

# NOVEMBER MAST



## THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Join with your church family on November 28, for a Thanksgiving Day covered dish dinner at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please RSVP on the sign-up sheets so there is plenty of turkey and place-settings for everyone.

Bring a friend or neighbor along with your favorite Thanksgiving covered dish to share.

All are welcome to attend, especially those without families nearby.

Turkey and Beverages will be provided.



If you need a ride, please call the church office: 638-4673

Questions? Call Lucy Zantow 912-222-1995

Daylight Savings Time Ends on  
Sunday, November 3.  
Remember to fall back one hour.

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## PASSING THE DRUMSTICK



We are pleased to announce that Byron and Lucy Zantow and family have agreed to sponsor the Lord of Life Thanksgiving Day dinner. For this, we are so grateful.

It was our pleasure to provide, for those with little or no family, a place to gather on a day dedicated to family and friends. We remember with fondness the faces of those we served over 20+ years.

Please give your support to the Zantow family and continue to enjoy our tradition.

Gratefully,

Bud and Virginia Lensch



Sunday at 9:30 am, Worship and Communion



## Crafty Christmas Cottage Contest

On Sunday, November 3, bags containing basic necessities to create fun will be made available for you to take home. Included in each one is a cardboard box and one piece of cardboard to which the cardboard box should be adhered. You may be as creative with materials as you would like. The only rule is that the height, width and depth must remain no larger than 11".

You will have 3 weeks to complete your Christmas Cottages. When done, place them back into the bag you were given and bring them to church on Sunday, December 1. The cottages will remain anonymous. They will be displayed in the fellowship hall lobby through Sunday, December 8. Each cottage will have a numbered box associated with it. Votes, in the form of money, or dollars pledged, will be placed in the box. The winner of the "Best"\* cottage will be determined by the total amount of money collected.

Christmas Cheer!

\*Best is in the eye of the beholder. Have fun with this. It's anonymous!



Seafarer's Christmas Collection  
November 16.,9 am  
Pack Boxes for Seafarers

You have the list and checked it twice, now come for the assembly and eat something nice.....

Drop your donations in the box with the ribbon in the fellowship hall lobby. We will be serving coffee and cake while we pack the boxes.

Saturday, November 16, 9:00 am.  
See you there!

*From the Music Director*

Luther, in his first sermon at Wittenberg on March 9<sup>th</sup> 1522...



*“The summons of death comes to us all, and no one can die for another. Therefore, everyone must himself know and be armed with the chief things which concern a Christian.*

*In the first place, we must know that we are the children of wrath, and all our works, intentions, and thoughts are nothing at all.*

*Secondly, that God has sent us his only-begotten Son that we may believe in him and that whoever trusts in him shall be free from sin and a child of God.*

*Thirdly, we must also have love and through love we must do to one another as God has done to us through faith.*

*Fourthly, we also need patience. For whoever has faith, trusts in God, and shows love to his neighbor, practicing it day by day, must his needs suffer persecution. For the devil never sleeps, but constantly gives him plenty of trouble.”*

We know these ‘chief things’ of which Luther speaks. We know that we must strive to display the evidence of those ‘fruits of the Holy Spirit’; love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, as people living in community with one another.

Mary Monroe

### **Raffle of Tony Couch Painting**

Thank-you to those who already picked up your raffle ticket packets. Each of us is being asked to sell tickets to help with our expenses. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00.



Packets are due back Sunday, December 1. The drawing for the Tony Couch painting will take place Saturday, December 7 at the Holiday Market. Packets are available in the church office.



## MANNA HOUSE



Please let Virginia Lensch know (Phone: 912-638-3425, Email: [vlensch@bellsouth.net](mailto:vlensch@bellsouth.net)) if you would like to be a part of the kitchen crew to help prepare sandwiches or iced tea or to assemble bags on November 14.

We will need 8-10 team members in the kitchen at 9:00 AM to prepare lunch and assemble the bagged lunches. We will also need members to hand out lunches at the door. To hand out lunches, please come at 11:00 AM.

Lord of Life is scheduled to serve at Manna House on the second Thursday of each month.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our study of the Parables of Jesus will resume classes on Sunday, November 10, at 8:15 AM. The parable will be "The Friend at Midnight," based on Luke 11:1-11.

Virginia Lensch

## Holiday Market Raffle Baskets

Last year we sold over 750 raffle tickets to people attending the Holiday Market. Each person carefully choosing where to place their tickets for a chance to win a themed raffle basket. Among the offerings were a handcrafted cigar humidor, handmade wall hangings, a coffee basket, a manger scene made of china, family game night basket, for the birds basket, beautiful bedding basket, etc. So many items thoughtfully put together and donated.

If you would like to donate an item or an entire themed basket, we'd love to hear from you. We can help put the basket together for display. Please contact Cathy Erickson



# November 2024


## BIRTHDAYS

Erika Bueken, Nov. 3  
 Jack Cheetham, Nov. 4  
 Mary Rue, Nov. 7  
 Sharon Borich, Nov. 10  
 Olivia Zantow, Nov. 10  
 Dot Donahoo, Nov. 11  
 Alex Alley, Nov. 12  
 Meyer Earl, Nov. 12  
 Doug Neal, Nov. 12

Kevin Terrell, Nov. 15  
 Phillip Campbell, Nov. 18  
 Dean Perry, Nov. 24  
 Brittany Taylor, Nov. 24  
 Thomas Boyer, Nov. 24  
 Graham Treece, Nov. 27

## ANNIVERSARY

Byron & Lucy Zantow, Nov. 1  
 Tim & Nanci Dawes, Nov. 25

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 3rd at 2 am Daylight Savings ends. Set Back your clocks 					1	2 11am-1pm, OCC carton pick-up meeting
3 9:30 am, All Saints Sunday	4 10 am, Bible Study	5 10 am, Tai Chi	6 9 am, Open Sew- ing Pastor Vacation	7 10 am, Tai Chi Noon, Mary Martha Circle Pastor Vacation	8 Pastor Vacation	9 Pastor Vacation
10 9:30 am, Service Tim Dawes Presid- ing; Mary Monroe, preaching Pastor Vacation	11 No Bible study Veterans Day	12 10 am, Tai Chi	13 9 am, Open Sewing 9: 20 am, Preschool in Sanctuary	14. 10 am Tai Chi	15	16. 9 am, Seafarers pack boxes  Noon, Quilters in the Fellowship Hall
17 9:30 am, Service 3 pm, Bowling	18 10 am, Bible Study OCC 9:30- 11:30am 5-7 pm	19 OCC 9:30- 11:30am 5-7 pm	20 OCC 9:30-11:30am 5-7 pm	21 OCC 9:30-11:30 am	22 OCC 9:30-11:30 am	23 OCC: Noon- 3 pm
24 9:30 service  OCC : Noon-3 pm	25 10 am, Bible Study  Occ 9:30- 11:30am 5-7 pm	26 10 am, Tai Chi  Trailer full of shoeboxes is picked up	27 9 am, Open Sewing 9:30 am, Preschool in Sanctuary	28 Thanksgiving LoL dinner, 3 pm  Office closed	29	30

## Lets Go Bowling

Strike Zone

Sunday, November 17. 3:00

\$10.00 per person (2 games, shoes and ball included). Must be prepaid to me. Sign up sheet in the hallway.

Sign up in the church hallway for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Must be pre-paid. See Cathy Erickson to pay.



### COME LET US PRAY

“The praying which makes a prayerful ministry is not a little praying put in as we put flavor to give it a pleasant smack, but the praying must be in the body, and form the blood and bones. Prayer is no petty duty, put into a corner; no piecemeal performance made out of the fragments of time which have been snatched from business and other engagements of life; but it means that the best of our time, the heart of our time and strength must be given.” —

E.M. Bounds, Power Through Prayer

Set aside time each week to pray for our members, families and friends.

### Honoring our Veterans and Active member of the Service

November 11 is Veterans Day and we would like to especially honor and remember all of our Veterans and active service members. Please help us by sending to Pastor Bob the names of all the Veterans that are members of the church and your family as well as all of the active service members in the church and your family. We will, of course, also honor those Veterans who have passed.

Please send the names relationship to you and Lord of Life and their position in the service to Pastor Bob and/or the church email.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

National Collection Week (NCW) is fast approaching. It is the week of November 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year Lord of Life has had the opportunity to serve as the Central Drop-Off Center for the Southeast Region! There are three ways you could participate in this ministry. 1) First and foremost, PRAY; 2) Volunteer to serve during NCW; and 3) Fill a shoebox (or as many as you want).

There is a sign-up poster in the back of the sanctuary. Please check your schedules and consider signing up to serve in this wonderful ministry which reaches out way beyond our church walls to places most of us could only imagine. We will continue to follow a “Curbside Drop-off Model” provided to us by Samaritans Purse. Volunteers are needed to serve in the following positions: greeter, host, unloader and cartonizer. Additionally once all the cartons are packed, additional volunteers will be needed to load them on a 28-foot trailer (which will be parked along the fence of our playground). Lord of Life will be open for the following hours for others in our local community to drop off their shoeboxes during NCW:

Monday-Wednesday (11/18-20) 9:30-11:30am & 5-7pm

Thursday & Friday (11/21-22) 9:30am-12:30pm

Saturday & Sunday (11/23-24) 12:00 noon-3:00pm

Monday (11/25) 9:30-11:30am & 5-7pm

Please feel free to invite others to serve from outside of our church congregation. Working near other brothers and sisters in Christ is a huge part of this ministry. There were 480 cartons delivered to our church recently and we need all the help we can get to fill these cartons and load them on the truck.

If you would like to fill a shoebox, there are many available at the church. Fill free to take what you need or want. When you return your filled shoebox to the church, please place it in the red cabinet in the Fellowship Hall lobby. **If you would prefer someone bring you a shoebox, please call the church and a delivery will be made.** If you prefer to not shop in person, please think about one of the following ideas:

filling a shoebox online ([samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org))

shopping online for bulk items to put in shoeboxes

making a financial contribution

Many people wonder about why all this fuss over a shoebox full of toys. Not only are the children who receive these boxes overwhelmed with joy at what they find in them, but a larger community is also being built. The Gospel is certainly alive and well in this ministry. For additional information or any questions, please call Mary Ellen Long – 912-638-7431 or 912-270-4160.



# Lord of Life Literary Society

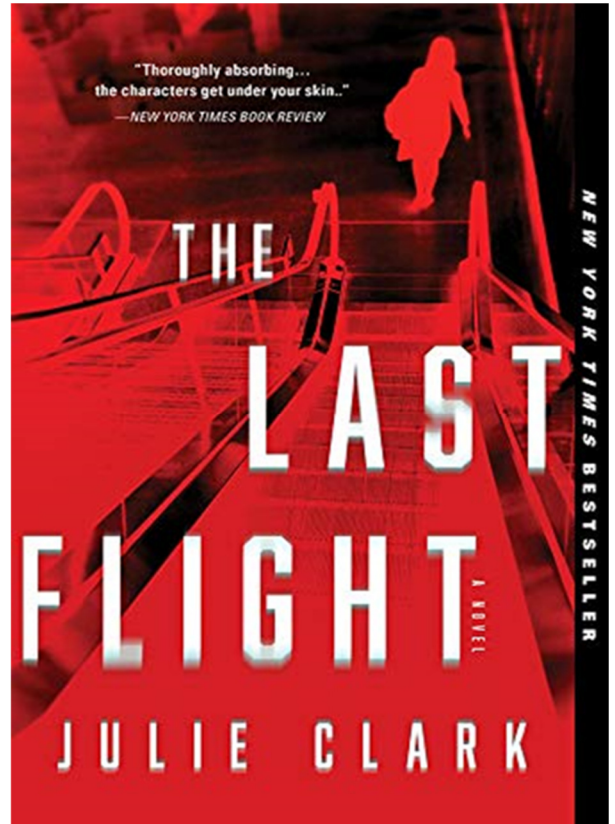


Book Club in November will be hosted by Virginia Lensch. We will meet on Tuesday, November 26, at 10:00 AM, in the Fellowship Hall.

Virginia has selected *The Last Flight* by Julie Clark. The book is available at local bookstores and/or online at Amazon.com and Thriftbooks.com. A Kindle edition is also available.

Book Club is open for all readers. Invite a friend.

RSVP to Virginia and join us for discussion and fellowship.



**“The whole being of any Christian is faith and love.  
Faith brings the person to God; love brings the person to people.”**

Martin Luther



**We are so sorry that the Hurricane cancelled our October meeting, but..**

**Mary Martha Circle will meet in November  
Bring a lunch and join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship!!**

Join us in the conference room  
at noon on November 7



## Sparrows Nest

The season of giving is upon us and the need for food continues. Here is a list of items that would be welcomed this time of year.

Powdered or Boxed Milk  
Vegetable/Crisco Oil  
Salt, Pepper, Spices  
Coffee/Tea  
Sugar  
Flour  
Cake Mix/Frosting  
Rice A Roni

Dish Soap  
Paper Towel  
Toilet Paper  
Feminine Products  
Diapers  
Baker Soda/Powder  
Stove Top Stuffing  
Pasta Sauce



## Fundraising Thoughts

An idea is in planning stages and your help is needed. We would like to hold an "Elf Giftwrapping Headquarters" at the church during the week of December 15th. The public would be invited to drop off their presents and pick them up at a time we determine. I've compiled a list of procedures and what I'm asking of you is to tell me if you'd be willing to volunteer to wrap at some point during the week. Give me a call.

Thank-you,  
Cathy Erickson



From the Pastor's Desk.

WOW, can you believe it is November already, and in another month, it will be Christmas and all the glitter and presents that go with this time of year. Have you started shopping? Or are you already done?

Over the past few weeks and in some of the talk around here at church, I have seen and heard How do we get people to come back to church? How do we get more families to come? Why are people leaving the church?

Which got me thinking, I know that is a dangerous thing. Why are people leaving the church? It is not just here but every denomination is dealing with this issue. Some of the reasons I have read about and heard are what we already know. They drift away from fellowship in the church, they leave due to hypocrisy. They contend that the Christian behavior does not match their beliefs. I would like to remind us that we are forgiven, not perfect. People wander from the fold due to personality differences. Others suffer emotional and physical burnout. They are tired from doing so much and have not drawn deeply enough from the living water. Finally, there are congregational tensions. Individuals find that the vision of the congregation cannot be attuned to their own desires. The past glories hold too strongly to them, and they paralyze their ability to move to new opportunities.

The last and saddest reason I think for people wandering away from the flock is spiritual relationships. So, a question, if you were facing a crisis, is there someone at Lord of Life you could call to pray for you. Is there another individual you trust and to whom you could go for spiritual insight? Both questions can not be answered with stock answer "the pastor." As a pastor I pray for you all every day, and I do offer insight, but I encourage each to form deep and lasting spiritual friendships. Your spiritual development is important to this congregation and its leadership.

Your leaders of this congregation and all of you who are reading this are committed to growth. We pray for God's guidance and direction. We also pray for the Holy Spirit will move mightily among us. We will be obedient disciples. If you are one of the sheep that have wandered out of the fellowship, we would love you to come back to the fold. We want you, but more importantly God wants you in His house of prayer.

So how do you answer the other questions? You have heard it from me over and over. Invite. Invite. Invite. Invite friends and family to come to our fellowship meals, to go bowling with us on the 17 th . Invite to the holiday market, and to Sunday services.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Pastor Bob