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Happening this week at Lord of Life

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Church Office: 223-2986

Sun., Feb. 5

8:30 & 11:00 am: Worship
9:45 am: Sunday School / Adult Education
9:45 am: Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Mon., Feb. 6

Tues., Feb. 7

9:00 am: Staff Meeting
9:30 am: Piecemakers
4:00 pm: Evangelism Team Meeting
6:30-9:00 pm: Newcomer's Club
7:00 pm: Team Meetings

Wed., Feb. 8

6:15 pm: Worship
7:00 pm: Church School
7:00 pm: Confirmation Small Group
7:00 pm: Connections Class

Thurs., Feb. 9

6:30-8:30 pm: Cozy Comfort

Fri., Feb. 10

Sat., Feb. 11

8:00 am: Women's Bible Study
8:30 am: Men's Bible Study
9:00 am: WELCA Candy Making
9:30 am: Baptism Class

Sun., Feb. 12

8:30 & 11:00 am: Worship
(Youth Caramel Rolls)
9:45 am: Sunday School / Adult Education
9:45 am: Sr. Choir Rehearsal
WELCA Candy Sale



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany; Lectionary 5
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 5, 2012; 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND
Pastors Nadine Lehr and Larry Giese

Welcome to worship! Discipleship isn't always easy! Just as Jesus was beginning his healing ministry...just as he was reaching people...just as they were beginning to respond to him, he is called beyond. Isn't that how it goes? You're just getting into your groove...things are settling into place...you've finally got your bearings and...God calls you beyond your comfort zone and into a whole new territory. You are committed to what you were doing, but know that God has new things in store. We welcome our visitors and guests today. Please consider coming again and worshipping with us again soon.

Today's worship service is taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) service book and hymnal. Please turn to Setting III, pp. 138-146, for the order of the service and to the back of the book for the hymns.

Light type = Presiding and Assisting Ministers; **Bold type = Congregation**

Confession & Forgiveness, p. 94-95

Gathering Hymn: ELW #886, Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Greeting and Kyrie, pp. 138-139

Hymn of Praise, "This is the Feast," pp. 140-141

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Welcome and Announcements (*please pass the friendship pads*)

Temple Talk – Mark Gaydos (Boy Scouts)

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation, "Alleluia," p. 142

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the

The Lord of Life Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4, with setup on Thursday, August 2. Please mark your calendars.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service



Ash Wednesday worship service will be held on February 22, at 6:15 p.m. Lenten Dinner (soup & sandwiches) will be served by the youth from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

“Whatever Became of Sin?”

Midweek Lenten Series 2012

Each midweek Lenten service will include:

A litany of confession to help us reflect on our sins and ask for forgiveness and the strength to change.

A powerpoint presentation on each sin with a reflection by one of the pastors. These presentations will be geared toward children in a children's sermon format, but will be equally relevant to adults of all ages.

A theme hymn. We will sing ELW #801, “Change My Heart, O God” every week. We will also sing traditional Lenten hymns at the opening and closing of each service.

An opportunity to sing one of our congregation's favorite hymns, the Malotte version of the “Lord's Prayer, “in unison each week.

Services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm on Feb. 29 (Greed), March 7 (Envy), March 14 (Anger), March 21 (Gluttony), and March 28 (Sloth).

Morning midweek services of the word will also be held each Wednesday at 12:10 pm. These services will not include music but will include reflections on the same five deadly sins.

Lenten Dinners - Each Wednesday during Lent the youth will serve a meal from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The proceeds will go toward camperships for confirmation summer campers.

The menu is as follows:

February 29 – Pulled Pork

March 21 – Pulled Pork

March 7 – Soup & Sandwiches

March 28 - Hotdishes

March 14 - Hotdishes

“Heavenly Angel Babies” is a new ministry coordinated by Lord of Life. Volunteers sew, crochet, knit, quilt small blankets, gowns and caps for stillborn babies born at both local hospitals. These gifts are given to parents as a remembrance of their child. If you would like to hear more about this ministry, come to the adult education hour on Sunday, February 19, at 9:45 a.m. in the conference room. In addition to our volunteers, we will hear from Eastgate Funeral home and obstetric nurses from the hospitals.

"Stamp Saving"

The Lord of Life Women of the ELCA are asking for your help to raise funds to support Lutheran World Relief's Quilt/Kit Shipping Fund. Cut the stamps off envelopes by leaving 1/4 inch from each edge of the stamp. The perforation is the most important aspect of the stamp and should not be cut or torn. See the February newsletter for further details.

Special Music is a wonderful part of the worship service. If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing special music for worship services, please sign up on the poster by the Choir Room. Help make worship more meaningful by using the gifts that you have been blessed with. Thank you! **Worship & Music Team**

Reminder: If your Simply Giving donation is changing for 2012, please pick up a form from the church office, fill out, and return as soon as possible.

There are still a few remembrance tree ornaments in the church office to be picked up.

Attention Women of Lord of Life! Do you enjoy getting little notes of encouragement throughout the year? Do you like encouraging others through small gestures of kindness? We are starting up a “Secret Sisters” group and would love for you to join! Our goal is for each member who joins to get another member's name and info. You would then leave “Thinking of you” notes, Birthday cards, maybe even cookies; to let your “sister” know you're thinking about her and to put a smile on her face. At the end of the year-long group, we'll meet up for cookies and coffee and reveal who our “Secret Sister” was, and if you enjoyed this group, we'll pick new names. It's much like the “Secret Santa” activity from grade school. This group will be open to any confirmed woman who attends Lord of Life church. If you are interested, please fill out the form at the info. desk no later than February 26th, so we can assign names and you can pick up your envelope to start this fun event on March 4, 2012. A full list of “instructions” is available at the drop box. If you are interested, please contact Tammie Sauer for details at 595-2305 or e-mail her at tammiejo27@yahoo.com

door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Pastor Larry Giese

Hymn of the Day: ELW #661, “I Love to Tell the Story”

Apostles' Creed, p. 105

Prayers of Intercession, p. 143

*At the conclusion of each petition, the minister and the congregation will say: “Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**”*

Sharing of the Peace, p. 143

We greet one another with the words, “Peace be with you.”

Offering

(11:00) Anthem: “Immortal, Invisible”

Senior Choir

Offertory, ELW #182, “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Offertory Prayer

Communion

Dialogue, p. 144

Preface, p. 144

Sanctus, “Holy, Holy, Holy,” p. 144

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (contemporary version, left side), p. 145

Distribution

Time for Reflection

“Lamb of God,” p. 146

Hymn of the Month: ELW #397, “Loving Spirit”

ELW #665, “Rise, Shine, You People”

ELW #613, “Thy Holy Wings”

ELW #491, “Come, Let Us Eat”

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle, ELW #204, “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal, p. 146

Sending Hymn: ELW #536, “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Worship Participants: Preaching: Larry Giese; **Presiding:** Nadine Lehr; **Assisting:** Bruce Boe(8:30 & 11:00); **Communion Assistants:** Cindy Hoff & Marlys Selness(8:30), Steve & Sherrie Muse(11:00); **Greeters:** Clayton Rexine, Jordan Hoffman, Rob Hoffman(8:30); Stephen Gaydos, Drigten Neugebauer(11:00); **Ushers:** Gary & Diane Chepulis, Levi Ellingson, Doug Ellingson, Dylan Bauer, Kendall Bauer, Seth Bauer(8:30), Steve Morrell and Dwite Gorder, Levi Ellingson, Doug Ellingson, Brady Fried, Pete Fried(11:00); **Acolytes:** Tyler Kress(8:30), Jonathan Baker(11:00); **Special Music:** Sr. Choir(11:00); **Organist:** Marilyn Kesterke(8:30 & 11:00).

Prayers at Lord of Life: Steve Pusc, Ryan Muse, Nancy Hoffer, Alvin Kadrmas, Rose Marie Jonson, DiAnn Lein, Don Fritz, Morris Erickson, Paulene Brinkmeyer, Sandi Blair, Lynn Johnson.

Sympathies to: Keith & Marie Kramer on the death of Keith’s dad, Elmer Kramer; to Mary Ann Coppin & Shelly Blumhagen on the death of husband and father, Jack Coppin.

Congratulations to: Kevin & Renee Connell and Tom & Minnie Malkmus on the birth of their granddaughter & great granddaughter, Sophie Ann.

Flowers are given today by: Steve & Sherrie Muse in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Stewardship Info:

Attendance –Sun.(1-29): 268 **Wed.**(2-1): 89 **Offering:** General \$8035
Stewardship Colored Envelope “Extra-Mile” Offering: (1-22): 0 (1-29): 0
December expenses: \$42,376 December income: \$69,480
Annual expenses through Dec.: \$542,336 Annual income through Dec.: \$544,681

February Work Group Leaders: Gary & Helen Just (255-2882), Helen Swenson (223-6286).

Worship Helps: The Nursery is open and staffed from 8:30-12:00 nn. **An Infant care room** is on the south side of the sanctuary. **Large Print Bulletins, a wheelchair and a walker,** and personal **p.a. devices** are available from the ushers’ station. **Activity Bags** for children are available on the tree rack in the narthex. **Children’s Bulletins** are available by the Activity Bags.

Develop Your Favorite NEW Hymn!

We will be adding a Hymn of the Month to Sunday services. It will be the first hymn sung during communion. We hope to have fun singing and learning some new hymns for worship. *February: ELW #397, “Loving Spirit”*

For Communion: Grape juice is always available if you would rather not or cannot drink wine. Simply indicate “grape juice, please” when you get to the server. “Gluten free” communion wafers are available. Simply indicate 'gluten free' to the server when you come to the communion station."

Today is Boy Scout Sunday! We welcome our partner troop #73 to worship today as they assist with ushering, greeting, and a Temple Talk. Please stop by their table in the lobby for more info and pizza sales!

Adult Education will meet today at 9:45 a.m. in the conference room. We will continue with “The Greatest Story Ever Told,” is a 16-week series which depicts Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. Session Theme is “Who Touched Me?” Healing.

“Connections” Wednesday Adult Education “What does this mean?” “Connections” is a great adult study on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m., continuing into the spring of 2012. “Connections” is an adult integrative study of the 5 chief parts of the Catechism. Pastor Larry is teaching the second unit on the Apostles’ Creed, which began January 18th. Please join us.

Lord of Life women, men and youth are invited to gather on Saturday, February 11, at 9:00 a.m., to make candy for our annual “Sweetheart’s Candy Sale” on Sunday, February 12th. Join us in the kitchen for fun and fellowship. See February newsletter for items needed.

If you are planning a baptism in February or March, you are invited to attend the **Baptism Class** on Saturday, February 11, at 9:30 a.m., in the conference room. This class is strongly recommended for parents and if they are available, the sponsors as well. A sign-up sheet is located on the counter in the church office.