



## Newsletter — Final Issue

### April 2024

#### President's Message on a New Call Committee

Some Council members, as well as, myself were asked when we will set up a call committee for a new pastor.

We are not setting up a new call committee at this time. The Congregation voted to go to a Part Time Pastor in January of 2024. We have an interim pastor, whose job description and salary are the same as a part time pastor. Pastor Wayne Young will be leading us for the remainder of this year at a minimum.

We went to a part time pastor in order to save money, and to extend our reserves until we can find a church congregation to share our facility with. We are in serious discussions with a potential partner to do that specifically.

Until all these pieces fall into place, we will be operating with Pastor Wayne Young as our interim pastor.

As new members join us and previous members return to worship with us, we are starting to grow our congregation again. Let us all work together to stabilize our finances and grow our membership so that we can look forward to going to a full-time Pastor in the future.

Let us all walk together in doing Christ's work here at Lord of Life, as we rebuild ourselves into the congregation that Christ wants us to become.

Love in Christ,

Jim Cuff



#### All are Welcome!

In Romans 15:7 Paul writes "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." We are glad you are here!

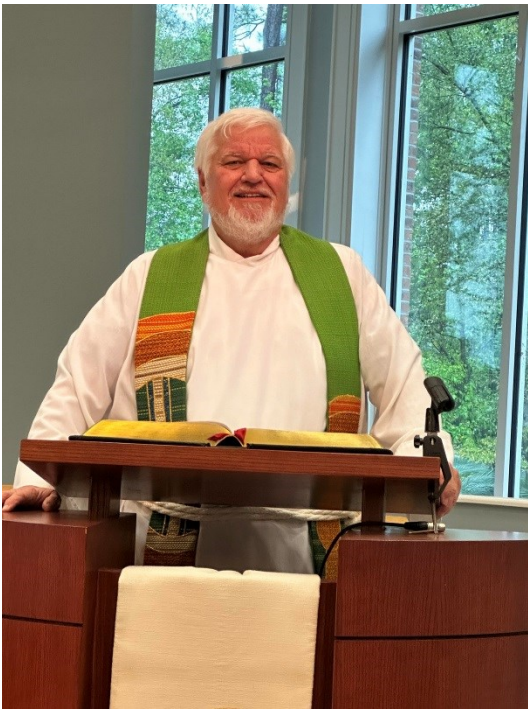
#### This is the Last Newsletter Publication

This newsletter program was begun during the Covid 19 and has served the congregation well in its current form. However, this form of communication is no longer needed.

The church office is changing how it communicates with the congregation. It is moving towards a weekly email program called Constant Contact. That way the congregation can get weekly email blasts that have current information in them.

**From now on, contact the church office if your committee would like information sent out.**

# New Interim PASTOR!



## Welcome Interim Pastor Wayne Young!

This is the fourth church interim Pastor Wayne has been called to handle; the others were in North Charleston, North Myrtle Beach and McCormick, SC. He attended the University of Central Florida and received a degree in Social Work. In addition, Pastor Wayne received his Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Southern University.

Through his ministry, he likes exploring different ways for us to share the good news of God's love with others and exploring the scripture and God's will. Providing pastoral care for visiting members, perspectives, sick, hospitalized, and bereaved are important to him as well. He likes to be involved with the community by providing food for the needy and the poor.

Pastor Wayne asks that you wear your name tags to church services so he can get to know you better. He also looks forward to you stopping by and visiting him in his office between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Call him or text him on his cell phone number (803) 682-0644 if you need him.

## The Easter Contata

A special thanks to Judy Moran, Fair Bentz, and Steve Cunningham for rehearsing with the choir for the past few months. We also wish to thank the instrumentalists for enriching our cantata program.



# Ministry Highlights

## Stewardship

**Fall Campaign:** Time and Talent sheets coming out in October and Estimate of Giving cards will be done at the same time for 2024.

**Volunteers Needed:** The Stewardship Committee is sorely lacking members at this time.

## Care and Call 3/18—4/15

**Greeting Cards sent:** 10

**Phone calls:** 3

**Handed out:** 6 Grief Booklets

**Communion** celebrated at NHC: 15 Residents received Holy Communion and 5 folks from Lord of Life helped out. Sue Ellen Johnson and Judy Moran led the music. Mitzi Dube shared a brief devotion and sang several hymns. Linc and Mary Lee Tumey distributed the meal.

## Service

Pastor Wayne Young, Interim, joined us after the meeting started

Pastor Wayne was willing to share pulpit time with the officer from the Bluffton Police Department regarding Blessings for Bluffton. Bunny Norell will continue to attempt contact with the officer in charge.

The church council voted to donate \$1000 from the Outreach Ministry fund to the Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen.

The church council also noted our committee's request for \$1000 from the same fund to donate to the WELCA project called "She Shed". Jim Cuff will check on whether or not the funds may be used for an international project and Bunny will report back to this committee after the April church council meeting. Pastor Wayne is aware of a couple of women who could make presentations to the congregation regarding this project. Linda Roland did mention the possibility of folks donating to Birdies for Charity through the Heritage Classic Foundation and designating their donation to WELCA.

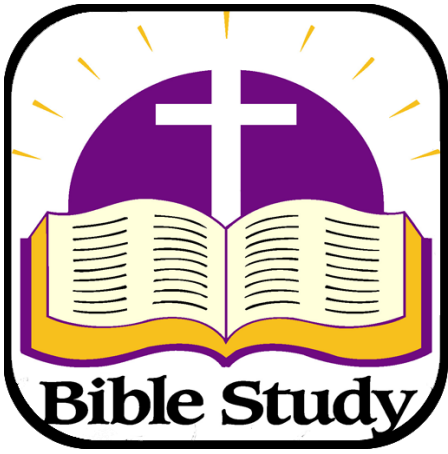
We have learned that school starts on August 8, so school uniforms will need to be delivered the end of July. Georgia Boehlke will connect with the school social worker, Renee Lukasavage, to learn the preferred date and she will start advertising the end of June.

Tonya will ask the director of Family Promise to set a date to come look over our items to see if there are any items they can use and then we will plan our work day to clean out the closet. Pastor Wayne also suggested that Family Promise check on FEMA funds for their program

Mary Lee's suggestion about teaching people how to usher, etc. was heard by Mike Himes of the Worship and Music committee and he will discuss this with his committee.

Pastor Wayne told us a bit about himself. He suggested getting bags printed with Lord of Life's name and calling them Bags of Blessings, to be used by folks while grocery shopping. The collected food could be given to Bluffton Self Help and the Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 6 at 10:00 in Luther Hall.

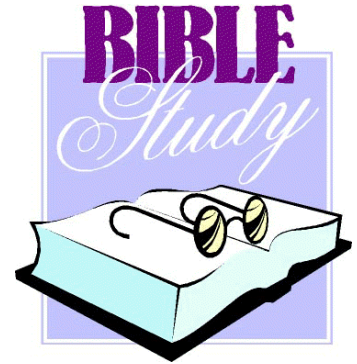


**Tuesday Bible Study** 10:00 am in the café

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

\*Currently meeting by Zoom.

\*Breakfast in person every Third Thursday at 9:00 am



You are welcome to join the Tuesday Bible Study class held every Tuesday at 10:00 am.





## Backpack Buddies

This will be our last pack of the year. Wow! We can not thank you all enough for all of your help throughout the year. You all made such a difference in a child's life every week with your generosity of time and talents.

**This also will be Rob and Elizabeth Fyfe's last pack due to their New Store which will be ready in June/July.** They need to dedicate their time and focus to getting it off the ground.

**Lord of Life needs two volunteers to lead Backpack Buddies for the next school year, so our local children will not go hungry. Please contact the church office if interested (843) 757-4774.**





Now that we have been having the Chat and Eat as well as the Christmas Luncheon, we are officially reactivating the Lord of Life WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church America) organization with the salad supper potluck scheduled in June. We will be handing out a survey for your input.

**Upcoming events include:**

May 17– 19, Isle of Palms Retreat

June 5, Salad supper at Lord of Life at 5:30 pm

June 21—22, SC WELCA Convention

More events to look forward to are a Thank Offering service in November and Bible Study.

Charlotte Mayer, Karen Meyer, Carol Gentalen, Vivian Cunningham, Diane Christ, and Linda Roland have been integral in reinvigorating the WELCA



**New Committee Members:** We welcomed new committee members Karen Meyer, Ruth Anne Maciag (not in attendance), and Bonnie Matz. Bonnie has assumed the role of worship volunteer scheduler, replacing Pam Duncan. Thank you, Bonnie. As a note, Pam will continue to be a member of this committee. Pastor Wayne was welcomed. As our new interim Pastor, he is now a member of this committee. He shared some of his past experiences with us.

**Upcoming Worship Plans:** Pastor Wayne shared with us plans for specific special worship plans and dates as follows:

Sunday, May 5th (Cinco de Mayo): Pastor Wayne has asked Pastor Hugo Ramos (Fountain of Salvation) to deliver the sermon. All other flow of liturgy will proceed as usual.

Sunday, June 2nd: Pastor Carter from the Synod will be conducting the service to install Pastor Wayne as our Interim Pastor. Note: Dennis Lollis has volunteered his wife Bonnie to get a cake for the celebration after the service.

Sunday July 7th: As this is close to Independence Day, we will have patriotic hymns.

Sunday October 27th: Oktoberfest. Pastor says that Bunny is taking the lead on this.

Monday November 25th: Congregational Thanksgiving meal and service.



## Quilting

Quilting at church is a cherished tradition that brings people together, fosters creativity, and serves as a tangible expression of faith and love. Through the act of quilting, individuals find connection, purpose, and a way to make a positive impact in their community.