



March 2018

LORD OF LIFE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Finding Our Passion

WHERE DO YOU FIND YOUR PASSION TO SERVE?

There are service clubs and organizations all over the world, many have local representation in our area. Elks, Eagles, Lions and maybe even some Parrot heads (Jimmy Buffet fan shout out). Many of our advanced high school programs require an element of service in order to successfully complete the course of study. As humans, we know that it is natural to want to serve others. It's what gets some of us out of bed each day! Many of you chose a career based on how it would serve the greater good, for others, volunteering scratches the itch to serve. Serving, it seems, is a passion project. It calls us out of ourselves to care for others.

The difference between a service club and the church? We intentionally carry with us the Good News of Jesus Christ in our serving. We are motivated by God's calling, inspired by the Spirit's leading, and driven to serve in response to God's great love first given to us.

As a congregation, we are working on finding our passion areas for serving. Last month I introduced our three great Cares. To review, Care in our Congregation (how do we make disciples and tend to our church), Care in our Community (how are we tending to the needs in the communities which surround us), and Care in our World (how are we participating in our world as the people at Lord of Life Lutheran Church).

Our council continues to explore the many possibilities for our serving, and as I've said before, we are excited to learn about your passion areas for serving as well. In the next month we will have a special sermon "interview" with a couple of members who just returned from a medical mission trip to Jamaica. We'll hear about passion for serving in our world. On Palm Sunday we'll have a special guest preacher, Pastor Mark Anderson, Assistant to the Bishop for Northeastern Iowa Synod, who will offer a presentation during the faith formation hour about the many ways we are connected in our larger, synod, community, and in partnerships around the world.

This is an exciting time to be the people of Lord of Life Lutheran Church! We are finding our direction forward now that we have completed our beautiful building upgrades and learning God now calls us to be the church on this side of that exciting project. We have begun our capital campaign and have already seen videos that remind us of where we've come from, soon we will see all four videos. The passion for this place and the ministry that happens here are evident in all of the videos. Just between you and me, I admit, that watching these videos caused my eyes to well up in tears.

As we begin year two with you, Lorice and I both are filled with excitement and gratitude. I look forward to finding our passion for this place, together, and seeing where God will takes us!

In peace and hope,
Pastor Paul



Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018
8:00 & 10:30am
Join us for a
celebration of
new life!

Easter, more than cute bunnies.
(Though we love cute bunnies)
Lord of Life Lutheran Church | 2899 Hales Mill Road | Asbury, IA

GIVING IT UP

A SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

Adapted from a series by Pastor Matthew L. Kelley

Our Lenten series continues as we explore “Giving It Up”. Join us Wednesday night as we talk about the things that God wants us to give up, not just for forty days, but forever.

5:30-6:30pm - Soup Supper
Lower Level - Fellowship Area

7:00pm - Worship Service

March 7th

Giving Up Superiority

March 14th

Giving Up Enemies

March 21st

Giving Up Our Lives

March 28 Holy Week

(No Wednesday night activities)



Did you miss a Wednesday night service? You can listen to the sermons online.
Visit <https://www.lordoflifedbq.com/sermons>.

Special Lenten Activities

Lenten Walk

Sunday, March 18th

9:30am

This special event for ALL AGES reflects on the events that led up to the miraculous resurrection of our Lord. There will be 11 “Scenes” set up for ALL to view, read a Bible passage, and there will be a time for reflection.

Money For God’s Mission

Sunday, March 18th

Commitment Sunday for Children

The Children of Lord of Life are encouraged to fill their coin banks in the coming weeks to contribute to the church’s campaign. If they didn’t receive a coin bank, there are extras on the table near the coffee bar at church. Today is the day to return their coin banks as a part of our “noisy offering” collection while adults are making their pledges.

Holy Week In A Bag

Available March 18th and March 25th

These family devotions include a picture, bible passages to look up, and a discussion question for each day of Holy Week.

Holy Week Coloring Poster

Sunday, March 25th

Palm Sunday

No Sunday school this day but there will be Holy Week coloring posters available in the classroom next to the nursery. Families can work on the poster together that morning at church or take one home.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday April 1

9:15-10:15am

Lower Level Fellowship Area

Nothing is better than breakfast! We are having pancakes, breakfast casseroles, sausage, orange juice & coffee.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a time of somber reflection and preparation for the joyful resurrection of the Lord. Two special services are held: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.



Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

8:00am & 10:30am

Celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Special Guest Rev. Mark Anderson, Assistant to the Bishop

No Sunday School for children

Forum between services in the sanctuary for all

Maundy Thursday

March 29 2018

7:00pm

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Good Friday

March 30, 2018

7:00pm

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day, the triumph of the cross, reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died.

Easter Sunday

April 1st

Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

Easter Breakfast 9:15-10:15am



Wonders of Worship Faith Stone

March 4, 2018

9:15-10:15am

Sanctuary

1st and 2nd graders, with their parents, will take a look at the "what" and "why" of worship and get a brief introduction to stewardship and sharing their talents. We look forward to seeing you then! If you haven't received a letter, please contact the church office or Heather (557-7379, felds_52001@msn.com

Sunday School could use your help

with the Lenten Walk on Sunday, March 18th at 9:30am. They need several volunteers to be in charge of setting up a scene for the Lenten Walk. The scenes can use people as "actors" in the scene, props, or whatever your imagination can dream up to create a "still life/scene" for all to view! Grab a friend or two and let me know of your willingness to share Jesus' life with our congregation! Please contact Heather Felderman at 557-7479, 599-4545 or felds_52001@msn.com as soon as possible.

First Communion Instruction

Pastor Paul will offer First Communion instruction on Sunday, March 18th from 1:00-3:00pm. If your child is currently in 5th grade or older and interested in receiving the Sacrament on Maundy Thursday of Holy Week, please sign up online.

<https://signup.zone/2k6mAzD3dhvJxq3wX>

At least one parent or grandparent is required to participate in the class.

Stephen Ministry

Are You Going through a Difficult Time?

A Stephen Minister can help. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through a crisis or a difficult time. To learn how you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential care, contact Pastor Paul at pastor@lordoflived-bq.org or call 563-582-7371 ext 101.

Pastoral Care

You are important to us. If you are in the hospital, scheduled for surgery or need pastoral support we are here for you. Call Pastor Paul at 563-582-7371 ext. #101. If you get voicemail, please leave a message and Pastor will return your call as soon as possible.

The Council

We will be meeting in retreat this month on Sunday March 4th. We welcome your prayers as we welcome new members and thank outgoing council leaders. Our Council meeting this month will be a portion of the retreat.

The Library

Lord of Life has a wonderful library filled with books that can enrich your faith formation. They range from subjects like bible studies to novels. We also have a section just for children. Stop by and take a look. You are bound to find something interesting. Take a book home and enjoy!

Worship Assistants

You are now able to view the schedule and sign up to serve online. If you need help, feel free to call Grace at the church office at 563-582-7371.

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



A Note From Our Council President

As we move through Lent, we think about what God has done for us and what more we can do for others. I am one who gets down on myself a little for not doing more. But like Coco said during her sermon during the February 21st Lenten service, we need to let God take control. Let's all lift things up and let God provide direction.

Every time the congregational council meets, we first have a devotion and prayer which puts us in a state of contemplation. We then ask to see how everyone is doing. This way we lift the decision making and put it in God's hands. Take time during this season to reflect and think what you can do to let God help lift the burden from you.

With God's Grace,

Jon Dienst

Activities and Events

Senior's Card Party

Monday March 12, 2018

1:30-3:30pm

Gathering Space, Upper Level

We're launching a Seniors Ministry at Lord of Life. Retired and looking for friends to hang out with? Join us for our first-ever Seniors Ministry Card Tournament! No knowledge of cards required to join the fun! Bring a snack to share. Fabulous prizes MAY be awarded, special award for the person who brings the most visitors.

Senior Luncheon

Thursday March 22, 2018

11:30am

Catfish Charlie's, 1630 E. 16th St, Dubuque, IA

All seniors (50+) are invited to join us for lunch and fellowship on Thursday, March 22nd, at 11:30 a.m. at Catfish Charlie's, 1630 E. 16th St. As we look forward to sunshine and hope for an early spring, let us gather with old friends and new. Please contact Peggy Granovsky if you have any questions. RSVP to Peggy by 3/19.

Monthly Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

2nd Saturday of the Month

8:30am - 10:30am

Kitchen/Fellowship Hall, Lower Level

Join us for a BIG breakfast, lots of laughs, and real talk about being a man of faith in our world today.



Monthly Women's Breakfast

2nd Saturday of the month

Village Inn 8:30am. For more information, contact the church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month

1:30 PM

Gathering Space, Upper Level

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, join us in this warm and caring ministry. Each shawl is lovingly made and given to those going through difficult times like medical challenges, illness, times of stress, loss Join us in this wonderful way of sharing God's love. If you know of someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl, let us know. We would love to share God's love.

The Sunday School Offering

recipient for Spring (Jan – May) will be Resources Unite in Dubuque. Resources Unite’s mission is to help strengthen communities by connecting people to volunteer opportunities and resources that lead to a happier and more engaged way of life. Their efforts benefit a wide variety of people in need in our community. The offering donation will assist them in their mission of helping others, which is what we’re all called to do as children of God!

Sharing our Neighbor’s Faith

On Sunday March 11th we will be hosting the Imam from the Tri-State Islamic Center. Dr. Adib Kassas will both share his faith and respond to our questions. Dr. Kassas is also involved in the leadership of Children of Abraham which works to “create an atmosphere in civic life that builds inter-religious solidarity, cooperation, and friendship.” We urge you to consider joining us during the Adult Hour (9:15-10:15) for what will be a unique opportunity to learn and share. Prior to our time with Dr. Kassas, we will be gathering on the 4th to prepare ourselves for his arrival. This will be an opportunity to know ahead of time, a bit about Islam and to consider what questions we might have for the Imam.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)

Maybe you’ve never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you’ve had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life’s most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn’t be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI’s director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Monday, February 12

6:30 PM

Gathering Space, Upper Level

Join our quilters as they prepare and assemble quilts that will reach out to those with some of the greatest needs in the world. Help Lord of Life wrap them in love by the work of your hands. Through Lutheran World Relief, the quilts are distributed all over the world. Join us on Monday, February 12th, 6:30 pm to help with this ongoing mission project. No sewing experience necessary.

Hungary

The Northeastern Iowa Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hungary began a companion synod relationship in 2011. Through this relationship, synod members have an opportunity to expand their horizons to learn, grow and pray with and for our brothers and sisters in Hungary. For more information go to <http://www.neiasynod.org/ministries/companion-synod-hungary/#>

Namibia

The Northeastern Iowa Synod has had a companion relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia since 1990. Representatives from the Northeastern Iowa Synod have visited Namibia in May 2009 and May 2012. A number of Northeastern Iowa congregations have hosted visiting pastors from Namibia. For more information, go to <http://www.neiasynod.org/ministries/companion-synod-namibia/>

Lord of Life Lutheran Church Donation Report

We are grateful for the generosity of our congregation! Receipts for January 2018 came in at **\$37,937.28**. Because of your generosity we partnered with ELCA World Hunger to feed hungry people around the world. One way your donation helps ELCA World Hunger is through domestic hunger grants. The ELCA World Hunger-funded Domestic Hunger Grants Program supports ministries that offer hope and assistance to many thousands of people who experience poverty and hunger in the United States. These grants do more than just give food to people who are hungry – in addition to immediate relief programs, ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grants fund projects in advocacy, community development, community-based organizing and relief that strengthen the foundations of communities affected by hunger and poverty.

Your donations to Lord of Life are impacting our country and our world for good! THANK YOU!



- 76% of people live paycheck-to-paycheck
- Average amount spent on credit card interest \$2630 per year
- 64% of Americans can't cover a \$1000 emergency
- Money is the 2nd leading reason for divorce
- Imagine if your kids never had to know debt

What's the answer? I have facilitated this course for literally hundreds of families and individuals over the past ten years. I continue to receive messages and notes from folks thanking me for introducing them to a 9-week course on finances. I hear from people praising God that they are now debt free after being buried alive in student loans and other debt. A friend of mine just bought a house and only has a small mortgage because he and his wife were able to make a large downpayment after becoming debt-free and planning ahead for the purchase.

Imagine for a moment that you signed up for the course. It's 9 weeks later and you now have a budget, a plan, common goals with your significant other, and the tools you need to become debt free. How would that freedom change your life?

What if you were following a plan for your money that you KNEW worked? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future.

The course involves an investment on your part. The 9 week course will meet each Sunday beginning April 8th from 6-8pm at Lord of Life. Each person/couple will need a kit which costs \$109 (that's actual cost) and includes Everyday Deluxe for one year (a \$100 value) for an online budgeting tool, 1 year of access to all class videos online plus all course resources online to help you navigate the hard work of taking charge of your finances.

Take a minute to visit our website page for the course and watch the video, then check out the course information. www.findfinancialpeace.org

March 2018

Thursday, March 1

1:30pm Prayer Shawl

Sunday, March 4

Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

Healing Prayer Sunday

9:15am Wonders of Worship Faith Stone
for 1st & 2nd grade

Noon Council Retreat

Monday, March 5

6:30pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, March 7

5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper

6:00pm Confirmation

7:00pm Midweek Lenten Service

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 8

6:30pm Stephen Ministry

Saturday, March 10

8:30am Men's Breakfast

Don't forget to change your clock!

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Saving Time

Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

Monday, March 12

1:30pm Seniors Card Party

6:30pm Quilters

Wednesday, March 14

5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper

6:00pm Confirmation

7:00pm Midweek Lenten Service

Thursday, March 15

1:30pm Prayer Shawl

Sunday, March 18

Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

9:30am Lenten Walk for all ages

1:00pm First Communion Instruction

Monday, March 19

RSVP due to Peggy for Sr. Lunch on Thurs
3/22

Wednesday, March 21

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper

7:00pm Midweek Lenten Service

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 22

11:30am Seniors Luncheon

6:30pm Stephen Ministry

Sunday, March 25

Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

Forum 9:15am

Pastor Mark Anderson,

Assistant to the Bishop

Wednesday, March 28

NO ACTIVITIES (including confirmation)

HOLY WEEK AT LORD OF LIFE

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00pm

Friday, March 30

Good Friday Service

7:00pm

Sunday, April 1

Easter Services

8:00 & 10:30am

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You can help get the word out while surfing Facebook!

Facebook has recently made big changes to their algorithm and though that's great for most of us, it's not so great for your Lord of Life official church page. Why? Well, Facebook now prioritizes posts from just about everywhere BUT pages now. How can you work around this to make sure you see important information from the church like the daily Bible reading, helpful links we think you will like, and things like weather updates and such? It's easy!

Go to our page: <https://www.facebook.com/lordoflifedbq/>

1. "Like" the page.
2. Next, go to the box next to "Like" that should read "Follow" or "Following" and click or hover over to reveal an option to "SEE FIRST" and select it.
3. You can also choose to be notified when we post.

When you see our page posts in your newsfeed, please "Like" them and if you are feeling generous, SHARE the posts on your newsfeed. This *really helps* us get the word out about our church!

Same goes for Instagram and Twitter, find us @lordoflifedbq and follow, then like and share. Thanks for helping us get the word out about Lord of Life!

Thank You's

Lord of Life,

I wanted to thank everyone involved for sending care packages and keeping me in your prayers while I've been at Iowa over the past four years. I promise that they've all been put to good use, and I'm continually grateful to have grown up in a church community that has continued to keep me in mind through college.

Thank you!
Garrett Frambach

Thanks so much to the ladies of your church for the wonderful prayer shawl!
Was a comforting blessing for us. God Bless all of you.
Dee and Dick Young

Dear Pastor Paul,
Wow! Please tell the folks at Lord of Life that we are incredibly grateful for the gift of \$204.71 to ELCA World Hunger. With the geo-political crises and the natural disasters, the need for our church to be active in feeding the hungry and the homeless is greater than usual. To see more about the work of the ELCA Hunger and how your gift will make a difference, please visit www.elca.org/hunger.
Your Partner in Ministry,
Pastor Mark A. Anderson
Assistant to the Bishop

Lord of Life Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donations to stock the shelves at the Pantry. This is a very 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!
Theresa Caldwell, Manager
Dubuque Food Pantry

Invite Someone to Church...

You've heard it a lot over the past year and it isn't going away anytime soon. If our church is to join in God's mission and care for our community, we have to invite others to join us. God is the host, we are all the guests, and everyone deserves to be invited.

To help you over the weeks leading up to Easter, we have designed these fun cards to hand out. Pick up a handful as you enter or exit the sanctuary and... INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH.



Easter Lilies

If you would like to help adorn the altar for Easter by ordering an Easter lily, please fill out the appropriate form that will be located on a table in the Gathering Space and place in the envelope and drop in the basket provided. Deadline is no later than Sunday, March 11th. There are **two** options a smaller 6" lily for \$7.99 and a 16" cost is \$18.99 per plant includes delivery. **Checks should be made out to Lord of Life.**

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Do you know someone from Lord of Life who will be graduating this year? We are collecting information for all our graduates. Please contact the church office via phone or e-mail: office@lordoflifedbq.org to share the information. Thanks!



WEEKLY WORSHIP
Sunday
8:00am & 10:30am
Wednesday 7:00pm

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