau
5 Emma Fischer
6 Tara Brandner
7 Kalli Karsnia
8 Micheal Skachenko
11 Dallas Anderson
11 Helen Tollerud
12 Dash Ohlsen
13 Joanne Hellman
14 Dustin Hochhalter
14 Joel Ostendorf
15 Duane Barry
15 Glen Stenberg
17 Jennifer Lippert
18 McKenna Geiger
18 Timothy Olson
19 Stanley Thompson
20 Libby Schmidt
22 Ellen Bartz
22 Cheryl Sick
23 Desiree Bubach
23 Noel Zingg
24 Zachary Rhone
26 Bryan Jones
26 Daniel Reis
27 Abel Vollmers

1 Dean Sabot
2 Ryan Erhardt
3 Missy Reich
4 Austin Streyle
5 Joan VerDouw
7 Randy Axvig
7 Arianna Steele
8 John Sundlie
11 Terri Bear
12 Jeri Fischer
12 Brad Terry
13 Macy Hettich
14 Aurora Jones
14 Stephanie Siewert
15 Chuck Brandner
16 Joanne Morrell
18 Kirna Anderson
18 Luke Keller
19 Austen Frank
19 Garry Wagner
21 Ward Enger
22 Claudia Boone
22 Carole Tosseth
23 Rosemary Johnson
24 Eve Axvig
26 Craig DeGree
26 Peter Knudsen
26 Brandy Schneider
28 Larry Tosseth

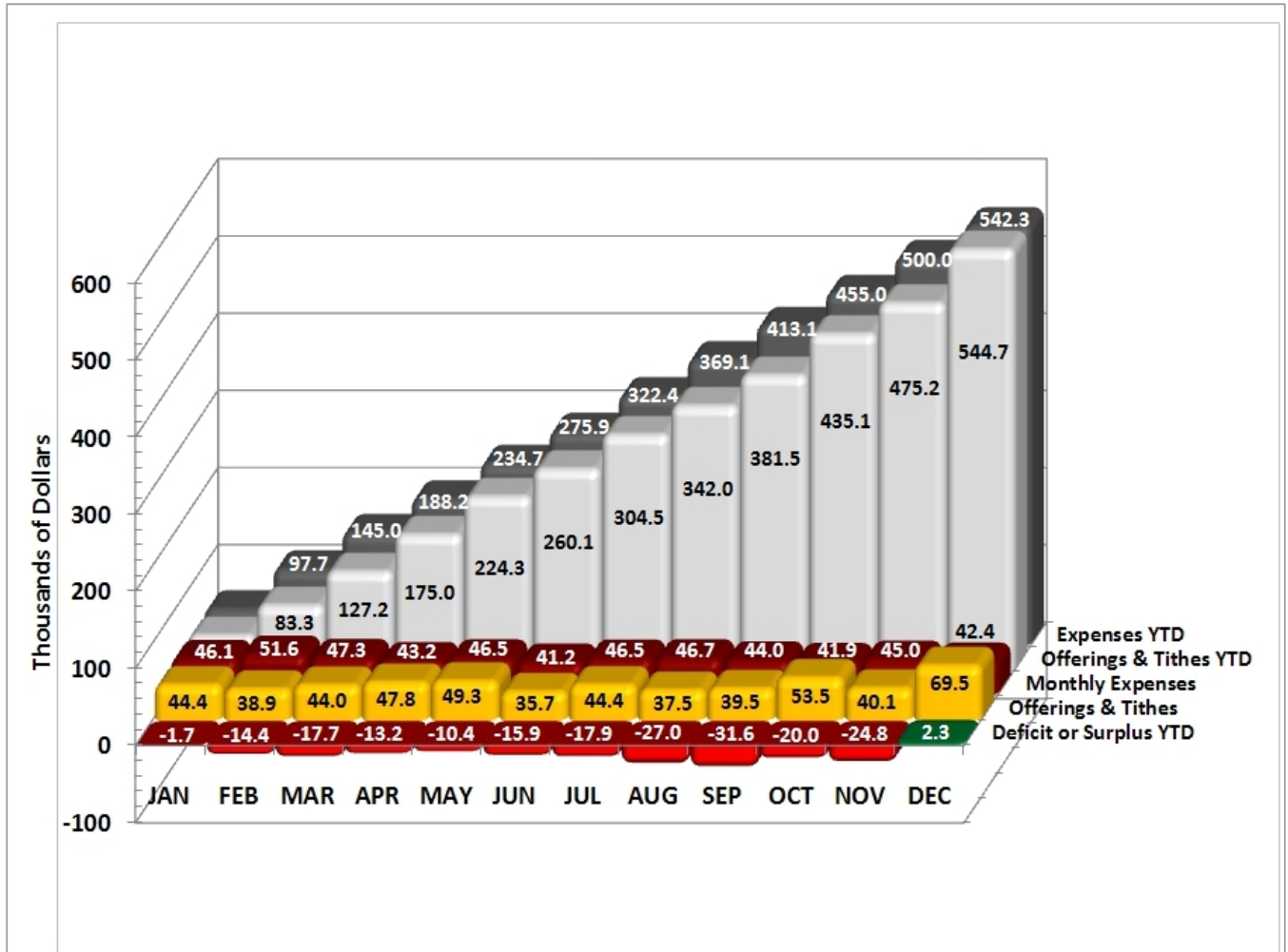
1 Jeff Solemsaas
2 Kara Ohlsen
3 Brad Thompson
5 Jordan Dollinger
6 Gary Berreth
7 Jim Gray
7 Julia Wohl
9 Stephanie Puklich
11 Dana Duppong
12 Tracy Lux
12 Avery Vollmers
14 Bella Bergstrand
14 Kyle Laib
14 Sheryl Terry
15 Don Meidinger
17 Joren Kern
18 Casey Dollinger
18 Lynsey Ledahl
19 Logan Kjos
20 Tiffany Melberg
21 Matthew Fischer
22 Les Falkenstein
23 Norah Baerlocher
23 Carly Sailer
24 Kyle Opp
26 Brianna Feist
26 Marcus Mernitz
27 Kevin Connell
29 Kiefer Johnson

We are sorry if we have missed anyone this month. If your name has been missed, kindly report it to the church office so we can get your birth date for our records. Likewise, if we have printed your birthday and you do not wish to have it published in the newsletter, please let Melody, the church office manager, know. We will remove it for next year. Thank you! Evangelism Team

February Volunteers (Sundays)						2012
	February 5 9:30 a.m.	February 12 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	February 19 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	February 26 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.		
Assisting Ministers 8:30	Bruce Boe	Roxanne Gardner	Linda Simmons	Bruce Boe		
11:00	Bruce Boe	Mary Beth Swenson	Dave Clinton	Bruce Boe		
Communion Assistants 8:30	Cindy Hoff & Marlys Selness	Dave/Dawn Hintz	Linda Simmons & Margaret Bentz	Larry/Carole Tosseth		
11:00	Steve/Sherrie Muse	Allen/Shirley Klein	Stephen/Joanne Morrell	James/Janet Wagner		
Ushers 8:30	Gary/Diane Chepulis	Larry/Carole Tosseth	Keith/Mary Jane Sailer	Randy/Susan Axvig		
11:00	Steve Morrell & Dwite Gorder	Keith/Beth Demke	Dwite/Kathy Gorder	Dan/Peggy Schmidt		
Nursery Coordinators/Workers						
Coordinators 8:30	Kirsty Solberg	Kelsie Ganyo	Kirsty Solberg	Kelsie Ganyo		
11:00	Ezra Gray Noah Johnson	Zoya Baker Lucas mayer	Jacob Langerud Ethan nelson	Alex Brosseau Jaeger Marchant		
Organists 8:30	Marilyn Kesterke	Nick Hornbacher	Nick Hornbacher	Angie Koppang		
11:00	Marilyn Kesterke	Nick Hornbacher	Nick Hornbacher	Angie Koppang		
Acolytes 8:30	Tyler Kress	Alyssa Baerlocher	Morgan Fischer	Emily Anderson		
11:00	Jonathan Baker	Julianna Fuhrman	Zoya Baker	Maren Carlson		
January Volunteers (Wednesdays)						
	February 1 6:15 p.m.	February 8 6:15 p.m.	February 15 6:15 p.m.	February 22 6:15 p.m. - Ash Wed.	February 29 6:15 p.m. - Lent	
Ushers				Gary/Diane Chepulis Jim Walker		
Acolytes	Brittany Hausauer	Colton Just	Kara Dollinger	Nicole Streyle	Jaegar Marchant	
Pianist/Organist Songleaders	Tondi McGuire Lora Isakson	Eve Axvig Janell Quinlan	Koinonia	Marilyn Kesterke		
Communion Assistants				Mike/Helen Risan		

Stewardship Update

Here is an update of Lord of Life’s financial position for the end of 2011. The graph presents information in a 3-dimensional bar chart display. The “front” bars show the year-to-date difference between giving and expenses for each month. The next bar is the monthly giving, followed by the monthly expenses. The bars at the rear of the graph show the cumulative year-to-date giving and expenses. The difference between the back two bars is the difference that is shown at the front.



The graph shows that at the end of the year our income exceeded our expenses by a total of \$2,344. Envelope giving for 2011 exceeded 2010’s total by \$17,748, a 3.5% increase. **Thanks to the support and generosity of the congregation, we were able to finish the year with a surplus.** In addition to a successful 2011, the increased estimates of giving for 2012 have allowed us to prepare a balanced budget for 2012 while increasing our benevolences. We have been blessed with generous support for God’s mission at Lord of Life.

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact any of the team members. They are Keith Demke, Ward Enger, Leana Hug, and Jon Tonneson.