

## **Life With Worship**

*Word! Music! Praise!*

*"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."*

*Psalm 150:6*

- ◇ Life with God begins with the call to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. Worship at Lord of Life renews that call with inspiring, relevant preaching of God's Word and vibrant, distinctive traditional-blend and contemporary music services.
- ◇ We will establish choirs and musical ensembles for all ages, including youth choral and handbell choirs.
- ◇ We will provide opportunities for youth and adults to assist in and lead regular worship.
- ◇ We will explore additional special church services, such as an Easter sunrise service and summer service options.

## **Life With Generosity**

*Stewardship of all gifts*

*"God loves a cheerful giver."*

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

- ◇ We acknowledge that everything we have has come from God. We challenge everyone to grow in joyful giving of their stewardship gifts--time, talent and money.
- ◇ We challenge all church members to be involved in one regular major and one minor activity and/or program at Lord of Life.
- ◇ We will continue to work on reducing our financial debt.
- ◇ As the financial outlook improves, we will prayerfully consider additional staff, such as a children's music leader and volunteer coordinator.
- ◇ We will explore future large-program updates and growth, including further development of Life Memorial Gardens and Life Garden walking paths, and establishing a music school.

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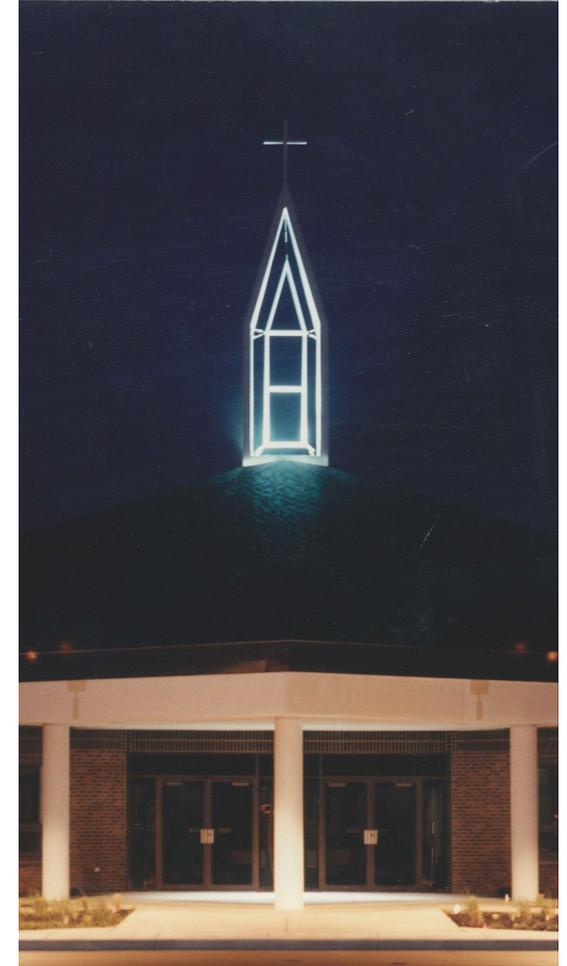
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# Lord of Life Church

## **2020 Vision Strategy**



## **Mission Statement**

Transforming Lives  
through Christ-Centered Community

## Introduction

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

As we approach 2020, only God knows the full extent and impact of the mission and outreach of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. With hope, love and trust in Him, we face our future with great anticipation and confidence, ready to do His work, and knowing God is our shepherd.

Sharing the Good News with the greater Ramsey community through Lord of Life ministries and programs requires planning, commitment and action. To help strategize, organize and coordinate these efforts for staff, members and volunteers, a 2020 Vision Team was formed in March 2014. Since then, the Vision Team met five times to discuss the strategic planning process. Last fall, team members held about a dozen 'listening sessions' with on-campus and off-campus groups, organizations and stakeholders. During a two-day retreat in mid-November 2014, they reviewed all listening session comments and formulated an outline for the document that you now have in your hands.

This 2020 Vision and Mission Plan builds on work done by a Strategic Planning Committee in 2012. Those committee members also obtained input from the congregation via surveys and forums.

Just as the 2012 Strategic Planning Committee knew its efforts would one day be updated, the 2020 Vision Team acknowledges its work will one day need revision. As God guides us, we pray, plan and hope for growth--growth in our own faith journeys, growth in Lord of Life's outreach to the community, and growth in the numbers of people who will know and rest in God's love for them. Future growth in the greater Ramsey area and within Lord of Life will help direct the next vision team and congregation in additional planning, outreach and programs.

## Lord of Life's 2020 Vision and Mission Plan

### Life With Love

*Reaching out in loving service*

*"Love your neighbor as yourself."*

*Luke 10:27*

- ◇ Lord of Life seeks to model Christ's love for all and embrace the challenge to be His hands and feet.
- ◇ We seek to be a place of peace, a blessing to our community and a congregation full of joy.
- ◇ We will purposefully stretch our inclusivity and foster partnerships with area congregations and organizations in shared missions.
- ◇ We will continue community involvement with current programs with Family Promise in Anoka County, Loaves and Fishes, Stoney River, Celebrate Recovery and the Community Clothing Sale.
- ◇ We anticipate development and involvement in additional programs and activities, based on current and future needs in the community, such as hunger and homelessness. Future outreach could include, yet not be limited to, specific outreach programming to youth, families, young adults and seniors; additional food and clothing drives; additional community meals on site; and off-campus/in-community involvement (choral / handbell concerts, Feed My Starving Children, Habitat For Humanity).

### Life With Faith

*Growing and learning across the generations*

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves."*

*Ephesians 2:8*

- ◇ Collectively and individually, through regular worship, Bible study, prayer and fellowship, each of us seek to know and grow our faith in Jesus Christ. It starts simply--with belief and trust in Him.
- ◇ We will offer opportunities for all ages to meet in small and large study groups to learn more about God's Word and contemporary issues affecting our lives.
- ◇ We will seek to strengthen our prayer ministry by offering prayer partners, prayer groups and prayer walks.
- ◇ We will explore ways for personal growth in discipleship and leadership development for youth and adults.

### Life With Hope

*Inclusive community invitation and celebration*

*"If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

*Romans 8:31*

- ◇ Lord of Life will be known as a loving, caring, compassionate community where each person feels a sense of belonging, acceptance and appreciation.
- ◇ We will be intentional, with hospitable words and actions, as we reach out to others, offering a heart-felt welcome onto our campus. We will invite visitors to worship and to post-worship social time.
- ◇ We will welcome and encourage involvement through Lord of Life's social outreach activities, such as Easter Eggstravaganza, Trunk or Treat and our Car Show.
- ◇ We will offer opportunities for fellowship with other Christians, such as group retreats and weekend breakfasts.
- ◇ We will promote mentoring between young and old; for new couples, new parents and new members.