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THE LORD OF LIFE LINE

Class of 2021 Special Edition
Newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

"BEHOLD, I AM DOING A NEW THING;
NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH,
DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?
I WILL MAKE A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS
AND RIVERS IN THE DESERT."

The prophet Isaiah shares this message in chapter 43 verse 19 to foreshadow the future for God's people. Ultimately, we will know that future, our current reality, as Jesus Christ who brings forth new life and a new way of being God's people.

As we enter into the summer months, we, too, are doing a new thing. In fact, we've done a LOT of new things in response to our call to be the church over the past many months. This new thing will be a move back to a weekly worship service held on Saturdays at 4:00pm inside our sanctuary. We are still discerning what this will mean for any outdoor worship service offerings over the summer, but in a recent survey more than 87% of you told us you are ready for this change.

We are also beginning the practice of providing communion that you can pick up at church to use at home during the live stream service on Sunday morning. We believe that giving everyone access to the Sacrament of Holy Communion is important, even when, especially when we are living into the new reality of two campuses and one community. Two campuses, one online and digital, one in person and in our building. We know it will take time before we can all be together as we once were. (continued on the next page)

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Doing new things for the sake of the gospel means a lot of things these days. We are working out how to provide Sunday School this Fall. Wondering about what Adult Faith Formation will look like. Pondering how we will offer Bible studies and new faith practices both online and in-person.

I have always been impressed with our people's commitment to serving others. What new things might we experience this year? How might God be calling us to be a part of these new things in our congregation, our community, and our world? How might you pray for our congregation to navigate all that will be new, even as we are able to return to much of what we know?

These are exciting times to be the church. Our friends, neighbors, and work colleagues are watching for signs of hope and hope is what we have. Be bold and share your faith with them and if necessary, use words.

May God grant us the wisdom to follow and the courage to be God's church, in this place, and in this time.

In peace and hope,

Pastor Paul

Council Minutes Online

[HTTPS://WWW.LORDOFLIFE.ONLINE/COUNCIL-MINUTES](https://www.lordoflife.online/council-minutes)

We have made our congregational council minutes available for you to review online. We are starting with the April 2021 minutes and will post the new minutes each month once they are approved by council. We hope that this will help you follow along with how the leadership team is managing our shared ministry. If you have questions, feel free to contact Susan Hansen or Pastor Paul. To view the minutes, visit our website.



From the Council President

DEAR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF LORD OF LIFE,

June is here and summer will begin. Summer usually means a change in routine. This year especially we anticipate changes as we emerge from COVID restrictions. Do you remember what life was like in June 2020?

- Travel was restricted; many vacation plans & family gatherings were put on hold
- Businesses were perfecting the art of delivery/outdoor pickup
- We were worshipping exclusively by electronic means and parking lot services
- There were many unanswered questions about COVID transmission
- A vaccine was still a dream.

Today we can rejoice that effective vaccines are readily available. We've returned to indoor worship and our community is beginning to emerge from prior restrictions.

As of this writing, the CDC has lifted most restrictions for vaccinated people. Hallelujah! However, for those who have not received a vaccination, masking, social distancing, and restricting indoor activities are still recommended.

Throughout the pandemic, our Worship & Music Committee and Church Council have monitored recommendations and responded with changes accordingly. These committees will continue to carefully consider changes to our worship practices in June. At the center of all discussions has been care for our community using CDC guidelines. While restrictions have been lifted for some, out of an abundance of care for all in our midst, Lord of Life will cautiously approach changes to our worship practices. Here's what you can anticipate in June:

- We will offer in-building worship following our usual summer schedule, Saturday at 4 and Sunday at 9. The Sunday morning service will continue to be offered electronically. We will no longer offer parking lot services.
- We will continue to mask and social distance in worship. Worship & Music will discuss changes to this restriction at their meeting in mid-June.
- We will no longer require sign-up for worship. We will resume the use of attendance pads.
- You will be welcome to seat yourself and ushers will no longer dismiss after worship. Please take care to continue social distancing as you enter and leave the church building.
- We will continue to offer communion using individualized elements. If you worship electronically, communion cups for use during the service are available during regular church office hours.

June also brings us to the commitment phase of the Share Our Abundance campaign. Thank you for your generous response! A special thanks to Mike Donahue and Pat Friedman for leading this effort, and to committee chairs Kris Stache, Larry Croghan, Paul Erickson, Joan Decker, Kevin Curoe, and their committee members. If you have not turned in your response card you are welcome to mail it to the office or drop it in the offering basket at church. Your continued financial support is critical to our ability to serve our congregation, our community, and the work of the ELCA in the world.

Welcome Summer!

Susan Hansen



Share our Abundance Campaign

FROM THE CAMPAIGN TEAM

As of the printing of this newsletter, campaign pledges have already reached \$175,250!!! We are well on our way to our goal of \$450,000. Thank you to those who have turned in their intent cards already.

It's not too late! We still need you to help our Lord of Life community reach the campaign goals. Send in your intent cards today or drop them off in the offering basket during weekend worship. We need everyone's participation to reach \$450,000! Misplaced your intent card? Want to look at the prospectus? Downloadable copies are available on our website at the link below. Every dollar matters. Do what you can, when you can. Lord of Life needs you!

SPECIAL THANKS FROM CO-CHAIRS MIKE DONOHUE & PAT FRIEDMAN

With gratitude, we want to thank you to each and every one of you for your contributions to making the Share our Abundance Campaign so successful this far. You have dedicated your time, talents, and treasure to God's mission in and through Lord of Life. 38 different people have been a part of the campaign and the number of those making pledges continues to grow each week. Reducing our debt, with the possibility of being debt free in 10 years will allow us to expand and grow.

SAVE THE DATE

Join us as we celebrate the final results of the Share Our Abundance Campaign at a cookout on Sunday, June 27 at noon. More details to follow.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.LORDOFLIFE.ONLINE/SHARE-OUR-ABUNDANCE

Treasurer's Report

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<u>April YTD</u>	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Total Budget
Member General Giving	84,846	83,239	86,668	260,000
Hunger	338	300	500	1,500
Lent/Advent	903	505	1,000	1,300
Other Giving/Income	351	77	532	2,000
Total Income	86,439	84,121	88,700	264,800
Benevolence	6,411	6,127	7,568	21,000
Evangelism	0	50	572	1,700
Stewardship	495	251	420	1,250
Music & Worship	8,329	9,793	7,332	22,000
Faith Formation	125	43	3,900	16,700
Ministry/Pastoral	41,722	39,224	41,104	118,114
Church Home	12,498	10,313	12,436	44,000
Administration	12,498	13,180	11,668	34,997
Mortgage	0	1,667	1,668	5,000
Total Expenses	82,078	80,647	86,668	264,761
Net Gain (loss)	4,360	3,473	2,032	39
Mortgage - Non-Operating	25,008	24,349	24,348	73,048

Share Our Abundance Campaign Cookout

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 27th at 12:00 PM

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In-Person Indoor Services

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Saturdays at 4:00 PM | Sundays at 9:00 AM

Beginning June 1st you no longer need to sign up for services online or by calling the office. See you there!

Senior Picnic

DUBUQUE ABORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Please join us for a Senior Picnic Lunch at the Arboretum on Thursday, June 17th, at 11:30 AM. Everyone 50+ is welcome. Bring your own lunch, beverage and lawn chairs. Let's celebrate being together again. If you have any questions, contact Peggy Granovsky.

Giving Thanks

FOR THE GIFT OF FAITH

Receiving First Communion recently were Seth Boyle, Jack Steffen, and Teresa Troftgruben.

Recently receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism were Paxton and Preston Dix, twin grandsons of Earl Alexander (pictured right with their proud parents Christine and Jim).

Pastor Paul presided at the funeral for Raymond Fishnick. Phyllis had most of the family together with some friends as we committed Ray to his resting place.



FROM PEGGY GRANOVSKY

Thank you to everyone who made my birthday so amazing with all your cards, greetings and well wishes. We love our church family at Lord of Life.

Apples for Students

A MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

This summer the Mission & Outreach Committee will again be lifting up the Apples for Students campaign which is sponsored by St Mark's Youth Enrichment Center in Dubuque. For years, LOL has collected funds to help St Mark's provide LOCAL school children with school supplies. There are two ways to support this campaign. One way is to donate. In mid-July, we will deliver the funds to St. Marks. The second way to help is by signing up to help fill the school bags. This will be done the week of August 8-12. More information and details will be announced in upcoming emails and the July newsletter.

Welcome Laura Bee

NEW MUSICIAN BEGINS HER MINISTRY AT LORD OF LIFE

Laura Bee is a piano teacher and collaborative pianist currently living in Dubuque. She graduated from University of Wisconsin-Platteville in December 2015 with a degree in piano performance, and has been working in the area ever since. She teaches piano lessons at University of Dubuque and Northeast Iowa School of Music, and spent four years as the Music Director at St. Paul Lutheran Church. She also is very involved with the music department at UWP, collaborating with choirs and students. She enjoys baking, biking, reading, and any time spent outdoors!



Congratulations to our Lord of Life Graduates, Class of 2021

NATHAN KELLEY



Nathan Kelley (above) will graduate from Hempstead High School.

EMERSON HERMSEN



Emerson Hermesen (above) graduated from Dubuque Senior High School on May 29th.

While in HS she participated in cheerleading and was inducted into the National Honor Society. After HS, she plans to attend NICC for Business, and will be heavily involved at Vibe Dance Co., mentoring from her dance teacher, and diving into her passion of choreographing, in hopes to operate a dance studio some day!

LAUREN CORDES



Lauren Cordes (above) graduated from Loras College on April 24.

JUSTIN SEAY



Justin Seay (above) will graduate from Hempstead High School on June 6.

Graduates not pictured:
Kate Muehring, Hayle Hall, Quinten Thompson

In the Mail

Though we primarily share resources and updates electronically, if you are unable to access the Internet, please contact the office to arrange to have items mailed.



Worship Online

[HTTPS://WWW.LORDOFLIFE.ONLINE/LIVESTREAM.HTML](https://www.lordoflife.online/livestream.html)

Do you prefer to phone in for streamed services?

Dial: 1 (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 563 582 7371

Passcode: 456037

Become a Worship Servant today!

[HTTPS://SIGNUP.ZONE/LORD-OF-LIFE](https://signup.zone/lord-of-life)

If you are interested in being a worship servant for our indoor services, please [click here](#) to sign up for available dates.

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