

Lord of Life  
Lutheran Church  
5051 Pleasant Valley Road  
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*Living in God's amazing grace*

*"God's Work. Our Hands."*

You are invited to worship with us!  
9:30 am Sunday Communion Service  
10:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 am – 11:45 am Confirmation Class  
11:15 am – 12:15 pm Adult Bible Study

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## *Lord of Life Lutheran Church*



### *Messages for April 2011:*

**April 3, 2011** (John 9:1-41) Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

**April 10, 2011** (John 11:1-45) Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

**April 17, 2011** (Matthew 26:14-27:68) **Palm Sunday**, In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood will bring forgiveness of sins.

**April 21, 2011** (John 13:1-17, 31-35) **Maundy Thursday – 7:00 pm service**, The story of the last supper in John's Gospel.

**April 22, 2011** (John 18:1-19:42) **Good Friday – 1:00 pm service, Veneration of the Cross**. The story of Jesus' passion – from his arrest to his burial – is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.

**April 24, 2011** (John 20:1-18) **Easter Sunday**, The confusion and excitement of the first Easter.

*Making Christ Known*

## APRIL 2011 LORD OF LIFE SPECIAL EVENTS



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR APRIL

*"I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)*

My first experience with death occurred when my grandmother died when I was five years old. This happened in October of 1963. My mom and dad packed our suitcases, made a sack full of sandwiches, and we loaded up the station wagon bound for South Dakota. My mom cried all the way there, throughout the funeral, and all the way home. I remember the stillness on that morning of the funeral. It was a beautiful autumn day, blue skies and sunshine, with all the leaves aglow in reds, yellows and browns. My grandma lay in the casket looking as beautiful as ever, but now she was dead. The minister said in the sermon that grandma was only sleeping, but the comfort of his words soon left me when I watched them lower my grandma into the grave. My world didn't make sense anymore. I wanted to talk to my mom about it but I didn't want to make her cry. So, I kept quiet and hoped this would all just go away. We got home, went back to school and everything seemed to get back to normal; until November 22, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, TX. I was in my first grade classroom, just returning from lunch. The principal came and knocked on the door. He whispered something to my teacher, Mrs. Hudgins, and she started to cry. She told us to put our heads down on our desks and she turned off the lights. I peeked just enough to see my teacher praying with tears flowing down her cheeks. A few minutes later, the principal came back and announced that school was being let out early today. I ran all the way home to tell my mom something strange was happening at school. I found my mom sitting on the sofa watching the news and crying. I thought to myself, what is going on and why is everybody dying? That day I began to take matters into my own hands by praying to God that my family and I would never die. My prayer life began in earnest.

I was afraid to talk to mom and dad about death because I didn't want my mom to cry and I thought my dad would get mad at me for even bringing up such a sore subject. So I talked to God. I talked to God every night because I thought that was the only time you were supposed to pray, right before you went to bed. Each night I dreamed up a bigger number of years to ask God for, and the number soon got into the billions. I couldn't wait until bedtime each night so I could pray to God about life. This went on for months, maybe even a tear or two, until a sermon from Pastor McCassalin finally enlightened me about Easter and the resurrection. It was too good to be true, and boy was I happy. As I think back on my personal experience I can't help but wonder what our loving God must have thought about this little five-year old kid pestering Him each night with the promise of eternal life. Obviously, God must have found favor with me by calling me into the ministry to share the Good News of eternal life with the world He so loves.

May this Easter be as inspirational for you as it was for me when I finally understood its meaning, "He is risen...He is risen indeed!"

Worshipping with you,  
*Pastor Dale* +

### LENTEN SERVICES - 7:00 pm:

April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

April 17<sup>th</sup>: **Palm Sunday**, 9:30 am  
**Palm Sunday Brunch & Bazaar** immediately following Worship

April 21<sup>st</sup>: **Maundy Thursday**, 7:00 pm

April 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Good Friday – Veneration of the Cross**, 1:00 pm

April 24<sup>th</sup>: **Easter Sunday**, 9:30 am, followed by **Easter Brunch** and Easter egg hunt.



**Communion Worship** is every Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by hospitality time and Sunday school.

**Sunday school** for children ages 3 through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade is each Sunday, 10:45 – 11:30 am.

**Confirmation class** meets every Sunday from 10:45 am -11:45 pm. Pastor Dale leads this group.



**Scrapbook "Crop" Fundraiser** will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 6 pm at Lord of Life. See Sheila Andring for more information.



**Fish and Loaves** meal will be on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated, if you would like to help, please be at the church by 5:30 pm. Fish and Loaves is sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

**The Board of Ministry** meeting is Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

**Turn your spending into giving.** SCRIP orders will be taken on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. A SCRIP order form with our most popular retailers will be available on the table in the narthex or can be downloaded at our church website at [www.lordoflifeelca.com](http://www.lordoflifeelca.com). For a complete list of SCRIP retail participants, visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). Place your order with Colleen Hedblad.



**Knots of Love/Shawl Ministries** Knitting & Crocheting Circle meets Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, at LOL.



## FINDING FAITH

Many of you know that my sisters were here for a week's visit and many of you met them at worship on Sunday. It was a joy for me nearly beyond measure. We are alike in many ways, but different as night and day. We were taught at an early age to respect our differences, honor each other's talents, celebrate each other's victories and carry each other's burdens. We are true sisters in every way. In what felt like a very short week, we shared stories and laughed till we were unable to breathe. We shopped, buying little surprises for each other. We even bought mood rings at Walgreens for \$1.99 to celebrate our sisterhood club. After manicures and pedicures we adorned our fingers (and toes) with the rings and posted pictures of our entwined hands (and feet) on facebook. We were teenagers once again having pajama parties in what looked like a dormitory in our upstairs loft. No special moment ever went to waste as we celebrated with clinking glasses in toasting fashion at every turn. The contents of those glasses were as different as we were; milk, pepsi, wine, Bud Light. It never mattered. We were celebrating our Sisterhood, now a club, with mood rings and all.

I was proud to bring them to church and so happy to worship with them. They all agreed that if they lived here, Lord of Life is the church they would attend. They were warmed by our welcoming congregation, moved by the music of Soul Purpose, inspired by the message from Pastor Dale and impressed by our fellowship and hospitality following the service. Thanks to all of you, it wouldn't surprise me if they took a part of that home, looking for ways to make their worship and congregation more like ours. I am so proud of Lord of Life and each of you who helped make the "Sisterhood Club" experience complete. Thank you.

Growing with you in Faith

**Janie**



## LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Are you interested in becoming more involved with Lord of Life? We have a few positions opening up on the Board of Ministries that would be great for you! See Pastor Dale for more information.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

*May you experience an abundant measure of His grace and peace throughout the year ahead.*

- 01 – Andrew Burdick
- 03 – Aili Pelto, Cheryl Harper & Joyce Raszkowski
- 05 – Christine Spagnoli
- 08 – Cassidy Newburg
- 10 – Shelby Devault & Greg Everson
- 11 – Dave Hanson, Michael Hawley & Brianna Everson
- 14 – Nancy Kooperman & Laura McCurren
- 15 – Amy Newburg & Colin Burgess
- 16 – John Kallio
- 18 – Claire Olechiv
- 20 – Dave Billing
- 25 – Justin Klaus
- 26 – Beth Graham
- 29 – Jim Madison



## APRIL ANNIVERSARY

*Have a wonderful anniversary!*

- 8 – Robert & Jennifer McCurdy
- 17 – Scott & Andrea Frederick

*Is your birthday or anniversary missing? If so, please let us know.*



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Linda Smith, Alex Schreer, Sgt. Shane Moon, PFC T.J. VanDoren, Private Third Class Jesse Price, all troops serving worldwide, Judith Loeffler, Mary Anne Kelly, Ann Marie Kargel, Walter Steen, Dee White, Max and Toby Mingo-McDonald, Jim Maynard, Bill Swanson, Austin and Melissa Reed, Daniel Billing, Roy Fox, Royhl Hedblad, Walter Murphy, David Moilanen, Marilyn Roxbury, Betty Parish, Sara Hawley, Irene Zizka, Bea Snider, Jim Morse, Cheryl Hawley, Howard Stefon, Clayton Terrell, Pat Wilson, Art DeCook, Hunter Weaver, Bill Houser, Mary Clark, Nick Engstrom, John Lewis, Dave and Diane, John Shortridge, Joan Spagnoli and Mark Smith.

## **MEET THE FAMILY**

David and Karen Hanson

Cara and Philip

Faithful and long-time members Karen and Dave Hanson very nearly became members of a Catholic church in Hamburg. Dave grew up a Lutheran on the west side of the state, near Grand Rapids. Karen is a member of a devoutly Roman Catholic family from the downriver area. They met when one of Karen's brothers, who knew Dave from Cooley Law School, fixed them up on a blind date. After being married, they moved to South Lyon, which was a more or less midpoint between Karen's and Dave's places of work. They've lived there ever since. When they were trying to decide on a church, they used much the same method, visiting churches in a reasonable radius from home. They had been attending the Catholic church and, just before they had decided to join there, changed their minds when the priest was replaced. They joined Lord of Life in 1989 when daughter Cara was baptized.

Karen recently retired from her job as a middle school counselor with the Plymouth schools. She says she missed her work terribly for awhile, but is glad that she has the time free to help out her mother, who has been seriously ill for some time. She is hoping to find more time for reading and sewing as time goes on. She also enjoys swimming and working out with friends. She tells me that Dave is one who likes to do things around the house, especially outside. She says he is particularly interested in energy-saving projects.

Dave has a family law practice in Genesee County and works a lot of hours. He is expecting to at least partially retire in June. This should free up some time for the big vegetable garden they always plant. Dave starts tomato and other seedlings that they transplant later. Dave and Karen do a lot of canning together all summer and into the fall and get a lot of satisfaction from using things they've grown.

Love of the outdoors and consciousness of the environment extends to the younger generation as well. Cara is an environmental engineer for with Alcoa in Los Angeles. Phil has worked most summers for Island

Lake Recreation Area doing various odd jobs and generally making himself useful.

Phil is finishing his sophomore year at the James Madison College of Political Science at Michigan State University. He is majoring in Social Relations and Policy, which involves the study of social structures. He is also taking business classes and hopes to apply what he is learning in business, perhaps in Human Resources. Phil is on the Executive Board at MSU and heavily involved in intramural sports, including soccer basketball, softball, and volleyball. He also likes to golf and referees intramural basketball games and youth soccer at the premiere level. He practices community service by his participation in an organization in the Lansing area called "Into the Streets", which works with various neighborhood organizations on a range of projects.

The family likes to camp. They have camped in Maine and New Hampshire and have traveled west to Denver, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, Arches National Park and Mesa Verde. They go on an annual camping trip with friends to Lake Charlevoix.

Dave has been on the Board in charge of property and does a lot of maintenance tasks around the church. He has served as Sunday School Superintendent. Phil has worked as a Sunday School co-teacher and regularly assists at Vacation Bible School as a teacher or games leader. Phil says he likes coming to church at Lord of Life and especially enjoys seeing kids growing up in the church as he did.

***Gloria McCracken***



**ShopwithSCRIP Update**

In addition to our SCRIP program we are pleased to offer ShopWithScrip.com. This program is effective immediately; remember you may still use the traditional way of ordering, with paper forms or ShopWithScrip. You choose the method that is convenient for your ordering.

ShopWithScrip, is a free online SCRIP ordering program. Any family can use ShopWithScrip, it is more accurate than traditional paper order forms; discounts, products and denominations are updated immediately as they occur.

Check out the website: [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and register today.

Remember, the Lord of Life enrollment code is 93D33L6C4LL9.

**April Order Dates**

SCRIP orders will be placed on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**March SCRIP earnings**

SCRIP \$ 113.20

**Coming in April**

Anyone placing a SCRIP order (paper form or Shopwithscrip) during the month of April will earn one raffle ticket. A \$50 gas card will be drawn from the raffle tickets. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. You do not need to be present to win.

**Kroger Community Rewards Update**

As a reminder all members will need to re-enroll to continue earning in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. All participants must re-enroll for the program in order to earn funds for Lord of Life during 2011-2012. Even if you have just signed up this year-you must re-enroll in April to continue earning rewards.

It is easy to re-enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. Just visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll." You must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to re-enroll.

Any member who does not remember the email address they used can call 877-KRO-PLUS. Kroger will remove any email address attached to the card and then you may go online to enroll again.



**STEWARDSHIP**

Lord of Life will be hosting its Third Annual Palm Sunday Bazaar on April 17, 2011. All of the proceeds will go towards our ministry budget for 2011. We will have some games for the kids and some crafts for sale.

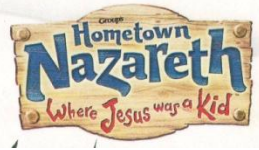
Artisans of all kinds are welcome to sell their wares at our annual fundraiser. So all you secret crafters, artisans or cooks this is the place to try out your wares! Costumes and creative table displays are encouraged. Some activities planned include a hula-hoop contest, a cakewalk, a 50/50 Raffle and more... If anyone is interested in donating a homemade cake or pie for the cakewalk or helping with the 50/50 Raffle please let us know or sign up at church. Please look for more information on the bulletin board in the entry, and feel free to contact David Burgess or Janie Billing with any questions or comments.

**Following the example of our Great Steward, we serve others, putting their needs before our own.**

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many"  
(Matthew 20:28)

**Ronald J. Chewning**  
**12 Months of Congregational Stewardship**





### VBS ITEM REQUEST

Barb Andersen has requested a few items for the crafts that will be done in vacation bible school. She is in need of clean, Styrofoam meat trays and clean plastic milk jugs either 1/2 gallon or 1 gallon. Please bring these items to the church so we will be able to have enough for all the children. Thank you!



### CALLING ALL SCRAPBOOKERS

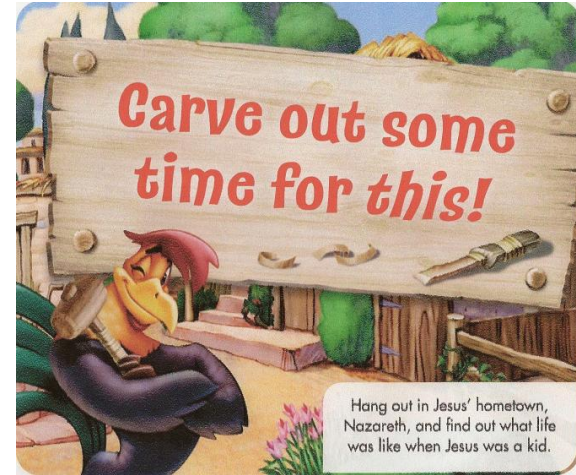
As many of you may know, my 6 year old son Austin and my 4 year old Cody (newly diagnosed) both have Type 1 (Juvenile) Diabetes. Each year we participate in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation walk to raise money to find a cure. I am hosting a Scrapbooking "Crop" at Lord of Life on April 9th. This event is for the beginner to the well experienced, come and enjoy a day with other scrapbookers. It will run from 9:00am-6:00pm and include beverages, a light breakfast and lunch. The donation is \$20 to JDRF and is tax-deductible. Email me to reserve your spot, or with any questions you may have, at [scrapevent@hotmail.com](mailto:scrapevent@hotmail.com).

**Sheila Andring**



### LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA KIT

Our V.B.S. Little Caesar's Pizza kit pre-sale began March 27 and continues until April 10. All proceeds will go towards our Vacation Bible School program June 20-23. Each kit sold will make \$5.00 for VBS. Our goal is \$500.00. See the bulletin board in the narthex for more details. For your convenience, you may place your orders on the order form Sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Pay by check if you wish- make your check payable to Lord of Life and write "pizza kit pre-sale" on the memo line. All monies must be turned in by April 10. Pizza kits will be delivered to the church on April 15 @ 1:00. Your pizza kits will be organized in our kitchen refrigerator with your name printed on your order. Use your church key to pick them up at your convenience, or pick them up on Sunday, April 17.



### Education

Hello to all! Shirley and I are back from FL and ready to embrace and partake in Lord of Life activities! We had a great winter, but there's no place like home.

I'd like to thank Suzanne Bellair for teaching my Sunday School class during my absence; it was comforting to know she was looking after our Greatest Assets!

It's hard to believe, but Colleen and I have already been working on our plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School-it's just around the corner! This year's theme is "Hometown Nazareth-where Jesus was a kid!" Posters and group leader sign-up sheets will be posted soon. We are in need of a number of items that you may have around your house; if you have any of the following items, and are willing that they be used at VBS, please let either Colleen or me know:

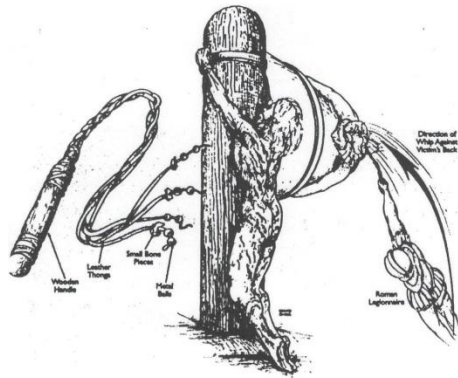
- Patio Canopy-free standing (tent style)
- Middle Eastern style throw rugs or blankets for use on the carpeted floor
- Burlap bags
- Artificial greenery (potted plants, both short and tall)
- Wicker baskets-all sizes and shapes, with or without handles
- Artificial fruit

We're excited about this year's program in which kids will get a feel for what it was like to live when, and where, Jesus was a kid!

**Glenn Kelly**

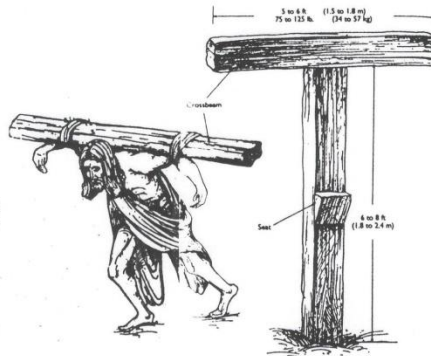
# A DOCTOR'S GUIDE TO JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

Illustrated by the Mayo Clinic



## 1. The beating

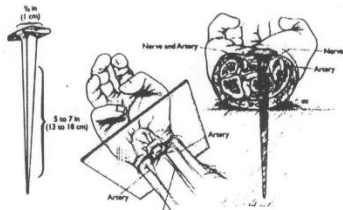
- Victim is stripped and tied to a pole.
- Shards of metal and bone are laced into the leather whip.
- Romans aren't limited to 40 strokes, as are the Jews.
- Pain and blood loss set stage for shock.



## 2. Dead man walking

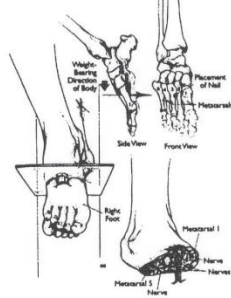
- Victim carries crossbeam to execution site.
- Crossbeam is attached to vertical pole.
- Seat prolongs the torture, making it easier to breathe.

Source: "On the Physical Death of Jesus Christ," *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Details about crucifixion are taken from the Bible and from other ancient sources.



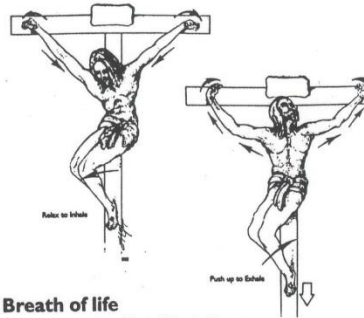
## 3. Nailed

- Iron nails pin wrists and feet to cross.
- Nails miss main arteries and bones.
- Wine laced with painkilling myrrh or frankincense is offered. Jesus refuses.



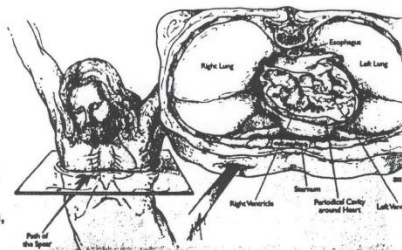
## 5. Speared

- Soldier confirms death by stabbing the heart.
- By this time, shock has started separating blood into two basic elements: cell clusters and amber-colored serum.
- "Water" pours out of Jesus' chest—serum from inside and around the heart.
- Possible cause of death: a combination of shock, exhaustion, asphyxiation, and heart failure.



## 4. Breath of life

- Position and weight of body forces victim to push up to exhale.
- Breaking legs speeds death. It forces arms to do all the work, pulling victim up to exhale.
- Jesus dies before breaking the legs becomes necessary.



## BACK-FROM-THE-DEAD man walking

*Two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus . . . As they talked . . . Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them.*

*Luke 24:13,15*

As the other Gospels report, Jesus is buried before sunset on Friday. That marks the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath—24 hours of rest and worship. Jesus rises from the dead on Sunday morning. That's when several women discover the empty tomb and report it to the 11 disciples—minus Judas, who has hanged himself.

That same day, in a story only Luke reports, two of Jesus' followers who live in the neighboring village of Emmaus start walking home. Jesus meets them on the path. But for some reason they don't recognize him.

Jesus asks what they're talking about. They can't believe his question. He's obviously coming from Jerusalem. Yet he doesn't seem to know what happened to the prophet who so many people thought was the Messiah. So they tell him.

Jesus responds with a history lesson from all three major sections of the Jewish Bible: Law, Prophets, and Writings. He quotes predictions about how the Messiah would suffer – predictions fulfilled by this crucifixion.

Perhaps he quotes some of these, which the disciples would later use in their sermons:

- "He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins . . . he was whipped so we could be healed" (Isaiah 53:5).
- "He was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave" (Isaiah 53:9).
- "My righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins" (Isaiah 53:11).
- "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone" (Psalm 118:22).

**Stephen M. Miller**

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