

LifeLines

January 2020

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Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship
8:00 am | 9:30 am | 10:45 am | 5:00 pm

Sunday Christian Education
3 year olds - Adults | 9:30 am

Wednesday Midweek Education
Grades 1-8 | 6:00-7:00 pm
Parent Class | 6:00 - 7:00 pm



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Pastor David's Corner

In Washington, D.C., at a Metro Station, on a cold January morning in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, approximately 2,000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. After about 3 minutes, a middle-aged man noticed that there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds, and then he hurried on to meet his schedule.

About 4 minutes later: The violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

At 6 minutes: A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

At 10 minutes: A 3-year old boy stopped, but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head the whole time. This action was repeated by several other children, but every parent – without exception – forced their children to move on quickly.

At 45 minutes: The musician played continuously. Only 6 people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

After 1 hour: He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. There was no recognition at all.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before, Joshua Bell sold-out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each to sit and listen to him play the same music.

Joshua Bell, playing incognito in the D.C. Metro Station, was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities. This experiment raised several questions:

*In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty?

*If so, do we stop to appreciate it?

*Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made, how many other things are we missing as we rush through life?

Enjoy life now, It has an expiration date. God's blessings in 2020,

Pastor David Linkugel



As we come to the close of another year, we are humbled by the congregation that we are called to serve. Thank you for the gifts, food, prayers, and words of encouragement through the holiday season and throughout the year. We are blessed to serve at Lord of Life and partner with you to share the Gospel in our community. It's a joy to see God at work in your lives as you share your faith with friends and neighbors and invite them to join us here. God's blessings to you as we enter into another year of serving our amazing God and seeing what He has in store for us in 2020.

Pastor David and Diane Linkugel

Pastor Caleb, Brittany, Clara, August, and Frederick Kruse

Julie Koenemann

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for on **Sunday, January 5, 2020**. Newly elected officers and board members will be installed at any worship service.



The Leadership Planning Meeting for **all church officers and board members** will be **Saturday, January 11**, from 9:00 am to Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Each board will get organized, set goals, and plan for the year.



We are finalizing the job description for the Ministries Administrative Assistant, and will begin interviewing in January. This will be a part-time position. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in applying for the position, please contact [Pastor David](#).

LCEF Nebraska District Scholarships Now Available

Applications are now available for the 2020 \$1,000 Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) Nebraska District Scholarship. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or current full-time post-secondary student at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining. Candidates must also be members of a congregation belonging to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod located in the Nebraska District. Completed applications must be received by January 31, 2020. More information and an online application can be found at: <https://lcefcentral.org/scholarships/>.



Youth Calendar

Jan 5: High School Youth Group 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Jan 12: High School Youth Group 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Jan 19: High School Youth Group 6:30pm - 8:30 pm

Jan 26: Middle School Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 pm



What a busy month December was for our little ones at Lord's Lambs! We celebrated the birth of Jesus all month long! At our annual Christmas program, our children reminded us that anyone who believes in Christ doesn't need to be afraid. What a powerful message delivered by our children to their parents and family members. It is my prayer that as we all look forward to a new year, we remember and reflect on the simple message that with Christ as our Savior, we have no reason to be afraid.

In December, our children made lots of crafts reflecting Jesus birth. Simple crafts, Bible stories, and songs help us teach the true reason for the season. It is part of our mission to always share the love of Christ in our curriculum at Lord's Lambs. There is no easier time than during the Christmas season. The children are so eager to learn about the birth of Christ - and like generations before, enjoy the Christmas story.

Unfortunately, the flu is rampant in the Omaha/Elkhorn area, making it a priority that all of us at the center continue to teach and practice proper hand washing, covering coughs, and Kleenex use. We want to help our children, families, and staff avoid the flu.

In January we are welcoming three new infants into our program and a new staff member. Please continue to pray that we can add another infant and toddler teacher to our staff.

Happy New Year to you all!

Blessings,
Denise Kempnich, Lord's Lambs Center Director



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We're looking for Office Volunteer Help for January until the Administrative Assistant position is filled. Especially helpful is to fold bulletins and announcements on Thursdays, but we also welcome help with receiving deliveries, answering phones, and various other office tasks. Please contact Pastors or Julie for details.

We also need ushers for our 9:30 am worship, as well as video and sound techs for all morning worship times.

Thank you!



COPE News

COPE's new partnership with Open Door Mission is going very well. Open Door Mission is receiving all items now (food, clothing, household goods, etc.) at the Elkhorn location, and COPE is able to use all of these donations for

COPE clients. Please note that we can no longer accept paper products due to limited space at our new location.



The Schlund Family

Our Missionaries in Mexico City

Lord of Life provides prayer and financial support for Rev. Andrew and Kelsey Schlund, who serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) as career missionaries in Mexico. In his role, Andrew works with other missionaries in the theological education of existing pastors and possible future pastors. He also preaches and teaches whenever needed. Through the relationships that are formed, Andrew and Kelsey seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Mexico. Andrew and Kelsey have two daughters, Charlotte and Margaret. To read their newsletter, [click here](#).

Please pray for the Schlunds as they serve in Mexico. Pray for all the missionaries and their families in the Latin America region, for the members of El Buen Pastor and San Pedro in their work to spread the Gospel, and for the Schlund family as they continue to adjust to life in Mexico City.

Birthdays: Andrew – Oct. 21, Kelsey – Aug. 16, Charlotte – March 28, Margaret – May 2

Wedding Anniversary: June 17

[Pictured above: Left: Schlund Family; Right: Buen Pastor (Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd)]



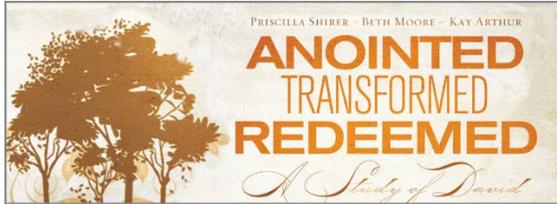
Handbell News

Youth Bell Ringers (High School)

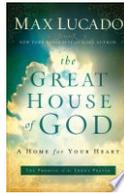
Practice will resume on Sunday, January 12th at 6 pm. Practices will be on any Sunday that the High School Youth Group is meeting.

Handbell Choir

An email with potential practice times and more information will be sent at the beginning of January to those who signed up on the Info Board expressing interest in playing. If you are still interested in playing but forgot to sign-up, please contact [Collin Warren](#).



Women's Monday Night Bible Study begins January 13th at 7:00 pm. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in Room 112. Contact person: monique Rasmussen.



The Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study group is studying Max Lucado's book, *The Great House of God*, a new look at The Lord's Prayer. Come join us every other Wednesday at 9:30 am in Room 112. Contact: Jeanine Gerety, 531.329.1198.



The Saturday Men's Bible study group is studying *Death, Heaven, Resurrection and the New Creation*. They meet in the Conference Room on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Contact: Bob Karle, 308.379.8483.



HyVee's Cash 4 Students program ends December 31, 2019. **By January 5, please submit all original receipts dated September 1 - December 31, 2019.** Receipts outside of these dates do not qualify, and receipts

must have a printed date. Collection containers are in the Entry and at Lord's Lambs' Registration Desk.

Note: The program does not include purchases for postage, lottery tickets, money orders, or gift cards. We ask that you subtract any of these items from your totals or do not include receipts that contain only these items.

Help Us Raise Funds for Permanent Exterior Signage

**** at no extra expense ****

Opportunities to Support Lord of Life *(keep scrolling for new details!)*

- **HyVee Cash for Students** (HyVee receipts) **(ends Dec 31)**
- **Direct Your Dollars** (Family Fare receipts)
- **Direct Your Labels** – Our Family brand (\$25 for every 500 UPC barcodes)
- **Amazon Smile** (0.5% return on purchases through Smile.Amazon)
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars**
- **Scrip** (2%-50% rebate on purchased gift cards) Online at ShopwithScrip.com
- **TAGG** (Scan your receipt and earn 5% at local businesses.) *You can also tag for Lord's Lambs Child Care!*

** If you have questions on any program, please contact Julie Koenemann. **



As you begin your Christmas shopping on Amazon, please remember to enter through **Smile.Amazon.com**, and select Lord of Life Lutheran Church Elkhorn as your charity. 0.5% of your purchase price will be applied to our permanent signage fund.



Scrip Gift Card Program

Thanks to all who utilized the online ordering of Scrip for the holidays. \$74 was earned for our permanent sign fund!

Simply log in to www.shopwithscrip.com/, make your selections and payment, and download and/or print paper certificates. You may now pay online with credit card! A processing fee of 2.6% will be added to your total.

Learn more about Scrip, and sign up on **ShopWithScrip.com**. Our organization code is **9194FD1128994**.



Click on the image to view the video *How to TAGG*.

Together A Greater Good is another simple way to contribute to the Sign Fund without spending an extra dollar. Whenever you're at a TAGG business, snap a picture with your smartphone of your receipt and choose us. **We receive 5% of your purchases!** Download the TAGG app through your phone's App store. You can choose between TAGGing for the church and/or Lord's Lambs Child Care.



Save your receipts every time you shop at Family Fare – and please encourage your friends and family to do the same. Once we've collected \$150,000 in receipts, we can turn those slips of paper into a \$1,000 check for

Lord's Lambs! Collection boxes are in the church entry and at Lord's Lambs Registration Desk. Please note: only **original receipts** are accepted.



Every time you shop at any local store carrying *Our Family* brand products, clip and save the **UPC barcodes** (you only need the barcode with the numbers underneath, not the text to the left) – and encourage your friends and family to do the same. For every 500 UPC barcodes, we earn \$25.



Lord of Life has been greatly blessed by thoughtful Thrivent members through the Thrivent Choice program. **\$112** was donated last month to the church for our permanent sign fund through this benefits program. To learn more about the benefits of Thrivent, go to Thrivent.com.
