

Lifeline

Growing together in faith,
centered in Christ,
serving God's world with love.

July 18, 2018

From June 26-July 1, 38 youth and adults from Lord of Life were involved in the ELCA's triennial National Youth Gathering with this year's theme, "This Changes Everything!" They were encouraged, challenged, and changed by the worship, the music, the speakers, and the awesome van rides! Mark your calendars for August 5 when our youth will share their stories with us during worship.

None of you will be surprised to know that we have an incredibly talented group of youth at Lord of Life. They all, in their own way, excel at demonstrating the gifts that God has given them and in sharing the love of God both in and out of our building. During the National Youth Gathering I was blessed to see these acts of generosity first hand.

First, there was the leadership of our juniors and seniors. Without prompting they were welcoming in the younger and newer students. It would be easy for such a strong and tightly knit group to be closed off and focused on their own relationships but instead they spent the extra energy to make sure everyone was included whether we were playing games, singing songs, or riding in the vans.

The week was filled with opportunities to hear stories, ask questions, be challenged, and learn about our faith. Our group jumped into this headfirst. On the very first night there was a band that none of us had ever heard, but from one end of our row to the other our group was jumping, dancing, and singing along. The next day in the Interaction Center, they had the choice between playing games or joining in acts of service, learning, and prayer. Every student that I spoke with shared how much they enjoyed engaging in the service and learning especially. They saw it as a genuine opportunity to grow their faith and expand their learning.

Last, was the incredible love and patience our group had for and with one another. We talked about a lot of difficult issues during our week at the National Youth Gathering – issues that many of us struggle to talk about as adults. And yet our students were not just listening but actively engaging in dialogue around topics that are tearing our society apart in so many ways. They did not all agree on every topic, nor did they feel they needed to change everyone else's mind, but they shared their views and experiences openly and then listened to the stories of others in our group and the speakers on stage.



I am incredibly proud of our youth and their demonstration of God's kingdom. These young men and women are not just the future of our congregation, they are teaching us how to be in a Christ-centered community with one another right now. I hope you will join me in listening to their wisdom so that we can better experience how the Church can change everything!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor David



Rally Sunday, August 19, 11:30-1:30. Rally Sunday is the day we kick off all of the Faith Formation opportunities at Lord of Life. There will be tables in the fellowship hall showcasing all of the Christian learning opportunities available to our community. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs, a bounce house for the kids and more! You are invited to join us for this fun event and bring a “picnic-style” side dish to share. For questions or if you would like to help organize this event, please contact Katie Phillips at kphillips@lordoflifeonline.org.



Save the Date: Lord of Life Ministry Fair, Sunday, August 26th
Is God calling you to share your faith, time and talents? Visit the Fellowship Hall on Aug. 26th to find ways to share your gifts of time and talent or you can just get more information on what is going on at Lord of Life. The Fair will showcase all our ministries and you will be able to see how your particular talents can be used to serve others. *Something for all ages - bring the kids!*



Landscaping: The front of Lord of Life has undergone an amazing transformation over the last few weeks. What was once piles of dirt and weeds is now a magnificent new face to our building. Nearly all the flower beds around the entire building and parking lot were redone during the last two months, making Lord of Life a more welcoming presence in our community. While the landscaping looks fabulous now, it will need lots of love by our members to stay that way. The Green Team is looking for your help. This is a great family project for all sizes and ages and teens can earn community service hours. Please email Office Manager Rick Janacek at rjanacek@lordoflifeonline.org or call 281-367-7016 for more information.

Our Goals

Each year at our Leadership Retreat, our Church Council selects three main goals for the year.

This year the three goals are:

1. **Sunday morning faith formation/worship times and opportunities**
 2. **Update technology** for better functioning by staff and congregation.
 3. **Small Group Development** to help people connect and grow
- Talk to the pastors, staff or council representatives to see how you can help Lord of Life grow toward God’s purpose for us in our community

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH WORSHIP & THE ARTS:

- Acolytes** - Light the altar candles and assist the pastors in worship. For kids 6th grade through 8th grade.
- Altar Guild** - Prepares communion and the paraments before each service.
- Communion Assistants** - Bring the wine and bread to the altar and help the pastor distribute them to worshippers.
- Assisting Ministers** - Read portions of scripture, offer prayers, and assist the pastors in worship services.
- Audio/Visuall** - Ensure the quality of sound/video during worship and record services for web audiocast.
- Ushers** - Distribute worship folders, collect the offering, and assist in directing worshippers to communion.

For more information, contact Director of Worship and the Arts - Tammy Fincher tfincher@lordoflifeonline.org



I want you to know something. Are you ready? **You are loved.** Yes, you!
In fact, Paul calls us the “beloved children” of God (Eph. 5:1).

Because we are already beloved by God we are called to be love for the world.
Join us for our new sermon series “Beloved” as we explore what it means that we are called to be-loved and be love. Sundays through Sunday August 12 at 8:20, 9:45 and 11:05am.

Altar Flowers - Sponsor a Sunday altar bouquet. The cost is \$53 and must be paid for by the Sunday immediately prior to their placement on the altar. Call the office at 281-367-7016.

Pastor Gary on Sabbatical

Pastor Gary will be on Sabbatical until August 27, 2018. Pastor David will assume all pastoral leadership, assisted by occasional guest preachers, as well as staff and congregational members to share the ministry workload. You can reach Pastor David at 281-367-7016 or PastorDavid@lordoflifeonline.org.

Please pray for the family and friends of our recently departed Lord of Life members:

- Naomi Jackler*, September 30, 1935 - July 5, 2018
- David Paulson*, February 17, 1932 - July 6, 2018
- Lynae Freund*, November 30, 1962 - June 25, 2018

Weekday Welcome Desk Volunteers

The church office is looking for volunteers to help at the Welcome Desk during the week. Shifts are from 9-12:30 and 1-4. Pick the day of the week that works best for you. Tasks include: answering the phone, welcoming people, copying and other clerical tasks. If you are interested, please contact Office Manager Rick Janacek at 281-367-7016 or email at rjanacek@lordoflifeonline.org.



Lutherhill Day Camp





Worship & The Arts

Director of Worship and the Arts - Rev. Tamara Fincher tfincher@

“Go to the ant, ...consider its ways, and be wise...it prepares its food in summer, and gathers its sustenance in harvest.” Proverbs 6:6

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy, the fish are jumpin’ and the cotton is high...” This song from Porgy and Bess, by Gershwin and Heyward, runs around my head this time of year. It seems to fit the more relaxed pace we take as the weather heats up. Well, except for our scurrying from shady patch to shady patch to AC. After the big band on the Fourth, we have visions of the hammock, the pool, and the BBQ. Vacation mode is in full swing.

Here at church, though, there is still a lot going on! Children’s Faith Formation has had Lutherhill daycamp. Kids of the Kingdom Preschool hosts their own daycamp – I can hear the happy screams. Vacation Bible School is still to come, July 23-27. The Jr. High Mission Trip is coming up.

Our worship services have some fresh experiences coming. July 29 is Fifth Sunday which means Jazz/Big Band Sunday. The musicians have been hard at work preparing and practicing and after last April’s debut (WOW), I am eagerly looking forward to their musical offerings and leadings. We will also commission the junior high youth for their mission trip that day. August 5 is Youth Sunday, when we hear from the high school youth about their mission trip, which this year was the National Youth Gathering. What a fantastic way for our youth to connect to the greater church and to use their leadership skills that while bring us all into the future. We will also celebrate our high school graduates by blessing blankets for them to carry a piece of Lord of Life with them into their new adventures. August 12 prepares us for returning to school with Blessing of the Backpacks for children, youth and their teachers and school officials. At 9:45 we also will have the children to help lead our worship and allow us to experience some of the music, energy, and experiences with Jesus from VBS “Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus.” How have you been rescued by Jesus? This runs up right up to school starting on August 15 – already?!

Like the ant, prepare food in the summer – and not just physical food, but gather spiritual food as well. Worship sustains us throughout these hot “dog days” of summer as well as during the cold, bleak winters. See you Sunday!
“The ants are a people without strength, yet they provide their food in the summer...” Proverbs 30:25

Upcoming Worship

- July 29** Jazz/Big Band; Commissioning of Jr. High students for mission trip
- August 5** Youth Sunday; Patrick Nazaroff preaching; Blankets to High School graduates
- August 12** Blessing of Backpacks; 9:45 – VBS children sing
- August 19** 9:45am - Blessing of KOK teachers; Footsteps in Faith milestone celebration for 3-yr.-olds.



Every week, kids on Montgomery County go home hungry. Sometimes, the only meal they eat is school lunch. Help us send home backpacks for food-deficient kids in our community. The food bank is asking for: small cans of: tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages and Spam, ready-to-eat cans of: chili, stew, Spaghetti-Os, ravioli. peanut butter (small jars), Ramen noodles, individual macaroni & cheese, single serving packages of: cereal, oatmeal, shelf-stable microwavable meals, single-serve drinks: Capri Sun, orange juice, juice boxes, shelf-stable milk, large boxes of saltines, apple sauce and fruit cups, shelf-stable pudding cups, granola and breakfast bars, small packages of raisins, canned soup, individual pkgs of peanut butter or cheese crackers, small cans of vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, and beans. The food pantry also needs toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, Laundry detergent and Personal size bars of soap.

You can drop off your donations at church. God’s Work, Our Hands.



Outreach Ministries

Red Cross Shelter Needs Our Help

Preparations for hurricanes and disaster relief don’t begin **after** the disaster occurs. If you would like to be ready to help in a time of great need, contact the individuals listed below.

There are many opportunities to serve that don’t require a previous training class but if you wish to be involved in helping at the shelter, a brief training session that includes a background check must be completed ahead of time.

Kathy Gaskamp kathy.gaskamp@att.net

Sue Moehring suemoboots@att.net

James Burkett jfburk@sbcglobal.net 713-882-9230

From James Burkett Sts. Simon and Jude Shelter Coordinator: “We have created some new shelter positions since Harvey and we are seeking volunteers to be part of those positions and with interest in becoming part of our leadership team.” Red Cross Volunteer Connection: goo.gl/ZCyJMB

Are you a “72-Hour Lutheran”?

Hurricane season is from June 1 through November 30. We may not be as prepared as we need to be. We encourage each and every one of you to become a 72 Hour Lutheran, a person who has enough supplies in their home to meet their household’s basic needs for 72 hours. For a complete list, visit our synod website GulfCoastSynod.org or grab a pamphlet in our information center at Lord of Life.



Visit the **Hands of Faith Fair Trade Ministry** in the Welcome Center at Lord of Life. Ministry hours are Wednesday 11:00am-7:30pm, Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm and Sunday 9:00am-11:30am (1st Sunday of the month till 12:30pm)
[Visit our Facebook page “Hands of Faith Fair Trade”](#) to see exciting new items arriving weekly.

Learn more at LOLOnline.org/hands-of-faith-fair-trade-ministry/

Volunteering at our Hands of Faith Fair Trade ministry is a great opportunity to learn about our vendors and our Fair Trade ministry. Teenagers can earn community service hours plus gain cash handling experience. No experience necessary!

Sign up for shifts at goo.gl/6jo3uG

Houston Ground Angels provides ground transportation from Houston airports to the Texas Medical Center or nearby hotels for patients and families here for medical treatment. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call Hank Klein at 936-520-7846 or visit, houstongroundangels.org.



Project Promise School Kits are sent to places around the world where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future. Lord of Life is collecting items that include:

- notebooks of ruled paper (8.5x11—70 sheets)
- rulers with centimeters and inches
- pencil sharpeners
- blunt scissors
- #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens
- crayons (16 or 24 count)
- erasers (2.5 inches)

Please return items by August 15th in specially-marked bins in the Fellowship Hall



Children's Ministries

The Footsteps in Faith program at Lord of Life provides opportunities and tools for children and parents to deepen their faith and renew their commitment to faith education and their church community. Children complete faith journey milestones that include attending learning events and receiving congregational recognition and blessings.

- 3 years old:** Welcome to Sunday School
- Kindergarten:** The Greatest Commandment
- 1st Grade:** The Lord's Prayer
- 2nd Grade:** "Prayer is..."
- 3rd Grade:** What's in the Bible
- 4th Grade:** Baptism
- 5th Grade:** Communion

Looking Ahead to the New School Year:

- August 12:** Blessing of the Backpacks, 9:45am worship VBS Kids sing, Sunday School Teacher Orientation
- August 19:** Blessing of Kids Of the Kingdom preschool teachers, Footsteps in Christ milestone celebration for 3 yr olds
- Rally Day** 11:30am-1:30pm/
- August 26:** First Day of Sunday School

Visit our website for a complete list of children's activities:
LOLOnline.org/childrens-ministries/



Lutherhill Day Camp
 Lord of Life and Lutherhill Ministries shared the love of Jesus to over 50 children during Lutherhill Day Camp week. The church was filled with joyful chatter, laughter and songs of praise.

Teen Life Ministries See more Youth updates at LOLOnline.org/teen-life-ministry/



Sr. High Youth We will be heading out to San Antonio on Labor Day Weekend to go scream on roller coasters together! Saturday, September 1- Sunday, September 2nd. We will be staying t a church in San Antonio so bring your sleeping bags/ air mattresses. Cost: \$75 for park tickets, transportation, 1 meal in the park and breakfast. Money MUST be turned in by August 12th to reserve your spot (I have to order group tickets before we go). We will need parent drivers to help for this trip, so let Patrick know if you can come. More details coming soon.

Senior High Youth Group Every Sunday night 6:30-8:00 pm, upstairs Rm 25. Grades 9th – 12th are welcome for games, fellowship, and Bible Study. Come beat the heat by going kayaking Sunday, July 22. We will be hitting the water at Riva Row Boat house to go Kayaking and Paddle boarding. Cost: \$20

Rising 7th and 8th graders!
 Annual Mini-Mission trip August 2-5th right here at Lord of Life. We will serve our community, grow closer together, and learn more about how God works in our lives. Cost: \$50. Please let Patrick know if interested by Sunday, July 22nd pnazaroff@lordoflifeonline.org.

Congregational Life

DRAFT (Dads Refreshing & Fellowshiping Together)

Calling All Dads: Meet at 8:00pm at Goose's Acre on the Waterway 2nd Thursday every month. Next meeting: Thursday, August 9th. Join us for beer and fellowship. To receive a monthly email reminder, please contact David Bohmann at bohmannm@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Tuesday:
 PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Join the Pastor Tuesdays at 11:30 to discuss Sunday's Gospel.

Sunday:
 BIBLE, CHRISTIANITY & YOU: 9:45am in the Library (Rm 21) upstairs
 SECOND CLASS: 9:45am in Rm 23 Upstairs.
 BOOK STUDY: Let's All Be Brave by Annie Downs. 11am in the library upstairs

Attention all Youth Stockholders!

Sunday, August 5th will be our stockholder's luncheon starting at 12:30. This will be our youth group's chance to thank you for your support and present more on our trip to the National Youth Gathering. If you can, please RSVP with Patrick at pnazaroff@lordoflifeonline.org , so we can get a good estimate for lunch.



"Anchored in the Spirit" July 13-15 at Lake Livingston had record attendance this year! Over 30 men enjoyed fellowship and worship.



Lord of Life's Photo Policy

We believe that using photos of friends of all ages in our print and web publications fosters a greater sense of community. Photography and video of our church members and friends help to display the vibrancy and joy of our church community. We use photos to enhance the quality of our print materials, newsletters, website, social media, publicity, and fundraising. As a participant in our church events, you have a right to opt out of inclusion in photographs/media, but unless an Opt-Out form is signed and on file at the church office with a reference image of the person opting out, participation at our church events implies permission for the use of images taken at those events.

To opt-out, please sign the form available at LOLOnline.org/photo-policy/ and turn in the completed form to the church office along with your photo. Individuals who have submitted an opt-out form should also inform event photographers of their decision to opt-out so that they are not accidentally captured in crowd shots.

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We invite you to join us for
worship on Sundays

(NEW TIMES!)

8:20 am Contemporary Liturgical Worship

9:45 am Sunday School for all Ages

9:45 am New Life Worship

11:05 am Traditional Worship



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