

# Lord of Life Lutheran Church News

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

June 2018



## Summer Schedule Begins June 2nd

Our summer schedule for worship begins on Saturday, June 2nd.

June, July, and August

Saturdays 5:00pm

Sundays 9:00am

*Note that we will put the midweek service on hold over the summer as we add the Saturday evening option.*

# Endings and Beginnings

by Pastor Paul

*1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

It's June already! My how time flies. We're into our summer schedule for worship beginning the first weekend of June and things like Sunday School and adult faith formation and midweek programs have come to a close for another school year. Some have graduated from high school and will move onto what is next for them, some staying close and some traveling far. College and seminary grads are launching into their new lives. But then, we knew the time would come soon enough, right?

The summer months provide us with a much needed respite, a break from being as busy as we seem to be the rest of the year. Perhaps it's because many of us take vacations during the summer, or because school is out of session, maybe it's just because traffic seems a bit calmer without all those buses on the road?

I love the passage from Ecclesiastes that I shared above. I've used it for weddings and funerals alike because it serves as a reminder that time moves on, that things have a purpose but only in time will we fully understand.

Things change. They do. Lord of Life has been changing and evolving since it's inception nearly 40 years ago. Things will continue to change for times such as these. Each of us, in our free time this summer, can pray for God's guidance for ourselves and for our church. Each of us can ponder what it is that God is calling us to, next. How it is that the Spirit is guiding us to be the church where we are planted. It's always a good time to pray for these things and to wonder together, "What's next?"

This past year we experimented with Wednesday night programming, including a meal for fellowship, faith formation classes, and worship. At times we had big crowds and at other times we flat out fizzled. We'll take time to evaluate the schedule and to ask questions and pray about what this will look like next year.

Our Youth ministry coordinator, Coco Lyons, has been working to bring together parents and other caring adults with our youth to launch a new youth ministry team. The progress has been slow, but hopefully we will see the fruits of these efforts later in the summer. I celebrate that Roger Klosterman will travel to Houston with Justin, Andres and Wes for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering later this month. Speaking of praying, please include them along the way and watch for bulletins and updates from Houston.

Seniors ministry has launched. So far we have been primarily about building community through fellowship activities. We've gathered for card games and we even hit the golf course (mini golf that is)

for a fun afternoon in May. It feels like the right time for this group to grow. How will this group find purpose moving forward? We're asking God that question, too.

Soon we'll be offering cottage meetings, think of them as small groups meeting in homes for the purpose of listening. I, along with your congregational council, want to gather with our members and regular worship family to listen to your dreams and hopes. We want to hear about your sense of purpose for our church and to imagine together how the Holy Spirit is leading us, together.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven..."

I'm excited to discover our time and our purpose. I believe that there is a reason that God has entrusted you and me to be the church in this time and in this place.

Have a great summer!

## A Note From Our Council President

Wow! It seems like it was just Easter and here we are into Pentecost. There are times when I wish time would just slow down. Especially as I get older and wonder, "Where did all the time go?" Rita and I want to personally thank the congregation for the support you have given Marissa (and us) during Marissa's growth spiritually and, ultimately, with her graduation from seminary at LSTC. Although we had a little rain during the ceremony, we were inside and we were warmed by the Holy Spirit and energy of the people celebrating. Again, we look around and wonder...where did the time go.



At Lord of Life we are also surrounded by the Holy Spirit and there is an energy here too. An energy to get things done and make a difference. The Church Council is starting to identify tangible activities that we can do and accomplish that meet up with our 3 Cares: Care of the Congregation, Care for the Community and Care for the World. One activity happens on June 3rd when we will care for the community by cleaning the roadside along the NW Arterial followed up by lunch at church. We have a lot more activities planned for us all to make a difference and live out our mission.

So as we move through the year, make sure you take time to relax and contemplate a little bit. Do it before all of time is gone. :)

Jon Dienst  
Council President

## Spring Highway Clean-up

Sunday, June 3rd

10:30am - Noon

Meet at the Lower Level

Join us as Lord of Life makes the world a better place! We will be picking up trash on the last mile of the NW Arterial. Middle school age and up are welcome to join us. Meet in the lower level of the church for instructions and supplies before we car pool to our destination. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes.

After the clean up we will meet back at the church for a cook out! Contact Steve Heer with any questions. 563-451-8063 (cell).

## Mini Day Camp

June 26th- June 28th

9:00am to 11:30am

Cost \$10.00 per child

Open to children 4 years old through those entering 5th grade

Contact: Maria at maria\_troftgruben@hotmail.com.

The morning will include music, games, snack, prayer, service, Bible stories, and special activities.

Registration forms can be found by the coffee bar in the narthex.

**Registration is due by June 3rd.**

Volunteers are needed to assist in supervising the children and overseeing the activities. Youth and adults are both welcome to help.

I also need volunteers willing to share a hobby, passion, or talent with the children. It could be baking, gardening, music, art, science, yoga, animals, or many other things. It would only require 30 minutes of your time one morning to share your gifts with the children. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Maria at maria\_troftgruben@hotmail.com.

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Bri Kennedy

#### **Choir Director**

Open



## Summer Music

### Hymnody

Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like to have included in summer worship? Add your hymn suggestions by date to the sign-up list in the narthex. Dates open range from June 23/24 through August 25/26. Please submit your requests with 2 weeks advanced notice.

### Special Music

Your musical offerings are welcome during worship this summer, ranging from solo instrument or vocal solo to instrumental ensemble or mixed voice pieces. Sign up in the narthex or online to provide music in worship for a Saturday or Sunday service this summer. June 23/24 through August 25/26. Sign up online here:

<https://signup.zone/gB8r8fZ2GQZrPsDBC>.

### Church Music Conference

June 23rd

8:30am - 3:00pm

Warburg Theological Seminary

Workshop cost: \$45 (\$20 full-time students)

Dr. Roy Carroll brings an Association of Lutheran Church Musicians workshop to our community on Saturday, June 23rd from 8:30 - 3:00 at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

Presenters and Topics:

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan – Psalmody and song leadership with voice and guitar.

Roxanne Eggen Rollefson – Choral reading sessions; leadership skills for small choirs for adults and children.

Roy W. Carroll – Assembly song leadership from on and off the bench – organ and piano.

The Rev. Janet Lepp – Young people as worship leaders: invite, include and involve

Online registration is available at

<https://alcm.org/event/dubuque-ia>

## The Children of Lord of Life Can Use Your Help!

Maria Troftgruben, Parish Education

I am looking for help sewing 6 or 7 prayer pillows. The pillows will be gifted to 3 and 4 year olds during their FaithStone event in the fall. I have the sewing instructions and even a little fabric available at church. If this sounds like a fun summer project please let me know!

I am also looking for a few people to help out with changing out the contents of busy bags. They are usually switched up about once a month. If a few people are able to help, we can divide up the year and only be responsible for a couple months of the year. It doesn't take a lot of time to put in new books and items and it sure keeps the kids happy with a bit of variety each time they choose a bag!

If you are able to help out with either of these opportunities, please contact Maria Troftgruben. maria\_troftgruben@hotmail.com

## Apples For Students

St Mark Youth Enrichment Center has been giving bags of school supplies to school-age children in the Dubuque area for over 20 years. It may seem early to ask for donations for this project but when collected, the donations can be used to buy school supplies in July when they go on sale. Every penny collected goes to buy items to fill the bags. The cost of each school bag is about \$35 and more than 1,200 young students receive these bags. Therefore, we will be starting our campaign for this project in mid-June. Help us to help these young people. Look for the apple tree in the gathering area to donate to this cause.

## Stephen's 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 563-582-7371 ex 101 or pastor@lordoflifedbq.org.

## Debt Reduction Campaign Update May 2018

Lord of Life's debt reduction campaign, God's Mission: Together We Can, With God We Will, is well underway. 49 pledges have been received to date totaling **\$141,000** toward the three year goal of \$350,000. Pledges will continue to be accepted through year end. Pledge cards are available from the ushers, and are located on the usher's table near the sanctuary entrance.

Lord of Life Church Council and Stewardship extend our thanks and gratitude for everyone's generosity that will help sustain Lord of Life's three Great Cares: Care in our Congregation, Community, and World.

## Summer Reading Suggestions

Lord of Life's "Little Library" offers a variety of reading opportunities. Check out these titles:



*Genesis From Creation to a Nation* by Ken Fleming

*The Power of a Praying Parent* by Stormie Omartian - "Turn to the Father and place every detail of your child's life in His loving hands."

*Chicken Soup for the Christian Woman's Soul*

*Gift from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh (Yes, that Lindbergh) - A small book with simple wisdom and a gift from the sea re-opened.

*The Artist's Rule* by Christine Valters Painter - This book draws on the insights and practices of Benedictine spirituality to explore the interplay between contemplation and creativity.

*Jesus Calling for Little Ones* by Sarah Young - A book that reassures toddlers and preschoolers of Jesus' never-ending love.

## Go Green!

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.

## Find Us Online

[www.facebook.com/lordoflifedbq/](https://www.facebook.com/lordoflifedbq/)

<https://twitter.com/lordoflifedbq>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEFSvoO-qjirnyddZpXhG9w/featured>

<https://www.instagram.com/lordoflifedbq/>

## We Give Thanks

Congratulations to Ross Alan Brown, child of Jason & Keri Brown, on his baptism on May 20th. The sponsors were Amy & Mark West.

Prayers for Scott and Jamie Reising and family in celebration of the birth of their son as the four of them welcome him into their family.

## Thank you for giving....

For the month of May our giving total was \$27,923.00 in total. THANK YOU for supporting our shared ministry through your tithes and gifts. Your attitude of gratitude when it comes to generous giving allows us to serve the needs within our building and all around the world through our partnerships with the Northeastern Iowa Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Later this month, Justin, Wes and Andres along with Rog Klosterman will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. A portion of your giving supports this ministry which will provide thousands of books for young readers, help with hurricane relief efforts, feed the hungry, educate and empower the youth of the church, and gather them together around Word & Sacrament in a revival atmosphere with 30,000 participants singing, praying, hearing inspirational messages and receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion (you think it takes a while to commune everyone in OUR worship service!).

## Thank you From Wartburg Seminary

Dear Rev Amlin and Friends at Lord of Life Lutheran Church,

"I thank my God every I remember you, constantly praying with joy in ever one of my prayers for all of you..." Philippians 1:1-2

WE are indeed thankful today and every day for your partnership in Wartburg Seminary's mission. What a gift you are to future leaders for the church!

As President of Wartburg Theological Seminary, it is my privilege to thank you for your gift of \$320.65 to the Wartburg Seminary Fund.

Your generosity and prayers are making it possible for students to respond to God's call. Your partnership allows us to deepen our students' learning on campus and across the country. The biggest impact of your gift takes shape in the new leaders that are sent out each year to serve the church across the United States and the world.

This is the work we do together and why I am so grateful to you for this partnership we share. Thank you for all the ways you support our mission-through prayers, gifts and lifting up leaders. For all of these things, we are grateful.

In Christ,  
The Rev. Louise N. Johnson, President

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month  
1:30pm  
Gathering Space, Upper Level

## Attention Quilters

Quilters will not meet as a group during the summer months, (June, July, August). We will resume in September.

## Senior Lunch (50+)

Thursday, June 28th  
11:30am

The Seniors will be traveling to the lovely river town of Bellevue for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Potter's Mill, 300 Potter Drive. For those craving ice cream following lunch, a trip to Grandpa's Parlor can be arranged. Please contact Peggy Granovsky to RSVP, or if you have questions regarding lunch or carpooling. Join us for fun and fellowship!

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 9  
8:30-9:30am  
Lower Level

Join a great group of guys for breakfast and conversation!

## Dates To Remember

June 2	First Saturday Worship 5-6pm
June 3	Healing Sunday
June 3	Worship 9am
June 3	Highway Clean-up
June 3	Financial Peace University
June 4	Mission and Outreach Meeting
June 7	Prayer Shawl 1:30 - 3pm
June 8	Synod Assembly NE Iowa Synod
June 9	Synod Assembly NE Iowa Synod
June 9	Men's Breakfast
June 9	Worship 5-6pm
June 10	Worship 9am
June 10	Synod Assembly NE Iowa Synod
June 11	Limited Office hours
June 12	Limited Office hours
June 12	Council Meeting 6:30pm
June 13	Limited Office hours
June 14	Limited Office hours
June 14	Stephen Ministry 6:30-7pm
June 15	Limited Office hours
June 16	Worship 5-6pm
June 17	Father's Day
June 17	Worship 9am
June 21	Prayer Shawl 1:30 - 3pm
June 23	Worship 5-6pm
June 24	Hunger Sunday
June 24	Youth Gathering Sending Service
June 24	Worship 9am
June 26	Mini Day Camp
June 27	Mini Day Camp
June 27	2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
June 28	Mini Day Camp
June 28	2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
June 28	Seniors Luncheon
June 28	Stephen Ministry 6:30-7pm
June 29	2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
June 30	2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
June 30	Worship 5-6pm

See our full calendar on our website at:  
<https://www.lordoflifedbq.com/calendar.html>



## It's A Church Picnic!

Sunday, August 12th at 4:00pm  
Eagle Point Park, Open Air Pavilion  
Park entrance fee is \$1

We will have fun and games, music, and of course a good meal.

Join your friends from other area ELCA congregations for a picnic! Bring a dish to share, we'll cook the burgers and hot dogs!

## Summer Meals for Kids and Teens

Dubuque Community Schools are offering breakfast and lunch this summer at no cost to children and teens ages 6-18. The meals are provided through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. Enrollment is not necessary .

Meals will be served at Prescott Elementary, with breakfast from 7:30 to 8 a.m. and lunch from 11 to 11:30 Monday through Friday beginning June 13th through July 27th.

A number of other sites throughout the community will serve breakfast, lunch, snacks and supper courtesy of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Dubuque, the United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States and the Dubuque Leisure Services Department. For a complete list of the locations and times, visit the Dubuque School District's website.

## Thank you!

A special thank you to Brianna Tieskotter for her service as our adult choir director. Bri's work schedule and the demand for her time as an instrumental music instructor have led to leaving her role as choir director. We are grateful to God for your leadership and gifts at Lord of Life.





## Congratulations, Roy!

Our very own Dr. Roy Carroll received the Living Loehle Award from Wartburg Seminary this past month. This award is presented to those with distinguished service to and through the church. A Professor Emeritus at Loras College, Roy recently retired after a forty-six-year career of teaching music, twenty of those years he served as cantor and instructor of Church Music at Wartburg Theological Seminary. Of course, many of us know Roy's work as musician and choir director for Lord of Life for many years.

Congratulations, Roy! We thank God for your gifts and for your service to the greater church!

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## Altar Flowers

Sign-up is located in the office. Dates available include:

July 8

July 29

December 9

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## Attention Worship Servants

Please sign up for the summer by using the online sign-up sheet located at <https://signup.zone/lord-of-life>. We are transitioning from the church office assigning dates and ask that you sign up using the online sign-up for the Sundays you wish to serve. If you need help, feel free to call Grace at the church office at 563-582-7371.

## Financial Peace University

As this newsletter is published, we are concluding our first-ever Financial Peace University course at Lord of Life. Twelve participants have journeyed through the nine week course to a better financial future. It is gratifying to hear their stories of success and new-found financial wisdom. We will offer another course this Fall. Stay tuned for more details!



# LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY  
WORSHIP

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 9:00am

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