



725 W. 75TH STREET DARIEN, IL 60561

What a busy month July was!

We kicked off the month by participating in the Darien 4th of July parade. This was my first parade with the Darien Lions Club and the church's first parade in several years. Our goal was to keep our participation small and flexible to adapt to the unknowns of first-time events. Overall, it was a huge success and very enjoyable for everyone who participated. In the future, I hope more people will join us, and we plan to have a float or trailer to accommodate those who prefer to sit. The glow sticks we distributed were appreciated by people of all ages. Many pitched in to help prepare the 2,000 glow sticks with stickers that had our name, address, website, and Matthew 5:16: "Let your light shine before others." We ran into many friends and acquaintances along the way and even blessed a few dogs.

The Congregational Meeting sparked a constructive dialogue about the proposed building project to turn the old, unused nursery into a gathering space. This new space will expand the number of seats available before and after church and serve as a meeting area for committees and Bible studies. I believe it will be a beautiful addition, and I am very grateful to the Property Committee (and their spouses) for the planning and preparation already done and the work that will begin at the end of this month.

Lastly, I attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. This is the largest gathering of ELCA Lutherans—let me repeat: the LARGEST gathering of ELCA Lutherans. Bishop Curry, Bishop Eaton, and many other bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders from across the ELCA were in attendance. The purpose of this gathering is for youth and young adults from around the United States to come together every three years to be in community, experience various aspects of faith, participate in service projects, and worship. Many young people describe this event as pivotal in their faith formation. My involvement was in an interactive learning space called the HooDoo Arts District, where we supported kids in creating art together and art for a purpose. The results were inspiring, highlighting the issues important to our young people. In the future, I hope Lord of Life can help fund our youth to attend this event and consider partnering with another local congregation.

I look forward to spending time with kids and families locally as our church gears up for Darien Days this weekend!

Giving thanks to God for the many blessings we have received this July.

Pastor Adam

Senior Spirits

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 in the Trunk Sale

The Treasures in the Trunk Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 7 from 9 - 2:00.

To join in on Treasures in the Trunk gather items you wish to sell, place them in your car or van, and park in the Lord of Life parking lot. Or, if you wish, just bring a table and simply set your wares up.

The cost of the parking spot is \$10.00 for 1 spot or \$15.00 for 2 spaces. This is easier than running your own Garage Sales so please come join in.

And there will also be a bake sale, a craft sale, food and drinks.

But, if you have nothing to sell, we need your help in selling baked goods and food/drink items, manning the donation table, etc. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Judy or Arlene

Lunch Bunch



We will meet at 3 Corners, 7231 Lemont Road Downers Grove, on Tuesday, August 13th, at 11:30 AM. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Sue Tomasz

Council Recognition

In **1 Peter 4:10** we find: **“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”**

Nowhere can we better see people who serve others and faithfully administer God’s grace than when we see **Elsy Eggert and Bruce Danielson**. Look around Lord of Life anywhere or anytime and you will find one of these wonderful people doing something: washing a window, cleaning a closet, fixing a pipe, sanding a door, painting a wall, screwing in a light bulb, erecting a handicap parking sign, etc. etc. Quietly, silently, without public acclamation Elsy and Bruce keep lord of life going!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You ...

To **all the folks** who designed the 4th of July Jeep display, drove the Jeeps, prepared the 1,000.00 Glo Sticks and walked in then parade. You made Lord of Life and Darien proud!

August Birthdays

August 10 Janet H.

August 12 Gabrielle P.

August 15 Laura C.

August 16 Pastor Adam

August 18 Elle D.

August 19 Stacie P.

August 20 Michael O.

August 23 Kenneth G.

August 30 Art S.

August 31 Nicholas P.



The Book Discussion Group

Our next Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, August 28th 7:00 P.M.** Since we are awaiting the healing of Diane Kelly to discuss Lessons from Lucy: the Simple Joys of an Old, Happy Dog by Dave Barry, for this meeting let's do something "fun." Let's everyone share a brief "commercial" of a book you have read and loved. Then, by secret ballot, we can vote on a new book to read.

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

Bible Study

"Prior to Pastor Adam's trip to New Orleans, we were looking at the life and activity of Jexebel, wife of King Ahab. She worshipped Baal and was involved in the killing of God's priests to overcome the worship of God instead of Baal. Pastor Adam asked us to examine her deeds in comparison to those of Elija, the Prophet of God, who revenged the death of the Priests of God by ordering the killing of the priests of Baal. We discussed how Jezebel was doing what she thought was right for the God she worshipped, just as Elijah had done. He was punished but Jezebel was pushed off her palace to her death. The question is should she have been so treated. As we moved along in our study, Pastor Adam pointed out that in 2 Kings the King Josiah wanted to know what was going to happen and his people consulted Huldah, a woman, who was a prophet. It was of interest to the group that they didn't consult the priests. She gave a prophecy that foretold the invasion of the Babylonians.. We continue to explore the lives of women in the Bible and invite anyone who is interested to join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 A.M.'



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

- Matthew 22:37-39 -



Outdoor Worship at 6:00 PM. We will have outdoor worship on Aug. 14th, Sept 11th and Oct. 9th.

Darien Fest

Lord of Life will have a booth at the Darien Fest Aug. 10th and 11th from 1:00 to 5:00 on Saturday & Sunday. This year it is at a new location at Westwood Park on the northeast corner of 75th St & Fairview Ave.

Pastor Adam has volunteered once again to do face painting. While the children are waiting we will offer them games, prizes and crafts. Volunteers are still needed for the afternoons on both days from 12:30 to 5:00. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

We have all really enjoyed participating in the fest over the years and meeting the people of our community, we will also be handing out our brochures and talking with the children and parents about Lord of Life and how "We Share God's Love."

Hope to see you there. Judy Padera

Committee Reports

Evangelism/Membership*:

The committee finalized plans for 4th of July. Two Jeeps, and walkers passing out glo-sticks will be Lord of Life's contingent. - Sherry Sejnost

Finance:

June expenses (\$21,073) were higher than 2023 by \$3,062 and higher than 2022 by \$3,891. June operations generated a \$3,529 surplus. The year-to-date deficit decreased to \$29,050.

At the end of six months, 50.00% of the year, 50.0% of the budget was spent. Most categories that exceeded 50.0% 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 June recorded in Shepherd's Staff agree in total and by fund with the financial records.

No pass-through funds are overdrawn. Ten on-line donations totaling \$719.52 were received by the last counters report date (06/24/24). There was one \$21 Thrivent donations. (YTD there have been 3 Thrivent donations totaling \$128).

The balance sheet remains strong. There is no long term debt. Total assets have decreased by \$25,861 since 12/31/23. The decrease is due to the operational deficit.
James T. Kelly

Council Highlights

- 4th of July Parade went well; all Glo-Sticks were distributed
- Pastor Adam is working on a possible grant to finance the automatic doors.
- LCW will sponsor a picnic in September
- Lord of Life will, collect school supplies for Hope's Front Door
- Gathering Place envelopes are available; funds collected will stream into the CIF fund.
- The Mosaic Players' will present a free performance of 5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche in October.
- We will participate in Darien Fest on August 10th and 11th.
- The Mission Fund CD was rolled over.

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



August

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU Aug 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
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