



June 2022

### Message from Pastor Adam

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If you have been watching the news at all in the past month, you might be feeling some heaviness at the state of the world. Between an uptick in pandemic numbers and multiple mass shootings, you might feel worn down, sad, afraid, angry, or any other combination of emotions. It can be easy to wonder, “Where is God in all of this?” I have found myself asking that question, too.

This month we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit descends upon the early church and brings with it gifts of insight, unity, and diversity. Pentecost happens after the Ascension at the end of the season of Easter. After the resurrection, Jesus remained on earth with his disciples for a time until he ascended into Heaven. Multiple times during his time on earth, both before and after the resurrection, Jesus promises us that he will be with us and that he is sending someone to comfort us and advocate for us.

The disciples may have felt abandoned, unsure, and afraid after Jesus left earth in his bodily form. But on Pentecost they experienced firsthand that God had not forgotten them, that Jesus was always with them - just in another form.

When Jesus was on earth as a human being, he was bound by the laws of time and space. His ministry happened in 1st century Palestine, occupied by the Roman Empire. On Pentecost, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit, who is not bound by things like space and time. Jesus is with us now in a new way, in the Holy Spirit, who is everywhere at once. The Holy Spirit is alive in the church, alive across people of all

racess, nations, genders, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities. The Holy Spirit is universally present and also as close to us as our own hearts. The Holy Spirit lives inside us, the Church, and lives inside you as a baptized follower of Christ.

This month we can take comfort in knowing that God has not left us alone in the midst of this painful, messy world. God has sent a Comforter to be with us, to guide us and empower us to do the work God has called us to do - to partner alongside God to bring forth the Reign of God in all of its fullness.

I am praying for all of you, that you would feel God's love surround you and that the presence of the Holy Spirit would be known in your life and witness.

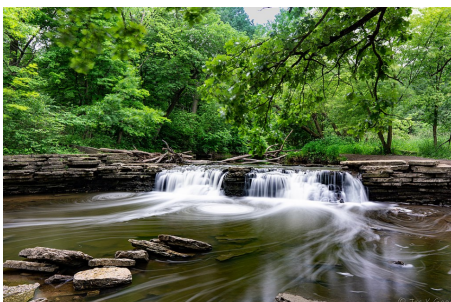
With Love,  
Pastor Adam

### **Crisis In Ukraine**

Lord of Life is taking up collections for Lutheran World Relief. Our neighbors in Ukraine are suffering and they need our help now. Families are leaving behind everything they own and fleeing for their safety. They need immediate aid including food, water, shelter, clothing and medical care. We are asking for donations during this global crisis. Your donations as a congregation here at Lord of Life will help a country in need. Please put your donations in the provided envelopes, if writing a check please make it out to Lord of Life Lutheran Church & write on the memo line for Ukraine.



Thank You & God Bless  
(last day for your donations will be Sunday, June 19th)



### **Psalms Nature Walk**

Friday, June 10, 2022

Pray and reflect on some selected psalms while we walk. We will walk from the parking lot of Waterfall Glen Main Trail, Lemont, IL

60439. Take Cass Ave South until it turns into Bluff Road. The parking lot is the first turn on your right.

### **Considerations**

The path itself is paved with gravel and contains slight hills.

The total distance from the parking lot to the waterfall and back is 0.9 miles.

I would suggest bringing a water bottle and clothes appropriate for the weather.

If you are unable to attend or have mobility issues that prevent you from participating in person, a virtual reflection with images and psalms will be made available on YouTube.



### **Outside Services**

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

On the 2nd Wednesday of the month in June, July, and August we will have outdoor worship on the east side of the building. Services will start at 6:30 PM.  
Dates: June 8th; July 13th; August 10th.

### **Polling Place Volunteers Needed**

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

On Tuesday, June 28th, we are looking for volunteers to sign up to welcome voters to Lord of Life. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for two hour segments. Feel free to sign up for as many time spots as you would like. You may also call the church office at 630-323-3161 to be added to the list.



Thank You From Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Our Lady of Mount Carmel thanks Lord of Life for their continuing generous support. With your support the food pantry continues to support local families in need. The gift cards were much appreciated too. With the cash that was donated, gas gift cards were purchased.

Downers Grove Area FISH Pantry  
4340 Prince Street  
Downers Grove, IL 60515  
630-964-7776  
[www.downersgrovefish.org](http://www.downersgrovefish.org)

May 11, 2022

Dear Members of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Thank you for your generous April donation of 244 pounds of groceries. We are so thankful for your continuing generosity.

We've all been impacted by the increasing costs of food and gas, but it's many times harder for our neighbors who were already struggling with food insecurity. Your regular donations are essential in allowing the food pantry to keep up with the high demand. Your continuing support is a blessing for everyone who comes to the pantry for assistance.

Please remember too, if you know someone in need, ask them to come to the pantry or contact us.

Thank you on behalf of everyone we help.



Lynn Hayes  
[lynn@downersgrovefish.org](mailto:lynn@downersgrovefish.org)  
Corresponding Secretary

### **June's Lunch Bunch**

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

This month we will meet at LongHorn Steakhouse, 708 Janes Ave, Bolingbrook on Tuesday, June 14 at 11:30 am. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Elaine S.





## Senior Spirits

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Last month we had an incredible time learning about recycling with Scarce. Erin was quite informative about how important recycling is to our planet.

In the month of June, we will be having Sheila Ruh and Sherry Sejnost present on Smartphone Tips and Tricks.



## Yard Games + Picnic = Fun For All

On Friday, May 13th, we enjoyed playing bags and feasting on a lovely picnic of hot dogs, chips and much more. We had a nice turn out of Lord of Life members and guests. A great time was had by all who attended. We look forward to doing it again soon.





## Eagle Scout Project at Lord of Life

Boy Scout Zeeshan Razzaq from Troop 56 completed his Eagle Project at Lord of Life. The project consisted of spreading 12 yards of mulch around the Lord of Life property and cleaning and staining the playground equipment. Zeeshan planned the projects, purchased the stain and supplies, and supervised fellow scouts who participated in the project. Thanks to Zeeshan and his fellow scouts, the Lord of Life landscaping and the playground look beautiful!



## Happy Birthday To These LOL Members

### June Birthdays

June 2 - Leonardo N.	June 5 - Louis P.	June 7 - Gale D.
June 12 - Christopher V.	June 20 - Isabella N.	June 22 - Sue T.



## Council Recognition

Council would like to recognize Bruce Danielson and Art Kardatzke for their efforts in securing a contract to sealcoat and crack seal the parking lot and driveway. Also special thanks to them for painting the shed. We appreciate all you do to make our grounds look beautiful and safe for all.

# Council Highlights

## May Council Meeting

- Pastor Adam picked up some new cameras that were donated from Grace Lutheran church in LaGrange. Should allow for better pic quality during services.
- Attendance – lower numbers as summer rolls in. YouTube services are around 18 views. Daily bible readings are around 14-15 people.
- The next family event will be June 10th and will be a prayer walk at Waterfall Glenn.
- Pastor Adam will start an outdoor evening service the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm. Eagle Scouts will be staining the playground equipment and laying mulch.
- Donation envelopes for Lutheran World Relief Crisis in Ukraine will be delivered in bulletins.
- New members to the church - Tom Daniels, Kathy, Dale Brown, Enrique Cortina, Dia Cortina and their sons Enrique, and Frank.
- Council approved to sealcoat and crack seal the parking lot and driveway.
- Sunday School has ended for this year on the 22nd of May. The last two weeks we have had zero students. Will try to reach out to the families over the summer who were baptized in the church.
- The LCW provided refreshments for the congregation on May 1, 2022, in recognition of Daughters. They will do the same on Sunday June 12, 2022, in recognition of Sons.



- Finance - April donations were weak, there was not an “Easter bounce”. It was the third lowest April in the last ten years.



### **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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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