

May
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Lord of Life Lutheran

LifeLines

Notes from David

Psalm 46:1-7. This passage centers around how God is with us in nature, our communities, and us as individuals. The passage really brings us in to hold onto hope because God is with us. As we go through our lives God follows us, leads us and accompanies us.

The text represents the need to search and seek out a place of refuge and safety. People in ancient times and in modern times need safety in the same ways in slightly different circumstances but safety is needed always. God is that source of safety and refuge for all of us. The characters in this psalm are represented by all people. God desires to be the safety and refuge for all people. All people hopefully see themselves as needing and more importantly deserving of God's gift of safety.

The Hebrew bible has many stories of God creating covenants with the people; Mosaic, Noahic, and Abrahamic among others. God wants the people to know that they can trust God to help us in times of trouble. This psalm highlights why we can and should trust in God to help us.

People can see that God is telling us to go to God's refuge as a big task. Being

told that we must go to the safe place God has created for us is difficult, especially for those with hindrances to travel. Getting to the fortress of the God of Jacob could be a difficult journey. We should understand it not as a physical standing castle, a point on the map but as a spiritual state of safety; Gods fortress goes to you. Some could see God's fortress as the church but it is the gracious gift of God's awaiting arms to hold us in safety through the gift of trust and faith given to us by the Holy Spirit. Our safety in God is boundless.

This passage focuses on God the creator. The language of mountains and seas, and nations and kingdoms points directly at God the creator as the source of refuge for God's people. Verse four feels calmer in that the streams are characterized as making the city of God glad. This verse highlights it as filled with God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has been described as water and the calmer nature of a stream is refreshing to the people of the city. Verse six *"nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall, he lifts his voice, the*

Vacation Bible School—details soon!

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Dates to Note

8th: School Lunch Prep
12th: 7pm Council Mtg
26th: Memorial Day
(OFFICE CLOSED)

"LifeLines"

Council Minutes

Devotional: Becky Peterson opened the meeting with “Trusting God’s Plan” devotional.

David Ingram’s report: Lent services went well. David does not attend classes in person until September. He will graduate in the Spring of 2027. David requested to be off June 8, July 13, and July 20 to attend his son’s soccer games. A special service is planned April 27 in remembrance for those that passed recently.

President’s report: Pipes have been fixed at a cost of \$990.34. Other outdated pipes won’t be replaced until necessary.

Treasurer’s report: Becky Peterson provided financial statements as of April 30, 2025, in the absence of Dianna Keil-Lindhag. Accepted.

Ongoing Business:

- ♦ Easter Breakfast. Evan Keil, Easter Breakfast Coordinator, reminded everyone to spread the word that breakfast will be served prior to Worship.
- ♦ Lord of Life’s 50th Anniversary. Becky will contact Kyle Renner regarding the plan, including a budget. Theme still undecided.

New Business:

- ♦ Heather Markel is unable to complete her term as Treasurer and Mary Mills has agreed to fill the position. Council accepted Mary as new treasurer. Her training with Dianna Keil-Lindhag will begin in May.
- ♦ Kaylee Lindhag, VBS Coordinator, explained VBS plans and requested \$580.04 to purchase supplies. Approved.
- ♦ Easter Sunday. Family pictures will be taken. Contact sheets will be out to encourage people to update their information.
- ♦ Jo Schackman, Office Manager, attended to discuss various items.
 - ♦ Printer is working better
 - ♦ Provided Harvest Hosts update (*see article*)
 - ♦ Requested Council Minutes NLT the 20th of each month if possible
 - ♦ Office Manual. The older version needs to be gone through to see what information needs to be archived or updated and what can be discarded. Discussion held to create a group willing to assist with this project.
 - ♦ Requested permission to work remotely when feasible when she is on vacation. Further discussion will be held at next month’s council meeting.
 - ♦ In response to a query, Jo explained those on the directory/membership roster attend on a regular basis. “Membership” is another document that includes all members of LoL. Docs will be reviewed.



Local Grocery Stores + Food Bank

Look through any grocery store's social media and you'll see stories of how they give back to the community. The Fairbanks Food Bank celebrates our local grocery stores for their generous giving. How it works...

Your local store sends still-edible, but unsaleable, products to the food bank. Retail donations serve the food alleviate hunger, but also have retailer's inventory

One option for stores is to increase the chance of a sale, pricing. This is an imperfect and grading of perishable

**38 million
Americans
don't have
enough to eat**

bank's mission to help real implications for the management.

mark down the product to a practice called dynamic solution, as dynamic pricing food is very labor-intensive.

Marking down the product may produce revenue as long as the product actually sells. But those items compete for shelf space with high-quality, fresh items. Alternatively, a retailer can remove it while it still looks good and donate it, clearing space for higher-priced, fresher items. Removing such products early and handing them off to the food bank also offsets waste removal costs.

Food banks recover and redistribute food to feed the hungry. They form an important part of the food supply chain. Donating perishable food past its prime allows grocery stores to maintain better-looking items on the shelf—and that benefits everyone in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. And it keeps good food out of the local landfills, too!

Harvest Hosts

We're about to kick off a second season with Harvest Hosts. To refresh your memory... Harvest Hosts is a membership for RVers (or van-lifers) that provides RV camping at wineries, farms, museums, and churches nationwide. As Host, we pay nothing. It's a great form of community outreach in exchange for an overnight stay. We provide no services other than picnic facilities and a place to park. Members are highly encouraged to donate a minimum of \$20 per night.



Last year was a solid success, but now that we've worked out the glitches, this year should be even smoother. We already had our first guests in April and have a reservation for July.

If you see travelers outside their RV, say hello. Ask about their travel plans. RVers are friendly folks :) A no-pressure invitation to worship never hurts, but know that they may decline. Some just want a quiet place to spend the night.

The Art of Looking Up

Strahov Monastery in Prague, Czech Republic. The Strahov Monastery, dating to 1140 and housing one of [the world's most beautiful libraries](#), contains the 17th-century Baroque Theological Hall and the 18th-century Classical Philosophical Hall. Inside both halls, frescoes illustrate biblical scenes depicting the importance of acquiring wisdom. Pictured: Theological Hall.



← **St. Mary's Basilica**, Krakow, Poland. St. Mary's was started on the foundations of a Romanesque church and consecrated around 1320. Over the centuries, the church underwent numerous reconstructions. The ceiling imitates a star-filled sky and the walls are covered by paintings with prayers to St. Mary and images of angels.

The Blue Mosque, built in the early → 1600s, designed as an imperial show of strength. It was built on the site of the Byzantine Great Palace, which had burned down. It is



dubbed the Blue Mosque because of thousands of handmade ceramic Iznik tiles that decorate the interior. It is a functioning mosque to this day.

Church of the Resurrection of Christ or → **the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood**, St. Petersburg, Russia. This landmark marks the spot where Tsar Alexander II, the emperor of Russia, was assassinated in 1881. Construction took 24 years. Its ceiling and interior walls are decorated with semi-precious stones such as jasper and topaz.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 <u>Synod Assembly</u> 10:30 am <u>Sunday Worship</u> 11 am <u>Sunday School</u>	28 10 am <u>Bible Study</u> 8 pm <u>AA</u>	29 5:30 pm <u>Girl Scouts</u>	30 10 am <u>TOPS Meeting</u> 12 pm <u>Food Boxes</u> 5:15 pm <u>TOPS Meeting</u>	May 1 9 am - 12 pm <u>17-Mile Homemakers</u> 8 pm <u>AA</u>	2	3
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Mission Statement
Sharing the Light &
Warmth of God's Love

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Becky Peterson
Vice President:	Brent Strickland
Secretary:	Ranae Browning
Treasurer:	Mary Mills
At Large Members:	Evan Keil John Dart Resigned Eric Peterson Vacant
Intern Pastor:	David Ingram
Financial Secretary:	Carol Dahl

Next Church Council Meeting: **May 12 @ 7pm**

Newsletter deadline: 20th of each month.

Get the latest on our website:

www.lordoflifeak.com/the-latest

or

Follow our Facebook page, worship live Sundays at 10:30am:
www.facebook.com/lordoflifeak

Special Prayers and Concerns

Birthdays

5/4 Lars Peterson
5/5 Charlotte Ingram
5/11 Carol Hughes
5/12 Kyle Renner
5/15 Curt Renner
5/18 James Aleshire
5/21 Kevin Marshall
5/23 Lynne Skjefte
5/26 Barb Thoma



Anniversaries

5/9 Denise & Fran
Hradecky
5/30 Michelle & Kevin Powers



Prayers for:

~ John T, healing for multiple health issues
~ Pastor Kathrin R, healing from surgery
~ Allen G, healing from heart procedure
~ Bob W, healing from a broken hip

~ Those with ongoing health issues

Contact

office@lordoflifeak.com to
sign up for prayer chain emails

Alaska Synod Prayer Partner for May:

Island of Faith Lutheran Church, Wrangell, Alaska

Compassionate God,

We thank you for granting us the endurance we need even when we don't feel like we have it.

We thank you for the endurance to move us from difficulties to the next phase.

In your great mercy, hear us, O God.



*Is your important date missing?
please let us know so we can
celebrate with you!*

