

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

10:30 am Confirmation Class

10:30 am Sunday School Pre-School to 6th Grade

11:15 am Sunday Adult Bible Study

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Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Brighton, MI

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Lord of Life Lutheran Church



Messages for June 2022:

June 5, 2022 (John 14:8-7[25-27]) On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate in the Holy Spirit to accompany us.

June 12, 2022 (John 16:12:15) "O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity.

June 19, 2022 (Luke 8:26-39) Declaration of "how much God has done for us."

June 26, 2022 (Luke 9:51-62) Jesus' call to follow him is an invitation to freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is the path of life.

Making Christ Known

JUNE 2022 LORD OF LIFE SPECIAL EVENTS



Communion Worship is every Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by hospitality.

Sunday School for children ages 3 through the 6th grade will resume in the fall.

Confirmation class for students will resume in the fall.

Turn your spending into giving. Meijer reloads are accepted every Sunday. Please see Colleen for details.



Adult Bible Class will resume in the fall.



Fish and Loaves will be Sunday, June 12th. Food donations will be needed. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Lord of Life Fish & Loaves will continue to distribute food via drive thru process. Please note the new start time is **5:00 pm**, this new start time is in effect for all churches that distribute food.

Vacation Bible School - June 27th – 30th



June Message from the Pastor

“Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; and yet not even Solomon in all of his glory was arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothes the grass, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?” (Luke 12:27-28)

This scripture from Luke’s Gospel is one of my favorites. I am inspired by it because it reminds me that throughout our lifetime God is with us every step of the way. I look to this text often, in times of making plans, in times of uncertainty and in ever day life.

This year, the summer months of June, July and August will focus on many scriptures from the Gospel of Luke. Stories of healing, forgiveness and new life remind us yet again, that “all things work for good for those who love the Lord” (Romans 8:28).

Lord of Life is hosting Vacation Bible School June 27-30th from 9:30 – 11:30 am. This year’s theme is “Food Truck Party– On a Roll with God.” Children are encouraged to sign up now if you haven’t already done so. This is our first VBS program in 3 years due to Covid-19 canceling our previous summer gatherings. To celebrate the return of VBS, Lord of Life is making this year’s program “free of charge.” Please check the Bulletin Board each week to keep up with the summer events and to take part in our weekly Worship service.

On a personal note, Colleen and I will celebrate 23 years of ministry here at Lord of Life on July 1st. Twenty-three years....it doesn’t seem possible that it has already been that long. We look back and think of all the growth and all the changes that have taken place. We give God thanks for our calling and we thank all of you for your commitment and partnership in serving our Lord. We still believe that the best is yet to come.

Serving with you,

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. 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

JUNE BIRTHDAY’S

01 – Rylie Kay Madison
02 – Colin Olsen & Nathan Hubbell
04 – Brendan Unruh
05 – Vicky Jollitz & Michelle Garcia
07 – Dennis Kallio
08 – Glenn Kelly
08 – Aaron Renton
10 – Erik Kallio
12 – Aaron Hawley
15 – Samantha Hawley
16 – Kathleen Bargert
17 – Linda Lamoreaux
18 – Gina Leininger
19 – Kara Leininger
20 – Ryan Hedblad, Julia Farmer
30 – Lindsey Rowell



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Have a wonderful anniversary!

14 – Howard & Debbie Renton
20 – Craig & Kathleen Johnson
27 – Chuck & Gloria McCracken
28 – Dan & Teresa Hedblad

Lord of Life is pleased to announce our new and improved ways (two) to give to Lord of Life:

1) **Online Giving Page**, contained in our church's website! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has updated their online giving platform to make it easier than ever to make one-time gifts or set up recurring donations to our church.

The new page is live on our site now. Nothing about our online giving has changed except the look of the page. You can adjust existing donations, set up new gifts and update personal information from the new Vanco Online.

How Do You Sign Up with Vanco Online?

It is easy! **If you are a new giver to Lord of Life**, visit our website

<https://www.lordoflifeelca.com>

Then click on the **Donate Here** button, at the top of the home page, to create a Vanco Online account. From there, you can read more about our mission and give to our ministries.

If you already have a Vanco account, you can log in using the same username and password as before. To do this, visit our online giving page at <https://www.lordoflifeelca.com>, click on the **Donate Here** button at the top of the Home Page, then click the "Log In" button at the top right of your screen. From there you can update scheduled donations or set up new recurring gifts by clicking "Profile" and then "View Scheduled Donations."

You can also check out this [Vanco Online How-To Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions.

2) **New Mobile Giving App**, which replaces the existing **Give+ App** (for smart phones) which some of you have been using; **Give + goes away on April 30, 2022**, and **will be replaced by the new Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App**, which can be downloaded to your smart phone from the Apple App store (for iPhones) or Google Play (for Android phones)

We are thrilled about our **online giving page's** fresh look, as well as the **convenience the new Mobile App provides for folks who prefer using their smart phones to give.**

Are you ready to roll with Vacation Bible School 2022? Lord of Life will be hosting VBS

June 27—30

9:30—11:30 am.



Hurry, Registration is now open for VBS 2022.

Find the link on our website: www.lordoflifeelca.com

Money and the Great Commission

Jesus' parting command was: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was very direct and explicit with His mandate. There is no question as to where or with whom we are to share the Gospel. The love that God gives to us is to be shared by us with all people everywhere. He has given us our marching orders, and, in His strength, we can give ourselves fully to His work.

Because God has chosen to use us as His tools to bring salvation to all people, we must use our lives and gifts to spread the Good News. Paul wrote, *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:20). One of the tools that God gives us to use in our mission of reaching out to others with the Gospel is our money. According to an old stewardship phrase, "Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible." Stewardship and mission are inseparable. The funding of the Great Commission needs to come from believers. The money which God entrusts to us has many purposes, and the funding of mission work is of first importance. Through the giving of our money, we demonstrate our obedience to Jesus' command to reach out to all people. Paul wrote that, through our giving, we *"test the sincerity of [our] love by comparing it with the earnestness of others"* (2 Corinthians 8:8).

For nonbelievers and those who lack spiritual maturity, the giving of money is done begrudgingly out of a sense of obligation. By the grace of God, our attitude toward giving is a "want to" rather than a "got to" give. We view giving as a privilege and an opportunity to spread the Gospel through our money. Our giving expresses our gratitude for who God is and all that He has done for through His Son. Through faith, we hold onto our money loosely and then are privileged to experience the joy of giving as we give God our first and best. As Christians we understand that God has a claim on all that we have, so we willingly and cheerfully give our money to help all people hear of God's love. Money is an important tool for God's mission. Through our faithful giving, we are able to leverage our witnessing to all people.

Ronald J. Chewning
12 Months of Congregational Stewardship



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.

The Uvalde Community, Bob Cannon, Vivian Hall, Barbara Yacobelli, Austin Reed, Craig Moilanen, Ramona Augustine, Lynn and Dave, Bettina and Ralf Zaar, Matthew Johnson, Bill Maitland, Ella Wallace, Karen, Edna, Donna, Julie, Scott, Addison, the Davis Family, Uncle Paul and baby twins Victoria & Joseph.
In sympathy for the family of Scott Newburg.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our high school graduates!
Will Anderson, Michael Hawley, Adam Lampela, and Noah Losert

Also, Congratulations to Steve Reed for obtaining his Associates Degree in Applied Science, Major in Transportation from Washtenaw Community College.





You are invited to join the fellowship following worship services this summer.

Sunday school, Confirmation, and Adult Bible study classes may be on vacation June through Labor Day, but Christian fellowship continues.

Coffee and cookies are provided each Sunday.

Take a little time to chat with one another following worship.



A huge thank you goes to Caron and John Davis for the fantastic food they provided for our recent Confirmation Sunday hospitality time. Everything was delicious and greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Caron, for sharing your 50th Birthday celebration with all of us.

**HOW WE USE AND MANAGE
GOD'S GIFTS IS NOT HIDDEN
FROM GOD.**

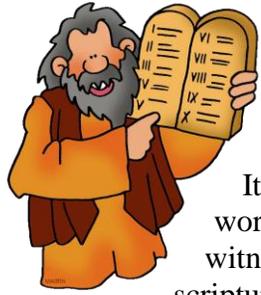
"So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God"
(Romans 14:12).



Famous Hilarious Dad Quotes

- "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." - Mark Twain
- "To be a successful father, there's one absolute rule: when you have a kid, don't look at it for the first two years." - Ernest Hemingway
- "For fatherhood advice, try to look your child in the eye... get to know their name; that becomes important when you want something. And remember to feed them. That's about all you need." - Will Ferrell
- "I gave my father \$100 and said, 'Buy yourself something that will make your life easier.' So he went out and bought a present for my mother." - Rita Rudner
- "Being a dad isn't just about eating a huge bag of gummy bears as your wife gives birth. It means being comfortable with the word 'hero.'" - Ryan Reynolds
- "I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it." - Harry Truman
- "We wondered why when a child laughed, he belonged to Daddy, and when he had a sagging diaper that smelled like a landfill, 'He wants his mother.'" - Erma Bombeck
- "There should be a children's song: 'If you're happy and you know it, keep it to yourself and let dad sleep.'" - Jim Gaffigan
- "A father carries pictures where his money used to be." - Steve Martin
- "I've been to war. I've raised twins. If I had a choice, I'd rather go to war." - George W. Bush





Young or Old, God Provides

It has been a great year to witness the Holy Spirit at work in our Confirmation class. Our congregation has witnessed these amazing kids read the worship scripture, sing, and play their music for us and one is a member of the praise band, and another filled in for Pastor Dale's prayers while he was away.

In the class I have been privileged to witness, at the beginning, a bunch of sometimes shy kids to ones who now are able to stand up while reading the scripture aloud, do silly lesson related skits, and share feelings of faith openly with classmates.

Some of you may know that I attend a Men's Bible study every Wednesday morning at 7:30 am. at a local church. Recently we are watching and discussing an Old Testament lecture series by Professor Robert D. Miller II, from the Catholic University of America.

Dr. Miller reminded us that the Old Testament prophets were a reluctant **lot** (no pun intended). In Exodus 3:10, God commands Moses to go to the pharaoh and free the Israelites. In every single prophetic call, the prophet responds with objections, usually having to do with speech. Old man Moses's objections take all of chapter 3, verse 11 through chapter 4, verse 13. God then responds to the objections with reassurance by saying, **"I will be with you."**

According to Professor Miller, most all had a reluctance to take God's call. Usually, it had something to do with the lack of communication skills. Of course, God was with them. If that's the one wonderful message, we can provide our youth is the assurance that our loving Lord is always with them no matter what? This is most certainly true even after a painful parental grounding.

The final segment of the prophetic call is a sign. Moses receives multiple signs so that he can reassure himself and others. With most prophets, the sign has something to do with the lips. The prophet is a messenger for God just as Christ has called all of us, young or old, in his great commission. The Great Commission is outlined in Matthew 28:16–20, where on a mountain in Galilee, Jesus calls on his followers to make disciples of and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. ***"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."***

In
God
We
Trust

We all are endowed with God given talents, individually designed and unique to each of us. What that indicates for our confirmands and us oldsters is that we are designed to approach this make disciples all nations and teach in our own very special way. It reminds me of a neat song I introduced to the class this year: ***All God's Critters got a Place in the Choir.*** and another hymn, ***Listen God is Calling.*** Both reflect our Lord's message that even when out of our comfort zone, the **Lord is always with us.**

Well, there you are! We have assurances that Christ is calling and will be with us as we make disciples wherever we can, using our words when necessary. We'll leave the baptizing up to Pastor Dale.

*Lord's Peace,
Mr. Craig*

An old teacher's Confirmation verse could be Psalm 71: 17-18 ¹⁷ *Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.* ¹⁸ *Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.*