



# LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

### A Note from Pastor Debi

November is a time of transition as the sunlight changes, the days grow shorter, leaves die and fall, and the world prepares to hunker down under a blanket of snow. It's a month to focus on gratitude for the many ways God has blessed us as we once again gather as family and friends. This year, it will also be a time for Lord of Life to begin thinking about who we are as a faith community and where God is leading us into the future. Although there will be moments of sadness as my call concludes (sometime in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022), there will be lots to remember, celebrate and look forward to together. I am thankful for you and for whatever the future brings, knowing that God is there. May we all be blessed to be God's blessing! Pastor Debi

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre to benefit Lutheran Charities of WNY takes place on November 5 & 6 at Ripa's in Lancaster. The cast and crew are Lord of Life members and friends – marginally talented but glad to help this great cause! You can purchase tickets at LOL on October 31, or online at [www.wnylutherancharities.org](http://www.wnylutherancharities.org), or call 716-632-2623 (office hours Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Little Lambs, a new ministry for very young children and their parents/grandparents/guardians begins on November 7 after worship. The families will learn Bible stories, simple songs and prayers to use at home. It will also be a space for conversation about the joys and challenges of raising children. If you have a child under age 3, see Leigh Lee for more information.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a nonprofit that builds beds for children in the Buffalo area who do not have a bed to sleep in (imagine that!) Volunteers build the beds, donate bedding and pillows, and deliver the beds to very excited children. Our youth will build beds on November 20 and invite the congregation to donate bedding for at least 10 beds. See the bulletin board in the north hallway for more information and to donate.

Dino Gang for youth in grades 5 – 8 will meet at the Youth House on November 14 from 6 – 7:30 PM. Ice breakers, planning for the year ahead and snacks! Bring a friend!

Bereaved Parents of the USA is a nationwide organization designed to aid and support bereaved parents and their families who are struggling to survive their grief after the death of a child. Bereaved Parents of the USA will meet at Lord of Life the 2nd Friday

of each month from 7-9 PM beginning November 12. If you would like more information, call Tony and Bernadette Misita at (716) 675-3844.

Coming in Advent:

Advent Family Event on November 28 at 12:30 PM to bless the bedding donated for local kids, have a potluck lunch, watch the Christmas movie "The Star" and make a small craft. Everyone is welcome!

The Upstate NY Synod Hunger Team invites congregations to raise \$400 or more to provide personal and household necessities for disaster survivors. The synod-wide challenge, Gifts of Comfort and Joy, will take place during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. More information to follow. If you are interested in making a year-end gift to a charity, this is a wonderful way to do it. 100% of funds raised will go directly to help survivors of disasters.

SERRV provides handmade items from around the world and pays artisans fair market value for their work. Due to changes in SERRV's policies, we can no longer offer items for sale as gifts at Lord of Life during Advent. You can still purchase online: [www.SERRV.org](http://www.SERRV.org). See Maureen Gensler if you would like a catalogue.

Christmas Eve worship at Lord of Life will be a family service at 4:00 PM. Please join us!

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

NARANON @ 6:30 PM	NOVEMBER	1
PASTOR'S SHARING ADHC @ 10:30 AM	NOVEMBER	4, 11, 18
SUNDAY WORSHIP IN-PERSON AND ONLINE @ 10:00 AM	NOVEMBER	7, 14, 21, 28
ADHC MEN'S GROUP @ 1:00 PM	NOVEMBER	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
CHURCH BOARD @ 6:30 PM	NOVEMBER	9
BIBLE STUDY IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM @ 11:00 AM	NOVEMBER	3, 10, 17, 24
MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL @ 6:00 PM	NOVEMBER	4, 11, 18
BEREAVED PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP @ 7:00 PM	NOVEMBER	12
DINO KIDS @ 5 – 6:30 PM	NOVEMBER	14
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE @ 5:30 PM	NOVEMBER	16
CONFIRMATION BUILDS BEDS @ 9 – 1	NOVEMBER	20
MATTHEW'S TABLE DRIVE THRU @ 5:30 PM	NOVEMBER	23
THANKSGIVING/OFFICE CLOSED	NOVEMBER	25 & 26
ADVENT FAMILY EVENT @ 12:30 PM	NOVEMBER	28