

# Lord of Life

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**Annual Meeting 1/28/24**

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# From Pastor Karla



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The days are slowly getting “longer,” with a bit more daylight, every day, as we journey through winter. We will soon begin our journey through Lent. Our theme for Lent this year is “Created for Community.” This series comes from our own ELCA resource, “Sundays and Seasons”. This is the description:

The invitation to Lent spoken on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we enter this season together ‘with the whole church’. It goes on to state that ‘we are created for communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation.’ Though many common Lenten practices rightly invite us to individual acts of ‘repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love,’ Lent is also a time for deepening of community.

In the early church, the weeks before Easter were a time in which the whole community took responsibility for the training of catechumens. Not only were the catechumens enriched by this formation, but those already within the community were strengthened in their faith along with them. Using readings from Mark’s gospel, this series invites the assembly to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God.”

So, yes, we will each have our individual journey through Lent, but ultimately the journey through Lent is with our community, the Lord of Life community. As Jesus journeyed to the Cross, His disciples were with him...even if they fell asleep on him. Let us journey, as a community, through Lent.

All are invited to the many and varied worship opportunities during Lent:

**February 13th – Shrove Tuesday/Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper and Dixieland Jazz Worship Service:**

**6:00 pm** – Pancake Supper – Come and feast!!!

**7:00 pm** – Worship Service – We celebrate and then repent to prepare ourselves for Lent

**February 14th – Ash Wednesday**

**12 noon** – Service with Imposition of Ashes

**6:00 pm** – Ash Wednesday Worship Service, with Communion & Ashes

**Mid- Week Lenten Schedule – “Created for Community”**

On Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm:

February 21st – “In Community with Creation” with Pastor Mark Oehlert

February 28th – “In Community with all the Saints” with Pastor Karla Wildberger

March 6th – “In Community with our Neighbor” with Seminarian Matthew Walsh

March 13th – “In Community with those on the Margin” with Pastor Denise Anderson

March 20th – “In Community with Christ” with Pastor Karla Wildberger

Looking ahead:

March 28th – Maundy Thursday worship @ 6:00pm

March 29th – Good Friday worship @ 6:00pm

March 31st – Easter Sunday!!!

Let us begin this journey through Lent together, as a community. In Christ, we come together as the Body of Christ....all are welcome!!!



# Faith Formation

## Intergenerational Faith Formation

We will all gather in between services on Sunday, February 4th with a fun "lesson" / reminder of our Baptisms!!! Baptism is one of our 2 Sacraments, so it is important 😊

Let us pray,

"We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen." (ELW p. 237)

## Sunday School and Confirmation Faith Formation

Feb 4th – with Intergenerational class

Feb 11th – with Confirmation class (short class then decorate for Fat Tuesday pancake dinner)

Feb 18th and 25th – Regular classes

## Adult Faith Formation

Feb 4th – with Intergenerational class

Feb 11th - with Confirmands

Feb. 18th - Video: ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on Christian Nationalism  
Discussion to follow

Feb. 25 - TBD

## Easy Evangelism

I know that not everyone is on Facebook, but if you are, please make sure you follow "Lord of Life Lutheran Dubuque".

And did you know that when you "like" or "share" a Lord of Life Facebook post you are "doing" evangelism? It's true!

Just a few clicks....that's all it takes!!! The more you "like" or "share" a post from our Facebook page the more your friends and acquaintances will see information about Lord of Life....in sharing LOL news, you are sharing God. Truly! It's easy...."like" or "share".

If you have a few more moments when you are getting ready to share a post, you can add your own comment. For example: "this is my church!" "God is good" or just saying what you like about Lord of Life.

# Care in Our Congregation

## Annual Meeting Highlights

New Council Members and Roles

President, Pat Friedman

Vice President, Jim Gilbertson

Treasurer, Susan Hansen

Secretary, Jennifer Cartee

At-Large Members: Kayleen Backhaus, Kris Erickson Eipperle, Val Kennedy,  
Amanda Mairet, Barry Pickart

And, a huge thank you to Alan Stache for his wisdom and talents and for serving the church in a variety of ways in the last many years!!!

## Share Our Abundance

It was explained at the pre-meeting for the Annual Meeting that our capital campaign "Share Our Abundance" was scheduled to end in the spring of 2024. However, at that time, we will still be in the search for our new pastor. So, the Church Council voted to extend "Share Our Abundance" campaign by one year (until April 2025). This will give the new pastor and the Church Council time to plan a new campaign.

So, with a HUGE thank you, we ask that you carry on your "Share Our Abundance" pledge through April 2025. If we all do this, we will be able to pay our monthly mortgage payment.

Again, thank you for your support of Lord of Life!!!!

## Senior Lunch Group

The Senior Lunch Group will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 22nd, at Old Chicago, 3100 Dodge St. for food and fellowship. If you have any questions or would like to make your reservation, please contact Peggy Granovsky. Hope to see you there!

## Men's Breakfast Group

We will meet at 8:30 am on Saturday February 10th, in the lower level of the church. If you'd like to share in the food and fun you can contact Jon Dienst at 599-4524 or just show up!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Group

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Thursday, February 1st, at 1 p.m. in the Gathering Space at church. Newcomers are welcome. Prayer shawls can be knit or crocheted and our pattern is easy to learn. For more information please call Peggy Granovsky.



# Care in Our Community



## Little Free Food Pantry

Souper Bowl

Our "Souper Bowl" 🍲 will continue thru Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th. Please bring a can of SOUP to support a team. ALL of the sup/soup will be to support our Little Food Pantry.

## NICC Scholarship

Are you, your child or grandchild taking classes at NICC? If so, there is a Lord of Life member who would like to give you an anonymous grant of \$1,000. Please contact Rita in the church office for more information: [office@lordoflifedbq.org](mailto:office@lordoflifedbq.org)

## Almost Home

Thank you for your generous past support of and interest in the Almost Home at St. John's Guest House for homeless fathers with children. Your support has helped an underserved part of our community that had nowhere else to go. We have just finished construction on three new units through a grant made possible by the city of Dubuque and donors like you. We will be having an open house on Saturday, February 3, from 1-3 p.m. at the Guest House, 1276 White Street, Dubuque. We would like to invite you and your congregation to this open house and to tour the new apartments. Thank you for your partnership in this important ministry of reaching out to our neighbors in need. I hope to see you on the 3rd. Grace and peace, Ann Fritschel, Board chair Almost Home Guest Shelter at St. John's.

## Pray Dubuque

On December 12, a group of 16 people from 8 different Christian congregations met for an hour of prayer for the Dubuque community. This was an exploratory event but the consensus was that a monthly time for Christians to join in unified prayer for the city would be a good thing. So "Pray Dubuque" has been scheduled for the 7:00-8:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month for 2024. For now, the prayer time will be held in the community room at the Locust St. HyVee - because you can't get much more neutral than HyVee! Please consider attending if you are able and even more, please share this information with people you know who are likely to be interested in praying for the city with other Christians. Pray Dubuque is not being led by any specific church or individual. There is a Facebook event page for Pray Dubuque and the next gathering will be held Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm in the Locust St. HyVee Community Room. Please share the link and tell others as we meet together as God's people to pray for our community.

# Care in Our World



Please keep in your prayers our sisters in Christ on their mission trip to Jamaica -- Sandy Arp, Jennifer Cartee, Nancy Davis, and Kay Zepeski

They will be away February 1-10. May God keep them safe and full of peace and love for the people whom they will serve. Amen.





### Ewalu's 'Early Discount' ends Feb. 29

Ewalu summer camp registration is open for 2024, and families can sign up now for the best availability and the best prices! Go to [www.ewalu.org/summer-camp](http://www.ewalu.org/summer-camp) to see all the programs and to register. Ewalu also has Family Camp and Grandparent Camp!

**Ewalu's Early Discount pricing means \$40 off for most full-week youth programs if you register before February 29.** This year, the **Sibling Discount** has increased to \$50 off for each additional child from the same family registering for a full-week program (after the first child) —and that's ON TOP of the Early Discount!

*Remember, no child is ever turned away at Ewalu for reasons of financial need. Call Diane at Ewalu for more information at 563-933-4700.*

Questions about pricing and registration? Please contact the Ewalu office at the phone number above or email [camp@ewalu.org](mailto:camp@ewalu.org). The camp website has FAQs that might have the answers you're looking for, too!



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On January 11, John Deere Foundation and River Bend Food Bank jointly hosted a celebration at The John Deere Pavilion to celebrate the conclusion of the Plowing a New Path to End Hunger match campaign.

The campaign began in August 2023 with a pledge from The John Deere Foundation to match community donations raised by River Bend Food Bank up to \$650,000. This investment, combined with matching community donations, will allow River Bend to purchase an additional 6.5 million meals, closing the meal gap in Scott, Rock Island, and Dubuque Counties.

We are excited to report that a total of \$1,611,200 was raised through this campaign! Our community once again stepped up to the challenge! This investment, combined with matching community donations, will allow River Bend to purchase an additional 8 million meals, closing the meal gap for one whole year in Scott, Rock Island, and Dubuque Counties.

As we celebrate this accomplishment together, we can take pride in knowing that we live in a community that truly cares about every one of our neighbors. In that spirit, you can rest assured that River Bend Food Bank will continue its commitment to ending hunger, and our partnerships are stronger than ever!



## Worship Schedule

**Sunday Worship services 8 & 10:30**

**10:30 service is livestreamed**

**Come Join Us!**

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