

# Lifeline

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

September 19, 2018

## **Mi Hermanos y Hermanas en Jesu Cristo,**

How great to be back with you all after these 4 months of incredible sabbatical time. It was a much needed break from all the action at Lord of Life after these first 8 years I have been with you! I have come back rested, refreshed, and with the larger picture more in mind.

Some people might say that plunging into a 9-week Spanish Immersion Program in a different culture is no rest, but it was a break from the routine, in which I fulfilled a lifelong dream of actually learning enough Spanish to get by! At this point, I continue to learn with a different LOL member each day having conversation with me in Spanish, and with one session a week with El Instituto de Lengua Espanola in Costa Rica.

Who knows how this language skill, at this level, will be useful to our ministry together to this multicultural community in which we live? At the very least, Lord of Life can be more welcoming to our Spanish-speaking guests and more open to bilingual possibilities in our existing ministries.

Thank you for affording me this opportunity! Especially a big thank you to Pastor David, who held down the fort quite well in my absence, to the staff who always step up as a team as needed, and to the leaders of our congregation who also stepped in and made things happen. As you have thoughts about the possibilities of bilingual ministries, let me know!



Que Dios los bendiga!  
May God bless you all!

**Gracia y Paz,**  
*Pastor Gary*



Lord of Life  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Moms' Bible Study** at Lord of Life is a cross between a Bible study and a small group. We laugh with each other and lift each other up. No matter where you are in your faith journey, regardless of your parenting style or church denomination, the doors are open and you are invited in for fellowship, fun and food. You can share, observe, come every week or just once in awhile. Our goal is to help each other grow in a closer, more intimate relationship with God in the midst of diapers, homework, carpooling and all the intricacies of motherhood. We will meet September 19th through May 2019 Wednesday mornings from 9am-11am in the conference room of Lord of Life. Come as you are, in PJs or in pearls. For more information, please contact Crystal Tucker at [ctuckertx@yahoo.com](mailto:ctuckertx@yahoo.com) or 832-447-8405 (landline, no texts).

### Pet Blessing

If it barks, meows, chirps, scurries, hops, slithers, or streaks, bring it to Lord of Life for the annual Blessing of the Pets. Pet owners are asked that their pets be crated, leashed or reined in some capacity. The offering for the service will be 10-pound or less unopened bags or cans of pet food which will be donated to a local animal shelter. *Join us 4 pm on Sunday, October 7. All are welcome.*

### Families of all shapes and sizes!

Join us for our first Faith-Full Families event of the 2018-2019 school year! Our hope is that together we can strengthen family bonds by celebrating, playing and creating. We want each family to be empowered to create traditions and rituals which will bring an awareness of God into their homes. A sign-up will be opened prior to the event. We look forward to a night of fun, fellowship and faith-building on Sunday, September 30 at 4:30pm. Dinner provided!



### Zeb's Journey to Senegal

Lord of Life member Zeb Rose, son of Lisa and Chris Rose, is in Senegal this year with ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program, which provides young adults the opportunity to serve internationally, growing in their faith and working in partnership with our global companions. Zeb says, "...the missionaries live among the people and share in their lifestyles, learning how to serve them best from their own experiences rather than coming in with a pre-formed idea of what they need." If you would like to receive Zeb's newsletter to follow his journey, send an email to [zebediah.rose@gmail.com](mailto:zebediah.rose@gmail.com). Donations for his work can be made [online](#).

### Are you a "72-Hour Lutheran"?

Hurricane season is from June 1 through November 30. Being prepared to take care of your own family and your own congregational members allows you to then reach out and help others within your community. 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](http://GulfCoastSynod.org) or grab a pamphlet in our information center at Lord of Life.

*As a church, we're ready to stand by our neighbors as they recover from the hurricanes.* Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with synods and affiliated social ministry organizations in the areas that are in the path of these storms. Your gifts designated for Hurricane Response will be used entirely (100%) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those in path of these hurricanes. Visit [community.elca.org/hurricane-relief](http://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief) to donate.

### 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.



**Do you have the gift of hospitality?** Do you like to help people? Do you like to smile? The Welcome Center Desk is looking for people who enjoy doing all these and more. There are 3 different shifts on Sunday from which to choose. This is a great way to meet guests and others at Lord of Life. If you are interested contact Cindy Maxwell at [cmaxwell@LordofLifeOnline.org](mailto:cmaxwell@LordofLifeOnline.org) or 281.367.7016.



## RALLY DAY 2018







### NOW OFFERING TOURS MON-THURS 9:30-1:30

Walk Ins Welcome  
No Appointment Necessary

Call and speak with our kind and caring staff to find out how this preschool can profoundly impact your child's early education. Centrally located in The Woodlands, KOK has been serving children 18 months- 5 years old for over 20 years. This preschool will plant the seeds of God's love as well as build a strong foundation and love of learning in each child it serves. Dynamic 2, 3, or 4 day class options offered and includes weekly chapel, music, science, and motor movement enrichment.

Call Today!  
281-298-9901

See what people are saying...

"All four of my kids have attended Kids of the Kingdom. It is the BEST Pre-School in The Woodlands and surrounding areas. I remember choosing KOK 11 years ago as it was small, secure (the building is locked during school hours) and the staff was warm, welcoming and loving. It remains the same today and we could not be happier. The teachers are top notch and they more than prepared my children for Kindergarten and beyond. Their commitment to teach an agenda that is faith based far exceeded our expectations. We LOVE KOK!"

"All three of my kids have gone through this program. My last baby is now in the pre-k program. They have all loved this school as have I. The staff loves and knows every child. You really are part of their family, or maybe they become a part of yours. I believe Kids of the Kingdom to be the best among the best of preschools. Truly a God centered, loving environment."

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

3801 S Panther Creek Dr  
The Woodlands, TX 77381  
281-298-9901  
[www.kokpreschool.net](http://www.kokpreschool.net)  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00-2:00

Ministry of Lord of Life  
Lutheran Church

### Common Table Announces Fall Line-Up

The Common Table is a social ministry for adults age 55+ in conjunction with Trinity Episcopal next door.

- OCTOBER 9* - Field trip to Galveston. Meet van at Trinity Episcopal at 8:30am. Lunch at local restaurant. Home 4-5pm.
- NOVEMBER 16* - Special Friday Night Event: Olive Oil Restaurant, 373 Sawdust Rd.
- DECEMBER 11* - 5:00pm to 7pm Christmas Party at the Home of Jean Knapp



For more information or to RSVP, contact Helen Geiger at 281.419.5178 or email: [hgeiger100@gmail.com](mailto:hgeiger100@gmail.com).

### Kids of the Kingdom Book Fair

Something for everyone! Proceeds from the book fair will be used to update teaching curriculum and purchase new furniture and toys for our preschool classrooms. Can you help? Sunday, September 30th in the fellowship hall 9:00am - 11:30am.



# Worship & The Arts

Director of Worship and the Arts - Rev. Tamara Fincher [tfincher@](mailto:tfincher@)

## Upcoming Worship

September 30- Jazz Band Sunday  
October 7 - 3rd graders receive Bibles, Pet Blessing 4:00 pm  
October 14 - Reception of New Members  
Other events - September 22 [Verreaux Collective Concert](#)

**Acolytes**, please remember to use [Sign Up Genius](#) to ensure you get the dates you prefer. The link is on the website under the Member Resources tab. Please contact Beth Hall, [irenehall1952@yahoo.com](mailto:irenehall1952@yahoo.com), for more information.

**Kids Of the Kingdom Pianist:** We are seeking a pianist for Tuesdays at 11:00 am. Please contact [tfincher@lordoflifeonline.org](mailto:tfincher@lordoflifeonline.org) for more information.

**Worship and the Arts Update:** We have several projects going on around the building. We are building a closet to better care for our banners and paraments. New speakers will replace the old (and sometimes not working) ones in the sanctuary.

**Would you like to sing in the Lord Of Life Choir?** We are looking for singers in all ranges. You must be able to read music. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30. The choir sings in Sunday worship at either the 8:20 or the 11:05 service. For some special events, there are additional rehearsals called as needed. Contact Rob Hunt at [rhunt@lordoflifeonline.org](mailto:rhunt@lordoflifeonline.org) for more information or attend a rehearsal.



# Outreach Ministries

## Welcome our New Director of Outreach!

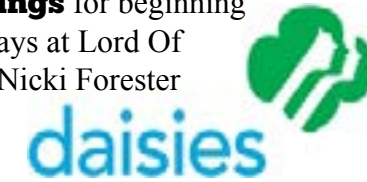
Jenny McKenna is the new Director of Outreach for Lord of Life. She has attended our church for the past several years with her husband, Kevin, and children, Travis, John, and Cassidy. They have been involved in Vacation Bible School, the confirmation program, and the church's Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop. Reflecting on the direction of Outreach, Jenny says, "Anne created such a solid foundation of Outreach ministries that my initial role will be to continue to support them and their established ministries. Going forward, I'd love to further the congregation's impact on the community through new projects and events. I'm open to ideas and input from everyone as outreach ministries are most successful when based on a person's passion for a cause." You can contact Jenny at [jmckenna@lordoflifeonline.org](mailto:jmckenna@lordoflifeonline.org) or 281-367-7016, ext. 108.



## Local Musicians Bring Back the Seventies And Help Homeless People Make a Home

Enjoy music from Two Girls Walk into a Bar with Alyssa Stebbing and Micki Balog at 7:00 pm on Friday, September 28th. All proceeds will help "Fill the Gap", a program of the Peace and Justice Network of Montgomery County, Inc. FTG's main mission is to raise money to pay rent and utility deposits for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The concert is preceded by an art reception at 6 p. m. Tickets are \$20 per person for this concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, 3901 South Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands (Butler Hall). Advance tickets are available at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or call to reserve: 832.651.4316

**Girl Scout Daisy Troop 114115 has openings** for beginning kindergartners. Meetings held monthly on Sundays at Lord Of Life. Contact Carrie Kessler (850) 687-9439 or Nicki Forester (570) 412-2744 for more information.



**Boy Scout Troop 89** kicked off their new program year this September with packing and clean up shifts at Lord of Life's Rise Against Hunger event. They are looking forward to developing a stronger relationship with the congregation and ministries at LOL. A solid first step will be to assemble at least twenty Buddy Backpacks per month to support our confirmation group. If you have ideas on how to incorporate the Scouts in your ministry, please contact Director of Outreach, Jenny McKenna [jmckenna@lordoflifeonline.org](mailto:jmckenna@lordoflifeonline.org).



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/](http://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](https://goo.gl/6jo3uG)

← **"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday:** Lord of Life partnered with Rise Against Hunger, and international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. Together, and with JOY, we packed over 15,000 meals.



# God's work. Our hands.



## Children's Ministries

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

**A Note from Katie:** Lord of Life has had an amazing start to the school year! This year, our church-wide theme is "Be The Light." Club 56 (our 5th and 6th graders) has been exploring how to be salt and light in the world. They are sharing ways to bring light in their schools and families. I encourage each of us, as we begin this new season, to share God's light in our world. Start in your home by giving grace and love to those closest to you. Allow that to spill over to other areas of your life whether we are at work, school, or play. How can you show God's light to the world?

### Sunday School has begun!

We invite children from 3-years-old through 6th grade to join us from 9:45-10:45am in the following areas:

*3-year-olds through 4th Grade:* Meet in Room 3 in the Kids of the Kingdom Hallway,

*Club 56 (5th and 6th grade):* Meet in Room 26 upstairs. Look for our new sign!



### Looking Ahead This Fall:

**September 23 & 30:** 3rd Grade Footsteps in Faith-Learn the Bible

**September 30:** Faith-Full Families 4:30-6pm with Dinner to follow

**October 7:** Bibles Presented to 3rd Graders in Worship

**October 12:** Kids Night Out; Club 56 Event; Game Night for Grown-ups 6-9pm

**October 20:** 5th Grade Footstep-Communion

**November 11:** 5th Grade Communion Recognition in Worship

**November 18:** No Sunday School

**December 2:** Faith-Full Families 4:30-6pm with Dinner to Follow

**December 9:** Club 56 Ice Skating Event

## Teen Life Ministries

See more Youth updates at [LOLOnline.org/teen-life-ministry/](http://LOLOnline.org/teen-life-ministry/)

### T-shirt Fundraiser

*Buy a shirt to support our College Mission Trip to Peru this winter.* Nine college students and three adults are partnering with our sister church, Filidelfia, to do a cross-cultural week of ministry in Lurin, Peru.

**T-shirts are \$20** (XXL and XXXL are \$22) until October 14th and will be available mid-November. You can pre-order by visiting our table in the fellowship hall. *This is a great way to support our College Students and get a great shirt!*



### Staff vs. Youth Softball Game

September 16: No hips were broken, just the hearts of our youth. Staff win 12-6!

## Congregational Life

### Dr. Joel Reed Chosen as Woodlands "Hometown Hero"

Five individuals, one business and one nonprofit organization have been selected as the 2018 Hometown Heroes by Interfaith of The Woodlands, a nonprofit social service agency providing myriad programs and services to meet the needs of The Woodlands and the surrounding area.

2018's Hometown Heroes are Dr. Joel Reed, Robert Heineman, Steve Leakey, Patti Rivela, Mrs. Brynn Ballard Huntsman and Mr. Peter Huntsman, Entergy Texas, Inc. and The Junior League of The Woodlands. These honorees will be recognized for their many contributions to the community at The Woodlands Celebration of Excellence Gala, which benefits Interfaith. The theme this year is "45 Years of Caring," which marks the 45th anniversary of Interfaith of The Woodlands.

Dr. Reed, a member of Lord of Life, has played a central role with the Interfaith Community Clinic for over 20 years. From assisting with the first fundraising efforts to acquire a building, to seeing patients on a regular basis, Dr. Reed is the lifeblood of the clinic. Just a few years ago, on his 90th birthday, United States Congressman Kevin Brady awarded Dr. Reed a commendation for his life's work.

This special Hometown Heroes gala will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center.



california  
PIZZA KITCHEN

at Hughes Landing

1900 Hughes Landing Blvd #200, The Woodlands  
CPK.com

### Supporting Lord of Life youth is as simple as eating pizza!

Sunday, September 30 (11:00am – 9:00pm) at California Pizza Kitchen: Dine in or carry out and CPK will donate 20% of the total bill to our Youth program! Please come out and support our youth by enjoying a good meal with friends and family. Plus, pizza is awesome.

### Towards a Healthy Retirement: Perceptions, Reflections & Attitudes

Sunday, September 23, 1:30-5:00pm at The Cenacle House, 12211 Memorial Drive, Houston 77024 (Memorial Lutheran Church) Are you retired? Considering retirement? Wondering about retirement? We will focus, discuss and share our perceptions and attitudes towards retirement choices, as well as the personal and spiritual dimensions of retirement as part of our on-going religious lives. Led by Pastor Chuck Kindsvatter, who is a graduate of the Cenacle Spiritual Direction Institute and has been active in Spiritual Directing for the past 12 years. To register, call The Cenacle Office: 281-497-3131. A minimum free will offering of \$20.00 is necessary to register.

### Part-time Nursery Workers Needed

Seeking adults 21 and over. Flexible hours include days, evenings and occasional Sunday mornings. Must pass background check. References and quality of character will be checked, as well. Please email resumes to Pastor David at [pastordavid@LordofLifeOnline.org](mailto:pastordavid@LordofLifeOnline.org). Pays \$10+/hr. Must love children and understand appropriate cognitive/emotional milestones. Collaborative/team spirit needed, as well as confidentiality and understanding of our [Safe Sanctuary](#) policies. Training will be provided.

### 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, October 11. Join us for beer and fellowship. To receive a monthly email reminder, please contact David Bohmann at [bohmannm@gmail.com](mailto:bohmannm@gmail.com)

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Kids of the Kingdom

Preschool 281-298-9901

We invite you to join us for  
worship on Sundays

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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