Lord of Life MOVING faith forward

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From Pastor Rodney

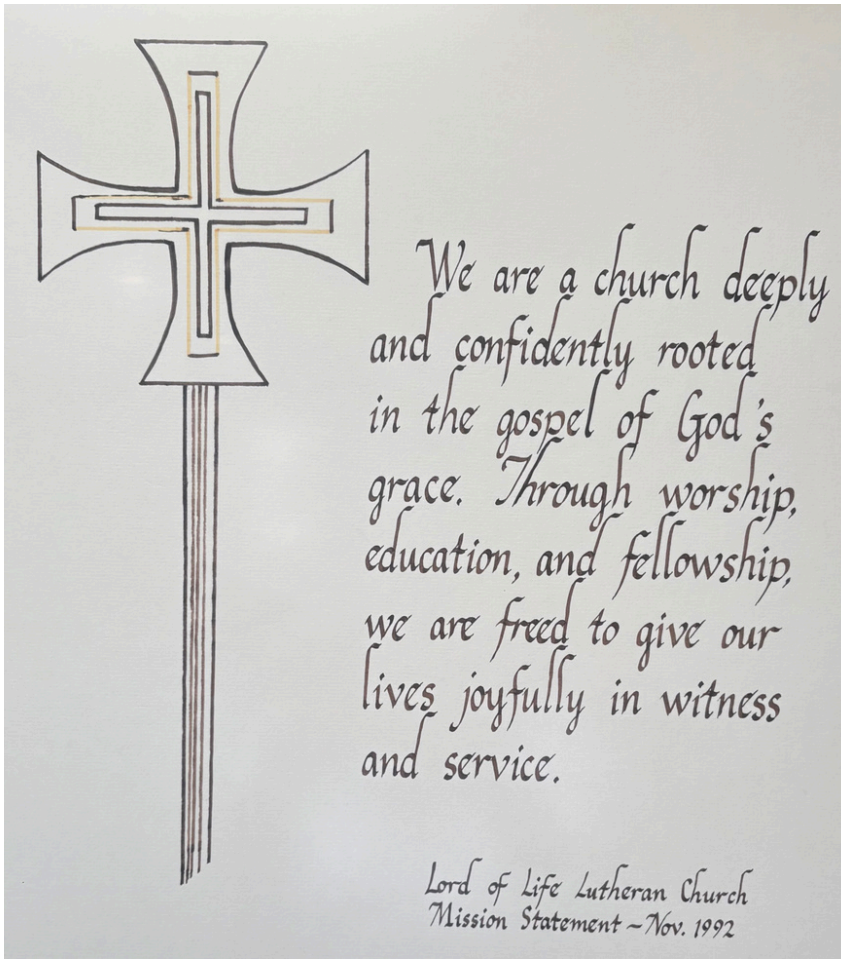
Do you mean it?

At the end of our weekly service, we are sent into the world to be disciples of Christ and are asked to make a commitment to follow through on this sending. It is a Christian pledge, if you will.

In 1992, Lord of Life put this pledge into a mission statement. To honor that mission and keep it alive in our hearts, we now end our communal prayer by saying it together:

“Deeply and confidently rooted in the Gospel of God’s grace, we go forth freed to joyfully give our lives in witness and service.” Thanks be to God. And may it be so!

Shalom,



Care in Our Congregation

Hello,
I have had a warm and positive-energy filled first month at Lord of Life. Thank you for welcoming Bonnie and me into the life of this congregation. I noticed that a lot of the same people were being tapped for liturgical ministries: reading the scriptures, hospitality ministers/ushering, preparing the altar, running the technology…, some as they were walking into the worship space. When I checked in with folks about this, I started to hear concern about burn out and feelings of being taken for granted. This certainly doesn't reflect the heart of a compassionate community. We know the issues: busy-ness, scheduling conflicts, travel and a hyper-mobile society have people away a lot…. Still, we want to respect each other and help each other pray. To that end, the Worship Team suggests that we return in September to a ministry schedule populated by those who have offered time and talents in these ways.
We recognize that conflicts will exist. When they do, we ask that you make the first call to another person in your ministry to try to trade times or fill in. If you are unsuccessful after three tries, then call the office for help from Kayleen. We will be engaging a new time and talent process in early November and we hope to grow our ministry pool. Please prayerfully consider how you might continue to serve Christ in this community.

Ministry schedules matter because they help our faith community serve people faithfully, consistently, and with good stewardship. A well-prepared schedule does more than assign names to dates—it supports the spiritual, relational, and practical health of the ministry by letting members know when you are being called on for service, so you can better prepare and help the flow of the community's prayer.
Thank you for your efforts to serve in a good way. As always, we are here to help you and are happy to receive your feedback.
Shalom,
PRodney

The installation on August 2 with Bishop Kevin Jones was a wonderful celebration of faith and commitment. Thank you Lord of Life for the yummy pie potluck and the good positive energy shared in fellowship. I heard loud and clear that we promised to be God's abundance and presence for one another as we walk this faith journey together. God bless us, everyone!

WORSHIP NEWS --

We will have our usual weekend worship services for Saturday (4pm) and Sunday (10:30am) for these weekends: August; 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30 and September 5/6. The Saturday services will be livestreamed.

5/6 Spetember will be the LAST weekend for this schedule.

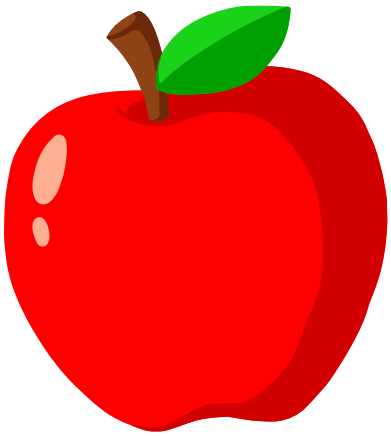
Let Us Celebrate Christ's Creation

Sunday, September 13 ONE worship only !!!

Location: Swiss Valley Park Green Ash Pavillion (Green Ash is located at the far northeast end of the park. Enter from Swiss Valley Road to the picnic area. Proceed all the way toward the far end which is near the campground.)
Worship is at 10:30 AM- (No worship that day at Lord of Life)
Potluck meal following worship. Bring a dish to pass as well as your own table service.

The men's group will provide burgers, brats and hot dogs.

Bring your family and a friend!
See you at Swiss Valley on the 13th!



Apples For Students

Sponsored by St. Mark's Enrichment Center
to furnish at risk students in the Dubuque area
with school supplies.

Thank you to all who dontated to this very worthy cause. Because of your generosity many children will be ready to start the new school year. Thank you to the following members who have given of their time to fill bags: Sandy Arp, Phil Granovsky, Nancy Davis, Barb and Larry Croghan, Susan Hansen, Gretchen Kueter, Jan Miller, Eleanor Lang, Nate Frambach, Debbie Thomas, and Barry Pickart.

Blessing of Backpacks

On the weekend of August 22nd &, 23rd a blessing of teachers, students, administrators, and backpacks will be offered during the worship service. Let us keep all staff and students in our prayers as they begin a new year of learning.

Senior Lunch Group

Thursday August 27th at 11:30 a.m. at the Arboretum. Bring your lunch and folding chairs and come enjoy the beauty of God's creation. There are also park benches available if you prefer. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Granovsky. We would love to see you!

Men's Breakfast Group

We will meet at 8:30 am on Saturday August 8th, at Dubuque Arboretum. This will be a BYOB - Bring Your Own Breakfast. Join us for food and fellowship!

POSTVILLE DISASTER RELIEF

The Northeastern Iowa Synod is working in partnership with Zion Lutheran, Castalia, and St. Paul Lutheran, Postville, to provide immediate and long-term relief for those affected by the fire at the AgriStar processing plant. Monetary donations received by the Synod will help provide food, household supplies, hygiene products, rent and utility assistance, support for caregivers, and more as directed by congregational and community coordinators. The NE Iowa Synod is also partnering with Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) to provide additional emotional care, spiritual care, and stress reduction programs in the coming months. 100% of your donation will go directly to those in need.

HOW TO DONATE

Donate by scanning the URL code below or going to:
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Come drum for healing

Come drum for healing with us at Lord of Life Lutheran, Wednesday Aug. 19, 2026, 6 PM in the atrium/entryway of the church lower level. No cost.
Ten Native American hand drums are available, first come, first to choose. We will begin with sharing gratitudes and intentions, then drum in two or three segments, ending the hour with a drum wash for those who wish it. You are welcome to bring your own ceremony drum and rhythm instruments as well (Djembe, bongos, shakers, claves, rattles, etc.).
Drumming is a form of contemplative prayer that invites us to be present to the Heartbeat of God. As we listen to and feel the drums, we experience the One pulse that gives rise to all the rhythms and energies of life. It is actually from the feminine energy of the divine that drumming emerges, and men drum to draw themselves from the head into the heart, seeking balance.

We'll hold a collective intention for those who are experiencing war and violence in the world, and those preparing for a new school year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact PRod at 319.389-6153.

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