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LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# LIFELINES

From the Pastor

I began my ministry as your new Interim Pastor at Lord of Life with a goal to meet you and get acquainted. It starts when we gather for worship on Sundays. My morning messages include the gospel story for the day, examples from life situations, and the “sunshine report” for today. Time for conversation on Sundays is short, and I have started contacting members by phone and visiting with homebound and hospitalized members.

Pastoral care of members and friends is a high priority for Lord of Life, and I learned that back in the day a small group of members participated in a phone a friend ministry. It is a good idea, and I organized a similar effort in my previous interim ministry.

I proposed and the Church Council approved on August 23 that we launch or relaunch a ministry by phone at Lord of Life. This newsletter announces the **New Heart Telephone Ministry** in our congregation. It is inspired by a Biblical theme: **“I will give you a new heart and a new spirit in you” Ezekiel 36:26**

**PURPOSE** To recruit and prepare volunteers to contact members and friends by phone and/or email. Each volunteer keeps in touch with one or more persons to provide encouragement, information and support in a personal, informal manner. This caring ministry seeks to convey the love of God, the message of Jesus Christ and comfort of the Holy Spirit in each conversation.

**PEOPLE** The New Heart Telephone Ministry begins with a group of volunteers that commit to phoning selected persons on a regular basis. The persons being called are in such situations as the following: Homebound, Hospitalized, Inactive Members, Special Needs, and Prospective Members

**PROCESS** We will be inviting volunteers to participate through this newsletter article, my Sunday morning message on September 16, and personal contacts. Some training for New Heart telephone callers will be offered, and we’ll keep records of your contacts. We give thanks to God for the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and will speak words of hope and help to those who need this form of ministry. We can be a blessing too by providing a listening ear.

The Lord of Life church family cares for our members and friends. You are welcome to take part in our New Heart Telephone ministry!

Pastor Art Puotinen

**RACHEL CIRCLE**

Rachel Circle will meet this month on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Cynthia Berntzen's home at 9:30 a.m. Please call the church office for address information.  
**All are welcome!**

**Men's Breakfast**



Men's Club meets at Checkers Pancake House, 506 W. Wise Road, Schaumburg.

The next breakfast will take place on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Join us in sharing fellowship and solving the problems of the world. If you have any questions, call Herm Scharm. Hope to see you there!

**Christian Education Opportunities**

On Sunday, September 9 we will go to classes here at Lord of Life Lutheran. Younger children are invited once again to attend Sunday School led by Tanya and Tammy Ybanez during the 9:30 hour. After the 9:30 a.m. worship that day, the youth taking part in confirmation classes are welcomed to gather at the home of Paul and Kimberly Scanlan at [651 Yardley Lane, Hoffman Estates IL](#) for fellowship, refreshments and information. That same day at 10:45 a.m. the adult Christian education class will meet with Pastor Art in the church library or pastor's office to receive study materials and orientation to Christianity and World Religions—Wrestling with Questions People Ask. All three groups will continue to meet during the fall, winter, and spring seasons. Please join us and share this news with others.

**THOSE WHO MOURN**

The members and friends of Lord of Life offer prayers and condolences to those who have lost family and friends over the spring & summer months:



Bernie Skluzacek, his daughter Jill and their families and friends on the death of Jan Skluzacek.

Barbara Peterson on the death of her brother-in-law, Vince Peterson.

Ken & Barb Olson on the death of Ken's relative, Kenneth Mannes.

Gary & Cathy Thoma and the Holbrook family on the death of Bob Holbrook.

Janet Brandt and Mark & Kim Puchalski on the death of Janet's niece, Carol Chiero.

Elaine Janssen on the death of her friend, Milton Bartlett.

Wayne & Diane Giesel and the family and friends of Nick Cooper.

Mark & Kim Puchalski, Amy & Lisa and their families and friends on the death of Kim's mother, Katherine Brown.

**LOL HAPPENINGS**

**Sunday, September 9 —  
 God's Work, Our Hands**

- Lucille On-the-Spot pick-up at LOL **7:30-9:45 am**
- Sunday School Rally Day **9:30 am**
- 4U Adult Education **10:30 am**
- Confirmation Orientation at the Scanlan home **10:45 am**

**Monday, September 10**

Feed My Starving Children **6:00-7:30 pm**

*Please mark your calendar*

Fellowship,  
 learning,  
 helping  
 and  
 loved ones  
 lost.



## Green Team Message

### Please don't recycle . . .

WHAT?!? Isn't this a Green Team article?

Yes, and smart recycling is essential!

Knowing that people like things to be easy, waste haulers instituted single stream recycling. By letting people throw everything into one bin, they knew they'd get a higher compliance rate. And they did!

So what's the problem?

The problem is that people began to think *everything* was recyclable. And they began to throw everything into the bin, recyclable or not.

Much of our recycling used to be shipped to China. But guess what? China told us our recyclables were too dirty. (Part of this may be a push-back against tariffs, but the fact is that being allowed to put all the recyclables together leads to higher contamination.)

The fact is, we need to clean up our act. So, take your #2 and #4 plastic bags to the grocery store, and bring your clean, white Styrofoam to the coatroom at church, preferably in clear plastic bags.

The following items belong in the trash.

### Please don't recycle:

paper towels, napkins, plates  
 pizza boxes with grease or food residue  
 shredded paper  
 plastic straws  
 plastic cutlery

...stop  
 consuming so  
 much; the  
 earth can't  
 support it.



### “God’s Work, Our Hands”

Voting registration forms will be available at Lord of Life for members and friends and to share with others who may need to register to vote or update their information. Forms available in the Narthex on Sunday, Sept. 9 through October. September 27 first day for early voting for the General Election, October 9 is close of regular registration. October 10 is the first day for grace period registration and voting. October 21 is the last day to register to vote online. Nov. 5 is the last day for early voting for the General Election and Tuesday, November 6 is the last day for grace period registration and voting.

“The 2018 midterm elections are important because each time we have the opportunity to vote, it is a testament to our civic duty. As Christians, we should have faith that the people who represent us represent our values as Christians a well. Though we rely on our representatives at the state and federal level, there is no greater authority than our loving God who asks us to advocate for the weak, love our neighbors, and engage in our civic duties.” Barbara Kufiadan, ELCA Advocacy 2018 Summer Intern

### Women of the ELCA

Metro Chicago Synodical Women’s Organization Annual Convention is Saturday, October 27, 2018 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 27 S. Edgelawn, Aurora, IL For more information contact Gloria Green, [gdjhlq51@yahoo.com](mailto:gdjhlq51@yahoo.com) All are welcome.

THANK YOU Lord of Life has 5 Confirmation students and we have 5 Adult Pray-ers who intentionally and daily pray for the individual students.

“God’s work, Our hands” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America-one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Lord of Life has a few opportunities on Sept. 9 – donations to Lucille Resale Store to support one of our Metro Chicago Synod ministries Holy Family Ministries, letter writing, and voter registration information. On Monday, Sept. 10 volunteers will participate in “Feed My Starving Children” project.

MANY  
THANKS!

For our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) survey of the congregation, here are the top five gifts essential in this position and skills that would be very helpful. See the full MSP available in the Church Library.

<b>Top Priority</b>	
Help people develop their spiritual life	1
Be active in visitation of members and non-members	2
Be an effective Communicator	3
Be able to share leadership and work in a team	4
Be effective in working with youth	5
<b>Very Helpful</b>	
Be effective in working with children	1
Help people understand and act upon issues of social justice	2
Be skilled in planning and leading programs	3
Bring joy and good humor to relationships	4
Be creative and innovative about his or her tasks	5

“FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN is a Christian nonprofit hunger relief organization, founded in 1987. Members of Lord of Life will have an opportunity to volunteer at the Schaumburg site of FMSC on September 10. We will work as teams, packing nutritious meals for hungry and malnourished children around the world. Mark your calendars for:

**Monday, September 10, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Children are welcome if accompanied by parents (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older please). Don't miss out on this fun opportunity to make a difference!

### **Holy Humor**

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering. Finally fed up, God said, 'THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job.'

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused.  
They faxed.  
They e-mailed.  
They e-mailed with attachments..  
They downloaded.  
They did spreadsheets!  
They wrote reports.  
They created labels and cards.  
They created charts and graphs .  
They did some genealogy reports.  
They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than @#!\*% .

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off...

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed....

Finally, the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming: 'It's gone! It's all GONE! 'I lost everything when the power went out!' Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work. Satan observed this and became irate. 'Wait!' he screamed. That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?'

God just shrugged and said,  
**JESUS SAVES...**

**LUCILLE ON-THE-SPOT COLLECTION  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 7:30–9:45 AM**

Holy Family Ministries is bringing its truck to the Lord of Life parking lot to collect donations for its Arlington Heights resale store, Lucille. Proceeds support low-income children enrolled in Holy Family's school on Chicago's West Side. Donors receive a tax donation receipt. Lucille specializes in high-quality home furnishings, housewares, and adult clothing, and gratefully accepts donations of the following items that are in good sellable condition:

**Yes, please...**

Women's and men's clothing (casual wear—no suits)  
Housewares and home decor  
Small furniture items  
Jewelry  
Accessories (handbags, scarves, etc.)  
Books (adult classics and bestsellers—no children's)  
Bikes

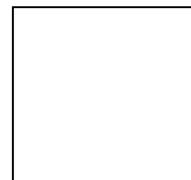
**Thanks, but no...**

Children's clothing  
Undergarments, socks  
Car seats, strollers, cribs, high chairs, helmets  
Mattresses, box springs  
Small toys and stuffed animals  
Entertainment/media centers  
Pianos  
Plastic tupperware containers and water bottles  
Anything stained, damaged, or missing pieces

All profits from Lucille support youth leadership development through education, youth programming, and anti-violence efforts. Help keep tuition affordable for over 300 children in Holy Family's pre-K through 8th-grade school and youth programs! Thank you for donating to Lucille!



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DATED MATERIAL: PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY



## ***Know, Grow, Serve, Share***

Lord of Life is a community of faith that is warm and welcoming. We strive to **KNOW** Christ by honoring traditional forms of worship as well as being open to innovations. We continue to **GROW** in Christ to a closer relationship with our Lord through learning and study. We **SERVE** Christ in the work of ministry by volunteering our time, energy and faith to church services and social programs. We **SHARE** Christ in mission and outreach within our church and community by supporting those who need our assistance and relief.