

September  
2019



Lord of Life Lutheran

Lifelines

## A Note from Pastor Amanda

Have you ever really gotten along with someone? They get your moods, can ease your grumbles, and anticipate your needs? Oh, those are good friends!

But that's not all friends, is it? The truer experience is there's more people who we don't click with, whose quirks annoy us, and although they're a perfectly nice person, they're just not "our kind" of person.

It's normal. Hey, it's ok. You don't have to like everybody! But you are required to "love your neighbor as you love yourself." It extends to so much more than being nice to one another. It means we value another person: their experiences, their views, their priorities, their faith – even when those things don't agree with our own.

**"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"**

It's a tall order for any group of people – especially when there's 60 of us gathering on a Sunday morning. But when we honor each other and respect each person's contributions to the group, oh it is a beautiful thing!

**"It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes."**

Unity, peace, respect; that goodness permeates every part of a community. When mutual love is cultivated, it seeps into our souls and

nourishes us in ways that simple kindness cannot. Love values each person for who they are and can heal the wounds we carry from this sharp-edged world.

**"It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore."**

And that kind of love will change the world around us. Not only helping us as individuals or us as a church, but changing the world we walk into each day. It's like Abram's original call: blessed to be a blessing to others.

These words from Psalm 133 encompass our work together in September. HOW do we build this kind of community? WHAT is God expecting of us? WHERE are we called to extend love and hospitality in our world? It will be an amazing month at Lord of Life, I invite you to lean into how Christ builds Community!

Unified by God's Spirit,  
~Pastor Amanda

Christ-built  
community



September  
2019

*Students receive Bibles on Sept 15!*

### Inside this Issue:

Council Highlights	2
Climate Change Talk	
Woolaces' Sierra Leone Trip	3
Celebration Reformation Sunday	
Stewardship	4
Love INC Update	
Thank You	5
September Calendar	
Special Dates & Prayers	6

### Dates to note:

Sept. 8: Rally Sunday  
 Sept. 8-15: Loving Families Host Week  
 Sept. 13: 10am School Lunches  
 Sept. 15: Students receive Bibles!  
 Sept. 16: Council Meeting 7pm  
 Sept. 20-21: Alaska Synod Women's Organization Convention in ANC

## Build it Better!

### KIDS DESERVE OUR BEST!

We are crafting a faith forming experience for our K-6th grade students, asking our 7th and 10th graders to be co-leaders, and shaping the hearts of God's children toward compassion and forgiveness, love and trust!

### FAITH-FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN

**SEPTEMBER 22 at 9:30am!**

Youth group will resume its Sunday meetings from 6pm—8pm. Meet at Lord of Life for dinner, games, Bible work, life work, and time to hang out and breathe.

- September 15
- Service day Friday, September 27
- September 29

3-6 grade monthly "UnderGround" will start back up in October as we make plans to connect with and learn from adults in the church. If you have a trade or skill you'd like to teach our youth, let Pastor Amanda know!!

## Stewardship

Lord of Life Lutheran Church invites you to donate 10% or more of your **2019 PFD**. Let's do the math. 10% = only \$160. You'll still have \$1440 to spend on a trip, Christmas gifts, or to tuck away in savings! Sometimes we hold tightly to the wrong things, giving a portion away keeps our hearts centered on what a gift our lives and wealth can be to others.

Counting the offering after Sunday worship takes only 20 to 30 minutes, yet teller duty is one of the positions last filled. Can you use an adding machine, fill out a deposit slip, and count quarters? Then you have the basic skills to be a teller! If you're willing to add your name to the teller list—even if you've never done it—please stop in the church office or call 488-6720 to let Jo know. For those who already perform this valuable service: we appreciate your contribution.

Look at giving—your time as well as money—from the Bible's perspective, connect your finances to how you live your faith, and be open to talk about faith and finances.



## The Woolaces & The Bridge of Hope



Two years ago, Jimmy and Lesa Woolace made their first trip to Sierra Leone in West Africa with The Bridge of Hope. Both had served in third world countries before. They see the scriptures in simple terms. Love God. Love others.

The Woolaces leave for their third trip to West Africa in September, this time with their children, planning to stay until Christmas. They'll teach, train, and equip the locals with the tools to change their villages and hopefully make a lasting impact in Makeni, Sierra Leone. They also hope to adopt Dauda and David, brothers who lost their immediate family a few years ago. When

Ebola swept through their extended family, the boys' aunt, caring for 15 children, was forced to send them to an orphanage with prayers that they would have enough to eat.



More details about the Woolaces and The Bridge of Hope are on the church bulletin board in the entry.

## Council Highlights

Bible study led by Pastor Amanda: Micah 6:6-8. Do justice, love, kindness, and walk humbly with God. If this is our focus the rest of what we do in the church will come together.

Upcoming events: Aug. 18 Love INC training; Aug. 22 Banner Bunch resumes; Aug. 25 Welcome to...Education event; Rally Sunday Sept. 8; Loving Families host week Sept 8-15; Confirmants & third graders receive bibles Sept. 15.



- ◆ *Pastor's report:* Sabbatical was a wonderful experience; worked on projects at home, family time. Holy Wisdom Monastery was a chance to just be in God's presence. Liz Sandbo is going to see if those who got *Where God Meets Man* want to do a group Bible study.
- ◆ *Treasurer's report:* Undesignated checking: \$1,597.40, Designated Checking: \$14,837.06, Debit Card checking: \$565.20, Savings: \$2,650.93. We are in the negative \$2,783.29. Building fund monies of \$2,152.42 will remain until there is a need.
- ◆ *Mission & Social Ministry:* First Baptist Church sorts clothes the week before the first Saturday of each month. Kuwaa has 600+ kits for the mission. Marilyn Woolace's son, Jimmy, is going to Sierra Leone in September and taking at least 96 kits.
- ◆ *Youth:* Jacoppi will talk to other youth about donating to the community, starting a youth Instagram, attending the Welcome to...Education event.

Ongoing business: Septic repair needs to be documented with pictures, invoices, etc. Welcome to Education event will be an overview of when the church created the classroom and how Luther tried to shape it. Sign ups are up for Loving Families. 502-44-10 Celebration is Oct. 27, Reformation Sunday. Constitution & Bylaws Committee will meet in September.

New business: ASWO Convention scheduled Sept. 20-21 at Lutheran Church of Hope in Anchorage. Add more handicapped spaces in parking lot. Fairbanks Rescue Mission had their funds cut and is looking for more donations; sent to Youth for discussion and will revisit at next meeting. Thinning trees to improve visibility has helped, as will defining the driveway.

## Faith and Science Talk

**Who:** Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, Evangelical Christian and acclaimed climate scientist. Co-author of *A Climate for Change* and National Climate Assessments under three presidents. Named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by TIME magazine in 2014.



**What:** A talk about what it means to be faithful stewards of the earth and hope amid dire predictions of climate disaster

**When & Where:** Monday, **Sept. 9 at 7pm**, UAF and Tuesday, **Sept. 10 at 7pm**, Friends Church, 30th Avenue

Contact Charlotte Basham at [charley.basham@gmail.com](mailto:charley.basham@gmail.com) or Diane Preston at [dianep@mosquionet.com](mailto:dianep@mosquionet.com).

## Love INC: Movin' Up, Movin' Out

Each year since inception, Love INC has served an increasing number of families. Last year, they provided nearly **\$1 million in goods and services** to 825 adults and 567 kids in our community with a **budget of only \$283,000**. Because of the need for space—more volunteers, more donated goods, more room to hold classes, more everything—they've outgrown their existing space. By the time you read this, they may have already moved into their new building, which will allow them to expand services. A new day center will offer shower and laundry facilities, computer stations, and a play center.



## Living Families

Loving Families, which helps families get back on their feet and into permanent housing, couldn't exist without the support of area churches. Lord of

Life hosts families on rotation every three months. Sign up sheets are in the entry. Next host week: **Sept. 8-15**. The investment of time is small and the returns are great. Prepare a meal. Spend the night on a comfy cot. Provide an evening of quiet companionship.

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

## Reformation Sunday Celebration

## Thank You!

**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
INVITES YOU TO OUR CELEBRATION OF THE  
**44TH ANNIVERSARY**  
*of our church and the*  
**10TH ANNIVERSARY**  
*of the installation of*  
**Pastor Amanda Kempthorne**



**Sunday, October 27th, 2019**  
**Join us for Worship at 10:30 a.m.**  
&  
**Celebration Potluck to follow!**  
**1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole**  
*Bring stories and a dish to share!*

GreetingsIsland.com

Lord of Life,

Thank you for letting us stay at your church before and after our mission work. Our trip couldn't have been more memorable without your welcoming hearts. Thank you [for] giving us so many different ideas of what to do on our trip. Also, for talking to us about your culture and lots of other fun memories to take back home to share with our community.

With love,

Two Harbors, MN Youth Group



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED 8 pm AA	<b>3</b> 9 am - 12 pm Kuwaa Sewing Group 5:30 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts	<b>4</b> 12 pm Food Boxes	<b>5</b> 10 am - 12 pm Banner Bunch 8 pm AA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Serving Week 9:30 am Rally Sunday 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	<b>9</b> Serving Week 10 am Bible Study 8 pm AA	<b>10</b> Serving Week 9 am - 12 pm Kuwaa Sewing Group 5:30 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts	<b>11</b> Serving Week 12 pm Food Boxes	<b>12</b> Serving Week 10 am - 12 pm Banner Bunch 2:45 pm Band Practice 8 pm AA	<b>13</b> Serving Week 10 am School Lunch Assembly	<b>14</b> Serving Week
<b>15</b> Serving Week 9:30 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship (Bible Sunday) 11:30 am Fellowship 6 pm - 8 pm Youth Group	<b>16</b> 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Council Meeting 8 pm AA	<b>17</b> 9 am - 12 pm Kuwaa Sewing Group 5:30 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts	<b>18</b> 12 pm Food Boxes	<b>19</b> 10 am - 12 pm Banner Bunch 8 pm AA	<b>20</b> ASWO Convention	<b>21</b> ASWO Convention
<b>22</b> 9:30 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	<b>23</b> 10 am Bible Study 8 pm AA	<b>24</b> 9 am - 12 pm Kuwaa Sewing Group 5:30 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts	<b>25</b> 12 pm Food Boxes	<b>26</b> 10 am - 12 pm Banner Bunch 2:45 pm Band Practice 8 pm AA	<b>27</b> 9 am - 1 pm Youth Service Project	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship 6 pm - 8 pm Youth Group	<b>30</b> 10 am Bible Study 8 pm AA	<b>1</b> 9 am - 12 pm Kuwaa Sewing Group 5:30 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts	<b>2</b> 12 pm Food Boxes	<b>3</b> 10 am - 12 pm Banner Bunch 8 pm AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>



Lord of Life Lutheran Church North Pole, Alaska

## 2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Liz Sandbo	687-1918
Vice President:	Sean Garrison	888-2052
Secretary:	Cheryl Park	488-4167
Treasurer:	Sam Aleshire	488-4692
Education:	Paula Fritsche	488-3017
Mission & Social Ministry:	Evie Freeman	385-9588
Worship & Music:	Curt Renner	488-4405
Youth:	Jacoppi Pahkamaa	388-2620
Stewardship:	<b>open</b>	
Evangelism:	Nancy Uptgraft	378-4633
Facilities:	Tim Schackman	210-488-5961
Financial Secretary:	Amie Maranville	488-0552
Pastor:	Amanda Kempthorne	322-2065 (cell)

### Lord of Life Lutheran

1005 Saint Nicholas Drive  
 North Pole Alaska, 99705  
 Website: [www.lordoflifeak.com](http://www.lordoflifeak.com)

Phone: 907-488-6720  
 Pastor Amanda's cell: 907-322-2065

**E-mail:**

Pastor Amanda: [pastor@lordoflifeak.com](mailto:pastor@lordoflifeak.com)  
 Jo: [office@lordoflifeak.com](mailto:office@lordoflifeak.com)

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9am to 1pm

**Mission Statement**

"God's word moves us to make connections by welcoming all, strengthening and serving the healthy and hurting."

Next Church Council Meeting: Sept. 16 @ 7:00 pm

Newsletter deadline: 20th of each month.  
  
 Website updates:  
[www.lordoflifeak.com](http://www.lordoflifeak.com)  
 or  
 Follow our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/lordoflifeak](http://www.facebook.com/lordoflifeak)  
 (even if you don't have a Facebook page!)

## Special Prayers and Concerns

### Birthdays

- 9/2 Kelly Fennell
- 9/8 Pauline Boyle is 100!  
(Marilyn Woolace's mom)
- 9/9 Evie Freeman
- 9/10 Robert Peterson
- 9/16 Evan Kempthorne
- 9/21 Dixie Keil
- 9/27 Kaylee Lindhag
- 9/28 Roger Bolish



### Anniversaries

- 9/13 Meg & Gary Ojala
- 9/15 Sam & Eric Aleshire



### Prayers for:

- \* Victim of accident—Shayne O
- \* Preparing for surgery and tests: Eric P, John H
- \* Those living with effects of dementia: Mary A, Hoffmann family/caretakers, Marge A
- \* Continued healing—Evie F, Jeromey L, Meg O, Paula F
- \* Rejoicing with—Steve H cancer treatments and surgery were successful!

### September Prayer Partner:

**Petersburg Lutheran Church,  
Petersburg, AK**

**Please pray for:**

- Christian education ideas for faith formation for children and their families
- Process of re-shaping worship materials and experience
- Beginning new youth ministry to care for teens in the community

*If your info is missing, let us know!*

Tell us what we can pray for!  
 Email [office@lordoflifeak.com](mailto:office@lordoflifeak.com)