

LORD OF LIFE

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Weekly Bible Verse:

*"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well."*

Matthew 6:33



A Word from our Senior Pastor

Day of Pentecost, June 4

The Day of Pentecost is the 50th day of the Easter Season. It's the day that follows "a week of Sundays" including Jesus' resurrection appearances, the remembrance of his teachings, and the promise of the Spirit. And it all drives to this capstone Sunday, the **Day of Pentecost**. Like the Jewish Pentecost festival that celebrates the harvest, we will celebrate the harvest of Jesus' death and resurrection for the Spirit empowerment and transformation of all creation. Wear your red and plan to whoop it up for the Spirit that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites us all. Yes, "red" for fire and wind and the passionate love of God.

I invite you to read the story of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-21) before Sunday and use it for your devotions. Keep all who are graduating in your prayers and revel in the empowerment God desires for all of us in the transitions of life. Graduations are pivotal moments in life and I join you all in offering God's blessing for our graduates this Sunday. And did I say wear red?

Synod Staff Thank-you to Lord of Life

Pentecost reminds us of the goodness of gathering together in Christ. It was our pleasure to host our Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly again this year. Please enjoy these words of appreciation from the synod staff: "We are so very grateful to Lord of Life for once again hosting Synod Assembly! It is such a warm, welcoming, and accommodating venue- wow! Each and every staff person and volunteer went out of their way to be helpful and hospitable. What a gift to our synod. What an example of living out the Real Presence of Christ."

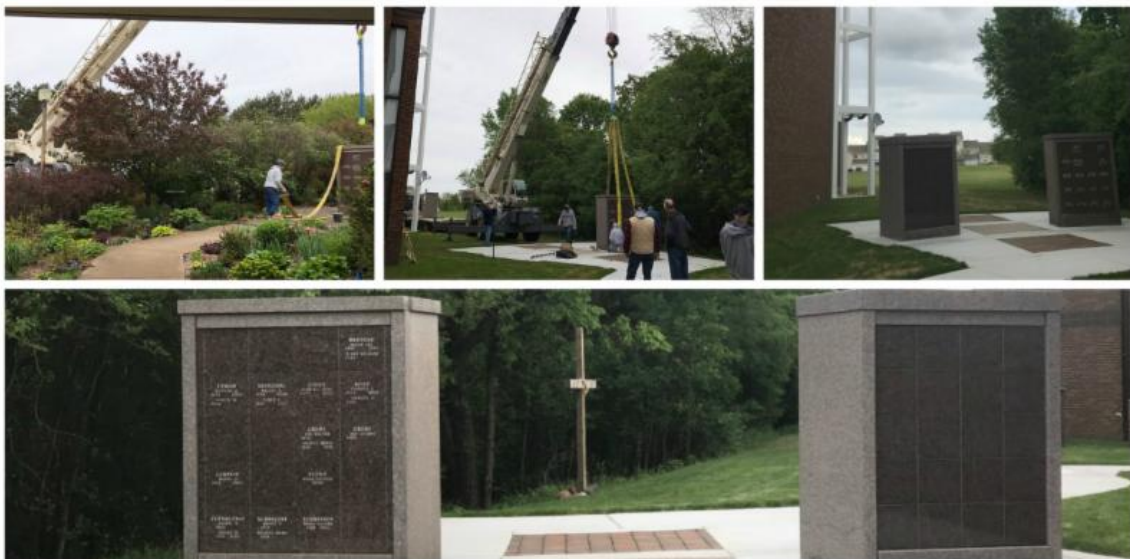
What wonderful words. I couldn't agree more. There's no doubt that God's good transformation abounds when Lord of Life gathers in the name of Christ, on campus and out in the neighborhoods in which we reside and live the gospel.

Happy Pentecost!

Pastor David

SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS



Life Memorial Gardens is a place for peace, reflection, and the final resting place for you or your loved ones. Ashes are placed in our columbarium niches, and loved ones are memorialized on the front of the columbarium. This is a multi-phase project, but as of May 19, Phase I has been completed. Check it out! The existing columbarium (formerly located in our front gardens) was moved to the new LMG plaza, and our new columbarium was also delivered. It was quite the sight! Check out the moving pictures above, then step outside the church to check it out in person! Interested in purchasing a niche for you or for a family member? [Email Michelle Anderson](#) or call 763-427-1100 (ext. 128) for more information.

NEW SOCIAL GROUPS AT LOL!

Looking for fun? Adventure? Support? Or a way to meet and connect with members and friends of Lord of Life? If so, new groups are forming with you in mind!

Adventures in...?

Adventures in? leaves us wondering what this group is about and where the adventures might lead us! Adventures in ...? is a social group of singles, couples, families, teens, elders, empty-nesters, grandmas and grandpas, kids....ANYONE!....who is into adventure and community. Last year we took a group of 50+ to a Twin's game, and who knows what adventures we'll have in 2017! Ideas so far include: a sports outing, game night (FARKEL anyone?), golf, serving together, or....wherever this group chooses to do! Your input will shape the adventures this group chooses. Events are being planned for the summer, so stay tuned!

Life with Littles

Life with Littles can be rewarding....and tough! Join with other families like yours to experience this great life stage together! From educational opportunities to playtime and social events, Life with Littles will connect you with others for fun, support, and celebration of this entertaining (and exhausting!) life stage. Check out the Summer Adventures dates/times for "Life with Littles" below! Questions? [Email Elaine Johnson.](#)

Movies with Pastor David

Are you a movie lover? So is Pastor David! Several times a year, join Pastor David at the movies with treats and discussions to follow. This spring the group has watched and discussed *The Shack* and *The Case for Christ*. Though these movies have a religious theme, a wide variety of movies will be chosen. Stay tuned for the next movie outing to be announced!

Interested in planning an event or co-leading a group?
Contact Michelle to get connected!

FOCUS – Mongolia Mission Trip



Tom Juergens will be embarking on his 18th mission trip to Mongolia later this summer offering vet care for horses and the good news of Jesus Christ to local herders/men.

Last year we raised \$2,000 for children's bibles in support of this mission, and this year we would like to once again invite you to join Lord of Life in supporting Tom's mission trip by providing an offering in the June and July FOCUS envelopes. Stay tuned for more information about this upcoming trip and the impact Lord of Life's donation will make on the people of Mongolia.

Thank you for your support!

LifeKIDS Update

Got your summer KID FUN plans made yet? Lord of Life Kids Ministry has something for EVERYONE!

LIFE with LITTLES at the PARK!
An opportunity for kids AND PARENTS



to have play dates and activities where fun and friendship are provided! Lord of Life Kids Ministry is hosting THREE summer park dates for parents and kids ages infant through elementary school.

Load up the kids and invite your friends and neighbors - we'll meet for some fun as we discover neighborhood parks in our area. We'll have playground fun as well as a planned activity each time. There will be time for parents to talk and laugh together as we share the joys and challenges of parenthood!

No need to register! Just meet us AT THE PARK! First event is June 28 at Elmcrest Park! (16303 Quicksilver St NW, Ramsey)

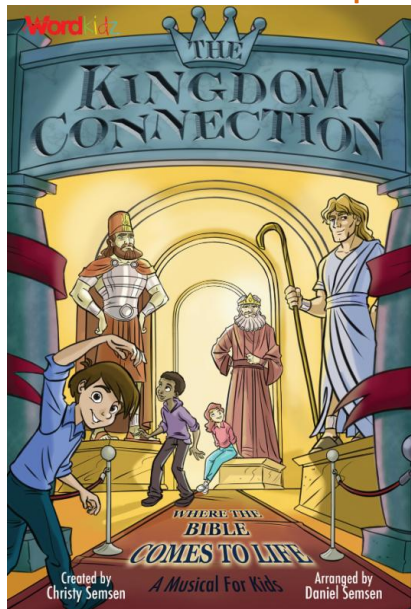
Green Lake Bible Camp

June 18 - 23, 2017

We're SO excited to go to Green Lake Bible Camp/Shores of St. Andrew in Spicer, MN again this summer! A fabulous experience of outdoor fun, friendship building and experiencing God! Available for kids in grades 2-12.



Musical Production Camp 2017: THE KINGDOM CONNECTION



Camp: July 10 - 14, 2017

Presentations: July 16, 2017

All kids completing K - 8th grade are invited to spend a week together with friends learning, preparing and celebrating the message of this Christian musical. We will learn songs, create props, discover sign language, rehearse dramas, dance and move, design costumes - and daily share lunches, crafts, recreation and laughs! Our week will culminate with a musical production event that we will share with our community on Sunday morning.

What a great opportunity to invite your friends to share a GREAT week of fun and creativity!!

VBS Mega Sports and Arts Camp: Conquer the Day!

July 31 - August 3

Everyone wants to win at sports and life, but what does it take to get to victory? Kids will discover four important things they can do to become winners as they Conquer the Day.

Soccer, Basketball, OR Arts & Crafts, snacks, worship, bible study, afternoon field trips, and more!

Kids age 3 (by April 1 and potty trained) through completed grade 6 are invited to join us this summer



More information and registrations are available
[online here](#)! Be sure to invite your friends!



Update from Pastor Amy



If you would like to be recognized on June 4, please
[email Tammy](#) your name, parents' names, and plans
for next year along with a picture, by 8:00 am
Wednesday (5/31).

Thank you!

Enjoy the CAMP experience

Camp Experience: \ˈkɑmp\ experience (Noun): 1. A temporary community where safe risks can be taken and important questions can be asked with caring role models. 2. A time away from distractions to focus on Jesus' unwavering love while enjoying the beauty of mother nature. 3. A REALLY, REALLY GOOD TIME!



Family Promise Families staying at Lord of Life

June 11-25!

VOLUNTEER INFO

MEETING ON JUNE 4.

If you have a little time, please come and meet the Family Promise families, and help make their stay here at Lord of Life renewing. If you bring a friend, it's even more fun!!



An information and training session will be held on June 4 at 10:15 am in the LOL Library. We still need volunteers to help prepare and serve meals, stay overnight, and help with activities for the families. Please consider attending the meeting on June 4 or visiting the Family Promise table on Sunday to see how you can make a difference! Family Promise is fueled by VOLUNTEERS who do 85% of the work to help these families build a new life!

If you have any questions, please email [Cindy Ulmen](#), [Kristin Foss-Goran](#), or [Cathy Maksimenko](#).



A Note from Bruce Phelps

Summer is a time for rejuvenation, relaxing, and planning ahead. The pastors and I met to discuss some long range plans for worship from now through Christmas, and I left that meeting energized by the enthusiasm and possibilities that exist for us at Lord of Life. We talked about worship themes, special events, and new ways to meet the needs of an ever-changing church community. I sat down and dreamed of ways we could make our music ministry even more vibrant and engaging for all. So here is my first attempt:

An invitation to all boys and men- JOIN SINGING AMBASSADORS OF LORD OF LIFE

Our first attempt at starting a men's singing group at Lord of Life did not work out, so we are going to try again. There is nothing more powerful or impressive than a group of men singing together! Whether it be barbershop, gospel, hymns, or pop music, when men sing, people listen, so my goal is to get men of the LOL community singing!

I don't care if members have sung in a choir, I just want men to come together and sing for the joy of it. I am putting together a collection of familiar songs that we can learn quickly and easily. I am not concerned about singing four parts yet - that will come - I just want to have a good time singing right away. The songs I am looking at range from gospel songs of years ago to contemporary music of today. We'll decorate the arrangements with keyboard, percussion, guitars, bass, and whatever we can find to give the music some more life. Then, when we are ready and available, we will sing for worship and tell the "Good News" in song like the congregation has never heard it before!

I am extending this invitation to all the men of the church to come and sing with us. Bring your sons too... there is no age requirement. Rehearsals are going to be on one or two Sunday mornings a month after the 9:00 am service for about 30 minutes. You will all have a 3-ring binder with all your music and I will make practice CDs so you can sing along in your car when driving around. I want this to be fun. I want it to be meaningful. **But most of all, I want you to join us as the Singing Ambassadors open a new chapter of music ministry at Lord of Life!**

Our Summer Choir is singing June 11 at the 9:00 am service. I would like to meet with you after the service, say at 10:15 am for about 30 minutes, just so we can sing together and see how it goes. After our rehearsal, we'll look at the calendar as to when we can next meet. The commitment is minimal. The music is fun and inspirational. And you guys can bring new life in music to Lord of Life. Please come and join us!!! Hope to see you at 10:15 am on Sunday, June 11!

Upcoming Music at Lord of Life:

Sunday, June 4: Elaine Johnson and her sister, Laura Price, leading worship

Sunday, June 11: Summer Choir and guest trumpet player, Irene Hass

Sunday, July 16: Children's Musical at both morning services

Sunday, July 23: Summer Choir

Sunday, July 30: Guest Gospel Singer, Jill Loegering

Sunday, August 13: Summer Choir

Sunday, August 20: River City Gospel Quartet

Sunday, September 10: Rally Sunday Spectacular

What is happening to church choirs around the country? Read next week's music article to learn what is happening to choral music in churches and how you can make a difference here at Lord of Life.

See you in church!

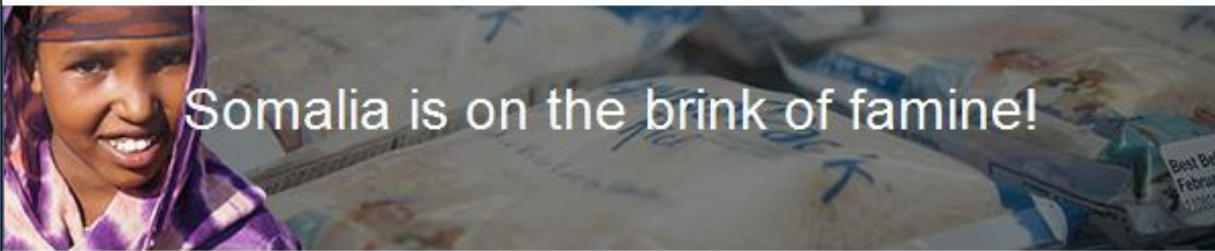
Musically Yours,
Bruce Phelps

Holy Land Informational Meeting

There is still room for the trip to the Holy Land led by Pastor Margie Guelker, October 24 - November 4, 2017!



An informational meeting will be held on Monday, June 12 in the Lord of Life library at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

[Donate](#)[Volunteer](#)

Somalia is on the brink of famine!

And you can do something about it. We need your hands at the

Love Somalia MobilePack

The Twin Cities community is packing 6 million urgently-needed meals and we still have 23,000 volunteer spots to fill!

June 2-5, 2017

Saint Paul RiverCentre

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Upcoming Events

Lord of Life Classic Collector's Car Show




Saturday, June 3
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

All Spectators - FREE
 Show car entry fee - \$5.00

Raffle tickets \$2 each -
 drawing will be several large prizes!

50's - 80's MUSIC

**Hot Dogs & Brats
 Snacks
 Pop & Water**



We have a summer packed full of FUN for LOL youth! [Click here for upcoming kid's opportunities](#) or [here for upcoming teen opportunities.](#)


Join us for the Annual

Outdoor Worship & Picnic Potluck

Sunday | July 2 | 9:30 am

STAY CONNECTED:



 Forward to a Friend