

Lord of Life

JUNE/JULY 2024 | THE LIFE LINE

May 19, 2024 Day of Pentecost "Family" Photo



Just an FYI.....

The church office will NOT be producing a newsletter for July. News / announcements will be distributed via bulletins and the weekly e-mails. This will give Rita time to focus on the new directory!

From Pastor Karla



Dear Sister and Brothers in Christ,

By the time you read this I will be on holiday (aka vacation 😊). I want to take a moment to thank you all for ALL the support you have shown me these past months. I really am having fun being with you all, but I cannot do what I do without you doing ALL that you DO, so thank you!!!

And with that, I will be with you, as your interim, for longer than any of us had anticipated. I was with Bishop Jones and Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Brackett last week and they had no pastoral candidates to present to Lord of Life at this time and they have no one on the horizon. So, your church council and I discussed at our last meeting that we, as a community, must move forward and plan...and be pleasantly surprised when the Call Community can start interviewing. Keep praying for pastoral candidates and their discernment and may the Holy Spirit lead them in the direction of Lord of Life.

Moving forward and planning –

As you have read in previous newsletters and I have mentioned, at the end of April, I went to Grandview University for **"Faith Forward"** training (funded by the Christian Parenting and Caregiving Initiative of the Lilly Endowment Inc. housed at Grand View University, and works in collaboration with Peer Ministry.

(<https://www.grandview.edu/faith-forward>)

Faith Forward has a three-fold aim:

1. **EMPOWER** rural and small congregations (that's us!!!) to more effectively work with parents, grandparents, and faith mentors through the normal routines of congregational life to help them hand down their Christian faith and values to the next generation.
2. **EQUIP** parents and grandparents with doable, repeatable, livable faith practices.
3. **ENCOURAGE** parents and grandparents in creating homegrown faith through easy-to-use activities and resources which weave faith formation into the normal routines of family life.

This will be ADDING to/ENHANCING what we have already been doing with our Intergenerational Faith Formation over the last few years.

You ALL will be getting invitations to workshops (led by the "Faith Forward" trainers) for parent, grandparents and mentors (meaning....there is a training for EVERYONE !!!)

With all of that in mind, I realized this 'idea' or 'theme' needs to be implemented in ALL that we do at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. With your church council's permission, our theme, starting in the Fall, will be something like: "Lord of Life MOVING Faith Forward" (Bri Ensign is already working on a combined logo!)

I have already been brainstorming with folks to create "pop-up" teams for this next academic year (I know, school isn't even out yet as I am writing this....but we gotta plan and look forward!!!). The teams I have thought of so far are:

1. Worship
2. Education
3. Activities
4. Hospitality
5. Prayer
6. What else ??? 😊

I know this might sound boring on paper....but it really will not be....I promise !!!! I ask you to start prayerfully considering what team you would like to be on....and be ready for me to ask you!

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On Pentecost Sunday, I ended my sermon with this:

"You love Jesus, but do you trust him? Do we trust God's Holy Spirit to inspire us... 'to set us on fire, transform our lives, turn the world upside down'...do we trust God's Holy Spirit to move and motivate our individual hearts and then our community heart, here at Lord of Life? If the answer is yes, then we can no longer put umbrellas up when the Holy Spirit is moving. And I am going to be reminding you of this fact this summer – yep, I, along with the council and a few other folks, are already planning for the fall – and we are going to need for you ALL to trust the Holy Spirit and need you to be 'all in' when our programming starts in the fall."

Can you tell I am excited? I truly am! The Holy Spirit is moving at Lord of Life as we come closer as a community of faith, so that we can pass our faith on to our younger ones and to new members that will come into our midst. My prayer is that we be open to the Holy Spirit, let us not rush to put up umbrellas, but instead, let us hold up our open hands and say, "God, where do you need me?"

Peace to you all!!!
With aloha,
Pastor Karla



One of the many wonderful tools that we have been provided by the "Faith Forward" grant is our own, personalized, website:

<https://faithforwardnow.org/church/lordoflifeasbury/>

This website is FULL of activities for you to do at home or in the car with your children or grandchildren.

It is ALL about becoming more at ease with sharing our faith with others.

Please sign up for the weekly resource emails !!! (Really, please sign up...the more folks that sign up the better!)

Pastor Karla's Summer Schedule –

Pastor Karla will be back "in the office" on Monday, 10 June.

And just to keep you all in the loop...Pastor Karla will be ¼ time for June and July....for a few reasons:

1. There are not that many activities during the summer months.
2. This gives her time for her ELCA Youth Gathering work ...to remind you, she is on the planning team for all that will happen in the New Orleans Convention Center. PK will be away from the office for the Youth Gathering 12-21 July.
3. And, ¼ time will put a bit more savings in the general fund.

Pentecost Preparations



Pentecost Celebration



Ted Lasso "Bible Study" Wrap up



Care in Our Congregation



Prayers for Youth Gathering Attendees

Please keep Teresa, Brandon, Bri, Kim and Pastor Karla in your prayers as they travel to NOLA in July for the 2024 Youth & Young Adult gathering. May they be refreshed, renewed and on fire for the Lord!

Youth Room Request

If you have a used in good condition (and comfortable for adults) couch (or 2) that you'd be interested in donating to LOL it would be gratefully received!



Prayer Shawl Ministry Group

The Prayer Shawl Group will not be meeting over the summer, but we will be knitting at home. We have a bounty of prayer shawls available, so if you know someone who needs the comfort of a shawl, please let Peggy Granovsky or Marilyn Koehler know. Hope to see you in September. We always welcome new people to this ministry.

Senior Lunch Group

The Senior Lunch Group will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 27th, at the Arboretum. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy food and fellowship in God's beautiful creation. If you prefer, you may bring lawn chairs or there are park benches available. This is also our plan for the rest of the summer, the 4th Thursday in July and August. No reservations are necessary, so come and join us whenever you can. If you need additional information, please contact Peggy Granovsky.



Senior Lunch group 4/25/24

Men's Breakfast Group

We will meet at 8:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of the month in both June (8) and July (13), in the lower level of the church. If you'd like to share in the food and fun you can contact Jon Dienst at 563-599-4524 or just show up!

Care in Our Community

Party for a Purpose

The Almost Home Fundraiser "Party for a Purpose" is Friday, June 21, 5-8 p.m. at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds. Almost Home is the Homeless Men with Children Shelter located at St John's Lutheran Church in downtown Dubuque. We will have a silent auction, "Kids Zone," cash bar, and food concessions. Live music is provided by Dr. Band (Dave Minnihan.) Come join us in supporting this unique shelter in Dubuque.



Summer Worship Schedule

(Memorial day weekend thru Labor Day weekend)

Saturdays 4:00 pm (livestreamed)

Sundays 10:30 am

Come Join Us!



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