

# Lord of Life Lutheran Church

## News

April 2018



### HE IS RISEN! (Now what?)

I always enjoy our celebration of Easter. It is, for me, the single biggest reminder of why all of this faith business matters. I'm sure that you have your own experiences from your lives that remind you of how special Easter is. For me, I recall the charge "HE IS RISEN!" and my response, "He is risen indeed, alleluia!" as a child. We still use this same call and response in worship at Easter. I'm glad. It feels good to say it out loud, together.

So my question is, "Now what?" Now that we've celebrated Jesus' Resurrection, what happens? As a congregation, we will use this Good News to remind us that we are called into mission alongside God, who is most assuredly up to something around us.

Our mission statement, "Loved by God, sent to serve" is elegant in its simplicity. We are loved by God (who is risen indeed!) and in response we are invited into serving.

The questions that we continue to explore have to do with specifically how we are being called to serve. You'll recall that our council is working in teams to explore these options, but we need your voice as well. At our annual meeting I invited you to consider how it is that you see Lord of Life and its people interacting within our church, out in our community, and in our world. Have you been thinking about it? If so, I'd love to hear your ideas. We'll be setting up "cottage meetings" over the coming weeks where you can gather in one of our member's homes with me and council leaders. We want to hear what you are thinking, and we want to share some of our research with you.

In the meantime, let's remind each other of that all important, and very GOOD NEWS, "HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!"

Pastor Paul

## A Word From Our Council President

Well Easter is here and we are in the season of celebrating rebirth and the resurrection. Hopefully, members of Lord of Life will help celebrate new life by assisting in planting trees and shrubs this spring. The landscape committee folks have met and will continue to meet to plan out the planting of trees and shrubs on the church property. Look for more information on how you all can get involved.

Something else "new" this spring will be a new sign that identifies the church. The church council has solicited sign designs from Dubuque Sign and have reviewed differently ideas. A new sign design will be voted on soon with hopes of installing the sign by Memorial Day. The intent is to have a sign that is modern, identifies who we are, can be seen by traffic on Hales Mill from both directions and be flexible.

The Church council continues to discuss the three Cares...Care for our Congregation, Care for our Community and Care for the World. We ask that you think about what Lord of life should do to address these cares and more importantly, what can you do to address these? There are going to be opportunities for members to be involved in the three cares this year and beyond.

We as a Church are Loved By God, Sent to Serve. Let's all practice that and be examples for others. Be involved.

Peace,  
Jon Dienst



## Lord of Life Men's Work Day at Camp EWALU

April 13 & 14, 2018

Join the men of Lord of Life as they build relationships and help with work and repairs at Camp EWALU in Strawberry Point, IA.

### **April 13th**

5:00 pm Depart from Lord of Life  
6:15 pm Dinner at the Franklin Hotel  
7:00 pm Evening activities at Camp EWALU

### **April 14th**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Work at Camp EWALU  
5:00 pm Back in Dubuque

Contact Al Simms with any questions, [pastoral2@mchsi.com](mailto:pastoral2@mchsi.com).

**Deadline for sign-up is April 11th.**

Sign up online! or in the Gathering Space at church.

## Financial Peace University FREE CLASS

Sunday April 8th

6:00pm

Gathering Space, Upper Level

Have you been trying to decide if FPU is right for you?

GREAT NEWS! You can come for the first class and it's absolutely FREE. Join us on Sunday, April 8th at 6:00pm for this free class filled with all kinds of helpful and practical information to help you find financial peace. If you decide to take the full course, Pastor Paul will have a few extra member kits available.

Sign up online! (or in the Gathering Space at church)

## "God's Mission: Together we can, with God we will"

The early results of pledges for the campaign to pay down the mortgage are in and we are pleased to announce that with just 30 pledges, we have already exceeded \$100,000! That doesn't mean that your gift isn't needed, too. We'll accept pledges for the next several weeks. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged, and thank you to those who will pledge after prayerful consideration in the coming weeks.

## Your Support

As we move into Spring, we continue to think about all the new ways that Lord of Life will be a vital part of our community. Your gifts help us reach out goals of caring for our church, our community, and our world. Total giving for the month of February was \$20,489.69 and for the month of March was \$19,795.73. Thanks to your contributions, we are able to minister to many.

## First Communion

Congratulations to those who received their first communion!

Jaxon Strohmeyer  
Maxwell Ingalsbe  
Evan Kelley

## Worship

Being involved in the worship service can enrich your life and the life of others. There are many ways to serve during worship.

**Greeter:** Provide a warm welcome and assistance to those attending worship.

**Usher:** Hand out Sunday bulletins, and help collect the Sunday offering.

**Reader:** Read the lessons and psalms during worship.

**Assisting Minister:** Lead a part of the liturgy and serving communion.

**Communion Assistant:** Serve the elements (bread, wine and juice) during Holy Communion.

**Acolyte:** Acolytes bear the light of Christ (candle flame) into and out of worship, and assist with the offering and sacraments.

**TECH:** Serve behind the scenes. Operate the Powerpoint and sound during worship. We will provide training!

**Connection Center (coffee):** Make coffee and provide hospitality between services.

If you are interested in serving, please contact the church office for details.



## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the **Easter Breakfast** a big success! We served more than 80 people this year. In photo to the left next to Coco Lyons, our youth ministry coordinator are 3 of our 4 **ELCA Youth Gathering** Participants. Justin Seay, Roger Klosterman, and Wes Miller [Andres Frambach was traveling with family]. This group will travel to Houston, Texas in June to gather with 30,000 other youth and adults to worship and serve!

## Lord of Life Rummage Sale

May 3-5, 2018



We know that many are anxious to bring their donations to church for the Lord of Life Rummage Sale, but since we continue to need the lower level for continued church functions, it has been necessary to delay the delivery of donations. Thank you for your patience.

We will begin accepting your donations on Sunday morning, April 22, until noon. After that, the main door of Lord of Life, near the office, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. The church is open for worship services on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The lower level of the

church will also be open from 6-9:00 PM on Monday through Wednesday, April 30-May 2, as we prepare for the sale. Undoubtedly, there will be other times that the church will be open for you to drop off donations, but please remember that all donations must to be taken to the fellowship hall in the lower level of the church and stacked in the designated area. Volunteers will unpack, organize and price items for you.

If you have furniture or large items which you are unable to transport to the church, arrangements can be made to transport those items for you by calling Sandy Heer at 556-0606 or email [ssheer@mchsi.com](mailto:ssheer@mchsi.com). Please contact Sandy so arrangements can be made in advance of the sale.

Many volunteers will be needed during the week of April 30 through May 5. We will need volunteers for set-up and pricing, working at the rummage sale and for clean up after the sale. You will find volunteer sign up sheets posted in the narthex of the church in early April. This is not only a great opportunity for some wonderful stewardship, but also a good way to get to know others at Lord of Life.

We will once again be blessed to receive some generous support from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans that will assist us in the purchase of treats and needed supplies for this fundraiser.

All proceeds from the sale will be divided evenly between ELCA Disaster Relief and the Lord of Life Landscaping Beautification Project.

Now please don't miss out on this opportunity to DONATE, VOLUNTEER and COME make some purchases at the Lord of Life Rummage Sale. You'll be glad you did!

## Giving Thanks!

Dear Friends,

You've blessed me with prayers, hugs, cards, and memorial gifts in honor of the memory of my dad, Verdon Erickson. I was so touched to see a lovely flower arrangement from you at his funeral service. Your many kindnesses are so very much appreciated.

God Bless You All,  
Kris Eipperle

Thanks to everyone for making the Lent Walk possible this year! We appreciate the time and energy that the following people shared to set up the stations/scenes: Tara Grace, Amanda Mairet, Kris Stache, Kevin & Darlene Curoe, Phyllis Fishnick, Maria Troftgruben, Laura Sherlock, Steve & Sandy Heer, Coco Lyons and any youth volunteers, Jim & Bernita Gilbertson, and Troy Troftgruben. Thanks to all that participated and attended the Lent Walk to reflect on the life of Jesus!

Dear Members of Lord of Life Lutheran Church,  
LSTC (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago) is grateful for your February 28, 2018 tuition support of \$500.00 for student Marissa Becklin. We are better able to prepare the next generation of spiritual and community leaders to bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ because you join us in our educational mission. Thanks to you, LSTC can sustain our commitment to the many communities that we serve. In our long-term strategic planning for the seminary, we are emphasizing the importance of our efforts as a religious community to form leaders to form community. LSTC strives to best prepare our students at meet challenges and opportunities as they are called into the world to lead and serve. Your partnership provides necessary sustenance and inspiration to do God's work.

Sincerely,  
Jessica P. Houston, Assistant Vice President for Development Programs

Lord of Life Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your donation of items to stock the shelves this month to the Food Pantry. It is such a blessing to have your support in giving back to our community. This is a needy time of year for some. We served a record 402 families in the month of January with 1,110 people in those families. Keep up the good work. Together we are making a difference in our community.

Blessings,  
Theresa Caldwell, Manager

## In Our Prayers

The Strohmeyer Family on the passing of Scott Strohmeyer's mother, Evelyn R. Strohmeyer.

Kris Erickson and her family on the passing of Kris's father, Verdon Erickson

## 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. Contact Pastor Paul at [pastor@lordoflifedbq.org](mailto:pastor@lordoflifedbq.org) or call 563-582-7371 ex 101.



## The Library

Lord of Life has a wonderful library filled with books that range from subjects like bible studies to novels. We also have a section just for children. Here are a few books we recommend:

*The Cup of Our Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth* by Joyce Rupp

*“A cup as a symbol of an inner journey? The ordinariness of a cup reminds me that my personal transformation occurs in the common crevice of each day.”*

*Where Angels Walk* by Joan Wester Anderson.  
Before God created man there were angels.

*The Jesus Style* by Gayle D. Erwin, with built in study guide.

“John the Baptist asked “Are you the one?” Jesus responded by listing his caring, healing actions - actions somewhat less dramatic than the traditional expectations of the Messiah.”

*Advent to Epiphany* by Liena Apsukrapsa, Jacqueline L Hullaby. An interactive devotional.



## Wartburg Theological Seminary Used Book Sale

April 4 & 5            7:30am - 10:00pm  
April 6                7:30am - 12:00pm

The book sale will be closed each day from 9:25 to 10:15am for chapel. Book dealers must wait until Thursday and Friday. Most paperbacks will be priced at 25¢, most hardcovers priced at 50¢. Select books will be priced higher. Sealed bids will be accepted on

several sets of commentaries and larger works. Contact the Wartburg library at 563-589-0267 with questions.

## Activities, Meetings and Calendar

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month

1:30pm

Gathering Space, Upper Level



### **Quilting for Lutheran World Relief**

Monday April 9th

(2nd Monday of the month)

6:30-8:30pm

Gathering Space, Upper Level

### **Senior Card Party**

Monday April 9th

1:30pm

Gathering Space, Upper Level



### **Senior Lunch**

Thursday April 26th

11:30am

The Country Junction 913 15th Ave. Dyersville, IA

The birds are singing, the snow is gone (we hope), so it's time for the senior group to hit the road again. On Thursday, April 26, we will be traveling to Dyersville for lunch and fellowship at 11:30 a.m. at The Country Junction, 913 15th Ave. Contact Peggy Granovsky if you have questions or would like to RSVP. Please let us know if you want to carpool, so we can make arrangements.

# Calendar

Wed Apr 4, 2018

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

7:00pm - Worship

7:30pm - 8:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu Apr 5, 2018

1:30pm - 3pm Prayer Shawl

Friday, Apr 6, 2018

5:30-8:30pm - Babysitting at Church

Sat Apr 7, 2018

7pm - 10pm Lord of Life Go To Hockey Game

9pm-12am - Babysitting at Church

Sun Apr 8, 2018

8:00am Worship

9:15am - 10:15 am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

6pm - 8pm Financial Peace University

Mon Apr 9, 2018

1:30pm - 3:30pm Senior Card Party

6:30pm - 8:30pm Quilters

Tue Apr 10, 2018

Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wed Apr 11, 2018

6:00pm - Confirmation

7:00pm - Worship

Thu Apr 12, 2018

6:30-7pm - Stephen Ministry

Sat Apr 14, 2018

8:30am - Women's Breakfast Village Inn

Apr 13-14, 2018

Camp EWALU Men's Work Weekend

Sun Apr 15, 2018

8:00am Worship

9:15am - 10:15 am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

6pm - 8pm Financial Peace University

Wed Apr 18, 2018

6:00pm - Confirmation

7:00pm - Worship

7:30pm - 8:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu Apr 19, 2018

1:30pm - 3pm Prayer Shawl

Sun Apr 22, 2018

8:00am Worship

9:15am - 10:15 am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

6pm - 8pm Financial Peace University

Wed Apr 25, 2018

6:00pm - Confirmation

7:00pm - Worship

Thu Apr 26, 2018

11:30am - 12:30pm Seniors Luncheon

6:30pm - 7pm Stephen Ministry

Sun Apr 29, 2018

Hunger Sunday

8:00am Worship

9:15am - 10:15 am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

6pm - 8pm Financial Peace University

## Resources Links (Electronic version only)

[Good News \(April 2018\) – newsletter from Women of the ELCA](#)

[Living Faith at Home \(April 2018\) – newsletter from the Home Life Network](#)

## Livestream of the Lutheran Men in Mission Bold Gathering

April 14, 2018

What does it mean to be a bold, daring follower of Jesus? Men are invited to find out at the Lutheran Men in Mission's Bold Gathering set for Saturday, April 14, at Elkhorn, Nebraska, and through a livestream broadcast online beginning at 11:00am.

The Bold Gathering is a day for men to come together to learn, to network and to be equipped to boldly live out their faith. Six talented men from different parts of the country and retreat leaders from Bethany Lutheran, Elkhorn, will bring their passion and teaching to the LMM nation in 20-minute talks. Topics include "Reaching Younger Men," "Tips and Strategies to Effectively Take Men Deeper," "Why Change with Your Men's Ministry is Hard" and more.

Individual (\$5) — Register yourself and watch from your home

[www.boldgathering.com](http://www.boldgathering.com)

## Have News or Announcements To Share?

Email us at [communications@lordoflifedbq.org](mailto:communications@lordoflifedbq.org).

Monthly Newsletter deadline is 15th of the month. Weekly e-news deadline is the Monday of each week.

## Weekly E-News

Lord of Life's weekly E-news is emailed every Wednesday morning with information pertaining to Wednesday night activities, worship and upcoming events. If you are interested in receiving the weekly e-news, sign up here or text LORDOFLIFEDBQ to 22828.

## Worship Assistants

The sign-up sheets to serve during worship for April thru July are now available online. If you need help, please contact Grace at the church 563-582-7371.

Go to <https://signup.zone/lord-of-life> or visit our website.

## Contact Us

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### **Organist**

Kris Erickson Eipperle

### **NOW Worship Leader**

Bri Kennedy

### **Choir Director**

Brianna Tieskotter



## Council

Council President:	Jon Dienst
Council Vice President:	John Shook
Treasurer:	Anna Rechtenbach
Secretary:	Susan Hansen
Stewardship:	Galen Thomas
Parish Education:	Maria Troftgruben
Evangelism:	Mike Ackerman
Youth:	Roger Klosterman
Youth Member:	Wesley Miller
Mission and Outreach:	Jenny Miller
Worship and Music:	Tara Grace
Facilities:	Deron Muehring



WEEKLY  
WORSHIP

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday 7:00pm

ONLINE

[www.lordoflife.online](http://www.lordoflife.online)

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