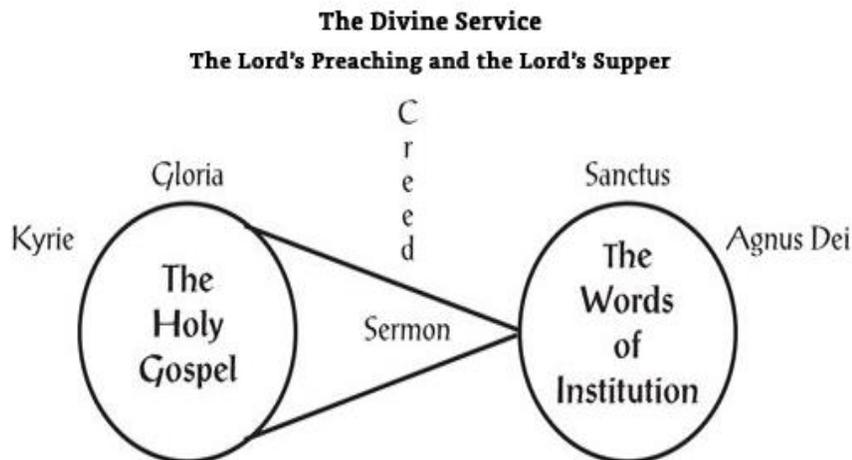


# MISSION & MINISTRY CONNECTION

## I AM A CHURCH MEMBER 2019

The Divine Service Is Necessary for Faith and Salvation.

Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ’s sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ’s sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight (*The Augsburg Confession, IV, 33:1-3*). So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. Through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given [John 20:22]. He works faith, when and where it pleases God [John 3:8], in those who hear the good news that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ’s sake. This happens not through our own merits, but for Christ’s sake (*The Augsburg Confession, V, 33:1-3*).



The Divine Service, The Lord’s Preaching and the Lord’s Supper, The task of all preaching in the Church is to preach Christ, “THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS” (Jeremiah 23:6), by preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 24:46-47). The sermon is centrally located in the Divine Service because it links the Gospel for the day with the Words of Institution: “This is My body which is given for you... This cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words are the purest Gospel, for they bestow God’s gift of righteousness in Christ. The minister preaches on the Gospel for the day, which changes each week, in order to “open up” and illuminate the word of the Gospel in the Lord’s Supper which remains the same from week to week. He preaches for repentance and faith, that he might convert the sinful heart again and again, so that the Christian receives the body and blood of Christ truly believing the word of the Gospel: This is My body given for you ... This is My blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins .

Bender, Peter c.. Lutheran Catechesis, Catechist Edition (Kindle Locations 2330-2348). Concordia Catechetical Academy. Kindle Edition.

As you can see this simple flow allows us to end where we need to be – at the Lord's Supper! Soon you will notice at times our services will not have a closing hymn, not to make the services shorter but beginning the process to understand that we end of the highest note – FORGIVENESS and The Lord's Blessings.

May the Lord continue to bless all we do and to His glory.  
Pastor Below

### **Staff Update**

By the grace of God, He has seen fit to bless us with two young servant minded musicians to fulfill the worship, music and choirs needs of Lord of Life!

#### **Director of Sanctuary Choir**

Brianna Langness was born and raised in South Florida, in a town called Coral Springs. She is the daughter of Timothy and Linda Bossle, and sibling to Mandy and Josh. Brianna started her education in South Florida, graduating with her associates of arts from Broward College. She transferred to Concordia University Nebraska and completed her Bachelor of Music in PK-12 Music Education in the Fall of 2017. She met her husband Nehemiah at Concordia, and they married in April of 2018. Brianna has lived with her husband in Manchester, Missouri and has been a member at Lord of Life for over a year. Brianna is a Missouri certified Music Educator, and a lifelong musician. She is excited to work with those in our congregation and preschool as well as to encourage a lifelong love of music and worship.

#### **Chief Organist and Director of Handbells**

Jacob Palmer is currently studying for his Bachelor of Music degree Webster University. He has studied organ under Mark Bender, Steven Wentz, and David Christiansen. He also has studied voice with Charles Brown and Christopher Lorimer and has studied composition with Jonathan Stahlke and Jonathan Kohrs. Following his Bachelor's degree, Jacob hopes to eventually earn his Masters and Doctorate degrees in organ performance.

This team will accomplish 80% of our overall music and worship needs at Lord of Life. Additionally, we are fully covered for every Sunday service, both 8am and 10:30am, as well as midweek and special services. We are fully covered for directors of sanctuary and handbell choirs.

2019-2020 Choir season! Choirs will be held on Thursdays and at their normal times for both Handbells and Sanctuary. This is all accomplished at a budget level of \$21,000 a year.

We are planning a meet and greet, for our choir or those wanting to meet our new musicians! We will keep you posted as to the day and time.

May the Lord continue to bless all our efforts in worship and music!  
Pastor

Worship - Nurture - Witness - Service - Fellowship

The 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod was held in Tampa, Florida from July 20th to 25th. The theme of the Convention was "JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN - Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks" based upon 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

The Synod has a Regular Convention every three years to conduct numerous topics. This year business included, but was not limited to elections, Theology and Church Relations, Finance, Structure and Administration, and the Church and Culture.

This year Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison was re-elected as President of the Synod for the next 3 years. Rev. Peter K. Lange was elected as First Vice-President.

The Synod was organized in 1847 at the first convention. Nineteen cities have hosted the convention led by St. Louis (21), Fort Wayne (13), and Milwaukee (8). Videos of the current Convention can be found at [LCMS.org](http://LCMS.org).

The Board of Lay Ministry welcomes Deaconess Sarah Longmire to the Lord of Life congregation and administrative staff. Installation of Deaconess Longmire will be held on Sunday morning August 11th at a 10:00 service at Lord of Life. This is the only service scheduled for that day so mark your calendar accordingly.

May you, your family and the Congregation continue to receive the Lord's Blessings!  
The Board of Lay Ministry

### **Preschool and Kids' Day Out**

The Preschool and Kids' Day Out Program has been busy getting organized and ready for our new director, Deaconess Sarah Longmire, to take her post on August 1! Welcome, Sarah! Our staff, students, and preschool families are looking forward to getting to know you!

We are also making adjustments related to Miss Elin's departure. She has served the preschool so very well – leading music for each of our classes, coordinating our chapel services, directing our Christmas program and graduation ceremonies, and teaching Spanish on Tuesdays as part of our afternoon enrichment program. Over the years Elin has become a valued member of our teaching staff family. We will miss you, Elin! We love you and wish you well as you follow God's plan for your life!

Of the 35 children who participated in the three preschool classes at this year's Vacation Bible School, 17 were Lord of Life Preschool students during the 2018-2019 school year. This is a wonderful testament to the valuable connection between the preschool families and the church congregation!

Back to School Camp is the weeks of August 19 and 26. Students will "travel" around the world filling their passports with stamps and their suitcases with souvenirs!

We are very excited about the 2019-2020 school year! In August the teachers will begin preparing their rooms – cleaning, organizing, and planning. The last week of August, teachers are scheduled to conduct "Tell the Teacher More" meetings with parents in an effort to get to know incoming students. Orientation is Tuesday, September 3, and the first day of school is Wednesday, September 4.

*Miss Ann*

### **VBS Wrap Up**

At ***Miraculous Mission Vacation Bible School*** we heard the good news that "Jesus Saves the World" Our key Bible verse was John 3:16. Our lessons were - God Made the Universe; God Promises a Savior; Jesus the Savior is Born; Jesus the Savior is Risen; Jesus the Savior Reigns. Through Bible lessons, music and crafts, the children attending VBS learned how much God loves them and what God has done for all of us.

Thanks to our VBS families and Lord of Life families who supported our VBS Mission Projects and shared the love of Jesus with children in our community and all around the world. Our local project supported the Circle of Concern Food Pantry in Valley Park. A Mountain of Food was built in the entryway that will support families living in our area. Thanks to Gene and Charlene Valett, Sheila Zeigler, Debbie Schelp, Jean Miller, Linda Rosemann, Margaret Drury, Bobbie Pounds, Mark and Matt Stallmann, Joe and Sharon Delmore, Jacqueline Lewis, Craig and Cindy Young and Daryl and Yvette Hagstrom for giving their time to collect food at Dierbergs for Circle of Concern. We filled two vans and one pickup truck with food for Circle. Thank you to the Ties that Bind Quilting Group who made the backpacks for us to fill with needed school supplies. We're still filling back packs with school items so we will give you a total next month.

We thank God for our dedicated VBS Team of 49 volunteers who shared the love of Jesus with 71 children and their families during the week:

Thanks to Patty, Paul, Erica and Kayla Suchland for the creative bulletin boards and decorations in the Preschool Hallway; Darrell and Debbie Schelp, Robbie Doebert, Cindy Young, Sharon Delmore and Bobbie Pounds for decorating the Welcome Center and Fellowship Hall.

***MIRACULOUS MISSION VBS TEAM***

VBS Directors	Pastor Mark and Charlene Valett
Miraculous Mission Opening & Closing Lift Off Music Starry Night Storytelling	Pastor Mark and Brianna Langness Brianna Langness Cindy Young
Observation Station Bible Challenge	Robbie Doebert
Blastoff Games Leader Games Assistants	Daryl Hagstrom Brett Williams, Josh Nolan, Robbie Doebert, Joseph Young, Daniel Loebig, Maureen Jacob
Galaxy Snacks	Joe Delmore, Chad Gutzler, Cory Gutzler
Wonderful Creation Crafts Leader Craft Assistants	Sharon Delmore Sharon Hollister, Diane Wolf, Lynne O'Connell, Donna Juergens, Diane Guenther, Ruth Mall, Janet Kammeyer, Peggy Krause, Linda Rosemann
Miraculous Director of K-5th Leaders Assistants	Debbie Schelp Yvette Hagstrom, Ann Pancoast Beth Bossi, Annika Haas, Laura Clasen, Deaconess Longmire
Miraculous Preschool Director	Patty Suchland
Preschool Teachers	Kayla Suchland, Erica Suchland, Ann Uschold, Bobbie Pounds
Preschool Assistants	Regan Reed, Emma Bauman, Laura May, Elizabeth Uschold, Mackinzie Axford, Nadine Bartee, Kristie Nolan
Capturing Expressions Photographer	Harold Rau
Out of this World Picnic - Friday	Darrell Schelp, Joe Delmore, Rita Walezak Mel Booker
Miraculous Administrative Support	Sharon Koch

## Community Service

**Covenant Place residents moved into the new Covenant Place building!** Our member, Tom Churchill, volunteered to help seniors organize, declutter, pack, and unpack their apartments along their move.



## LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor or an assistant. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar or an adjacent table.

Why do we have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does – it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion – the bread and the wine – were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people's brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people's labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

For what is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people's brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire – oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.” (Deut. 14:22-26)

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.

**August Circle of Concern Needs:**

Dinner Helpers  
 Dry Pasta & Pasta Sauce  
 Cereal  
 Peanut Butter  
 Jelly  
 Canned Pasta  
 Canned Vegetables

The Yellow Meal-A-Month Bags are on the Circle of Concern barrel in the entryway. Please take one, bring your items in those bags or a paper bag, and place them in the barrel. Circle has informed us that they can no longer reuse plastic grocery bags. They can only accept brown paper bags.

**Our goal is 500+ cans each month. Thanks for your support!**

***Happy Birthday To:***

Rachel Anderson	8/1
Fred Boesch	8/1
Tally Teague	8/2
Gene Valett	8/2
Olivia Hartung	8/4
Logan Owens	8/8
Taylor Burlis	8/10
Connilee Christie	8/10
Colleen Clasen	8/10
Patty Suchland	8/11
Cari Guerra	8/12
Zach Zeigler	8/14
Rett Oesch	8/17
Jeff Heaton	8/18
Austin May	8/18
Nehemiah Langness	8/20
Marla Hofrichter	8/22
Brenda Paul	8/23
Dennis Oneal	8/24
Bob Finley	8/25
Sue Mowczko	8/27
Liane Figur	8/29
Colin Gilbert	8/29

***August Baptism Birthdays:***

Justin Roux	8/7
Rachel Schamber	8/9
Elise Kammeyer	8/10
Mark Below	8/15
Jan Mantovani	8/15
Rachel Anderson	8/17
Connilee Christie	8/21
Nehemiah Langness	8/28
Brandon Pounds	8/29
Megan Clasen	8/30
Patty Suchland	8/30
Tally Teague	8/30

***August Wedding Anniversaries:***

Jim & Olivia Hartung	8/12
Gene & Charlene Valett	8/19
Vaughn & Donna Bremer	8/28

**Serving Teams**

Aug 4	8:00	Team 7-11
	10:30	Team 9
Aug 11	10:00	Team 2 & 6
Aug 18	8:00	Team 1
	10:30	Team 4
Aug 25	8:00	Team 3
	10:30	Team 8

**Lay Readers**

Aug 4	8:00	Mark Kammeyer
	10:30	Marty Schamber
Aug 11	10:00	Carla May
Aug 18	8:00	Tracy Heaton
	10:30	Regan Reed
Aug 25	8:00	Diane Wolf
	10:30	John Dye

**Altar Guild**

Team #2  
Beth Bossi  
Kristin Dye  
JoAnn Erselius  
Linda Rosemann  
Jackie Schamber

**Lay Ministers**

Aug 4	8:00	Mark Kammeyer
	10:30	Donnie May
Aug 11	10:00	Ted Greer
Aug 18	8:00	Gene Valett
	10:30	Joe Delmore
Aug 25	8:00	Justin Langrehr
	10:30	Nehemiah Langness

**Counting Teams**

Aug 4	Yvette Hagstrom Cindy Young
Aug 11	Ken Rosemann Marilyn Evensen
Aug 18	Linda Rosemann Dennis Oneal
Aug 25	Jean Urban Sue Andrew

**Nursery – 10:30**

Aug 4	Carla May
Aug 11	Robbie Doebert
Aug 18	Barb Below
Aug 25	Carla May