

January 2019

# Lord of Life

Lutheran Church



## **A New Year Begins with a New Call to Discipleship**

BY PASTOR PAUL

“SO IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THERE IS A NEW CREATION: EVERYTHING OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; SEE, EVERYTHING HAS BECOME NEW!” - 2CORINTHIANS 5:17

I like this Bible verse because it reminds me that no matter what, God has worked a new thing in me because of Christ. It's a great reminder as we begin a new calendar year. All the shortcomings, regrets and failings of 2018 are behind us and we get a fresh start at a new year.

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This is a great time to be nice to yourself and forgive yourself for missing that goal or last year's New Year's Resolution! Instead, ask yourself, "What is God up to in my life and what is it that God needs me to hear, see, or do in the coming year?" I like to ask these questions. First, because they place the focus on what God is doing and second, because they call on me to be open to what God desires for my life.

God is most assuredly up to something through the people of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. God definitely is calling us to join in God's mission, to be God's hands and feet to serve our congregation, our community, and our world. What can we do to get ready?

## What can we do to get ready?

As your pastor, among the things that I am called to do at Lord of Life is to preach and teach. In 2019, I want to invite you into a year of deeper learning and faith formation. Specifically, I want to invite you into a deeper look into a life of discipleship and all that it entails. Over the coming months there will be opportunities to learn more about spiritual practices. We'll talk about what discipleship looks like and discuss what discipleship looks like with descriptions like these,

**Worship** regularly, experience God's Word in Scripture and proclamation, the Means of Grace found in the bread and wine, and the waters of baptism. Commit to being in worship here or as you travel.

**Pray** in daily life, around the dinner table, as you drive, as you wake and as you sleep. Let all of life be a prayer! Commit to praying every day.

**Grow** in faith. Attend Bible studies and adult faith formation offerings, read the Bible, invest in your faith each day, learn spiritual practices. Commit to growing in faith every day.

**Give** of your time and money regularly. Be intentional about supporting God's call to mission through Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Commit to a life of generosity.

**Serve** faithfully. Find a ministry and share your gifts through serving others. Commit to serving this congregation, this community and our world by joining forces with your church family.

**Encourage** others. We are called to love one another. Learn what that looks like by encouraging those who are going through a difficult time. Come alongside others and walk with them or offer a hug and a prayer.

**Invite** others to worship. We've been saying this at the end of just about every worship service for almost a year now, but has it sunk in yet? All the statistics about worship attendance and church growth say the same thing. People come to church because of a personal invitation.

You see, I believe that God is not finished with us yet and that being made a new creation means opening ourselves up to the Spirit's leading. The only question is, will you join me in a year of discovery and learning to find out what it means?

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# ANNUAL MEETING

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Please take note that the annual meeting of the congregation will take place on the first Sunday in February. There will be an informational meeting to answer questions about the proposed budget for FY2019 held on the Sunday before the annual meeting, January 27, 2019, between services. All are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend the informational meeting but would like to ask a question, please see council president Jon Dienst.

Date: Sunday, February 3, 2019

Time: 9:15am [Between worship services]

Location: Sanctuary

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## DECEMBER IN PICTURES



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# CARING FOR OUR CONGREGATION

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

## Parish Education

Maria Troftgruben, [maria\\_troftgruben@hotmail.com](mailto:maria_troftgruben@hotmail.com)

The youth and children did a great job participating in worship on December 16th. Thank you to everyone that was a part of this service! Also, thank you to Tara Grace and Coco Lyons for the pictures they took to make the Christmas Eve kid's time slideshow happen. The kids had fun, and it was a neat way to present the story of Jesus' birth!



Coming up in January, Sunday school will start up again on Sunday, January 6th. There will be one small change to the January schedule. January 20th will be a regular Sunday School class time instead of a rotation Sunday. Phyllis Fishnick, as Granny Puff, will be doing opening on both January 14th and January 20th.

For anyone interested in being a part of a Education team, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 at church. We will reflect on what worked well and what could change for Sunday School in relation to Christmas. We will talk about what curriculum to continue with in the spring. We will plan for the lenten walk, and discuss options for VBS or summer programs. Please plan to attend and help shape the direction of Sunday School and impact the faith of our children.

## 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](mailto:pastor@lordoflifedbq.org).

## **Senior Lunch (50+)**

Thursday January 24th

11:30 am

Houlihan's, 1801 Greyhound Park, Dubuque

Start the New Year by meeting with old friends and making new ones. Join us for lunch and fellowship at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 24th, at Houlihan's, 1801 Greyhound Park. Everyone 50+ is welcome. For more information or reservations, please contact Peggy Granovsky.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

First and Third Thursday of each month

1:30 pm

Gathering Space

Looking for a new project to start the New Year? Pick up those abandoned knitting needles or crochet hooks and come to a Prayer Shawl Gathering. We meet at 1:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month (1/3 and 1/17). Our shawls are created with prayers and love, yet simple to make. For more information please contact Peggy Granovsky.

## **OWLs (Older, Wiser Lutherans)**

The 2nd Monday of the month.

January 14, 2019

1:00 - 3:00 pm



Throw your hands in the air like you just don't care! This group of fun Lutherans is for anyone who feels they are older and wiser. With that said, bring a snack to share and join us for cards!

## **Our Little Library**

Have you checked out our little library lately? We have a new fireplace and coffee maker! It makes for a warm cozy place to explore our books or to just ponder life!

A special "thanks" to Jan Helwig for her generous donation to the library of a Keurig and funds to purchase new books. Watch for new books each month as we freshen up our library.

## **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!**

Take a peek into our Lord of Life Nursery and you will notice that it has become a more inviting space for our children. Thank you to all who have made donations of toys or other supplies.

Gathering with family to share a Christmas meal is such a special time. Because of all of the generous donations in support of the Dubuque Food Pantry Christmas Baskets, many more families in our community will be able to share that special gift of Christmas.

A huge thank you to Linda and Bruce Bothwell for your ongoing commitment in the delivery of donations to the Dubuque Food Pantry.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who share their time and talents through their work at St. John's Open Closet and the men's shelter. Special thanks to the congregation for all of your donations of clothing, bedding and other supplies. These outreach efforts truly changes lives.

Thank you to the congregation for the care package! It was great during finals week to know people at home are praying for me! Go Hawks! - Michaela Jones

Thank you for all of the amazing donations for my service project! It was fun to see the excitement when kids received them. Over 50 kids received a shoebox. Thank you! - Addison Jones

Thank you for allowing me to have the pie auction in the Gathering Space. The fundraising event was a huge success! Between the silent auction, single slice purchases, and donations, we raised over \$700 in a little over an hour. Huge thank you to all who helped, bought pies, and donated pies. Money raised will go to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. Families and kids will receive great benefits. It's amazing what can be done when we all come together for a great cause. Thank you for the support! For the kids - Olivia Miller

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Megan Dahlke-Cordes & Dave Cordes on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Rae, on November 26th.

## **Our Sympathy**

Our sympathy and prayers go to to:

Maria Troftgruben's family as they grieve the death of Maria's father.

Cheryl Peacock on the death of her father-in-law, Thomas Peacock.

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## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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*We care for our community through our efforts to meet the needs of those in need.*

### **Little Food Pantries Feed Neighbors and Build Community**

We are the proud owners of a little food pantry! Each little food pantry is stocked with nonperishable food items, personal care products and household items for anyone who needs them. The pantries are small, so they do not provide the quantity and variety found at other food pantries, but the little pantries can be accessed at any time and provide a safety net for families who are in a pinch.

Our Little Food Panty has been provided by the Northeast Iowa Synod. Once we paint and install the panty it will provide a wonderful service for our community.

### **Hunger Outreach**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Hunger Outreach is partnering with St. Stephen's Food Bank on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Holy Trinity is located on 1755 Delhi Street. Distribution will be from 9:30 to 11:00am. Registration to qualify for food will begin at 8:45am. Additional distributions will be at Resurrection Church on February 16th and at St. Joe the Worker on March 23rd.

### **Next Mobile Food Pantry Date Announced!**

Many have asked us when our next mobile food pantry will happen. We're pleased to announce that Lord of Life will host its next pantry on Saturday, April 27, 2019. As always, it takes many hands to make something this big work. Mark your calendars now to spend some time serving our neighbors and feeding hungry people.

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## CARING FOR OUR WORLD

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*We care for our world by supporting ELCA ministries of care and service.*

### **Quilts for Lutheran World Relief**

Monday, January 14th, 6:30 pm

Join the Quilters for Lutheran World Relief as they assemble and tie quilts. No sewing experience necessary to help with this ongoing mission project. For more information, contact Marilyn Koehler (582-6430) or Barbara Lindecker (588-1532).

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# FROM THE OFFICE

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## 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](http://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.” Over the last year, our sermon podcast has been downloaded over 1,500 times!



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# Worship Assistant Schedule

## 8am Service

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
<b>Greeters</b>	1. Gene Giltner 2. Barb Lindecker	1. Barbara & Larry Croghan 2. ...	1. Dan & Joan Decker 2. ...	1. Jim & Bernita Gilbertson 2. ...
<b>Ushers</b>	1. Dan & Joan Decker 2. ...	1. Lois Freiburger 2. Jeff Mentzer	1. Strohmeyer Family 2. ...	1. Deron Muehring 2. Maya Dirksen
<b>Reader</b>	1. Sandy Heer	1. Al Simms	1. Jennifer Cartee	1. Barb Lindecker
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	1. Al Simms	1. Susan Hansen	1. Gene Giltner	1. Jamie Reising
<b>Communion Server</b>	1. Jamie Reising 2. Peter Niklasen 3. ...	1. Doris Felderman 2. Phyllis Fishnick 3. ...	1. Larry & Barbara Croghan 2. ... 3. ...	1. Kevin Eipperle 2. Jon Muehring 3. ...
<b>Acolyte</b>	1. Hannah Felderman	1. Maxwell Ingalsbe	1. Jackson Strohmeyer	1. Jolee Strohmeyer
<b>Powerpoint and Sound</b>	1. Benjamin Niklasen	1. Wes Miller	1. Kevin Cartee	1. Barry Pickart
<b>Connection Center - Coffee</b>	1. ...	1. ...	1. ...	1. ...
<b>Lay Caller</b>	1. Davis	1. Granovsky	1. Gilbertson	1. Marilyn Koehler
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	1. Davis	1. Al Simms	1. Croghan	1. Gilbertson

## 10:30am Service

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
<b>Greeters</b>	1. Jason & Sara Jones 2. ...	1. Breanna Felderman 2. Val Kennedy	1. Sarah Lange 2. Craig Miller	1. Penny Minnihan 2. Jan Helwig House
<b>Ushers</b>	1. John & Vonda Hermsen 2. ...	1. Jim & Kenzie Hall 2. ...	1. Sara & Addison Jones 2. ...	1. Kennedy family 2. ...
<b>Reader</b>	1. Brandie Seay	1. Nancy Davis	1. Tara Grace	1. Nate Frambach
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	1. Kevin Curoe	1. Bri Kennedy	1. Joan Cram	1. Lorice Amlin
<b>Communion Server</b>	1. Tara Grace 2. Phil Granovsky 3. ...	1. Sarah Lange 2. Bryan Mours 3. ...	1. Mike Ackerman 2. Darlen Curoe 3. ...	1. Nancy Davis 2. Vonda Hermsen 3. ...
<b>Acolyte</b>	1. Easton Felderman	1. Luke Boyle	1. Jack Steffen	1. Carter Felderman
<b>Powerpoint and Sound</b>	1. Justin Seay	1. Phil G	1. Hayle Hall	1. Connor Felderman

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>30</p> <p>Hunger Sunday</p> <p>6am 6-12th Grade S</p> <p>Create</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Jan 1</p> <p>Office open</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Limited Office Hours</p> <p>No Confirmation</p> <p>1:30pm Prayer Shaw</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Healing Prayer Sund</p> <p>8am Worship</p> <p>9am 6-12th Grade S</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30pm Mission &amp; C</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30pm Council Met</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6pm First Wednesd</p> <p>6pm Confirmation C</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm Stephen Mil</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30am Men's Break</p> <p>9:30am Women's Br</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8am Worship</p> <p>9am 6-12th Grade S</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1pm Older Wiser Lu</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6pm Confirmation C</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:30pm Prayer Shaw</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8am Worship</p> <p>9am 6-12th Grade S</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>12pm Youth Service</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6pm Confirmation C</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:30am Seniors Lu</p> <p>6:30pm Stephen Mil</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Hunger Sunday</p> <p>8am Worship</p> <p>9am 6-12th Grade S</p> <p>9:15am Information</p> <p>2 more</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6pm Confirmation C</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Feb 1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>&gt;</p>



# LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **Worship Schedule**

Sundays

8:00 am

10:30am

Faith Formation at 9:15 am

### **Go Green!**

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