

For those of you who sing, the choir will be starting up soon. New choir members are always welcome.

The Property Team is looking for volunteers to help install new countertops in the restrooms. If you can help, please call Gary Chepulis at 223-1908. Thanks.

Happening this week at Lord of Life

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Church Office: 223-2986

Sun., Sept. 5

9:30 am: Worship

Mon., Sept. 6

Office Closed – Labor Day

Tues., Sept. 7

9:00 am: Staff Meeting

9:30 am: Piecemakers

6:30 pm: Rally Day Meeting

6:30-9:00 pm: Newcomer's Club

7:00 pm: Team Meetings

Wed., Sept. 8

6:15 pm: Worship

7:00 pm: Confirmation Small Group

7:00 pm: Third Grade Bible Orientation

Thurs., Sept. 9

Fri., Sept. 10

7:00 pm-Midnight: 7th grade Retreat

Sat., Sept. 11

8:00 am: Women's Bible Study

8:30 am: Men's Bible Study (at St. A's Cafeteria)

10-1:00 pm: El David Assembly (s. end)

Sun., Sept. 12

9:30 am: Worship (Rally Day)

(VBS kids sing in worship)

(Blessing of the backpacks)

10:30 am: Financial Peace University Preview

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary 23

Sunday, September 5, 2010; 9:30 a.m.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND

Pastors Nadine Lehr and Larry Giese

Welcome to worship! On this Labor Day weekend, we hear Christ telling us to count the cost of discipleship. As we take up our crosses to follow Jesus, we let go of unnecessary baggage in our lives and find that all the riches of the kingdom have already been given to us. May the rich abundance of God's gifts be ours today as we answer Jesus' call. Welcome to our visitors! Please come again.

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 #685, "Take My Life, That I May Be"

Greeting and Kyrie, pp. 138-139

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

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord, **in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you

today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Thanks be to God.

Hey 9th—12th Graders: What are your plans for teacher's convention? Are you going to spend the weekend on the couch eating cheetos, or at the Grand International Inn in Minot with hundreds of other high school students from around the state?

The LYO Gathering will be held Thursday, October 21 through Saturday, October 23. The LYO Gathering is a great way to meet new people and have some fun while exploring your faith. We are very pleased to announce that this year's guest speaker/musician is Rachel Kurtz. You can also look forward to lots of games, break-out sessions, extreme bowling, and a dance.

Cost is only \$125 and fundraising opportunities are available. Contact Amanda to learn more or to pick up a registration form. **Note that the deadline to register is September 30th.**

Lutheran World Relief

Items needed for school bags: blunt scissors, 2” erasers, rulers, pencil sharpeners (please remove from package), 70 page spiral notebook (3 per kit), box of 24 crayons, 6 unsharpened pencils. *Marci has sewn 313 school bags. If she can sew them, we can fill them!!*

Items needed for layettes: 2 blankets, 2 sleepers or kimonos, 2 onesies or undershirts, 2 washcloths, one sweater or sweatshirt, one bath size bar of mild soap, 2 large diaper pins. Also needed in each layette are 4 diapers (preferably cut into 22” squares from white flannel with pinking sheers.

Items needed for health kits: hand towel, washcloth, bath size bar of soap, firm comb, toothbrush, nail clipper w/attached file, and 6 band aids in each. (Toothbrushes and soap need to be in wrapper, comb and nail clipper not). Remember: NO toothpaste can be sent. LWR has been putting out calls for badly needed health kits for people in refugee camps around the world.

Items needed for sewing kits: 3 yards cotton or cotton blend fabric, spool of matching thread, several hand-sewing needles, 6-8 buttons about 3/4” across.

If you prefer to make a donation instead of shopping for any of the above, you are most welcome to do so. Please make your check out to Lord of Life, memo line – for LWR or LWR shipping costs. *The deadline for bringing everything to Lord of Life is Friday, October 1st.*

PARENTS AND TEACHERS: If you look on the bulletin board behind the information desk, you will notice that important dates/events for our Sunday and Wednesday school are being posted. This has worked well for us and is a good way for us all to be reminded of things going on with our kids.

RALLY DAY

Next Sunday, September 12, 2010
Following the 9:30 a.m. service

Sunday & Wednesday School
children will meet their teachers

 **Hamburgers and Hot Dogs** 

Potluck dishes (suggested last name initial)
A-L: (fruit, veggies, salads, or potatoes for meal)
M-Z: (bring bars for dessert OR cakes for the cake walk)

 **Ice Cream Sundaes**

 **Games and Prizes ~ Fun ~ Fellowship** 

The next **Theology on the Town** meeting will on Thursday, September 16th at 8:00 p.m. We'll be meeting at the East 40 to have a drink and listen to some live music while we share in theological talk. Theology on the Town is a new ministry for young adults ages 21—35. Join the Facebook group 'Theology on the Town' to keep up to date on future events and to keep the conversation going!

Gospel Acclamation, "Alleluia," p. 142

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them,
26 "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Derek Solberg

Hymn of the Day: ELW #798, "Will You Come and Follow Me"

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

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 #882, “My Soul Does Magnify the Lord”
(vs. 1, 2, 3 & 7)

ELW #802, “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

ELW #814, “Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”

ELW #772, “Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal, p. 146

Sending Hymn: ELW #660, Lift High the Cross”

Worship Participants: Preaching: Derek Solberg; Presiding: Larry Giese; Assisting: Sarah Carlson; Communion Assistants: Margaret Schaefer and Marlys Selness; Ushers: Gary & Diane Chepulis; Acolyte: Brent Neuhardt; Organist: Barb Hoffer.

Prayers at Lord of Life: Harlan Lyson, Dave Krabbenhoft, Bud Reiner, Jane Woyen, Joey Kincade, Tim Quintus, Ava Brae Jacobs, Kristi Brown, Garry & Linda Strandemo, Aaron Nordtrom, Colin Moe, Denise Keplin, Karen Priep, Darlyn Ennen.

Flowers are given today by: Wilma Thorson.

Stewardship Info.:

Attendance: Sun.(8-29) 176 Wed.(9-1) 64 Offering: General: \$7287

September Work Group Leaders: Loreeta Canton (258-8323), Tim & Taya Johnson (258-8292).

Worship Helps: The Nursery is open but not staffed until next Sunday (Rally Day). 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.
September, ELW #882, “My Soul Does Magnify the Lord”

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.

Today we continue our preaching series “How Do I Live My Faith in Daily Life.” Our thanks to Derek Solberg for his message today.

Reminder: The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6th, in observance of Labor Day.

7th Grade Confirmation Students: Don’t forget about the mandatory **7th Grade Retreat** on Friday, September 10th from 7:00 p.m.—midnight. This is a great event where you will learn about the confirmation program while getting to know your fellow classmates. Bring a snack to share. See you there!

Registrations for the **2010-2011 Sunday and Wednesday** school year are available for you to register your child or children. You can register by using the online form available on our website, www.lordoflifebismarck.org [which can be submitted via email], and on the desk in the Church office. There is still plenty of room for your child in our Church school. We’d love to see them there!

We are still in need of **teachers for our Wednesday night** Church school. The grades we are looking for teachers for are one [1] teacher for 3 y.r old through Kindergarten, and two [2] teachers for our 1st and 2nd grade class. There is also an opening for a Wednesday school superintendent to help with openings each week. If you want to help with this ministry of walking along with our children at Lord of Life on their faith walks, please let Sandi or Melody in the church office know. Thank you!