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Lord of Life Lutheran

Lifelines

Greetings from Pastor Dan Bollerud!

This summer, some of you have been reading Gerhard Forde’s book, *Where God Meets Man*. Towards the end of the book I found this statement that pertains to how religion can be misused. “Our religious, political, economic, patriotic dreams, all the myths on which we feed and delude ourselves lead us astray. We are never content to stay here and take care of our fellow men and the good earth. Our religious dreams seduce us into despising the earth; our political and patriotic dreams delude us so that we kill and maim our brothers; our economic dreams entice us so that we let our fellow men starve. We are always on the way to somewhere else, to some other kingdom, and we think we have found some magic formula to get us there.” Luther reminds us that there is no magic formula, there is only grace.

A friend of mine told of his professor’s brief description of Lutheran theology. It simply goes, “Now that you don’t have to do anything, what are you going to do?” Our salvation is all about grace, pure and simple. One of the common mistakes we make is to think we have to do something to earn this salvation thing. It is often manifest by the statement, “we are saved by grace and all we have to do is...” and then we fill in the blank with some little tidbit of control. But if I am saved by grace, and the worst scoundrel I can think of is also saved by grace, then I have nothing to say but thanks. That is salvation and God has already accomplished that.

There is something else besides salvation. That is sanctification. That is how we live out this reality of salvation by grace. We can live it out in the glory of God where we see one another as brothers and sisters in the family of God, called to gather around the table and

share with one another, or we can walk away from the table and complain about being hungry. It is our choice. In our world many complain about being hungry or are content to try to live on junk food. Perhaps one day they too will smell the aroma of God’s love and come to the table, and then again, perhaps not. Either way, they are still our brothers and sisters in Christ and we are called to love them. At this table of Grace we also encounter a large percentage of brothers and sisters who hunger in a literal sense. Will we feed them? Will the grace we receive extend beyond the political and power boundaries to pass them some of the abundance before us? Can we truly savor this Grace table if we don’t?

Another quote from *Where God Meets Man*. “The faith is that when man trusts in God’s grace for the other world, he will begin to make a more truly human progress in this world. That is what Luther meant in his statement that now by the grace of God we are just beginning to understand God’s work.” In other words, when we truly place our trust in God for our salvation through grace, we are free to live that grace filled life here in this place and time. And we are free to be beacons of that grace to others in our communities. This is our calling. I hope I have conveyed a bit of that to you in our time together this summer.

So as I get ready to leave the end of July, thank you for allowing me into your faith journey. Thank you for showing grace and kindness to Jan and to me. Thank you for allowing me to be me. And may God bless you in your ministry and on your journey of Grace in this place and remember to have fun and dance. —PastorDan

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Dates to note

- July 4/5: OFFICE CLOSED
- July 8: Council Meeting 7pm
- July 14: Love INC Cruise
- July 21: Celebration Potluck
- July 22: Pastor Amanda returns

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Council Highlights

Bible study led by Cheryl Park: 1 Corinthians 2:1-11 (God's wisdom revealed by the Spirit) and Psalm 48.



Upcoming events: Vacation Bible School June 17-21; Pastor Amanda's return July 22; Love INC "Love Cruise" July 14; Pastor Dan's thank you celebration during fellowship

- ◆ President's report: North Pole HS graduates received stones etched with a cross, with inspirational message and mesh bag. Dan Bollerud, Margi Undgrodt, and Liz Hursh are maintaining the church Facebook site.
- ◆ Vice President: God's Work Our Hands is coming up in September.
- ◆ Treasurer's report: Undesignated checking: \$1,871.96, Designated Checking: \$17,379.25. Debit Card checking: \$1,292.96, Savings: \$6,565.00. Building fund for the septic has \$5,041.61, of which garage sale proceeds were \$2,008.53.
- ◆ Pastor's report: Pastor received a call from Kansas City, MO for a man needing food assistance for his mother. Lord of Life was the only area Lutheran church with a contact number.
- ◆ Education: Ladies' study is "Discovering God's Will for Your Life." Liz suggested Welcome to Education for the next Welcome to... event.

Ongoing business: Thanks to Nancy Uptgraft, Evie Freeman, Paula Fritsche, Eileen Dubowski, Donna Heideman, Brenda Sadler, Curt Renner and the many garage sale volunteers and donors. VBS: Need more leaders and helpers. 10th Anniversary celebration will be planned for August. Curt Renner's Memorial Park design, to hang 4' high with laser etched metal name tags on a metal chain, will be presented to North Pole City Hall.

New business: Safety plan (evacuation and security) will be reviewed in August meeting.

Beauty in Brokenness

"When the Japanese mend broken objects, they spotlight the damage by filling the cracks with gold. They believe that when something's suffered damage and has a history it becomes more beautiful." — Barbara Bloom

Kintsugi, or "golden repair," celebrates each artifact's unique history by emphasizing fractures instead of hiding or disguising them. It often makes the repaired piece even more beautiful than the original, revitalizing it with new life.

This wonderfully positive view of imperfection, or brokenness, is counter to the way we usually live and think. We see broken things as objects to be disregarded. But God reminds us that even the brokenness of his own son's body on a cross and his death are not useless.

We who are broken pots, who may feel forgotten or judged for our brokenness ... God takes our broken-potted selves and reminds us that through his love, we are loved. Loved in life and in death. Loved in brokenness and in newness. Loved to let others, even our enemies, know that Christ comes among the ashes and wipes our tears away.



VBS Summer 2019

This year for VBS we went to Babylon, where we learned about Daniel and his story. We learned they were moved from their home and brought to a new one, where they were told to worship a new God. The children learned about having faith and how Daniel kept his faith no matter what happened to him. The kids had a wonderful time learning about different games and crafts. Thank you so much for everyone that made VBS happen! We could not do it without you!



Synod Youth Visit

Amanda Lindquist, (Amazing Grace, Anchorage) said, “One of the main points of this road trip is relational...getting to know the people who are a part of our synod.” With that in mind, 20 youth and leaders from our synod appeared the morning of the 27th, asking if we needed help with any projects. Did we have projects!

The leaders organized work crews to organize the housekeeping closet, straighten up the nursery, and put the basement storage room in order. When they finished with all that, they even helped sort and load food boxes! After the last boxes were loaded into cars, they disappeared into their RVs and were on the road again—less than two hours after they arrived.

Our sincere thanks to Kathy, John, Pastor Carol, Pastor Kaitlin, Pastor Meredith, Anthony, Amanda, Keira, Bethany, Shannon, Landon, Brandon, Justice, Nathaniel, Seamus, Buffy, Taylor, Xandra, Corbin, Garret, and Moe.

p.s. They loved the fire pit!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 <u>10:30 am</u> Worship <u>11:30 am</u> Fellowship	July 1 <u>10 am</u> Bible Study <u>8 pm</u> AA	2 <u>9 am - 1 pm</u> Kuwaa Sewing Group	3 <u>12 pm</u> Food Boxes	4 <u>OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> <u>8 pm</u> AA	5 <u>OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u>	6
7 <u>10:30 am</u> Worship <u>11:30 am</u> Fellowship	8 <u>10 am</u> Bible Study <u>7 pm</u> Council Meeting <u>8 pm</u> AA	9 <u>9 am - 1 pm</u> Kuwaa Sewing Group	10 <u>12 pm</u> Food Boxes	11 <u>10 am - 12</u> <u>pm</u> Banner Bunch <u>2:45 pm</u> Band Practice <u>8 pm</u> AA	12	13
14 <u>10:30 am</u> Worship <u>11:30 am</u> Fellowship <u>6:30 pm</u> Love INC Cruise	15 <u>10 am</u> Bible Study <u>8 pm</u> AA	16 <u>9 am - 1 pm</u> Kuwaa Sewing Group	17 <u>12 pm</u> Food Boxes	18 <u>10 am - 12</u> <u>pm</u> Banner Bunch <u>8 pm</u> AA	19	20
21 <u>10:30 am</u> Worship <u>11:30 am -</u> <u>12:30 pm</u> Thank You Celebration Potluck	22 <u>10 am</u> Bible Study <u>8 pm</u> AA	23 <u>9 am - 1 pm</u> Kuwaa Sewing Group	24 <u>12 pm</u> Food Boxes	25 <u>10 am - 12</u> <u>pm</u> Banner Bunch <u>2:45 pm</u> Band Practice <u>8 pm</u> AA	26	27
28 <u>10:30 am</u> Worship <u>11:30 am</u> Fellowship	29 <u>10 am</u> Bible Study <u>8 pm</u> AA	30 <u>9 am - 1 pm</u> Kuwaa Sewing Group	31 <u>12 pm</u> Food Boxes	1 <u>10 am - 12</u> <u>pm</u> Banner Bunch <u>8 pm</u> AA	2	3



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Mission Statement

"God's word moves us to make connections by welcoming all, strengthening and serving the healthy and hurting."

Next Church Council Meeting — July 8 @ 7:00 pm

Newsletter deadline: 20th of each month.

Website updates:
www.lordoflifeak.com
or
Follow our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/lordoflifeak
(even if you don't have a Facebook page!)

Special Prayers and Concerns

Birthdays

- 7/6 Alayna Knutson
- 7/7 Jo Bolish
- 7/10 Jo Schackman
- 7/11 John Pananen
- 7/13 Cheryl Park
- 7/16 Ellison Pahkamaa
- 7/19 Hannah Boatman
- 7/22 Jered Dulany



Prayers for:

- * David D. (Vern Dulany's son-in-law) - healing
- Steve H. (husband of Margi U.'s cousin) - continued healing
- Andrea & Paul Daniel—grieving loss of her father
- * Steve H.—continued healing with cancer treatment
- * Scheduled for surgery: Paula F, Evie F
- * Ongoing health concerns: Meg O, Paula F, Evie F

Contact:

office@lordoflifeak.com to sign up for our prayer chain emails!

July Prayer Partner: Resurrection Lutheran Church, Seward, AK

Please pray for:

- Safety on the water
- Those preparing for college in the fall
- Firefighters battling fires in the state
- Lutheran immigration and refugee service and the work they do



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