



725 W. 75TH STREET DARIEN, IL 60561

Dear Beloved Members and Friends of Lord of Life,

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and from Jesus Christ, the One who calls and sends us in love.

This week, our wider church family—the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—gathered in Phoenix for the 2025 Churchwide Assembly. In a spirit of prayerful discernment and joyful celebration, the assembly elected The Rev. Yehiel Curry as the next Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. Bishop Curry is the first Black leader to serve in this role in the history of our denomination. Thanks be to God for this historic moment!

Many of us know Bishop Curry from his faithful leadership here in our Metropolitan Chicago Synod, where he has served as bishop since 2019. He began his ministry in our synod as a lay leader and mission developer at Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale. His journey—from hesitant “no” to bold “yes”—is a powerful reminder of how the Spirit calls unlikely people into courageous leadership. As Bishop Curry said to the assembly:

“If you want to know what your benevolence dollars look like, it looks like me. And I want to say thank you.”

Because Bishop Curry has now accepted the call to serve as presiding bishop of the whole ELCA, our synod will begin the process of transition and preparation. An interim bishop will be appointed in the coming months to guide us through this time, and our synod will hold a special election for a new bishop in 2026.

What does this mean for us at Lord of Life?

It means we are part of something bigger than ourselves. It means our prayers, offerings, and shared ministry are making a real difference across the church. It means that God is still raising up leaders in our midst—and that our little part of the Body of Christ has helped shape the leader now guiding the ELCA forward.

Please keep Bishop Curry in your prayers as he begins this new chapter, and pray also for the leaders of our synod as they discern what comes next. May we remain open to the movement of the Spirit, trusting that God is leading us all—for the life of the world.

With hope and gratitude,

Pastor Adam Dowd
Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Lunch Bunch



Lunch Bunch We will meet at Red Lobster, 3001 Finley Road, Downers Grove on Tuesday, August 12th at 11:30 AM. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Linda Matta at 630-297-8894. Please plan to pay with cash, as cash is preferred by the restaurant.

Happy Birthday

August 10 Janet H.
August 12 Gabrielle P.
August 16 Pastor Adam
August 18 Elle D.
August 19 Stacie P.
August 23 Kenneth G.
August 30 Art S.
August 31 Nicholas P.



Darien Fest



Once again LoL will host a booth at Darien Fest on August 9th and 10th. Last year's event was a great success with lots of kids anxiously waiting in line for Pastor Adam's face-painting skills. To make this year's FEST as successful as last year's, volunteers are needed to man the FEST booth. So, take the challenge and sign up to man the booth. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Ride Dupage

Ride DuPage provides subsidized taxi and lift equipped bus transportation for income eligible DuPage County residents. Primarily used for visits to medical facilities and government offices within the county limits. To register, call 630-407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.

Senior Spirits

Senior Spirits met on Thursday June 19th! We had a speaker from Keller Williams who gave a good presentation about aids available to Seniors who are considering moving!

The next meeting is on Thursday July 24th at noon with the a Potluck luncheon!

Everyone is welcome!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me!

Marilynn Sells
630-927-9996

School Supply Collection

Thank you to everyone who generously donated school supplies in support of the Hinsdale South Back to School Bash! Your gifts will help local students start the year with confidence and care—and that makes a big difference.



Dial A Ride

Dial-A-Ride is a curb-to-curb paratransit service for senior citizens and disabled persons provided by the Township of Downers Grove through a contract with PACE. Registration is necessary before starting to use the service. Rides can be scheduled to any location within the Township, Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm. The fare is \$3.00. To get more information call 630-719-6670.



Lord of Life Lutheran Church Invites You

Worship Services

Sundays @ 10 am

Midweek Outdoor Worship

6/11, 7/9, 8/20, 9/10, 10/8

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

Darien 4th of July Parade

Friday, July 4th

Kane County Cougars Baseball

Friday, July 25th @ 5:30pm

Darien Fest

August 9-10th

FOR I KNOW THE
PLANS I HAVE FOR
YOU, DECLARES THE
LORD, PLANS TO
PROSPER YOU AND
NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU
HOPE AND A FUTURE.



2025 Council Members

- Marilyn Sells - President, Personnel, Worship and Music
- Ron Matta - Vice President, Personnel
- Linda Glover - Secretary
- Jim Kelly - Treasurer
- Connie Allekian - Evangelism, Stewardship
- Wendy Amurao
- Marlene Carlson - RIC
- Elsy Eggert - Children and Hunger
- Art Kardatzke - Property Committee
- Ray Kozak
- Debbie McNichols - Hospitality
- Judy Padera - LCW
- Alice Tangorra - Hospitality
- Pastor Adam



Lord of Life

We Share God's Love

**"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."
Isaiah 40:29**

August

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Aug 1	SAT 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Worship Service 12pm Loving Word Ser 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:15pm OA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm AA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Dance Academy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Card Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am SDA
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