

Lord of Life  
Lutheran Church  
5051 Pleasant Valley Road  
Brighton, MI 48114



*Living in God's amazing grace*

*"God's Work. Our Hands."*

Weekly Sermon on Facebook and YouTube – Join Us!

You are invited to worship with us!

9:30 am "In Person" worship with Holy Communion

11:00 – 11:30 am Drive thru Holy Communion

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## *Lord of Life Lutheran Church*



### *Messages for July & August 2021:*

**July 4, 2021** (Mark 6:1-13) At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

**July 11, 2021** (Mark 6:14-29) As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom.

**July 18, 2021** (Mark 6:30,56-56) When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people.

**July 25, 2021** (John 6:1-21) In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God.

**August 1, 2021** (John 6:24-35) Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside.

**August 8, 2021** (John 6:35,41-51) After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

**August 15, 2021** (John 6:51-58) In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life."

**August 22, 2021** (John 6:56-69) The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples in his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood.

**August 29, 2021** (Mark 7:1-23) Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure.

*Making Christ Known*

## Summer Faith Builders for Christian Families

### Summer Faith Builder #1:

For younger children, make picture-based check-lists of things found in nature, and go outside to find each item listed. Kids can mark off items. Afterward, talk about what you noticed about God's creation. Take time to praise God together for making all the things you found.

### Summer Faith Builder # 2:

Use sidewalk chalk to declare your love for one another and for God. Fill your driveway or sidewalk with special message, family "portraits," and short Bible passages.

### Summer Faith Builder # 3:

Set out ingredients for s'mores and make them together, assembly-line fashion. As you eat, ask: "When has God done "some more" for you? Why do you think God wants us to do "some more" for others?"

### Summer Faith Builder # 4:

Play a game similar to Duck, Duck, Goose. The person who walks around the circle is the Gardener and carries a full watering can. He or she taps heads and says "seed" until sprinkling someone's head with water and saying "grow." Afterward, talk about the parable of the growing seed. (Mark 4:26-29).

Childrensministry.com



## Summer Message from the Pastor

"With God all things are possible"  
(Matthew 19:26)

Perspective is defined in Webster's Dictionary as a method of subjective evaluation. In layman's terms we might describe the meaning of perspective as the way we look at things. For example, is the glass half empty or half full? Both answers of the glass question are correct but one (half full) emphasizes the positive, while the other (half empty) emphasizes the negative.

Perspective, or the way we look at things, really does matter. As a Christian and as a pastor I have come to realize that our perspective makes all the difference in the world. Especially when we look at things through the eyes of faith. Remember, faith is defined in the Bible as "The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Consider the feeding of the 5,000 that is recorded in all four gospels. A large crowd of 5,000 people gathered to hear Jesus. When evening came, Jesus' disciples asked him to send the crowd home so they could all eat supper. Jesus said to them "you give them something to eat" (Luke 9:13). The disciples looked at the size of the crowd and said it was impossible. Then Peter told Jesus that a little boy had offered all that he had, five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:9). Jesus thanked God for what was given to meet the need, and God multiplied the offering to feed the multitude.

Life is filled with challenges, big and small. Our perspective with regard to each challenge can make all the difference in the world. We worship a God of love, compassion, and purpose. God never abandons us, especially in our time of need. We can all learn a lesson from Jesus' miracle of the feeding of the 5,000. When trying to figure things out, don't take God out of the equation. I believe that maintaining a positive Christian perspective in life will help us to be better problem solvers, and just may enable us to move mountains (Matthew 17:20).

See you in church,

*Pastor Dale +*

# About Lord of Life Lutheran Church

*“God’s work. Our Hands.”*

**Welcome to Lord of Life** – Pastor Dale Hedblad leads our worship each Sunday. Our worship is hands-free (no book). Just follow the Power Point liturgy on the big screen.

**Our Church** – Lord of Life Lutheran Church is a member of the Southeast Michigan Synod branch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The ELCA is the largest Lutheran Church body, consisting of 4.6 million members worldwide. Lord of Life was established as a mission development on May 21, 1972. Our current pastor, Dale Hedblad, has a Master of Divinity Degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Oh. He is one of two specialized ministers in the Southeast Michigan Synod. Pastor Hedblad is also a Board Certified Chaplain and is on-call at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. If you would like to learn more about Pastor Hedblad, there is a brief biography under the picture of Pastor Dale and his wife, Colleen, as you exit the sanctuary. Currently, Lord of Life consists of 615 members. Lord of Life is active in the Brighton Community with several ministries including: Vacation Bible School, Love INC., Gleaners Food Bank, Crop Walk, Habitat for Humanity, Juvenile Diabetes Research, Fish & Loaves, Red Cross Blood Drives, Kids Against Hunger, Bountiful Harvest Food Pantry and our annual Christmas “Adopt-A-Family” giving tree.

Lord of Life is always open to joining or initiating new ministries that are consistent with our mission statement and our core values:

“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

- Compassion
- Discipleship
- Hospitality
- Commitment to excellence



## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAY’S

### JULY

- 03 – Kayla Harper
- 04 – Dana Hahne
- 06 – Dan Raszkowski
- 11 – Linda LaPlatt
- 13 – Andrea Burdick, Becca Hawley
- 14 – Mike Garcia
- 16 – Andrew Everson
- 18 – Duane Leininger
- 21 – Pastor Dale Hedblad
- 23 – Olivia Hubbell
- 30 – Megan LaPlatt
- 31 – Tanya & Timothy Newberg

### AUGUST

- 03 – Ariana Hawley
- 06 – Jack Losert
- 07 – Luke Elsey
- 09 – Zoanne McCurren
- 10 – Suzanne Terrell
- 11 – Alton Bartrum
- 15 – Matt Schreer
- 16 – Douglas Rice
- 17 – Carson & Eric Hahne, & Sheila Andring
- 19 – Alexa Lamoreaux
- 21 – Karen Dei, Gloria McCracken & Sharon Zizka

## JULY & AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

### JULY

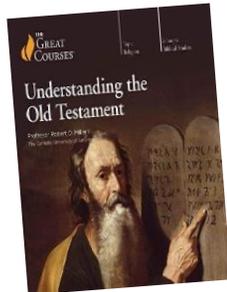
- 2 – Douglas & Nancy Rice
- 15 – Phillip & Deanna Lamoreaux
- 17 – Alton & Shirley Bartrum
- 19 – John & Kathy Hartman
- 24 – Jeremy & Christine Hubbell, Jon & Bonnie Unruh
- 26 – David and Lynn Burgess



### AUGUST

- 12 – Mike & DeLynn Garcia

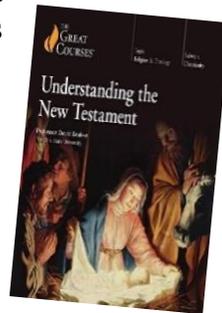
# Getting Ready for Confirmation 2021-2022



Well folks, we have completed the *Year of the Church* in our confirmation class. This summer is the time I plan to dig deeper into next year's class review of the scriptures. Towards that end I discovered two very wonderful Old and New Testament courses from *Great Courses*. The first is *Understanding the Old*

*Testament* by Professor Robert Miller

from the Catholic University of America, and the other is *Understanding the New Testament* by Professor David Blake from Ohio State University.



In the 19th century, most North American Protestants read the Bible relatively literally. This was a departure from earlier approaches to reading the Bible (including the medieval allegorical approach) that explored the rich metaphors found throughout scripture. By the 1920s, North American Protestantism was dividing between two main approaches to biblical interpretation, informed respectively by fundamentalism and modern biblical criticism. Both believe in the "inspiration" of scripture—generally put, that it is the word of God communicated by the breath of the Holy Spirit. Fundamentalist Christians regard the Bible as "inerrant." Inerrancy means that the Bible has no errors of any kind. Others, including most Lutherans like us ELCAers, use the tools of contemporary biblical criticism and take scientific, historical, and literary knowledge into account. They acknowledge that the Bible contains internal contradictions and consider the context of the text—historical, linguistic, social, political, economic, literary—as well as the text itself.



In our class we use the NRSV *Here We Stand Lutheran Study Bible* specifically designed for young adults and old codgers just like me.

Today there are not only numerous print translations of the Bible but also print paraphrases, films, made-for-television productions, and other interpretations of the biblical texts. These are great ways to learn more about the Bible and to share the good news of God's love. God's word comes to us in many ways—but be mindful! Remember that all interpretations have a perspective. View and read all interpretations with a critical mind. Whose perspective is represented in this retelling? With whom does this retelling ask you to identify, and how does that relate to the heart of the story? Compared to the actual biblical text, what is missing from or added to this interpretation? **Most of all, does this retelling tell the truth that God loves all people, and all that God has made?** Compare different versions—for example, one translation with another, a movie or paraphrase with an actual translation—and when you can, do this with other people.

Our confirmands often have questions when we compare the Michigan standard social studies curriculum with biblical accounts and those questions truly make my day in class.

Walking together with our Lord,

*Mr. Craig*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER



*Comfort our world in this time of fear and uncertainty, as we pray for those suffering with the COVID19 virus and those working on the front lines.*

Craig Johnson, Ryan Pelto, Dorothy Wojcik, Don and Joy Staisil, Bill Maitland, Jason Billings, Ella Wallace and Edna.