



THE CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor...

We have now entered a new secular year and with this comes opportunity and hope. I send my blessings to each of you as you live out your baptisms in the world. We often make resolutions for the year. One resolution would be that we all invite someone to worship at LOL. Remember we are all called to be disciples in the world bringing the light of Christ into the lives of people we meet on a daily basis.

We are also well into our new liturgical year begun with Advent in 2011. The main Gospel for the year will be Mark. This year many of you may want to begin a class studying the Gospel of Mark. Let me know. Our liturgy since the end of Christmas on January 6th with the celebration of the Epiphany moves slowly toward the Season of Lent. The first Sunday following the Epiphany was the Baptism of our Lord. We saw the revelation of Jesus as the one who is divine and his sonship, the anointing and appointment of Jesus to his messianic office and the beginning of his public ministry. His baptism declared his solidarity with the sinful human race and the water now becomes a power to cleanse from sin. Now the Christmas cycle comes to a close. Things begin to move quickly as we move from the Second Sunday after the Epiphany through the next 8 Sundays finally coming to a close on the last Sunday after the Epiphany or the Transfiguration of Our Lord. Here on this day we notice the Transfiguration is a Lutheran contribution begun by the 16-century reformers Johannes Bugenhagen and Veit Dietrich. Their sermons on this day, which used the Transfiguration as a text, revealed their knowledge of the structure of the Gospels in relation to the chronology of the church year. The baptism and the transfiguration are both epiphanies of Jesus as he is and as he will be and are therefore like the first manifestation of Jesus in Matthew's account, to the Magi. Observing the Transfiguration at the end of the Epiphany season is a happy contribution. It remembers an epiphany which brings the Old Testament law and prophets into Jesus' time, provides a glimpse of Jesus in all his divine splendor, and offers a preview of his glory to come before descending into the shadowed valley of Lent and Holy Week. Appropriate hymns would be LBW 89 and 80 and 84. Blessings this new season with its opportunities which God gives us. If you are reading this and have not been moved by the Holy Spirit to join with the Body of Christ around word and sacrament this would be a good time to refresh your faith and grow in discipleship by hearing God's call to worship.

*Peace,
Pastor Hugus*



Ministry Highlights

January 1	1:00 p.m.	Soup Kitchen/Wiggins Team
January 10	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Night Out/Carrabba's Italian Grill
January 22		Annual Report of the Congregation available
January 24	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting (Note: Changed to 4 th Tuesday)
January 29	11:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast/Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Birthdays

1/02 Dave Rieger	1/18 Hilda Markantonatos
1/15 Floyd Wiggins	1/23 Mark Archer
1/15 Leann Wiggins	1/25 Mollie Case
1/18 Miller Farrell	

Anniversaries

1/05	John & Jessica Baird
1/06	Roy & Marty Lewis
1/30	Scott & Dorothy Waple

Regional Lutheran Men's Gathering

Sponsored by Jacksonville-First Coast Chapter of
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and
St. Mark's Lutheran Church Men in Mission

Saturday, January 28th, 2012

7:30am to 12:00noon

St. Mark's Fellowship Hall

3976 Hendricks Ave
Jacksonville, FL

Keynote guest speaker:

Dr. William Trexler

Former Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod

The morning gathering of Lutheran men from throughout the First Coast area will consist of a talk by former Bishop Trexler followed by several small group discussions and a worship service. The theme of the gathering is "Discipleship" and how it applies to men in their everyday lives in the 21st century. A hot breakfast will be served. Please make every effort to join us. Men of all ages and faiths are invited and you may bring as many guests as you would like. *Please RSVP to St Mark's at 396-9608, or email: j.w.dennis@comast.net if you are able to attend.*

Ladies Night Out

Ladies, come join us dinner and fellowship on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill located off Third St. and Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach. Let Jackie Woloscheck (810-2357) know if you plan to attend.

Next month, the restaurant will be Longhorn on Marsh Landing Pkwy. The date may be moved to the 1st Tuesday, being Valentine's Day is the 2nd Tuesday.

Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast was awesome last month as always, great fellowship and food. Thank you Cathy Wiggins!! The breakfast has been moved to the **last Sunday** in January (the 29th) in the Lord of Life Pavilion following worship prior to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

Attention: All Team Leaders

Yes, it's that time of year again! Deb Nye will be putting membership and statistical information together for the Annual Report of the Congregation. A summary of 2011 is needed from council members that are chairing a ministry or any lead coordinators of any ministries or special events. **The deadline is January 8th**. (Financial reports are needed as soon as statement verifications can be made). **It is easiest if the reports are emailed to the church office.** The Annual Report of the Congregation will be available **January 22nd**, household name will be on your report. Please be sure to pick up your copy of the report and review it prior to the meeting, a space is provided in the back of the report to write your notes.



Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be **Sunday, January 29, 2012** at 11:00 a.m. following worship. **The Annual Report of the Congregation** will be available January 22, 2012. A quorum will be needed for this meeting.

If you need a proxy please contact the office. **A completed proxy must be received by the church office by the business day immediately preceding the meeting to be valid, except in the case of an emergency.** A person authorized as proxy may vote on any matters that arise at the meeting. No one individual may vote more than one proxy at any one meeting. Only one proxy vote will be allowed per member per fiscal year. **Note: Approved proxy will count toward meeting quorum; however, attendance, whenever possible, is encouraged.**

Offering Envelopes for 2012

The new offering envelopes are now available, please be sure to pick them up. **If you have any 2011 envelopes, please toss them, your envelope number may have changed.** They are located on the table near the bulletins.

Flower Dedications and Service Aides

There are many Sundays available if anyone would like to sign up to dedicate flowers for worship on Sundays or assist with worship. You will find the Flower Chart and Service Aids calendars for the entire year in the black notebook labeled Worship Service Guidelines on the table near the hymnals and bulletins.

Attention: Ushers

Need your help...Part of the responsibility of ushering is to record the number of people that attend the worship service. Please make sure the count is written in the black notebook labeled Worship Service Guidelines. This is information that is needed for the Parochial Report that is submitted to the Florida-Bahamas Synod ELCA at yearend.

To Our Members & Visitors

Please be sure to sign the attendance book when attending worship. This information is used to keep track of attendance, which goes on the Parochial Report at yearend submitted to the Florida-Bahamas

Synod ELCA Synod. If you have a **change of address** or other information it is helpful to put that on the attendance sheet so the information gets changed in our records.



B.E.A.M./Adopt-a-Family for Christmas

THANK YOU to all that helped by shopping for gifts for the children and for all the extra gifts that came in. Thrivent's assistance with this project allowed Lord of Life to be able to bring smiles to the children's faces and their parents who struggle to make ends meet on a daily basis.

Book of Faith Lenten Journey, Water Marks



by [Diane L. Jacobson](#) (Author)

Online Price:

\$9.99 (0 - 19)

\$7.99 (20 +)

Availability: In stock.

This item is part of [Book of Faith Studies](#)

Format: Paperback/128 pages

Season/Occasion: Lent

The Funny Side of Parenting

A grandson wished his grandfather a Happy Birthday. He then asked him how old he was. Grandpa replied, "I'm 63." After a few moments of silence the boy looked up and asked, "Did you start at 1?"

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise moms instead of three wise men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

Remember in our prayers those with special concerns, including:

Homebound/Assisted Living Facilities: *Lucille Halstead, (Life Center)*

Disciples in the Military *James Saurman (USMC)*

Disciples Members *Harlan Bankert, Jennie Case, Mollie Case, Nancy Connors & family, Verna Horn, Wende Larrimore & family, Courtney Mowat, Aaron Nye, Natalie Taylor, Sarah Williams, Jackie Woloscheck*

Relatives & Friends:

Brittany (Wendy Mowat)
Sandy Berg (Jean Bankert)
Todd Blake (Mario Bianchi)
Georgia Braddock (Hilda Markantonatos)
Aleatha Brantner (Hilda Markantonatos)
Frieda Carillo (Hilda Markantonatos)
Sarah Carter (Kristen Bankert)
Naomi Casagrande (Karen Bianchi)
Juan, Johnny, Shannon Colon (Hilda Markantonatos)
Adrian & Olivia Colon (Dorothy Waple)
Margaret Darty (Bill Darty)
Marlie Didson (Kristen Bankert)
Kathy Eldridge (Nancy, Leann)
Marcella Furnival (Jackie Woloscheck)
Alicia Gonzalez (Hilda Markantonatos)
Brenda Jewell Grafton Garner (Hilda Markantonatos)
Marita and Terry Greene (Dolly Holcomb)
Anne Hager (Hilda Markantonatos)
Janeene Hart (Bianchi family)
Jan Holcomb (Smith & Dolly Holcomb)
Josh & Jenny Honeycutt (regular visitors)
George Inman (Wendy Mowat)
Carmen Jimenez (Hilda Markantonatos)
Joan Johnson (Jackie Woloscheck)
Pat Kaminshi (Pat Darty)
Samantha Kelley (Cathy Wiggins)
Janerling Klinge (Dorothy Waple)
Beulah Landon (Deb Nye)
Linda Larrimore (Kevin Larrimore)
Willard Larrimore (Kevin Larrimore)
Delia Loupee (Nancy Chojn/Leann Wiggins)
Tom Maoner (Grietens Mowat)

Ellen McKenny (Hilda Markantonatos)
Matt McLaughlin (Sarah Williams)
David Merry (Wendy Mowat)
Robert & Cheryl Meyer (H. Markantonatos)
Shannon Hitchcock Miller (Karen Bianchi)
Madeline Moore (Amelia Orth)
Bill Orth (Bob Orth)
Pat, Michelle, Christine Parasmo (W. Mowat)
Chrystal Rhude (Nancy Chojn)
Kimberly Severson (Hilda Markantonatos)
Connie Shaffer (Kristen Bankert)
Jill Simpkins Klinge (Dorothy & Joey Waple)
Naomi Songer (Dolly Holcomb)
Lauren Strayer (Kristen Bankert)
Sherrill Sullivan (Kristen Bankert)
Jennifer Toonk & family (Wendy Mowat)
Kathy Waple & family (Dorothy Waple)
Joshua Ward (Dolly Holcomb)
Deb Williford (Wendy Mowat)
Anna & Jeff Wroblewski (Sarah Williams)
Myra Ybanez (Wendy Mowat)
Laura Young (Wendy Mowat)
Michael Zich (Sarah Williams)
Rita Zich (Sarah Williams)



Families Mourning Loss:

Brian Beck (Wende Larrimore)
Wendy Price (Deb Nye)

Family of Prayer Partners: Karen Bianchi, Amelia Orth, Jackie Woloscheck.

To Put Someone on the Prayer List: *Call* the office at 285-5347 or *Email* lordoflife2@juno.com

About Our Church...

Our Vision is to be the body of Christ, proclaiming God's love to all in a broken world and connecting the people of Ponte Vedra Beach and surrounding communities with the healing power of hope and peace brought by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Mission is to gather as a community of believers empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread God's Word and love as His caring people.

Our Guiding Principles:

Jesus is our Lord and Savior

leading and encouraging Christ-centered lives
(Philippians 2:9-11)

Everyone is Welcome

all are forgiven at the foot of the cross
(Luke 15:1-2)

Providing Sanctuary in a Broken World

sharing Christ's message of peace and hope
(1 Peter 2:9)

Serving Others with Compassion

letting the love of Christ flow from us into the world
(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Returning our Gifts for God's Work

growing good stewards of the environment,
and our time, abilities and financial resources
(2 Corinthians 9:8)

Teaching and Modeling Christian Values

nurturing new, renewed and deeper discipleship
(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

Partners in Ministry

Assistant to the Bishop
Rev. Paul Lutze

FL-Bahamas Synod
www.fbsynod.com

ELCA website
www.elca.org

Lutheran Social Services
www.lssjax.org

Lutheran Outdoor
Ministries of FL
www.lomfla.org

Staff, Officers, Church Council

Interim Pastor	Rev. John Hugus
Parish Secretary	Deb Nye
Lead Musician	Mike Ulmer
President	Wendy Mowat
Vice President	Nancy Connors
Cong. Secretary	Jean Bankert
Treasurer	Cathy Wiggins
Financial Secretary	John Sievers
Council	Brenda Braatz
Council	Nancy Chojn
Council	Hilda Markantonatos
Council	Rick Woody

Ministry Leaders

Altar Guild	Hilda Markantonatos
Discipleship	Leann Wiggins
Fellowship	Nancy Chojn
Finance	Nancy Connors
Mutual/Staff Support	VACANT
Outreach	Kristen Bankert
Property	Brenda Braatz
Stewardship	John Sievers
Youth Music	Jenni Larson
Witness	VACANT

Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m.

Holy Communion celebrated

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To our friends...

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