

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Newsletter

May 2018



“Growing Church Full of Life...”

That's the headline from a Telegraph Herald newspaper piece done on the church about sixteen years ago. The old, yellowed newspaper was discovered by one of our members while cleaning out closets for the rummage sale. It's a fun article to read, filled with the stories of how the church came to be, all the wonderful programming that was happening, quotes from church members about the difference the church was making in their lives and in the community. There are a few old photos as well (cough, cough). Young children who are now off at college and beyond and few adults who seem to have hair not that long ago...



Lord of Life Lutheran Church, in Asbury, Iowa, has grown fourfold since its beginnings 25 years ago.

Growing church full of Life

It's interesting to read this old biography of Lord of Life and fast forward to today's mission and vision. We say that we are a people who are "Loved by God" and "Sent to serve." I think all of us can get behind this vision. We speak about how we will connect in our congregation, our community, and around the world as our mission, well, really God's mission that we join with... Over the coming months you and I will journey the path of growth toward this vision toward living out this mission.

It will take all of us. Yup. Regardless of how old or young, how long you've been a member, or if you enjoy worshiping with us and want to make a difference, it will take all of us to live out what God is calling us to do and to be. Sure, you may not be able to climb a ladder and shingle a house for Habitat these days, but you can make phone calls and coordinate the serving we will do, right? You may think you're kids are

too young, but your kids can color a picture to mail to a child who needs hope at a care facility for orphans, right?

In the article referenced above, Larry Croghan said, "We have become a sort of community center in Asbury." I believe this is something to aspire to. I'd love for people to know this church, even if they never worship here, as a place that cares and is actively striving to help others.

Will you join me and your council leaders to make it happen? What would an update to that old newspaper bio look like next year, during our 40th anniversary as a congregation, if we all agreed to make things happen, together? Let's find out!

In peace and hope,

Pastor Paul

A Word From Jon Dienst, Council President

We have just celebrated Earth Day on April 22nd and as part of that we talked about care of our creation in Church. I ask everyone to consider that we celebrate that on not just one day but everyday. As I write this I am attending the Upper Midwest Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association conference in partnership with the City of Dubuque's Low Impact Design conference. The theme of the conference is Water and ways that we need to protect it. As we all know water is important. We use water to drink, to bathe, to baptize. Water is essential to life. In John 4:14 Jesus says "but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life". Water is important.

As we continue to look at ways to practice our three cares, don't forget about the care for creation. Now that spring has finally arrived (about time, geez) we can think of things we can do to help with around our little spot of earth. Consider perhaps helping with planting trees at church, planting seeds in the rain garden, help with shrubs around the church building. These opportunities will come soon for everyone. I ask that you also consider other areas of the community where we can help with protecting creation. That might mean volunteer to clean up the roadside twice a year along the NW Arterial or planting trees in your yard. Thank you everyone for all you do to help protect our earth and water.

Peace,

Jon

A Word From Coco Lyons, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Another month here and gone already, April seemed to fly by. The month started with the youth helping to serve and host the Easter breakfast. We teamed up with the Men's Group to make pancakes, egg bake, sausage, fruit salad, and of course, coffee. Approximately 70+ people went through the line and enjoyed conversation between services on Easter morning.

Our confirmation students continued their studies of spiritual gifts. Each student was encouraged to plan a service project using their spiritual gifts. These service projects benefitted the church, the community of Dubuque, and the world. Our Service After Service allowed students to take ownership of their projects. Projects ranged from baking homemade dog treats to raise money for the Humane Society, to hosting a sportsmanship workshop for local 5-6th grade baseball players.

Looking forward, Roger Klosterman and I are in the works of putting together a Youth Ministry Team. This team will help plan service projects, youth group activities, build relationships, and will help get kids and parents excited about their faith. The team will consist of students between grades 7-12th and parents/members of the church who have a passion for youth ministry. We look forward to creating an exciting, faith based, safe environment for every student walking through our doors.

Peace,
Coco

Congratulations Graduates!

Morgan Kennedy will be graduating from Western Dubuque High School.
Andres Frambach will be graduating from Hempstead High School.

Stephanie Niklasen graduated with honors from the University of Iowa this past December in the Human Physiology field.
Garrett Frambach will be graduating from the University of Iowa.

Marissa and Hans Becklin will be graduating from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago with their Masters in Divinity.

*“Lord of Life,
You’ve all played a huge role in my faith journey and development. As we get ready to graduate from seminary, we give thanks for you! Our ordinations will hopefully be some time later this year/early next year. We ask that on May 20th you might hold us in prayer as we celebrate another milestone on this journey. Thank you for your support and love!
Peace,
Marissa and Hans Becklin”*

Thank you!

Thanks to all who sent cards of comfort, said words of comfort directly, or prayed for Tim Shade and his family upon the death of his brother on March 17th. A wonderful church family we are.

Lord of Life Rummage Sale

May 3-5, 2018

Many volunteers are needed during the week of April 30 through May 5. We need volunteers for set-up and pricing, working at the rummage sale and for clean up after the sale. Volunteer sign up sheets are posted in the narthex of the church. Not only will you have fun but it is 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.

Summer Schedule Begins June 2nd

By Pastor Paul

As a reminder, our summer schedule for worship begins on Saturday, June 2nd. I love the summer schedule and the relaxed vibe at Lord of Life. Everyone seems a bit more at ease and worship feels fresh and new. Summer is a great time to invite a guest for worship. Please consider taking some cards to invite folks to Lord of Life. We'll be emphasizing our openness to summer attire, I may even bust out my shorts and sandals for worship! We want our guests to feel comfortable here, to be welcomed as God's beloved ones, just like us. Okay, so here's the schedule...

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.

Take me out to the ballgame...

That's right, we're going to the ballgame on Sunday, June 24th. It's an afternoon game in Clinton and the tickets are just \$10 each. We'll carpool to Clinton around 1:00pm for the 2:00pm start. Make some new friends, enjoy the game, and cheer for the home team!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month

1:30pm

Gathering Space, Upper Level



Senior Putt Putt Golf Outing

Monday, May 14th

1:30pm

Derby Grange

Sign up online today! <https://signup.zone/QHbNZxWGp3d9j3gB3>

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Monday May 14th

(2nd Monday of the month)

6:30-8:30pm

Gathering Space, Upper Level

Senior Lunch

Thursday, May 24th

11:30am

Decker Hotel

128 N. Main St., Maquoketa, IA

All seniors (50+) are invited to join us at the Decker Hotel, 128 N. Main St., Maquoketa, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 24th, for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Peggy Granovsky if you have questions or would like to RSVP. Carpooling will be available upon request.

Mini Summer Day Camp

June 26th - June 28th

9:00 - 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, please contact Maria at maria_troftgruben@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU!

Your tithes, offerings, and gifts for the month of April totaled: \$28,092.86. Because of your financial support we are able to offer many ministries in our congregation, our community and around the world. In this season of graduations, you should know that through our partnership with the Northeastern Iowa Synod we are equipping leaders for the church, together!

Calendar

Visit our online calendar at <https://www.lordoflifedbq.com/calendar.html>

Wed May 2

6 – 7pm Confirmation
7 – 7:30pm Midweek Worship
7:30 – 8:30pm Band Rehearsal

Thu May 3

Rummage Sale 8am-6pm

1:30-3:00 Prayer Shawl

Fri May 4

Rummage Sale 8am-6pm

Sat May 5

Rummage Sale 8am-Noon

Sun May 6

Healing Prayer Sunday
8:00am Worship
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
6 – 8pm Financial Peace University

Mon May 7

6:30 – 7pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

Tue May 8

6:30pm Council Meeting

Wed May 9

6 – 7pm Confirmation
7 – 7:30pm Midweek Worship
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu May 10

6:30 – 7pm Stephen Ministry

Sat May 12

8:30 – 10am Men's Breakfast

Sun May 13

Mother's Day
8:00am Worship
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
6:00pm Financial Peace University

Mon May 14

1:30 – 3:30pm Seniors Group Event
6:30 – 8:30pm Quilters

Wed May 16

6 – 7pm CONFIRMATION CLASS PARTY
7 – 7:30pm Midweek Worship
7:30pm Band Rehearsal

Thu May 17

1:30 – 3pm Prayer Shawl

Sun May 20

8:00am Worship
9:15am Last Day of Sunday School
10:30am Worship
6 – 8pm Financial Peace University

Wed May 23

7 – 7:30pm Midweek Worship

Thu May 24

11:30am Seniors Luncheon Off Site
6:30 – 7pm Stephen Ministry

Sun May 27

Hunger Sunday
8:00am Worship
10:30am Worship

Mon May 28

Memorial Day
6 – 8pm Financial Peace University

May 30

7:00pm Midweek Worship

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 pastor@lordoflifedbq.org or call 563-582-7371 ex 101.

Attention Worship Servants

Please sign up for the month of May 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. You are able to sign up through July. If you need help, feel free to call Grace at the church office at 563-582-7371.

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!

Giving Thanks!

The Last day of Sunday School will be May 20th. It has been a good year and we are thankful for all who have been a part of forming the faith of our children. I would like to thank all the teachers for faithfully giving of their time this past year: Kara Steffen, Amanda Mairet, and Kris Stache. Thank you to Troy Troftgruben and Phyllis Fishnick for leading Sunday School openings and getting the kids thinking about the lesson. Thank you to substitute teachers Tara Grace, Erika Zieglmaier, Liza Pollitt, Mycah Klinker, and Jamie Reising for filling when we had absences. And thank you to all those who volunteered for a Rotation Sunday Station and helped the children experience faith in new ways. And a special thanks to Heather Felderman for all the work she has put in overseeing Sunday School and making it all happen for the past several years!

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.

Have News or Announcements To Share?

Email us at communications@lordoflifedbq.org.

Monthly Newsletter deadline is 15th of the month. Weekly e-news deadline is the Monday of each week. Please indicate which publications you wish to include your announcement.

Resources

NE Iowa Synod Assembly

June 8-10, 2018

Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa

<http://www.neiasynod.org/synod-assembly-2018/>

Faith Lens

Weekly Bible studies that engage youth and young adults in connecting world events with the Bible, faith, and everyday life.

<http://blogs.elca.org/faithlens/>

Take a walk through Jerusalem

ELCA missionaries Adrainne and Ben Gray share a [video](#) of their daily commute through the streets of Jerusalem. Learn more about Adrainne and Ben's work with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land on their [blog](#).

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Worship and Music Elect:	Tara Grace
Facilities:	Deron Muehring

Council Notes

Your congregational council meets each month to discuss the business of the church, but primarily to discuss our call to follow God's direction. We post the official council minutes on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space each month, once approved for publication. Feel free to review the minutes and ask any questions you may have.

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and

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LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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