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Message From Pastor Adam

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Every year during the Church season of Easter, our first reading on Sundays comes from the book of Acts in the New Testament. We replace our Old Testament readings with different verses from the book of Acts. This practice goes back to the very foundations of Christianity and started sometime before the 4th century. The reasoning for this tradition is that in The Three Days leading up to Easter, we read a lot from the old testament (specifically

during the Easter Vigil) to tell us the story of our salvation - from the Garden of Eden to the Hill at Golgotha.

The book of Acts is full of the stories of the Early Christians trying to work out how to be the church. It is important to remember that at the beginning of Christianity there was no manual to consult; there were no famous theologians to look to for advice; there wasn't even a Bible until the end of the fourth century. Early Christians were doing the best with what they had to work with. Unsurprisingly, there were a lot of different ideas on what it meant to be a follower of Christ. These differing opinions were much bigger even than the divisions we see between Protestant, Chatholic, and Orthox Christians today.

The books of Acts, or as it is sometimes called, the Acts of the Apostles, chronicles the hard work and persistence it took to form faithful individuals to get the church started. Dedication from the apostles like Peter and Paul helped to spread and build and grow the church wherever they went. Eventually early Christians were able to come to some shared consensus despite vast contextual and cultural differences between groups of people. Even though they faced many challenges inside and outside of the church, one thing remained constant - everything the apostles did was out of love for God and their neighbor.

When loving God and loving our neighbor are the driving force behind all our actions, we too are able to achieve amazing things in the name of Jesus Christ, whom all things are possible.

Blessings,

Pastor Adam

Celebrating Holy Week





Bingo Fun For All

Nothing is more fun than hearing someone yell BINGO! On April 22nd we had a nice turnout for an evening of bingo. There were a variety of prizes ranging from boxes of candy to gift cards to local restaurants. Grand prizes of a Portillo's gift card and also a self care basket. Everyone had a great time and can't wait to do it again.



Senior Spirits May 19

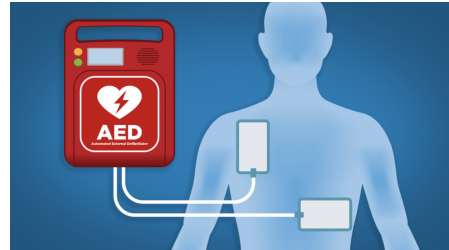


Seniors will meet again on Thursday May 19 at noon. This month we will have SCARCE who will be talking about recycling.

We'll have a Potluck luncheon so please bring a dish to share and your own beverage.

AED Training

Take advantage of this great opportunity! At Lord of Life on May 17 at 6:00 P.M. you have the chance to be trained on how to use an AED, which is an Automated External Defibrillator that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and pulseless ventricular tachycardia, and can treat them through defibrillation, the application of electricity which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm. If you want to receive training, either sign up at church or call the church office.



Bravo and Thanks for helping FISH

Once again the Lord of Life congregation stepped up to help those in need or are homeless. FISH coordinator, Deb Aguzino, provided a list of food items needed for a healthy Easter dinner, and the items were collected. A total of 204 pounds of food were delivered to FISH on April 10th by Carolyn Katt and Sherry Sejnost. Our next collection for FISH will be in November, and items will be collected for a Thanksgiving dinner. FISH is thankful for Lord of Life's generous support.

Farewell and Thank You

With great sadness I am leaving Lord of Life due to problems in driving the distance every week. This is the only reason I am forced to leave. When I first joined, I lived in Hinsdale. When I moved to Romeoville Karen McGinley and I would share driving. Now that I have to drive myself it is difficult when I am not physically up to the drive. The ice and snow made the decision for me last winter. I stayed on to help new Altar Guild members become familiar with the altar duties. I so appreciate their willingness to add to the altar membership.

I will miss all of you. LOL is one of the most welcoming congregations I have encountered.

Continue to support each other and Pastor Dowd.
God bless all of you in your church life and church growth.

I thank all of you for your support during my years of membership.

Peace and love,

Mary Szyszka



Happy Birthday To These LoL Members

May 2 Penny S.

May 3 Susan R.

May 4 Diana P.

May 8 Karri B.

May 9 Janet K.

May 12 Dan B.

May 14 Susan F.

May 15 Jim E.

May 18 Rene B.

May 23 Mary S.



Council Highlights

- Over 110 people attended Lord of Life's Easter Worship services.
- Family Bingo night was well attended by over 30 people.
- A Boy Scout is planning to complete his Eagle project at Lord of Life this spring by mulching the grounds and cleaning and staining the play area.
- Synod assembly is June 4th and Marilyn and Aimee will attend with Pastor Adam.
- Property committee cleaned out the Southwest room to free up space to store items that are in the back of the sanctuary. Then the back of the sanctuary will be a playground for young families.
- Pastor Todd's books were offered to all and those that remained were given to Discovery Books who will find new homes for the remaining books.
- Finance – donations in March were strong. The year-to-date deficit decreased by \$1,961 in March.
- Covid taskforce - LoL will use the CDC guidelines for DuPage County to determine if masks are required in the sanctuary. We ask that everyone continue to be respectful of others regarding the use of masks. We will continue to provide options for online services, social distant seating, and communion.
- In reviewing the garbage removal contract, the Property Committee found a lower rate. So in the near future we will be using LRS for rubbish removal. The water cooler between the bathrooms near the narthex is no longer working and will be replaced by the Property Committee shortly. Thank you Property Committee for all that you do for Lord of Life!
- The charities that Lord of Life supports with God's work our Hands were reviewed and streamlined.

- o January – Feed my Starving Children (event only)
- o February – Black History Month (event only)
- o March – Willowbrook Wildlife Haven
- o April – Mt. Carmel Easter food baskets
- o May – TBD
- o June –Pride Month (event only)
- o July
- o August – School Supplies
- o September
- o October – Socktober
- o November – Fish Food Collection
- o December – Mt. Carmel Christmas food baskets

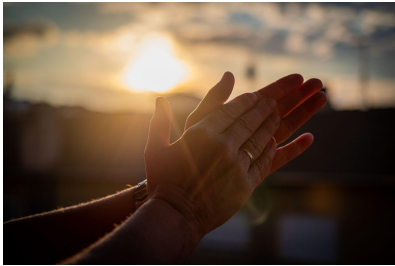
Council recognitions for the month.

- o Connie for cleaning up the Southwest room.
- o Sue Tomaszek, Connie Allekian, and Rosita Yao for their work on the Holden Lenten services.
- o Ron Matta, Bob Angora and his cousins for repairing the pews and paying for the supplies.
- o All the volunteers set up the sanctuary last Saturday for Easter Sunday.

Happy 40th Birthday

Congratulations to AA for being in partnership with Lord of Life Church for 40 years. We are honored to be a part of the worthwhile work you do with AA members. If you have a chance, take a look at the birthday card on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Council Recognition



The Church Council wishes to give special recognition and thanks to:

Sue Tomasezk, Connie Allekian, Rosita, and Pastor Adam for creating and delivering the beautiful Holden Evening prayer services.

Ron Matta and Bob Tangorra and his **cousin** for repairing areas of the church pews that were showing some wear.

Connie Allekian for cleaning the Southwest Room.

All the people who helped prepare the church for Easter and then returned it to its original state after Easter.

2022 Council Members

Sherry Sejnost - Council President, Evangelism
Arlene Danielson - Council Vice President, Finance
Stacie Plzak - Council Secretary
Connie Allekian -LCW, Nominating
Aimee Jimenez - Christian Education
Art Kardatzke - Property
Debbie McNichols - Hospitality
Judy Padera - Children and Hunger
Roberta Sejnost - Vision Team / Reconciling in Christ
Marilynn Sells - Worship and Music
Marla Suda - Christian Education
Jan Treiback - Stewardship
Pastor Adam - Social Ministry



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Lord of Life Church , Contacts , Holidays in United States

May 2022 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Day of 9am - Worship 10am - Alter 10am - Sunday 11am - Worship 1pm - Loving	2	3 5:15pm - OA @ 7pm - Troop 56	4 10am - Bible 7pm - AA @	5 Cinco de Mayo 7pm - Council 7pm - Troop 97	6 9:30am - Card	7 9am - SDA
8 Mother's Day 9am - Worship 10am - Sunday 11am - Worship 1pm - Loving	9	10 11:30am - Lunch 5:15pm - OA @	11 10am - Bible 11am - Worship 7pm - AA @	12 7pm - Troop 97	13 9:30am - Card 6:30pm - Lawn	14 9am - SDA 12:30pm - SDA 4pm - SDA Bible
15 9am - Worship 10am - Sunday 11am - Worship 1pm - Loving	16	17 5:15pm - OA @ 6pm - AED 7pm - Church 7pm - Troop 56	18 10am - Bible 7pm - AA @	19 12pm - Senior 7pm - Troop 97	20 9:30am - Card	21 8am - Spread 9am - SDA
22 9am - Worship 10am - Sunday 11am - Worship 1pm - Loving	23	24 5:15pm - OA @	25 10am - Bible 7pm - AA @	26 7pm - Troop 97	27 9:30am - Card	28 9am - SDA 2pm - Jimenez's
29 9am - Worship 10am - Sunday 11am - Worship 1pm - Loving	30 Memorial Day	31 5:15pm - OA @	1 First Day of 10am - Bible 7pm - AA @	2 7pm - Troop 97	3 9:30am - Card	4 9am - SDA

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