



# The Lord of Life Line

Newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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**19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." - Matthew 4:19**

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Discipleship is being called to walk with Christ, equipped to live like Christ, and sent by Christ to love and serve others in the world! I think that there are six marks of discipleship that become a part of the life of someone who is following Jesus. The marks are: Prayer, Worship, Scripture, Service, Relationships, and Giving. By helping people develop these areas of their lives, we help people to grow in their relationship with God and their discipleship in the world.

Growing in these six areas allows us to live out the mission we set forth for ourselves in our mission statement and to live whole, healthy lives in the sight of God.

Over the coming weeks and months I'd like you to think about how you might grow in each of these areas. On the next page I will give you a fuller definition of each of the six areas.

## PASTOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### Six Essential Tools For Your Faith Toolbox:

- **Worship Every Week!** We offer regular worship experiences each weekend with special services on Wednesdays during Advent and Lent. There are also other special worship opportunities such as healing and prayer services. These experiences are centered on God's Word, given to us through the Bible and in the bread and wine of Communion. Seasonal changes are made to each service.
- **Pray Daily.** There are a variety of prayer possibilities! Table prayer before eating is the most common form of prayer. Prayers such as "Come Lord Jesus, be our guest. Let all these gifts to us be blessed. Blessed be God, who is our Bread. May all the world be clothed and fed. Amen." The Lord's Prayer is another often-used prayer. Informal conversational prayer may include giving thanks, asking for help and praising God.
- **Serve faithfully.** Find a ministry (such as being a greeter or singing in the choir, helping with fellowship or youth ministry) and become involved in your congregation and in our outreach mission in our community. Just ask us for ways to serve!
- **Grow in your faith** and understanding of God. Nurture the gift of faith within you. Attend a Bible study or other educational or nurturing experience to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.
- **Relationships matter.** We believe that God has modeled relationship for us in the Holy Trinity. We believe that being a part of a faith community allows us to glimpse what God intends for us. We encourage each other and support each other. We celebrate our joys together and we worship and serve as the most central way of being in community, together.
- **Generosity.** A life of generosity means living with an open hand, ready to give but also to receive. Generosity looks like many things, and people measure that in different ways. Most people associate it with giving to support something. There are many great ways to put your dollars to work to change the world. We ask people to make an intentional financial commitment to grow God's kingdom through Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We emphasize percentage giving with the tithe (10%) being our Biblical example, but we recognize that giving is a journey of growth. Not everyone will begin with a tithe. Consider growing your giving by 1% each year until you reach a tithe.

I am here to help. If you would like to have a conversation about which step to take first or next, feel free to reach out to me to chat. The key is to do something. What might the Spirit be calling you to do first?

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Susan Hansen

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Greetings from your church council.

In June we saw gradual changes to our worship practices. As always, our first consideration is how to make worship welcoming and comfortable for all. Thank you to the Music & Worship committee for its hard work during a very trying time. The committee will continue to discuss further changes as we plan for fall.

Council welcomes Dean Niklasen who will fill the Property Management position. A big thanks to Jason Jones for his great work in this position.

Enjoy the lazy (?) days of summer!

## COUNCIL MEMBERS INSTALLED

Pastor Paul

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Lord of Life congregational council met for the first time in-person for our June meeting. Council members were officially installed previously during an online meeting. Around the table from the left are:

- Larry Croghan - Stewardship
  - Dean Niklasen - Facilities
  - Val Kennedy - Worship & Music
  - Maria Troftgruben - Education
  - Alan Stache - Treasurer
  - Josie Boyle - Your Representative
  - Kim Barnes - Youth Team
  - Heather Felderman - Vice President
  - Susan Hansen - President
  - Jennifer Cartee - Secretary
  - Darlene Curoe - Mission & Outreach
  - Pastor Paul.
- Not pictured:
- Mike Ackerman - Evangelism.

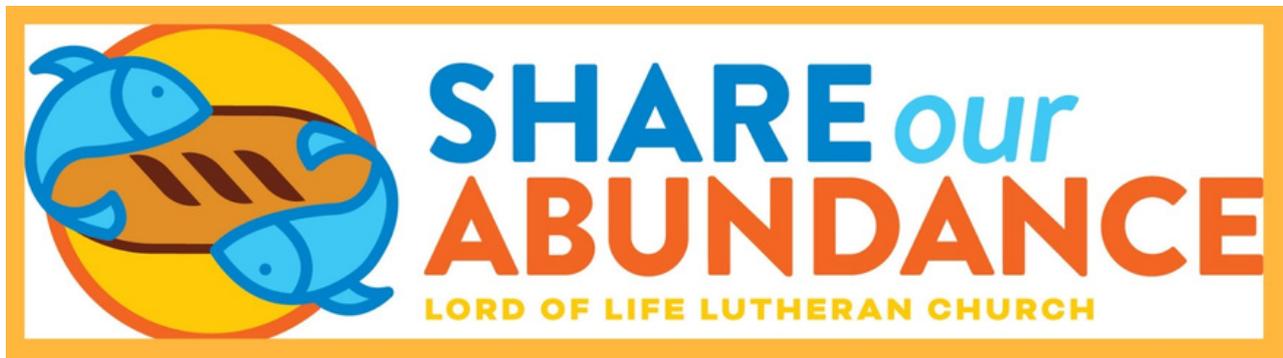


Feel free to reach out to your council with questions or suggestions. We are here to serve our congregation, together.

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY AND A NEW BISHOP

Pastor Paul

Lord of Life hosted the Water of Life Conference participants of the 2021 NE Iowa Synod Assembly in June. Representing LOL were Brandon Johnson, Kim Barnes, and Pastor Paul. During the one day assembly held online, we elected a new bishop for the first time in nearly three decades! We look forward to welcoming Bishop-elect Kevin Jones to Lord of Life in the near future.



The formal part of the Share Our Abundance campaign is drawing to a close. On behalf of the Steering team we are grateful for the participation in our congregation. Our current status of the campaign is now over \$270,000 with indications of specific intent cards to come in yet to add to that total. The intent cards are important for budget reasons for the annual giving and debt reduction is important for the long term missions of Lord of Life. So if you haven't returned the intent card yet, we invite you to do so.

June 27th we had the brunch celebration and it was a good feeling to be together again. Lord of Life has always been a forward thinking, active congregation. As we move forward from a difficult period of time in all our lives and the world, our hope and prayer is for a renewed interest in the work of the church. As we support one another and also those beyond our church family this will be evident.

Mike Donohue and I are grateful for the opportunity to work with a solid team of many individuals who did whatever they were asked to do. We will continue to communicate with all of you as we Share Our Abundance with each other.



## LET'S TALK YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

From Pastor Paul

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Pre-pandemic we were on a trajectory to hire a very part-time director of faith formation at Lord of Life. You may recall that we held a series of cottage meetings and open forum and Q&A gatherings at church over the span of several months. We talked about what we want to what it will look like when we are successful in meeting our ministry goals.

Now that we are coming out of the global pandemic and thinking about the Fall and a return to in-person Sunday School and confirmation, I'd also like us to think about expanding on our offerings for our middle and high school youth. The ELCA Youth Gathering is on the horizon for summer 2022.

If you are a parent, grandparent, or other young adult or adult interested in investing in young people in our congregation, I invite you to join me. Will you take one step in this direction by letting me know of your interest? Call me (563) 582-7371, Email me ([pastor@lordoflifedbq.org](mailto:pastor@lordoflifedbq.org)), or speak to me after worship. Once we have a group we will set up a conversation and plan our next steps.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Maria Troftgruben

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We look forward to in-person Sunday School starting up again this fall! Registration forms will be available in August. There will be need for many volunteers to help make this ministry a success. If you would like to help in any way...teaching, subbing, planning...please contact me at [maria\\_troftgruben@hotmail.com](mailto:maria_troftgruben@hotmail.com).

In September, 3 year olds and 3rd graders will be receiving their Bibles. Please contact me, or Sadie at church, if you have a 3 year old or third grader, so we can plan for how many Bibles to order.

## WHY SERVING IN WORSHIP MATTERS

**An appeal from Pastor Paul and the Worship & Music Team**

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As we emerge from the pandemic and gather again for worship, it is critical that we have our team of volunteers to help make worship happen. Worship is central to our lives as christians. Worship is the **1 hour a week** that grounds us and equips us for the other **167**. We have relied heavily on a small group of volunteers, but now **we need your help**, too. We can provide training, answer questions, and will walk with you as you serve. We are in this together. We've made it easy to sign up online or you can call the office. We need readers, tech ministers, ushers, greeters, assisting ministers and musicians willing to share your gifts for the sake of our congregation. **How might the Spirit be leading you to serve?**

## APPLES FOR STUDENTS

**Five Flags Center, Date and time TBD - Stay tuned!**

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As we move into July, we see more school supplies advertised. At Lord of Life, we should think about the supplies that St. Mark's Youth Enrichment Center provides for children in need. Would you like to help? Consider making a monetary donation to help fill bags for over 1,500 local school children. Prefer donating your time? For LOL members who wish to help fill the bags, this will be done sometime during the week of August 8-12.

Look for the Apples for Students display in the Gathering Area to donate to this cause. The sign-up sheet will also be at this display. We will collect donations starting June through mid-July. If you'll be helping fill the bags, St. Mark's will advise us the day they would like us to volunteer. The date will be announced later or you can contact Sandy Arp at (563) 588-4012 if you have questions.

## MOBILE FOOD GIVEAWAY

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church Parking Lot, July 31 @ 9:00 AM (Volunteers 7:45 AM)**

Lord of Life is hosting a Mobile Food Giveaway on Saturday July 31st beginning at 9:00 AM in the church parking lot. Volunteers are needed by 7:45 AM to unload the truck and assist with packaging the food for distribution. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/2UoNxjf> or call our office today!



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

**Call for action from the Mission and Outreach Committee**

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***Keep hold of instruction; do not let go: guard her, for she is your life. - Proverbs 4:13***

Education is one of the strongest tools that a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. This year, the Mission and Outreach committee will be sponsoring school kits for Lutheran World Relief during the month of August. Lord of Life Members are encouraged to pick up a backpack and return it to the church filled with much needed school supplies. Backpacks made by Lord of Life Members along with a list of school supplies needed will be provided at church. Watch for details at church!

## WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

**Saturdays @ 4:00 PM | Sundays @ 9:00 AM**

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The Worship and Music Team continues to evaluate our worship practices in accordance with our plan and guidance from the CDC. You have probably noticed the easing of a variety of restrictions over the past two months. This month we announced that we will permit fully vaccinated persons to remove masks for worship. Masks remain a good option for anyone with concerns, a compromised immune system, or for a variety of reasons have not yet been vaccinated. We will also be resetting our worship space in two weeks. We will continue to observe distancing in seating. Thank you for your understanding as we strive to respect the well-being of all who call Lord of Life home.

## SENIOR PICNIC

**Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Thursday, July 22 @ 11:30 AM**

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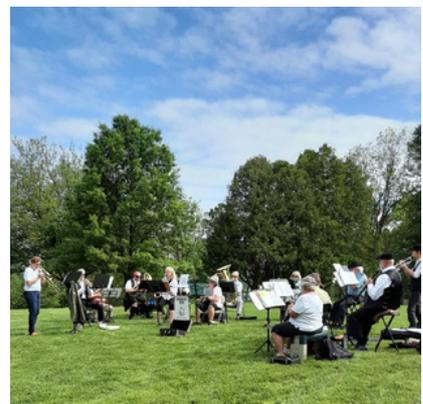
The Senior Lunch Group will be meeting again at the Arboretum on Thursday, July 22, at 11:30 AM. Everyone 50+ is welcome. Please bring your lunch, beverage and lawn chairs. If you have any questions, contact Peggy Granovsky.

## GIVING THANKS

**From the Mission and Outreach Committee**

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To everyone who supported our May 22, 2021 CROP Walk, we extend a big "Thank You." Lord of Life Lutheran Church raised \$755.00 to support Church World Services. CWS continues to fight against disease, disaster, displacement and other concerns which leave people hungry. Thank you for your support to help our neighbors, brothers and sisters near and far to get the meals and help they need. As always, 25% will remain in Dubuque County and will be distributed to PIN (People in Need), the Dubuque Rescue Mission and the Dubuque Food Pantry. Thank you all!



## 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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