



Lord of Life Lutheran Church

AUGUST 2021 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID Precautions Update: As of August 1, the infection rate in Erie County is increasing and many anticipate a mask mandate for indoor gatherings will happen soon. As a precaution, the Church Board will require everyone in worship to wear a mask while not seated beginning August 8. Additional hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building, and we will discourage shaking or holding hands during worship. As things change in our area, adjustments will be made accordingly. Please get vaccinated for your sake and for ours.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday returns on September 12. This is an annual day of service in which many ELCA congregations participate. We begin the day with a brief worship service followed by participation in a variety of activities for all ages at Lord of Life and in the community. In preparation for our God's Work Our Hands project to provide health kits to veterans who struggle with housing, food and health issues, please pick up some of the following items and bring them to Lord of Life and deposit your donation in the bin marked "Health Kits for Veterans": *Quart size Ziploc bags, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, wash cloths, Band aids, antiseptic cream, razors, and dental floss.*

Other projects you are invited to work on include: making dog biscuits and dog and cat beds for a local animal shelter; painting bird houses and crosses for a nursing home; beautification of our Lord of Life property; cleanup at the future Depew Community Center (must be 16 years or older); assembling health kits; making greeting cards for Veterans. There's something for everyone! Please sign up for the project you choose at Lord of Life (north hallway bulletin boards).

Our Children and Family Ministry will focus on family this coming school year. Miss Leigh has planned a series of events for the whole family, and anyone else who would like to participate. If you have a child or youth in preschool – 12th grade, watch your mailbox for more information. Our first event will be an outdoor movie night on August 28. Come for snacks, games and a movie on a big screen outside (inside if it rains). Parents will have a chance to mingle and hear more about our plans for the upcoming school year. Rally Day for Sunday school is August 29 with special happenings during and after worship. Call Pastor Debi at 668-8000 or Leigh at 880-4422 with questions.

School starts soon! Many families in our community struggle to afford all the school supplies they are expected to provide for their children. We have an opportunity to fill up to 18 backpacks with supplies to help children learn. As you shop, please pick up supplies and drop them in the School Supplies bin at church. Folders, pencils and pens, markers and crayons, notebooks, highlighters, glue sticks, pencil cases, erasers are all needed. All these items are on sale everywhere right now!

Did you know that you can continue to financially support Lord of Life and our ministries by enrolling in Simply Giving, an automatic payment system that deducts your gift weekly, monthly or annually (your choice) and sends the money directly to us? No more cash or checks to worry about! If you would like to know more, call Dottie Shaw at 632-0794 or pick up an enrollment form in the north hallway. Thank you for your generosity; every amount of time, talent and treasure is a gift from God.

Save the Date! Our annual adult retreat will take place at beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center October 15-17, 2021. The theme for this year's retreat is *Reset: Reclaiming our Identity and Purpose as God's Beloved*. We will explore our experiences during the COVID global pandemic, especially how we refocused our lives and priorities and discovered new things about ourselves, our families and God. Through guided reflection, worship, small group discussion, and creative activities we will tell our stories and discern how God is calling us to live authentically in the light of God's grace and love in a forever changed world. Registration materials are available now at church. See Joanne Daly at the Retreat display for more information! Space is limited so don't wait!

Murder is Afoot! It's the return of the LOL Players, a band of marginally talented church members who are willing to make fools of ourselves for a good cause! Mark your calendar for November 5 and 6, 2021 and plan to attend the latest murder mystery dinner theatre at Ripa's. All proceeds will benefit Lutheran Charities of WNY.

Have you been missing someone in worship? There are many reasons why some of our congregation members have not yet returned to in-person worship, and we look forward to the day when our sanctuary is full again. If you have been worshipping with us and miss a familiar face, pick up the phone and call that person or send a note. Everyone wants to be seen and valued, and we are still living in a time of isolation for many people. A simple card or call can brighten someone's day.

The **Lord of Life Adult Day Health Center** is open with services offered Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays through September (we anticipate opening 5 days a week October 1). We are currently accepting new participants. If you know of someone who would benefit from our program, they can call 668-8000 and ask for Nancy Gregorio, ADHC Director. The **Lord of Life Child Development Center** has job opportunities for teachers and assistants, and some openings for children ages 6 weeks – 12 years to enroll. Call 668-8000 and ask for Carrie for more information.

AUGUST HAPPENINGS	
In-person and online worship services @ 10 AM	August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
NarAnon meets in SCR @ 6:30 PM	August 2
ADHC Men's Group @ 1:00 PM	August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Bible Study in-person and via Zoom @ 11 AM	August 4, 11, 18, 25
Music Ministry rehearses most Thursdays at 5:30 PM	August 5, 12, 19, 26
Pastor's Sharing spiritual care for ADHC @ 10:30 AM	August 5, 12, 19, 26
Matthew's Table In-person Community Dinner @ 5:30 PM (Sign up to help in the north hallway)	August 24
Family Movie Night @ 7:00 PM	August 28
Rally Day for children and youth	August 29

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