



725 W. 75TH STREET DARIEN, IL 60561

Hello Lord of Life,

One year ago, I was called as pastor to Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Darien. It has been a privilege worshiping and ministering alongside everyone. We have enjoyed many wonderful times together. We have blessed our four legged furry friends together; we have had picnics and played games together, we have sang Holden Evening Prayer and Christmas carols; we have remembered the death and resurrection of our Lord together. We have also been through difficult times as well. Many of us have had Covid, been in and out of the hospital, and we have mourned the passing of important members of our congregation. In one short year we have experienced many joys and sorrows together, but the important fact is we have gone through all these times while growing closer together as a community and closer to God.

Reflecting on the past year of ministry leads me to wonder what the future with Lord of Life will be like. Last month we began our new pattern of combined worship. I know this was a major shift, but you took it all in stride. It felt amazing to have everyone together on Sunday. I love how full the sanctuary feels and how strong and clear the singing is. Our community is stronger when we come together. Thank you for trying out something new! I am very excited by this change and I am excited to see where it might take us as we continue to try it out.

Something else coming this month that I am looking forward to is beginning on October 9th. Following our 10:00 am worship together, there will be an opportunity for Christian formation during an education hour.

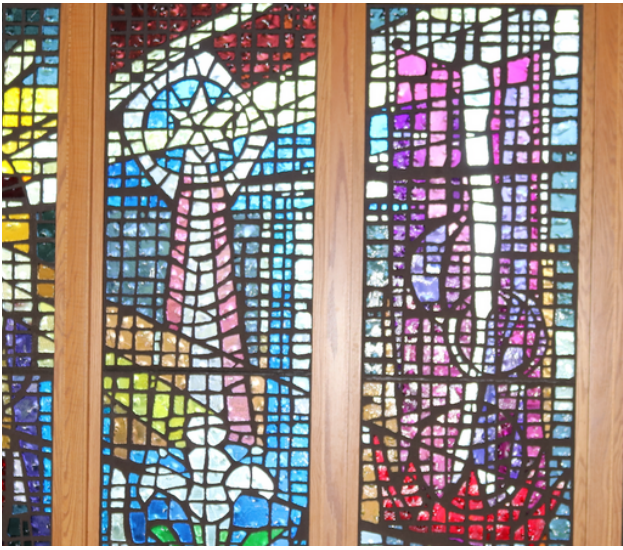


Adults will have the chance to gather together for a Bible study or discussion with me, and children will be starting Sunday School up again. One of my favorite times during the week is Bible study, so I am excited to expand and include this new time together. I learn so much from you in these moments and I look forward to the things that God will teach us.

I am wondering what you are looking forward to! What are your favorite events we've done in the last year? What would you like to try moving forward?

I can't wait to see what our second year together will hold and which new ways God will lead us.

Blessings,
Pastor Adam



Time to Bless the Pets

Make sure to reserve October 2nd for the Annual Blessing of Pets at Lord of Life. At the event, our beloved fur babies will receive a certificate of their blessing and enjoy treats, toys and filled water bowls while their parents enjoy the fine weather and maybe even a guitar rendition by Pastor.

Last year's event was a huge success due to increased advertising by a street sign and flyers. So let's begin to spread the word now. Flyers will be available to share with your favorite veterinarian.

Bags to Benches

An update of our Bags to Benches project. So far we have collected 266 lbs. of plastic. We only need 234 lbs. So keep collecting.



Psalms Nature Walk

Pray and reflect on some selected psalms while we walk. We will walk from the parking lot to the Waterfall Glen Main Trail, Lemont, IL 60439. Take Cass Ave South until it turns into Bluff Road. The parking lot is first turn on your right.

Considerations

The path itself is paved with gravel and contains slight hills. The total distance from the parking lot to the waterfall and back is 0.9 miles. I would suggest bringing a water bottle and clothes appropriate for the weather.

If you are unable to attend or have mobility issues that prevent you from participating in person, a virtual reflection with images and psalms will

Sunday School

Calling all Sunday School Aged Children!! Sunday School will kick off on October 9th. We will meet at 11:00 am with pick up at 11:45 am. All children are welcome ages Kindergarten and older. Please invite any school aged children to join in learning about the bible thru food, crafts, lessons and games.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

Senior Spirits

The next Senior Spirits will be on Thursday October 20th and Carrie Navins from the Willowbrook Burr Ridge Active Adults Program will discuss the many activities such as Day Trips, Bingo and many others that are available. We will continue with our Potluck. So please bring a dish to share and your own beverage. Any questions please contact Marilyn @630-927-9996

Feed My Starving Children

Thanks to all the people who volunteered on September 15th for the Save My Starving Children Event. There were nine of us that assembled at the building in Aurora at 11:30 where we were given the task ahead, they showed us a brief film as to where the people throughout the world are given these nutritional bags consisting of rice, soy, dried vegetables and blends of vitamins and minerals and then were assigned to a station each given a task in order to fill the bags as a team. Our team bags were sent to Matter in Mozambique on September 21, 2022.

There were other people packaging as well representing other countries and they made it a game as to what station could complete as many bags in order to fill a shipment box in the allotted time which for our group was 11:30 to 1:15.

Had a great time knowing it was going for such a worthy cause that we are planning on doing it again on Saturday, January 14th, in the afternoon. Hope you can join us! Thanks again to our volunteers: Sherry Sejnost, Melissa Erickson, Arlene Danielson, Alice Tangorra, Debbie McNichols, Art Kardatzke, Janet Kardatzke, Judy Padera, & Pastor Adam.

If you would be interested in joining us in January please let Sherry know...

Leslie Goddard



Senior Spirits met on Thursday September 22nd. Leslie Goddard gave a great presentation on Betty Crocker. The Potluck luncheon was enjoyed by all..

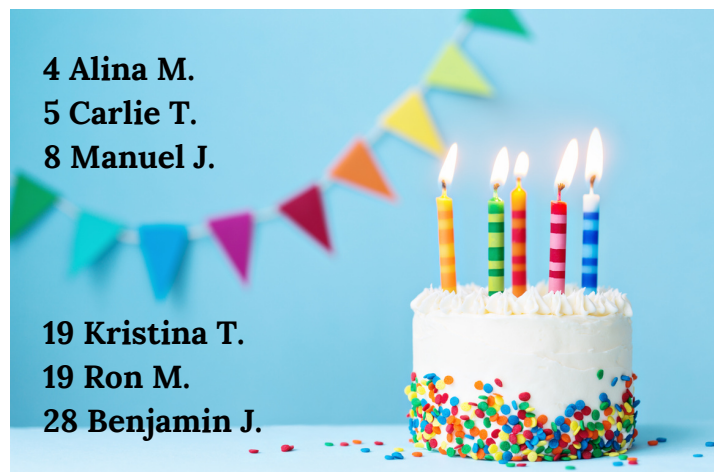


Lunch Bunch

This month we will meet at Chuck's, 8025 S Cass Ave, Darien, IL 60561, on Tuesday, October 11th at 12:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Connie Kilros at 708-296-3786

4 Alina M.
5 Carlie T.
8 Manuel J.

19 Kristina T.
19 Ron M.
28 Benjamin J.



Jesus found us
when we weren't looking for him.

Socktober

During the month of October we are collecting socks, hats, gloves and hand warmers. These items will then be brought to South Look Community Table.

Each night in the United States, an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets. This October, we want to show that even a small act of love, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless.

Psalm Walk

On September 16th there was a group of people who participated in the Psalm Walk at Waterfall Glen. We had a beautiful evening for our walk. As we walked through Waterfall Glen we would stop and meditate on Scripture in the nature setting. God has given us the Psalms to help us learn to pray.

Psalm 1:1-3 and a Tree
Psalm 16:5-11 and a Path
Psalm 19:1-10 and the Sky
Psalm 46 and a Waterfall



We will have our last outdoor worship on the east side of the building. Services will start at 6:00 PM. Dates: October 19th

Movie Night

Come join us on October 21st at 7:00 pm for Movie Night. We will be having popcorn and watching the movie Luther, in the sanctuary. This movie is rated PG-13.



2022 Picnic

The LCW was happy to host a church picnic on September 11, 2022 as a kick-off for the fall church year. It was well attended and volunteers helped to provide for the pot-luck meal with salads and desserts. LCW provided hotdogs, buns, potato chips and beverages Even though the weather was not favorable for a picnic, we enjoyed the meal in Fellowship hall and the opportunity to visit with our fellow LOL members. An added bonus to the event was the presence of Jeremiah, the comfort dog. He was wonderful to all the people, patiently standing by to be petted and talked to. We thank Marilyn Sells for arranging for the visit with Jeremiah. A freewill offering was collected for the Lutheran Comfort Dogs and we were so happy to have such an outpouring of support from those in attendance.

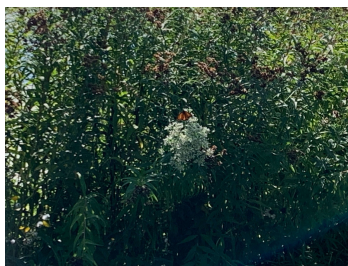
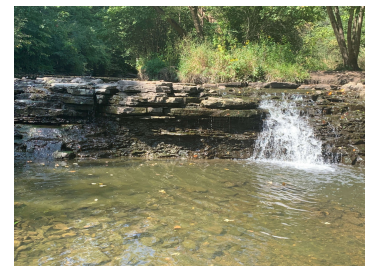
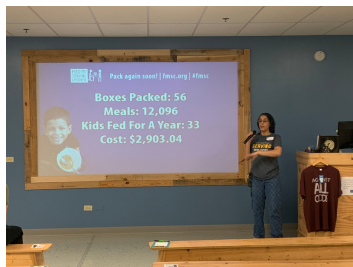
Council Highlights

- Pastor Adam would like those who are musically inclined to join in service by playing an instrument, singing, etc. Receiving many compliments on the music and collaboration in service.
- September online services have been well attended
- Attendance onsite has been good. Monthly average has gone up slightly.
- Gutter cleaning to happen soon
- Family Movie night on 10/21. We will watch the movie Luther.
- All Saints will be on the 30th, early thi year.
- Pet Blessing 10/2 – Will be at 11:30am. Chairs on the lawn, certificates and treats for the pets.
- Clothing Collection – Started for South Loop Ministry. Goes until the end of October.
- Feed my Starving Children – People who went had a great time. We will look at doing this activity quarterly. Next one will be on January 14th at 2pm – 3:45pm.
- Revised Servant's responsibility forthcoming.
- Eyeglass collection and coin collection coming for support of Lions Club.
- Christian Education will start on 10/9 at 11am



Pictures Through the Month

Thank you Judy Padera and Arlene Danielson for decorating the bulletin board and narthex every month. Bob Eggert for leading outdoor worship sermon. Thank you Bob for gifting us with your message. We love the addition of the extra musicians during service. Thank you Christopher Vincent, Agnes Durairaj, Reverend Jeb and Bahrage





2022 Council Members

Sherry Sejnost - Council President, Evangelism, Reconciling in Christ

Arlene Danielson - Council Vice President, Finance

Stacie Plzak - Council Secretary

Connie Allekian -LCW, Nominating

Aimee Jimenez - Christian Education

Art Kardatzke - Property

Debbie McNichols - Hospitality

Judy Padera - Children and Hunger

Roberta Sejnost - Vision Team / Reconciling in Christ

Marilynn Sells - Worship and Music

Marla Suda - Christian Education

Jan Treiback - Stewardship

Pastor Adam - Social Ministry



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