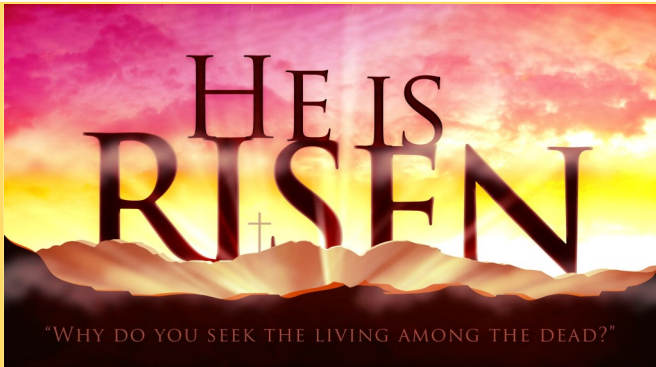




# Newsletter

April/May 2023



CONGRATULATIONS to Jim (and Sandi) Dugan on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the office of Word and Sacrament. Jim would like to thank everyone for their well wishes.

## Thanks to Your Generosity

we have repaid the loan LOL received from the South Carolina Men in Mission (SCMIM) to help build the LOL new sanctuary. We are truly blessed to have such a beautiful place to worship our God of Grace. To celebrate we will have a ceremony to burn this note.



**Mark your calendar! We will burn the note on May 21st after each service.**



**The Music Ministry:** For Cantatas, Sunday services, Church holidays, and Funeral services: Judy Moran, Fair Bentz, and Sue Ellen Johnson use their musical gifts for Lord of Life. Thank you for all you do!



**Pictured Below:** The Lord of Life adult choir who practiced the Easter cantata for months. Thank you for donating your time and talent to the Glory of God.

The instrumentalists add another dimension to the Cantata with their musical gifts as well. We thank them as well!



## ASCENSION DAY May 18th



We commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven on Ascension Day, which occurs on the Thursday (which is 40 (or 39) days) after Easter. This year, it is May 18. This day is known by multiple names — The Feast of the Ascension, The Ascension of Jesus, Ascension Thursday, Holy Thursday, or Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

Scripture reveals to us that after Jesus Christ was crucified on, what we recognize as Good Friday, he was resurrected from the dead in three days on the day we know as Easter Sunday. For 40 days after this, he stayed with his disciples instructing them to continue his teachings. At the end of 40 days, after the resurrection, Jesus Christ and his disciples went to Mount Olivet (or the Mount of Olives) near Jerusalem. After asking them to stay, Christ then ascended to heaven to take his seat at the right hand of God the Father under the gaze of his disciples. Initially a part of Easter celebrations, this day was later separated from Easter, along with Pentecost. Celebration of Pentecost ends the cycle of the Easter Season.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY May 28th

**Wear RED**

Jesus taught the disciples that another known as the Advocate, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, will follow him. Thus, assuring his disciples of every day and age that they will never be parted from God. No one knew what to expect from this promise from the Lord.



Pentecost Sunday, observed on the seventh Sunday after Easter, celebrates the coming and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and other followers of Jesus Christ, as mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). Led by Peter's preaching many thousands were converted in Jerusalem.

Acts 2 states that, after Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus' followers were gathered together in Jerusalem for the Feast of Harvest, and the Holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2). "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4). Naturally, this unusual event drew a large crowd, and Peter stood up to speak to them about repentance and the gospel/good news of Christ (Acts 2:14). By the end of the day the Church grew by 3,000 people (Acts 2:41).

## **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

Through this baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire, the disciples became more knowing, and given a greater understanding of the mysteries of the Gospel and were more qualified to preach it to people of all nations and languages.

The day of Pentecost is seven weeks after Easter Sunday: in other words, the fiftieth day after Easter Sunday. Since Easter Sunday has no fixed date, this makes Pentecost a changeable holiday. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday may also be known as Eastertide

## **Pentecost in the Bible**

Acts 2:1-4 "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Holy Spirit enabled them."





We have a very small group of people that make up our Altar Guild. Altar Guild is responsible for “preparing a place for worship, giving careful attention to the furnishings and decorations in the space where worshippers gather.” (From “The New Altar Guild Book” by Barbara Gent and Betty Sturges.) Their work is behind the scenes (and is often taken for granted since we do not see their preparational work). Duties involve, but is not limited to the following:

- \*Sunday morning communion set up and clean up
- \*Setting up for baptisms
- \*Changing the altar and lectern parameters to appropriate seasonal colors
- \*Hanging banners
- \*Setting up/assisting with memorial services, as needed
- \*Setting up for special services, as Needed

**Altar Guild is in need of helpers (those willing to serve). This is open to all members of the congregation, couples, friends, singles, families, anyone who is interested in being a part of this group.**

**Please contact Vivian Cunningham, 843-540-0841 (leave a message) if you are willing to help or if you have any questions or need additional information.**

Thank you!

## The Blessing of Lap Robes and Quilts



**Thanks to those who made lap robes to first responders. And, thanks to Caroline Clark for donating her quilts to Family Promise.**



## CALLING ALL LOL NURSES:

I encourage you to consider joining the Nurses Honor Guard of SC. The Honor Guard pays tribute to nurses at the time of their death by performing the Nightingale Tribute and Final Call to Duty. There is also a service for terminally ill nurses that can be performed for those in Hospice. Check out [www.Nurses Honor](http://www.NursesHonorGuard.com)

Guard.com. To learn more about the local Beaufort chapter contact Lisa Terwilliger, RN 843-986-7017.



**CALLING ALL LOL FAMILIES of NURSES:** You might wish to honor your Nurse family member by a service presented by the SC Nurses Honor Guard. There is no charge for the service. As a family member you will receive a Florence Nightingale Lamp and a Bible in honor of your loved one. To request services please contact Lisa Terwilliger, RN 843-986-7017 or Lynn Malden, RN 843-300-9218.

To learn more about the tribute visit [www. NursesHonorGuard.com](http://www.NursesHonorGuard.com) or [NursesHonorGuardSC@gmail.com](mailto:NursesHonorGuardSC@gmail.com) I am a member of the Honor Guard, and I am more than happy to provide more details. Please feel free to contact me at 843-338-7846 or [psipp7777@gmail.com](mailto:psipp7777@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED

### Do you have a talent for numbers?

Volunteers are needed to count  
weekly offerings.

Training provided.

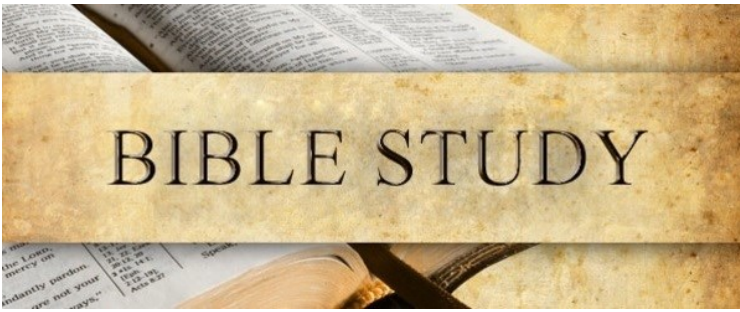
**Please contact:**

**Carol Ellis 843-757-4681**

**Or Don Cullen 843-757-5106**



**OFFERING  
COUNTERS**



**Sunday School Bible Study @ 9:35am**

Meeting in the left corner classroom in Luther Hall

**Tuesday Bible Study @ 10:00 am**

With Jim Cuff in the Café Zoom is available as well.

**Wednesday Bible Study @ 10:30 am**

With Pastor Angela in the Café

**Thursday Lutheran Men in Mission @ 8:00 am**

Currently meeting by Zoom with Jack Young

\*Breakfast in person every Third Thursday at 8:00 am in Luther Hall

**Lutheran World Relief Health Kits**

Lutheran World Relief has requested congregations to help with a severe shortage of health kits.

Between war and so many devastating natural disasters recently, their supply is low. The Lord of Life Service team would like your help in preparing kits.

The easiest way to do this is for members to donate financially and then we order all the supplies at once. Then we could use the help in assembling them.

So, we are requesting donations through the Easter Season (50 days after Easter Sunday) through the end of May. The date for assembly will be set after supplies are received. Please help in any way can.

**Please make checks payable to Lord of Life Lutheran Church with LWR on the memo line.**



**SC WELCA**

The SC annual WELCA Convention will take place **June 23 & 24 in Lexington, SC at the Family Life Center of Zion**

**Lutheran Church.**

Lord of Life can send 2 voting members to the convention. It takes about 2 hours

to drive there and one night in a hotel. Meals included along with seminars and entertainment.

**Please contact Linda Roland for more information and/or to register.**



**Son: I want a car.  
Dad: get a haircut.  
Son: But Jesus has long hair.  
Dad: Jesus walked everywhere.**



## Lord of Life Council Highlights

**Stewardship Ministry—liaison Jim Cuff:** The Stewardship Committee did not meet in March or April. Offering envelopes will be ordered by the finance committee this year.

**Worship and Music Ministry—liaison Mike Himes:** Status of Video Screens Long and Short Term: Our Property Committee, and Melissa, worked to supply projector bulbs and Pastor Ramos has coordinated workers from Fountain of Salvation (FOS) to replace them. They were working but it was discovered recently they were not. It was pointed out that we need to schedule replacing the bulbs every 6 months. Jim Lewis is working to get a FOS member to join the Property Committee to help smooth out the process going forward. We have requested a quote from *Stage Front* to update the entire video system including live streaming. It will be expensive and this work will likely take place in stages as the monies become available.

Possibility of Reducing (almost eliminating) Bulletins by using Video Screens: When the video is working, we may begin working toward using them exclusively in lieu of bulletins. Several important points before we do so:

- o The Power Point will use larger fonts to make reading easier.
- o Video Booth operators are needed. Training provided.
- o Some bulletins will still need to be printed each week for: Pastor, choir director, pianist, organist, readers, worship assistants, and large print for those in need.
- o Communication to the congregation will begin before this change happens and repeated often.

Saturday Evening Services: Council asked the committee to discuss what a service might look like if it were implemented.

Summer Plans for Church Services: Discussed.

### **Property Ministry—liaison Jim Lewis:**

The following is being focused on at this time:

#### PlayCare Playground

- \*The railroad ties are in bad shape and need to be replaced
- \*They are to be removed and replaced with a combination of 6X6 weather treated boards across the front and 4X4 weather treated boards on the sides and across the back.
- \*Mulch is needed.
- \*the playhouse needs painting.
- \*PlayCare will help with the cost



## Lord of Life Ministry Highlights (continued)

### Property Ministry (continued)

*Low Country Audio* was coming in on March 21<sup>st</sup> (a car accident prevented this meeting) to fix both projectors and all the non-working lights. Total cost will be based on the amount of time required to complete the task. Should be less than \$600. We may be able to share costs with Fountain of Salvation?

Parking lot lighting:

Solar powered flood lights are in place – feedback was sought

The live oak over the mailbox is obstructing light from the lamp below it and needs to be trimmed. Cost \$265.

### Care and Call Ministry – liaison Mitzi Dube: 3/20/2023-4/20/2023

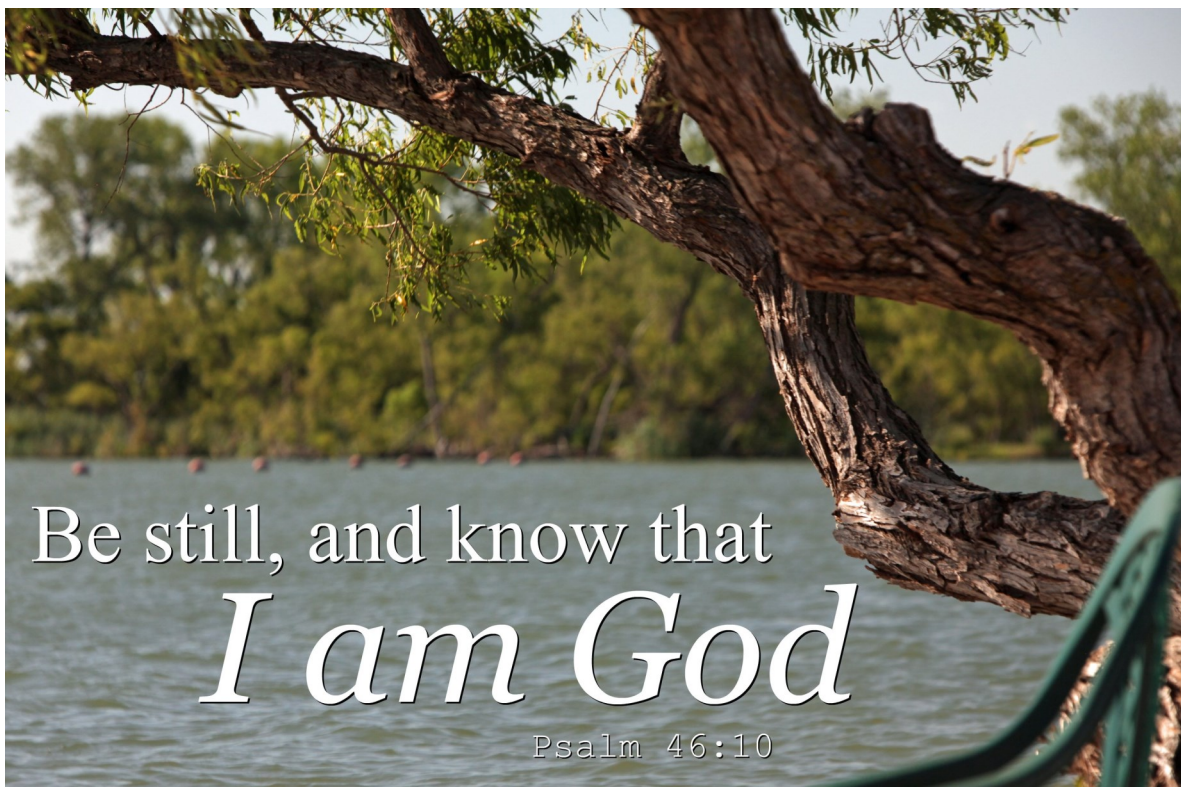
Cards sent out: 15

Communion to shut-ins: 3

Communion at NHC: 21 residents received communion

Sue Ellen Johnson, provided the music

Linc and Mary Lee Tumey assisted Mitzi Dube with the devotion and distribution of the elements



## Lord of Life Council Highlights (continued)

**Service Ministry—liaison Bunny Norell:** Project Linus: Karen Meyer learned that kits are available at JoAnn Fabrics in Savannah, completed blankets are to be returned there as well. Kits may also be purchased online with prices varying between \$12-\$25/kit. Tonya will contact our local contact. This group serves Beaufort and Jasper Counties, and counties near Savannah. Blue Heron Stitchery in Bluffton is also a drop off location.

Church council authorized a donation of \$1000 to Family Promise at their March meeting. The blessing of quilts and lap robes is scheduled for April 23. The quilts will be given to Family Promise. Tonya will talk with the case manager to find out the current status of the program and learn what our involvement may be.

Linda Roland is doing personal care kits for LWR after Easter.

Georgia will work on the school uniform drive at the end of June. She will connect with the social worker to verify the delivery date for collected items.

**Communication Ministry—liaison Ann Pufpaff:** We discussed the Lord of Life website.

Wayne Butterworth suggested we go with WordPress webpage that would cost us nothing. We looked at the pros and cons of WordPress and agreed with Wayne. We discussed what needed to be changed/updated on the website. Ideally, we would like to attach the newsletter and link to worship services. This is possible with WordPress. Renee Park graciously accepted the job of monitoring and ongoing updating of the new website.

Communication with the congregation: We want the congregation to know what the different ministries do and how they can serve.

Time and Talent sheets: are usually handed out in the Fall.

We plan to update the booklet “Where Do You Fit in the Ministries of Lord of Life?” This booklet will be helpful for new members and those filling out their Time and Talent sheets. Renee suggested having a “Ministry Fair” between services for those who might be interested in volunteering in a ministry and could fill the Time and Talent sheet out more easily.



# BackPack BUDDIES

Because Hunger Doesn't End on Friday



A special thanks to Jack Young and Joe Payro for serving as our leaders for Backpack Buddies. They are stepping down after three years. Robert and Elizabeth Fyfe have volunteered to be coordinators of the program for next year. 240 bags were filled in thirty minutes! Many thanks to all who helped. See you again in the Fall.

