

MISSION & MINISTRY CONNECTION

Rejoicing “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

Philippians 4:4

A Word from Lay Ministry

The Secret Place of God

There is a secret place of the Most High God. The Lord Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6 (paraphrased), ***“Let your charitable deeds be done in secret and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”*** ***“Pray in your secret room with the door shut and your Father who is in the secret place and sees in secret will reward you openly.”*** ***“Fast and do not disfigure your face but anoint your head with oil and wash your face and your Father who is in the secret place and sees in secret will reward you openly.”*** Our worship life takes place in an intimate secret place between us and our Heavenly Father. It is only through this true intimate worship that the Lord rewards us openly. This is unlike the Pharisee who prays loudly in open places for the world to see his piety. God does not honor it.

The Lord also hides the faithful in secret places. Consider Moses who was hidden in a secret place in the form of a basket amongst reeds. Through this secret place Moses was saved and preserved for the future deliverance of God’s people. Consider Joseph who was hidden in a secret place in the form of a pit only to be sold into slavery so that the Lord could then elevate him to the highest position in the nation so that provision could be made for God’s people in a time of famine. Consider the spies hidden in a secret place on Rahab the harlot’s roof. Through this secret place deliverance and safe passage was provided for the spies of God and emboldened God’s people to possess the Promised Land.

It is in the secret place of God that the Lord reveals to us His secrets. Moses recorded in Deuteronomy 29:29, ***“The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever that we may do all the words of his law.”*** Notice the Lord reveals to us His secret things so that we can pass down the truth of His law and His Word to our children. The Lord further admonishes in Deuteronomy 11:18-19, ***“You shall, therefore, lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”***

During this time of transition, it is my prayer that the family of Lord of Life can still themselves before the Lord. Let us individually and corporately ***“Be still and know that He is God,”*** Psalm 46:10. Let us listen for the secret things of God as he hides us in His Secret Place.

V1: There is a secret place of the Most High God where eminence and glory flow from His throne. And in the secret place of the Most High God is salvation and healing for those who'll come.

Chorus: Come enter the secret place. Enter with songs of praise. Come enter the secret place by the Blood of the Lamb who is the great I AM.

V2: In the secret place of the Most High God the prayers of saints are incense unto His throne and in the secret place of the Most High God lives the Holy One who was and is to come.

Chorus: Come enter the secret place. Enter with songs of praise. Come enter the secret place by the Blood of the Lamb who is the great I AM!

For His Glory,
Craig Young
Chair of Lay Ministry

A Word from Deaconess Sarah Longmire

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

School has officially started and we are doing great! God has blessed us with an abundance of new families and new students; we are very close to meeting our official enrollment capacity! We are blessed to have a wonderful staff of new and returning teachers; each and every one of them is a gift and an asset for our program! Thanks be to God!

FALL FESTIVAL was on Saturday, September 25, from 3:30-5:30 pm. It was such a fun event! The Bubble Bus came! We also had a caricature artist, a balloon artist, and a face painter! Additionally, church members volunteered to prepare food for us!! THANK YOU to all of those who helped in preparation and during this event. It is truly a blessing to be able to invite and serve our preschool families and those in our community!

The CHURCH OPEN HOUSE was on Sunday, September 26. It was such a delight to share with you all the hard work that was done on behalf of the preschool. We are efficiently using the spaces available to maximize the number of students we can teach and love.

In September, we had two Family Sunday School events. We learned about Jesus as the “Bread of Life” and Jesus as the “Door for the Sheep.” On both of these Sundays, the Gospel was taught, crafts were done, songs about Jesus were sung, and fun was had! Look at October’s schedule; we will have Family Sunday School on October 10 and 24.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Sunday, October 24, will be Staff and Pastor Appreciation Sunday/Family Sunday School/Preschool Singing in Church/AND Trunk or Treat! Look for more information about this fun-filled Sunday in the coming weeks!

Thank you again for your continued support and love for the preschool as well as the other programs at Lord of Life Lutheran Church; I am very thankful to serve here.

In Jesus' Love,
Deaconess Sarah

Three-year-old Preschool

Hello from the Three-year-old Preschool Class! We are having a great time in Preschool this year. Our theme is from the book series "Pete the Cat." We love learning and playing with each other at our Centers play areas in the room. Our favorite toys are cars, the drama center, and the craft of the day. When we play outside, our favorite game is "The Floor is Lava" 😊. It is an action song where kids have to do different actions before the floor "turns into lava" and we must run from one side of the playground to the other.

One of our favorite activities is having "jobs." The favorite jobs are the "line leader" and the "weather watcher helper." One of our goals this year is to recognize our name, recognize the letters and write them. We also like making confetti (cutting with scissors), reading, singing, dancing and playing games. So far, we have learned about each other, our families and how special we are. We will begin talking all about fall this week.

Thank you for all your support!
Miss Ada, Miss Jessica and the 2021-2022 Preschool Class



LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it.

This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable – and embarrassing situation – where a child does or says something one of their parents have done or said that is less than polite. Sitcoms thrive on these. It only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents, and they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, “You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ through Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As *Luther's Small Catechism* teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

A Message from Erin Mackenzie

Dear Saints at Lord of Life,

Thank you for inviting me into your midst to share about the LCMS's work through me in the Dominican Republic and around the region. Your faithful support is a source of blessing and encouragement. I look forward to seeing how God might multiply our partnership in the years to come, and to, Lord willing, seeing some of you on my turf at a FORO or as part of a short-term team.

Your Sister in Christ,
Erin Mackenzie



October Circle of Concern Needs

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| Ready to Eat Soup (not concentrated) | 4 Blade Razors |
| Dry Pasta/Pasta Sauce | Shampoo |
| Dinner “Helpers | Ibuprofen |
| Peanut Butter/Jelly/Jam | Laundry Soap |
| Baking items (flour, sugar, etc) | Dish Soap |
| Healthy Snacks | Pull-ups |
| | Feminine Pads |

Please bring your items and place them in the barrel. Thank you for your support!

October Baptism Birthdays

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| Kathryn Ann Scheller | October 15 |
| Abigail Tampow | October 15 |
| Leah Schamber | October 17 |
| Barbara Hoffmann | October 25 |
| Chloe Pounds | October 27 |
| Mike Laue | October 31 |

October Wedding Anniversaries

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| Steve & Anna Mueller | October 5 |
| Mark & Beth Bossi | October 9 |
| Eddie & Debra Marx | October 14 |
| Mike & Lacey Laue | October 15 |
| John & Krista Reed | October 19 |
| Donnie & Laura May | October 30 |

October Birthdays

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| Sharon Hollister | October 1 |
| Craig Young | October 1 |
| Dorothea Becker | October 3 |
| Catherine Paulsell | October 5 |
| Meredith Springs | October 7 |
| Saundra Farrington | October 8 |
| Gloria Marx | October 10 |
| Chad Gutzler | October 11 |
| Linda Rosemann | October 11 |
| Michele Rosemann | October 13 |
| Sharon Delmore | October 14 |
| Thomas Ziegler | October 14 |
| John Androff | October 15 |
| Rita Walezak | October 16 |
| Leah Schamber | October 17 |
| Brian Andrew | October 19 |
| Jim Schlegel | October 19 |
| Norma Fehrenbach | October 20 |
| Mike Laue | October 20 |
| Lila Schotte | October 21 |
| Vicki Cralle | October 22 |
| Ted Greer | October 22 |
| Donna Juergens | October 23 |
| Bobbie Pounds | October 23 |
| Tom Churchill | October 24 |
| Lily Schamber | October 25 |
| William Laue | October 28 |
| Wanda Jenkins | October 31 |

Altar Guild

Month of October

Sharon Delmore
 Margaret Drury
 Pat Lichtenheld
 Bobbie Pounds

Serving Teams

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| Oct. 3 | 8:00 | Team 1 |
| | 10:30 | Team 9 |
| Oct. 10 | 8:00 | Team 7-11 |
| | 10:30 | Team 8 |
| Oct. 17 | 8:00 | Team 6 |
| | 10:30 | Team 4 |
| Oct. 24 | 8:00 | Team 2 |
| | 10:30 | Team 1 |
| Oct. 31 | 8:00 | Team 3 |
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Counting Teams

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| Oct. 3 | Marilyn Evensen Ken Rosemann |
| Oct. 10 | Dennis Oneal Linda Rosemann |
| Oct. 17 | Sue Andrew Jean Urban |
| Oct. 24 | Richard Barigela Joe Delmore |
| Oct. 31 | Peggy Krause Gene Valett |

Lay Readers

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| Oct. 3 | 8:00 | Mark Bossi |
| | 10:30 | Marty Schamber |
| Oct. 10 | 8:00 | Diane Wolf |
| | 10:30 | Mark Androff |
| Oct. 17 | 8:00 | Megan Clasen |
| | 10:30 | Sharon Delmore |
| Oct. 24 | 8:00 | Janet Kammeyer |
| | 10:30 | Christel Handel |
| Oct. 31 | 8:00 | Mark Bossi |
| | 10:30 | Cindy Young |

Lay Ministers

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| Oct. 3 | 8:00 | Justin Langrehr |
| | 10:30 | Nehemiah Langness |
| Oct. 10 | 8:00 | Ted Greer |
| | 10:30 | Donnie May |
| Oct. 17 | 8:00 | Craig Young |
| | 10:30 | Joe Delmore |
| Oct. 24 | 8:00 | Mark Kammeyer |
| | 10:30 | Brian Andrew |
| Oct. 31 | 8:00 | Ted Greer |
| | 10:30 | Craig Young |