



725 W. 75TH STREET DARIEN, IL 60561

Summer Greetings!

June was a month filled with beauty and celebration. We kicked off Pride Month with a special Pride Service Liturgy on June 2, and I had the joy of teaming up with Equality Downers Grove to paint windows on Main Street. I'm also coordinating with Mosaic Players for a special presentation in October to celebrate National Coming Out Day.

While I was away for the last two weeks of June, Pastor Joyce and Pastor Immanuel brought their diverse voices to our pulpit, further enriching our RIC journey. And as I prepare to head to the ELCA's National Youth Gathering as part of the Interactive Learning team, I am grateful to have them returning to the pulpit! At the Youth Gathering, I will be working on art projects with kids from across the United States serving alongside them and gaining insights into what is important to youth and young adults.

This June has been a month of preparation and special events. South Loop Community Table (SLCT) hosted its final spring meal, where we celebrated the baptism of two children from our community. Synod Assembly and Son's Sunday were also significant highlights. Additionally, I had the honor of conducting the funeral for Otto Vosahlik, reflecting our commitment to community care.

Just yesterday, the Evangelism Committee led the church to our return appearance in the Darien 4th of July Parade which was a great success.

We passed out much desired glow sticks to 2000 kids, young adults, and even adults wanted one! We ran out about one third of the way through the parade! Thanks to everyone who helped attach labels to the glow sticks with our name and address as well as the Bible verse Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before others!"

I have been working closely with the Property Committed preparing for a special Congregational Meeting. We will present our plan to transform the old nursery into a much-needed gathering space. I look forward to seeing you there this Sunday!

Blessings,

Pastor Adam

STATE SENATOR JOHN F. CURRAN AND  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE LA HA'S



SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

HINSDALE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT  
7401 CLARENDON HILLS ROAD, DARIEN, IL

**PARTICIPANTS:**

- E-Tech Trading
- Goodwill Industries
- Paper Tiger
- Working Bikes

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**

- Bicycles
- Bicycle Parts/Bicycle Accessories
- Document Shredding (Limit 2 bags per car, residential only)
- Electronics\*
- Gently Used Household Items
- Gently Used Clothing



\* For Full List of Acceptable/Non-Acceptable Items visit [www.SenatorCurran.com](http://www.SenatorCurran.com) and [www.RepLaHa.com](http://www.RepLaHa.com).

## Senior Spirits

Senior Spirits met on June 20th. We had a representative from Fish Food Pantry give a very informative presentation about everything that is available from their organization!

Seniors will meet on Thursday July 19th at noon with our usual Potluck. We will have a speaker who will provide information regarding Senior Living!

In August we will meet on Thursday August 22nd at noon (1 week later than usual). If all goes well we will have Comfort Dog/Dogs. We will have a Free Will offering to help support their Travel Fund.

September 19th maybe a Bingo meeting.

October 17th Seniors we will have Leslie Goddard and she is going to present Lucille Ball. Again we will have a Free Will offering to cover her cost!

Seniors is open to everyone!

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 1 (630) 927-9996.

Marilynn

## Treasures of the Trunk Sale

The Treasures of the Truck Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 7 from 9 - 1:00. Treasures of the trunk is simply people bringing items from home and selling them out of their trunk or van outside in the parking lot. This makes it much simpler than a garage sale. You are welcome to fill up your trunk, truck or van and purchase a parking spot for a minimal fee and sell your items. We will also be inviting crafters and farmer market vendors to sell their goods, too. We welcome you to join the committee or participate in the following ways:

- Bring baked items to sell
- Help sell the baked items and drinks the day of the sale
- Donate items to LoL to sell
- Help advertise and plan the event

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Judy or Arlene.

## Lunch Bunch



We will meet at Chuck's, 8025 Cass Avenue Darien, on Tuesday, July 9th, at 11:30 AM. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Toni Blesy at 331-431-4000. Please plan to pay with cash, as cash is preferred by the restaurant.

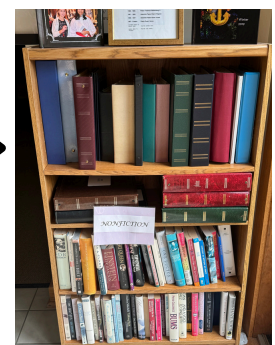
## Kane County Cougars

It is All Faith's Night at the Kane County Cougars on July 12th at 6:30 pm. Pastor will have his July event at the baseball stadium. Tickets at \$9.00 for reserved seats, at the end of the game there will be post game fireworks and you are able to run the bases. If you are interested please let Sherry know.

## Look and See

Take a wander through the breezeway and check out the shelves on the wall. There you will see a collection of Lord of Life's past history in the shape of photo albums. There are a myriad of our activities and the folks who were part of those activities reside in full, glorious color, and sometimes black and white. Check them out. Enjoy!

Photo Albums



## July Birthdays

July 4 Jonathon S.  
July 4 Camden C.  
July 7 Toni B.  
July 13 Adeline S.  
July 15 Lynn R.  
July 20 James K.

HAPPY  
Birthday

## The Book Discussion Group

Pastor Adam, Connie Allekian, Linda Glover, Janet and Art Kardtzke, Sherry Sejnost, and Roberta Sejnost joined together on June 12th to have an evening of great discussion with Pastor Elle Dowd, who provided a detailed explanation of how the events in her book *Baptized in Tear Gas: From White Moderate to Abolitionist* came to be. Her experiences clearly brought home the message of her commitment to the work of anti-racism and abolition.

Our next book for discussion, *Lessons from Lucy: the Simple Joys of an Old, Happy Dog* by Dave Barry will be held in the coming months. The book is a loose but structured glimpse of modern life, focusing on the ways we can lose perspective over time, but if we look at things from a different angle, like the angle of Lucy, Mr. Barry's beloved dog, we can center ourselves and remind us of what's truly important. Books are available in print and on recording.

If you want to join the Book Club, it's not too late. The Lord of Life Book Discussion Group is:

- Welcome to all with freedom to attend discussions based on book choice, time of discussion, etc.
- Free of charge
- Held at a various times, in person, and via ZOOM
- Features a variety of books chosen by members

Join us. For more information, contact Bobbie Sejnost at [rsejnost@gmail.com](mailto:rsejnost@gmail.com)

## Council Recognition

A Hebrew proverb states: "When a needy person stands at your door, God, himself, stands at his side"

- Lord of Life folks Connie Allekian, Andy Buda, Marlene Carson, Alice Dowd, Karl Obien, and Sherry Sejnost are recognized by Church Council for their dedicated visiting, interacting and serving the folks at South Loop Community Table.

God was certainly at the side of the needy as well as at the side of our LoL people. Bravo and our thanks to them.

## Altar Guild

The Altar Guild has met with Pastor Adam and tweaked a few things. The Altar Guild prepares and cleans up the altar for worship services which included communion, baptisms, etc. Apple juice and wine will still be available along with bread and gluten free wafers. Individual communion packets are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like Pastor to give you communion at your seat, please let us know. We welcome new members to the Altar Guild, too. Just let Judy or Arlene know you are interested in joining. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the mid week services.



# The Theater is Coming to Us

Mosaic Players is a nonprofit 501(c)3 traveling theater ensemble that creates and performs productions that focus on social justice, human rights, and anti-racist issues while promoting dignity, equality, inclusivity, understanding and respect.

During the month of October, the Mosaic Players will bring “5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche,” to Lord of Life. This play portrays the story of the 1956 annual meeting of the Susan B. Anthony Society for the Sisters of Gertrude Stein’s annual quiche breakfast. But, during the breakfast, the “communists attack.”

The play is filled with funny, wacky comedy. But, overall, it remains deeply sincere. In a country where things may feel out of our control, “5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche,” stresses love, friendship, and bravery. Watch for details.

## Committee Reports

### **Christian Education:**

During the past 2 weeks we have been discussing King David and his relationship with Bathsheba. She bore her son Solomon and intervened on his behalf to encourage King David to pronounce Solomon as King before he died. King Solomon was known for his wisdom and great wealth and was visited by the Queen of Sheba, believed to be present day Ethiopia. She was enormously wealthy as well and was a very independent person who traveled a great deal during her reign. One bit of interesting information is that there has been no archeological record found of King Solomon as there has been of King David. King Solomon was known to have numerous wives and concubines and he was not faithful to God as he began to worship various idols presented to him by his wives. The discussions are most interesting and all are welcome. Pastor Adam will be away the last two Wednesdays in June so no Bible class. - Connie Allekian

### **Evangelism/Membership\*:**

The committee finalized plans for 4th of July. Everyone wanting to march in the parade will meet at Jewel’s parking lot at 8:30 A.M. on the 4th. Everyone is welcome to stay after church on June 30 th to put labels on the glo-sticks to be handed out during them parade. The next mailing will be distributed using Every Door Direct Mailing Service from the USPS. This will assure sending pieces of mail to specific houses near the church.  
Sherry Sejnost

### **Finance:**

At the end of five months, 41.67% of the year, 41.5% of the budget was spent. Most categories that exceeded 41.5% were highly seasonal. However, it should be noted that in prior years the percent expended has been several percent lower than the completed portion of the year. Donations through May recorded in Shepherd’s Staff agree in total and by fund with the financial records.

No pass-through funds are overdrawn. Eight on-line donations totaling \$534.52 were received by the last counters report date (05/28/24). There were no Thrivent donations. (YTD there have been 2 Thrivent donations totaling \$107).

The balance sheet remains strong. There is no long-term debt. Total assets have decreased by \$30,000 since 12/31/23. The decrease is due to the operational deficit. - James T. Kelly, Treasurer

### **Hospitality:**

The sign-up sheet for “Pray for Notes” was passed around and filled. Cards will be sent only to new names on the list. The kid’s canvas bags need to be checked and more “Welcome Bags” will need to be made soon.

Hospitality will provide a refreshment table on Sunday, July 14, 2024. We will offer lemonade and water for beverages, with committee members providing the tablecloth, napkins, small plates, plastic forks and treats. Sherry will create a sign-up sheet for refreshment tables in the months of August thru October for congregation members to host. - Debbie McNichols & Alice Tangorra

### **Property Committee:**

The Property committee is working on closets, exterior painting on the West side, roof screen wall repair - Ron Matta

## **Council Highlights**

- Plans are underway for Treasures in the Trunk, a novel take on a flea market to be held in Lord of Life’s parking lot on September 7th. Watch for details
- The Administrative Assistant’s hours have been revised from 20 to 25 hours per week.
- The Memorial Fund Policy was revised. Details are:
  1. All gifts given in memory or honor of a person are credited to the congregation’s Memorial Fund. No memorial funds can be given for a specific reason.
  2. Upon receipt of the memorial gift, Lord of Life will record the address and email of the donor and the name of the memorialized.
  3. All gifts to Lord of Life Lutheran Church’s Memorial Fund are irrevocable. No gift may be returned to a donor unless the church council concludes, after review of the facts of the gift, the gift was made as a result of a mistake by the donor.
  4. When any Congregational Council, committee or staff member makes a referral to the Congregational Council on an item for the church to be purchased with memorial funds, the proposal should include the approximate cost of the item.
  5. The Congregational Council then approves or denies the suggestion.
  6. If the Congregational Council approves the suggestion and use of memorial funds, the decision is recorded in the minutes of a Congregational Council meeting.
  7. After Congregational Council action, the committee proceeds with the purchase of the item/items and arranges, with the pastor, for dedication and remembrance of the utilized memorial gifts.
  8. All Memorial Fund donors and family of the memorialized will receive a letter expressing thanks. In the event no memorial funds are used in a given year, memorial fund donations will be carried over to the next year or until the memorial funds are spent.
- Plans are underway to install automatic entry doors
- The Mosaic Players will present the play, 5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche in October.

# 2024 Council Members



Judy Padera - Council President  
Art Kardatzke - Council Vice President  
Roberta Sejnost - Council Secretary, LCW  
Connie Allekian - Stewardship, Christian Ed  
Marlene Carlson - RIC  
Arlene Danielson - Finance, LCW  
Elsy Eggert - Children and Hunger  
Ron Matta - Property  
Debbie McNichols - Hospitality  
Sherry Sejnost - Evangelism,  
Marilynn Sells - Worship and Music, Nominating  
Alice Tangorra - Hospitality  
Pastor Adam - Christian Education, Vision

## Month in Video



# July

SUN 30	MON Jul 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
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