

November 2018

Lord of Life

Lutheran Church

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH



An Attitude of Gratitude

BY PASTOR PAUL

*"...[give] thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Ephesians 5:20*

What are you thankful for? When was the last time you stopped to think about that question? If you're like most people, it's probably been a while. It's not something we think about a lot for one reason or another. I want to suggest, however, that it may be something worth adding to your daily routine.

An attitude of gratitude can make just about anything else we are facing in life seem a little more tolerable. When we focus on the things we are thankful for, we shift our attention away from the things that negatively impact our thoughts and we become energized and more able to deal with life. An attitude of gratitude also helps us to place the focus on what God has done for us.

Looking for a fun reminder about gratitude? In the hit movie *White Christmas*, Bing Crosby and his co-star singing the song, "[Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep](#)" and encourage us, the viewer, to focus on the ways that we've been blessed each night at bedtime. What a great idea! I'd also like to add another idea for your consideration. (*cont'd*)

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If you need help thinking about the things to be thankful for, check out Luther's explanation of daily bread from in his catechism. "*What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

And one more thing... During the month of November, we will have a bulletin board set up and a variety of paper tags available in the Gathering Space at church. I'd like you to consider writing down something you are grateful for, then post it on the gratitude board. Call it public encouragement for others to think about, to be open to having an attitude of gratitude during the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving. If you prefer to post on social media, consider tagging the church @lordoflifedbq on Instagram or Twitter and use the hashtag #gratitudelife with a photo and description of what you are grateful for each day.

Oh, and just so you know, I am grateful for all of you! I am grateful for Lord of Life, for the opportunity to proclaim the gospel among you, and for the many ways in which you show God's love to others.

President's Message

By Jon Dienst

It's finally here! The long awaited sign is finally installed. We've started to play with the display a little bit. Currently we are displaying a welcome message, service times for Sunday's and the time and temp. Look for other messages to the community and possibly some quirky sayings. Perhaps the congregation has some possible phrases? Let me know. We'll see what we can do to include them and post them.

It's that time of year for the stewardship drive and thinking about your time and talents. Please consider donating to our general fund, debt reduction fund, and serving the church with your time and talents. Thank you!



CARING FOR OUR CONGREGATION

We care for our members as we offer opportunities for spiritual growth and build strong relationships.

Parish Education

Maria Troftgruben, maria_troftgruben@hotmail.com

Some upcoming dates to remember for the month of November.

- On November 18th, a rotation Sunday, the children will be a part of another service project. They will take part in creating care packages for college students.
- On Sunday, November 25th, there will be NO Sunday school.

Each week Sunday school children are invited to bring offering. The offering collected this fall will be donated to ELCA Disaster Relief to aid those who have been impacted by the hurricanes this fall. Children are also invited to bring in a cake mix and frosting to be donated to the food pantry in honor of their birthdays. They can also bring in change equal to their age, so we can count together how old they are as we recognize birthdays each week. (i.e 5 pennies for 5 years, or 8 dimes for 8 years or, \$6 for 6 years old).

Looking ahead to December, there are no plans, at this point, for a traditional Children's Christmas program. If anyone would like to volunteer to coordinate such an event please be in touch. Otherwise the Sunday School children will be a part of the 10:30am worship service on December 16th. More details to come.

Family Ministry would like to reach out to our college students by once again providing care packages that include treats and letters of support written and drawn by our Sunday school children. Please help us make this long standing tradition a success by donating for the cost of shipping, or by donating treats.

Each package contains treats, a handmade card, Christmas ornaments, Bible verse, a note from the congregation and an invitation to the midweek Advent services and Christmas Eve/Day services. A sign up sheet will be provided in the gathering space. Parents: if you have a child attending college or serving in the military please send an updated address to Laura Sherlock Lsherlock@mchsi.com

Looking Ahead...

Breakfast & Decorating!

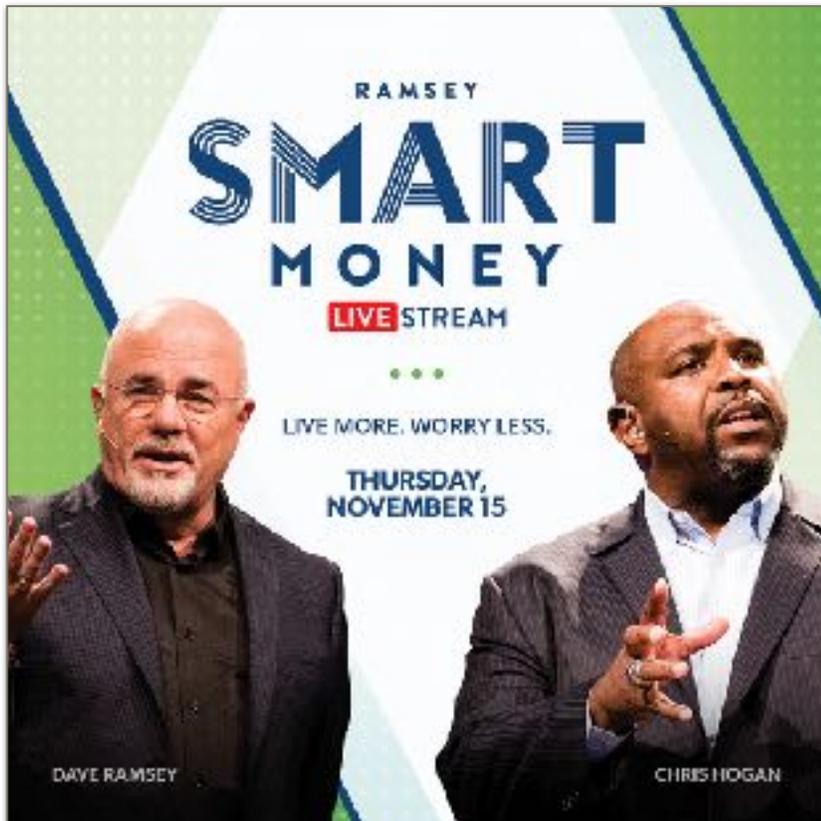
Join us for breakfast with the Lord of Life family, followed by decorating for Advent and Christmas! The Men's Breakfast group will cook for you and we'll have each job laid out and ready to go with clear instructions and helpers. We'll put up Christmas trees and decorate the building for all our guests. Everyone can help (no matter how big or how small, how young or how old!). The fun begins on **Saturday, December 1st at 8:00am.**

Christmas Tree Lighting & Advent Fair

Join us on **Sunday, December 2nd** as we light our new Christmas tree on the front lawn, share in a variety of fun activities, crafts and music, munch on cookies and sip hot cocoa at this FIRST EVER event! See you Sunday, December 2nd at 3:30pm. Tree lighting at dusk! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to Lord of Life!



Congratulations to our newest confirmed members! These young people affirmed their baptisms on Sunday, October 28th, Reformation Sunday. Thank you to all who walked with them on their faith journey (so far!).



SMART MONEY

Ask any of the folks who attended Financial Peace University and they will tell you that DAVE RAMSEY knows how to teach people about money. This event will cover the 7 basic steps toward financial independence and creating a plan to control every dollar! Great for parents, grandparents or anyone who relies on money to live (you get the idea).

Lord of Life will host this LIVE STREAM event on Thursday, November 15th. Doors open at 6:15pm, stream starts at 6:45pm.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are members of Lord of Life trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. Congregation members and others in the community can receive care from a Stephen Minister. If you are struggling through a difficult time in life—experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness or some other life crisis you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential care. To learn how to become a Stephen Minister or receive care, contact Pastor Paul at 563-582-7371 ex 101 or pastor@lordoflifedbq.org.

Senior Lunch (50+)

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the Seniors will be meeting for lunch on the third Thursday in November. Please join us at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 15th, at Vinnie Vanucci's, 180 Main Street, for Italian food and fellowship. It will be a great opportunity to give thanks for all our blessings. Contact Peggy Granovsky if you have any questions or want to RSVP.

Older Wiser Lutherans [O.W.L.s] Outing Planned

Join us for a visit for a lunch and learn event at the New Mellerrey Abbey on Monday, November 12th. Sign up at church or email Pastor Paul pastor@lordoflifedbq.org.

Library Wish List

Lord of Life's "Little Library" has a Wish List! If you would like to contribute to our library, visit our Amazon wish list at <http://a.co/3q6ySpo>.

Thank You for Giving!

Thank you for giving in support of our shared ministries at Lord of Life. You are making a difference in our church, our community and in our world. Total giving for **October 2018** was **\$31,334.51**.

Food Pantry Christmas Basket Donations Needed

Please sign up in the Gathering Space at church to donate Christmas basket items for the Dubuque Food Pantry. Help make Christmas a little brighter for some families in our community.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

On Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00pm, Resurrection Catholic Church will again host our community-wide interfaith Thanksgiving service. You may find this an uplifting service and reminder.

Thank You from Louis and Ramona Kartman

Thank you for helping make our 65th Wedding Anniversary special. We love you all and have enjoyed watching Lord of Life grow over these many years.

Thank You from Asbury Halloween Parade Organizers

Pastor Paul,

Thanks once again for your great support of the Asbury Halloween Parade! We are so fortunate to have your great group to assist us with this community event! Please pass along our heartfelt thanks to all those who assisted with the evening's events!

Sincerely,

Peggy Thill

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

We care for our neighbors through acts of service and generosity.

Make a Flood Bucket!

Flood buckets contain essential cleaning supplies to help people clean up their homes and businesses following a flooding disaster.

In 2017, the Northeastern Iowa Synod's Disaster Response Network invited congregations to bring flood buckets to the 2017 synod Assembly in Decorah. Congregations responded by bringing 150 flood buckets!

In addition, St. John Lutheran, Cedar Falls, donated 150 flood buckets to celebrate the congregation's 150th anniversary. Other congregations have also reached out to help neighboring communities affected by flooding.

Thank You!

The flood buckets have been stored at Glenwood Lutheran, Decorah; Grace Lutheran, Tripoli; and the Cerro Gordo County Emergency Management, Mason City.



In little more than a year, more than 200 of the buckets have been used for clean up after flooding in Sumner and Mason City.

You can help replenish the synod's supply of buckets, so that we can remain ready to respond when flooding occurs again in Northeastern Iowa.

To donate or to learn more, contact:

Pastor Mark Anderson,
Assistant to the Bishop,
Northeastern Iowa Synod
319-332-1414
Email: andersonm@stetazywood.org

HOW TO MAKE A FLOOD BUCKET

Each flood bucket must be assembled according to the instructions below, with all items listed. The value of each flood bucket is approximately \$60.

BUCKET CONTENTS:

- One five-gal on bucket with reusable lid (if bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind)
- Four scouring pads
- One scrub brush
- Five dust masks
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes (at least one fairly hefty for washing mold)
- Detergent towels (optional, like Easy Wipes™)
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like *yo!*)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn™)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One package of 48-60 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Two pairs latex gloves (one heavy-duty, like *Playtex*™ dishwashing gloves, not the thin ones sold for painting etc.)
- One pair work gloves
- 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)

• One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, chow or lotion, not aerosol)

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

All cleaning items must be new — all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened.

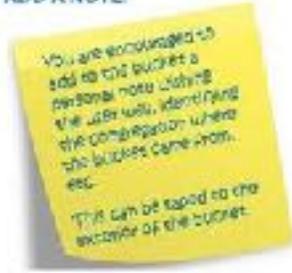
Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Please Note: Do NOT substitute items, add items, or leave items out of the buckets. If the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size.

Suggestions from Lutheran Disaster Response: Many items can be purchased at local dollar stores at a substantial savings. The *Lyol* cleaner can be difficult to find — be sure it is a concentrated formula.

If items are in boxes (like the trash bags), the box can be removed to conserve space in the bucket. Packaging from the dust masks can also be removed and the mask placed in a zip lock bag.

ADD A NOTE!



Flood Buckets

The Northeastern Iowa Synod has a history of supporting those in need as they recover from flooding. This year has been a particularly challenging one for much of our synod and the need is great for more flood buckets. Take a look at the information and see if this is something you would be willing to do. We will gather flood buckets at church and transport them in bulk to the synod office in December.

Mobile Food Pantry at Lord of Life Needs Volunteers

On Saturday, November 17th we will host our first ever mobile food pantry, thanks to the St. Stephen Food Bank. Our mission to care for our community and to love our neighbor compels us to serve by feeding hungry people. We need a LOT of help to pull it off. Please assume that we need YOU and sign up to serve one, two or all three shifts.

Sign up online: <https://signup.zone/pBcBfPjwQygcKtxTv>

CARING FOR OUR WORLD

We care for our world in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS

**Tied in Faith
Sent in Hope
Wrapped in Love**

In October, 55 quilts, made by members and friends of Lord of Life, were taken to Cedar Rapids for shipping to Lutheran World Relief for worldwide distribution. Thanks to everyone who contributed fabrics, help sew and tie the quilts.

In addition to the quilts, 14 school kits were assembled and donated to LWR.

Help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief

Monday, November 12, 6:30 pm

You can reach out to those with some of the greatest needs in the world by wrapping them in the work of your hands through a Lutheran World Relief quilt. Join us on Monday, November 12th, 6:30 pm to help with this ongoing mission project. No sewing experience necessary. For more information, contact Marilyn Koehler (582-6430) or Barbara Lindecker (588-1532).

Since 1983, given from Lord of Life:

1032 quilts + 18 given to other causes

484 personal care kits

376 school kits

Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rock Point, AZ

This year, **150 Box Tops for Education** (found on various products) were sent to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rock Point, AZ to benefit their school. There is a collection box near the coffee bar for this ongoing outreach project. Thanks to everyone for saving these items to help support their mission.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are a great way to remember or honor a family member or friend. There are two ways to provide an arrangement for worship:

Use a Florist: Write your name on the flower chart next to the date you would like to provide flowers. Place an “F” in front of your name. The church office will order an arrangement from Butt’s Florist at the cost of \$16.00 Place the payment in a “Altar Flower” envelope provided by the church office and fill out as directed.

Supply your own flowers: Have a garden full of flowers? Wish to make your own arrangement? Write your name on the flower chart next to the date you would like to provide flowers. Place an “O” in front of your name.

Weekly E-News

Our Weekly E-News is published each Wednesday and contains information about the week ahead. Sign up at our website and you will receive information about upcoming activities and events for the week along with any special announcements or reminders.

Sermon Podcast

Did you know you can listen to the sermons from all of our services online? Visit www.lordoflifedbq.com/sermons or find us on Google Play, iTunes, or your favorite Podcast app! Do you have an Alexa? Just say “Alexa, play the Lord of Life Lutheran Church sermon podcast”.

Around the Church Photos in October...



Church Calendar

Nov 2018 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<p>Healing Prayer Sunday</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>6:30pm - Miscelos &</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>6 pm - Confirmation Circle</p> <p>8 pm - First Wednesday</p> <p>7:30pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>1:30pm - Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am - Women's</p>	<p>Change Clocks</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Choir Singa</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11am - OWLs Outing -</p> <p>6:30pm - Quilters @ Lord of</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 pm - Girl Scout</p> <p>6:30 pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6 pm - Confirmation Circle</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:30am - Seniors</p> <p>1:30pm - Prayer Shawl @</p> <p>6:30pm - Smart Money Live</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8am - Mobile food pantry</p> <p>9am - Mobile Food Pantry</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>No Confirmation</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30pm - Girl Scout</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Hunger Sundry</p> <p>8am - Worship</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6 pm - Confirmation Circle</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8 AM

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
Greeters	1. Dan & Joan Decker 2. ...	1. Gene Giltner 2. Barbara Lindecker	1. Kevin & Jenn Cartee 2. ...	1. Deron Muehring 2. Lois Frieberger
Ushers	1. Barry Pickart 2. Maya Dirksen	1. Jim & Bernita Gilbertson 2. Leah Norton	1. Sam Deaver 2. Sue Deaver	1. Sandy Heer 2. Steve Heer
Reader	1. Susan Hansen	1. Al Simms	1. Brandie Seay	1. Sandy Heer
Assisting Minister	1. Al Simms	1. Jon Dienst	1. Jamie Reising	1. Susan Hansen
Communion Server	1. Kevin Eipperle 2. Peter Niklasen 3. ...	1. Sam Deaver 2. Sue Deaver 3. ...	1. Phyllis Fishnick 2. Lois Freiburger 3. ...	1. Jon Muehring 2. Gene Giltner 3. ...
Acolyte	1. Jackson Ingalsbe	1. Maxwell Ingalsbe	1. Andrew Niklasen	1. Amelia Thompson
Powerpoint and Sound	1. Wes Miller	1. Connor Felderman	1. Ben Niklasen	1. Phyllis Fishnick
Pastor	1. ...	1. ...	1. ...	1. ...
Connection Center - Coffee	1. ...	1. ...	1. ...	1. ...
Lay Caller	1. Nancy Davis	1. Gilbertson	1. Granovsky	1. Marilyn Koehler
Eucharistic Minister	1. Nancy Davis	1. Al Simms	1. Gilbertson	1. Croghan

10:30AM

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
Greeters	1. Penny Minnihan 2. Ellen Sandberg-Shook	1. Bryan & Kristy Mours 2. ...	1. John & Susan Ohms 2. ...	1. Ackerman Family 2. ...
Ushers	1. Volunteer 2. Kenzie Hall	1. Craig Miller 2. Jeff Mentzer	1. Sara Jones 2. John Cocayne	1. Kennedy Family 2. ...
Reader	1. Josie Boyle	1. Nate Frambach	1. Debbie Thomas	1. Brandie Seay
Assisting Minister	1. Kevin Curoe	1. Diane Frambach	1. Joan Cram	1. Lorice Amlin
Communion Server	1. Troftgrubens 2. ... 3. ...	1. Jenny Miller 2. Darlene Curoe 3. ...	1. Phil Granovsky 2. Addison Jones 3. ...	1. Vonda Hermesen 2. Sarah Lange 3. ...
Acolyte	1. Luke Boyle	1. Dominic Stache	1. Kylie Felderman	1. Easton Felderman
Powerpoint and Sound	1. Nancy Davis	1. Nancy Davis	1. Galen Thomas	1. Justin Seay
Pastor	1. ...	1. ...	1. ...	1. ...
Connection Center - Coffee	1. ...	1. ...	1. ...	1. ...

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am

10:30am

Faith Formation at 9:15 am

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Stay in touch with Lord of Life by receiving our monthly news via email. To sign up, visit our website. Go to Events + Media/Newsletter.

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