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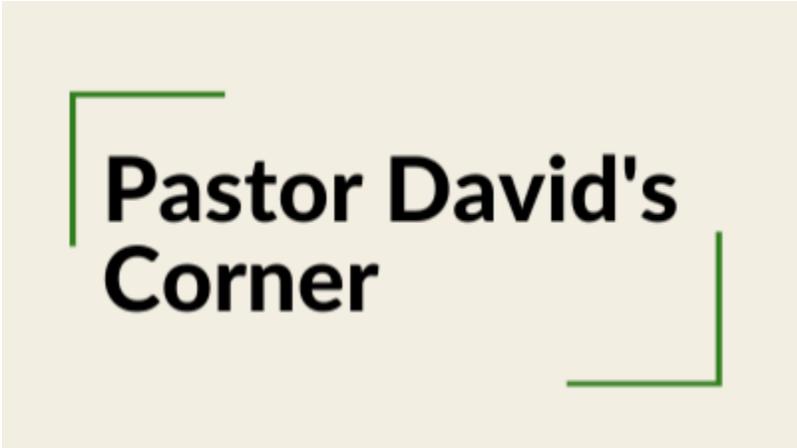
# August 2020

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The logo for "Pastor David's Corner" features the text "Pastor David's" on the top line and "Corner" on the bottom line, both in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is enclosed within a thin green L-shaped border that starts at the top-left and ends at the bottom-right, leaving the top-right and bottom-left corners open.

## Pastor David's Corner

Another month goes by and we continue to live with questions about the future. How long will the coronavirus pandemic last? Will we have a vaccine soon? Will the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to rise or fall? What is school going to be like when classes begin this month? With all the contradictory information coming at us daily, what's a person to think?

Social media is full of conflicting opinions. The media constantly run stories about the coronavirus that scare and arouse anxiety. Everything that is happening to us and around us reminds us the most important thing in our lives is Jesus and the salvation He offers us. Whether we are sickened by the coronavirus or not, killed by the virus or not, we can have peace when we believe Jesus is our resurrection and life. We have the assurance we have been rescued from God's wrath and punishment of sin.

Many people have perished and more will perish from the coronavirus. Many more will be killed by the flu, car crashes, starvation, cancer, and diabetes. Regardless of how each one of us dies, what we can learn from all these instances is that we are all born into this world with a pre-existing condition. It's called mortality, and no earthly authority or expert can save us from this condition. We can wash, scrub, clean, and do everything we can to protect ourselves from SARS, Bird flu, Ebola, COVID-19, and whatever the next pandemic will be, but it doesn't change the fact that we all die on a certain day, at a certain time, from something outside of our

control.

As followers of Jesus, we have a relationship with our God that puts us at ease, especially when so many people are telling us to be afraid, to panic, or to trust our leaders to save us from the coronavirus. With have a peace that surpasses all human understanding, because we know we have eternal life through faith in Jesus and nothing that happens to us can take that away. Our future is secure, even when we don't know what's going to happen next in this world.

Pastor David Linkugel

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***Save the Date!***

For families with incoming freshmen, we will be having a welcome activity for your freshmen on August 16th at church. If your freshman needs a ride, please let Pastor Caleb know and we can arrange something.

August 2nd - No Youth Group

August 9th - High School Youth Group 6:30-7:30

August 16th - High School Youth Group 6:30-7:30 - Freshmen

welcome night!

August 23rd - High School Youth Group 6:30-7:30

August 30th - High School Youth Group 6:30-7:30

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## **Youth Group is Again Recycling Cans**

We are able to recycle cans again as a fundraiser for our youth group. If you have aluminum soda cans you want to drop off at the church to be recycled, there are 2 bins on the west side of the sanctuary to place your bags of cans in.

Thank you!





# Lord's Lambs Child Care



We had such a fun time with our annual MUD DAY activities! The children and staff really enjoy this all morning event and honestly I think my staff enjoy it as much as the children!! Children enjoy this opportunity to just get wet and dirty! So many times it's the simple things in life that make us the most happy! The smiles and laughter from the children during this particular morning was simply priceless! I think we might have to repeat it one more time this summer.

In August we will welcome a new infant teacher into our program. Ms. Abbey will work with our infants and comes to use with child care experience. Please pray for all my staff and myself as we continue to navigate the world with COVID. We plan, prepare and diligently work to keep both our children and staff healthy and safe. We trust in our Heavenly Father to protect us regardless of the situation and we rest in His assurance that regardless of the situation, He is here with us and He wants us to lean on Him.

We want to wish our Kindergarten bound children much love and success as they move on to the next chapter in their education and welcome new and returning

friends to our program.

We continue to collect Family Fare receipts and their store brand labels. Upload your Hy Vee receipts through TAGG. There are containers in the church and child care entries.

Thank you for your continued support of Lord's Lambs Ministry.

Blessings,  
Ms. Denise

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## Google Reviews Welcomed

**Thank you to everyone who submitted a review since last Tuesday. We can still use your help** with bringing Lord's Lambs Child Care to the top of Google searches. It's as simple as clicking on the stars, or you can also include a comment. Reviews on Yelp are also welcomed. Reviews for the church will also produce similar benefits. Thank you!

[Click Here to Give a Review for Lord's Lambs](#)

[Click Here to Give a Review for Lord of Life Church](#)

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## Men's Softball League

Our church men's team plays a double-header every Friday at Kelley Fields. If you want a reason to get out of the house and cheer on some familiar faces, we welcome you!

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### Schedule

Aug 7 - 6:30 and 7:30 pm - Field 3

Aug 14 - 6:30 and 7:30 pm - Field 4

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*Kelley Fields are located on Fort Street just west of 120th Street.*

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## Camera Techs Needed

With the addition of our new camera and streaming equipment, we now have need of an additional person in the tech booth every Sunday. This person will be responsible for setting up the posts to go to Facebook and YouTube for each service, changing the camera angles (4 pre-programmed buttons), and monitoring the sound levels for any needed tweaks. After being trained, anyone **age 10 and up is capable**. The time commitment would be 7:30 am -

11:45 am. Ideally, we're seeking at least 2 individuals who could alternate monthly.

Please **contact Julie or Pastor Caleb** for more information and to offer your assistance.

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## Colorado Peaches Update

The peach delivery truck will show up sometime on Friday, August 21st. We will 8.5 pallets to unload this year so it should go pretty quickly. If you can help, please sign up on the Sign Up Genius link below. We'll give you a call when we know what about what time the truck will be getting here. Thanks!

## Peach Pick-Up

Peach pick-up is on Saturday, August 22nd from 8am-5pm. We have 314 orders covering our 680 boxes that need to get out the door in those 9 hours. We are also changing how we do pick-up this year. People will remain in their cars while youth or other volunteers bring their order to them and place it in their trunk (just like the good people at the grocery stores). We expect that the morning hours will be the busiest and could use help in three different ways:

1. Hand Trucks: If you have a hand truck at home that we could borrow to wheel boxes out quicker, please bring those to church by Thursday, August 20th. They can be left in the Commons.
2. Physical help: If you are able to help either bring boxes out to vehicles on hand trucks or gather names/orders from people to radio in to the building to bring out, please sign up below. Any amount of time would be appreciated.
3. Pick-Up in the afternoon: If church members are able to pick-up in the afternoon rather than first thing in the morning, it would help us to not be as swamped early on and we'll be able to provide you with better, quicker service as we should have our delivery routine down by the afternoon. We understand though if that's not a possibility due to your schedule.

**Peach Help Sign Up**

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## **Sunday Worship**

We are continuing to have **In-person Services** with the use of Sign Up Genius. Our services are at 8:00 am, 9:30 am. and 10:45 am. Our 5 pm service currently paused until after Labor Day. Links for the sign up are updated weekly and included in our Tuesday E-News.

In respect of the current COVID Regulations, we must maintain a 6ft social distancing for each household, limiting the attendance to 16 households per service. For your safety and comfort, hand sanitizer and free homemade masks are available in the Commons Area. Masks are not required, but we do invite you to wear them.

As always, printed church bulletins and children's bulletins are available in the Commons Area

as well. We do ask that when you leave, you take the bulletins home with you or place it in the recycling bin as you leave.

**All of our current services are now online!**

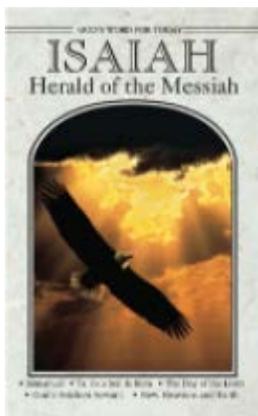
**Livestream** is still available on both [Facebook](#) and [Youtube](#). You can access these pages on our website at [LordofLifeElkhorn.org](http://LordofLifeElkhorn.org). Links to the bulletin will be available there as well. You may watch live at the service times or view the recordings at your convenience either on the website > Publications > Sermons, or on the Videos page in Facebook and YouTube .

*If you're viewing via Facebook, please "Like" and "Share" to your personal page and invite your friends to worship with us. YouTube viewers, please subscribe to our channel. Once we reach 100 subscribers, the comments feature will be enabled. Even electronically, the power of God's Word can be powerfully shared.*

**Do not feel guilty** if you feel uncomfortable in any way to return to in-person worship. You're always welcome to stay home and worship with us online. Whichever way you're able to join us, we're just thankful you do join us.

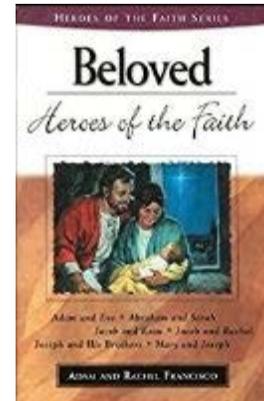
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## Bible Studies



The Women's Bible Study Class is studying ***Isaiah: Herald of the Messiah***. They meet via Zoom every Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30 am. For more information, please contact Deb Karle at 308.379.8481.

The Men's Bible Study is working through ***Beloved Heroes of the Faith***, which includes Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Esau, Jacob and Rachel, Joseph and his Brothers, and Mary and Joseph. They meet via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 8:30 am. Contact Bob Karle at 308-379-8483 for more information.



Jesus said, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33). Unfortunately, many people seem to transpose this verse as they first seek worldly things with the hope that God's blessings will still be there. Are you more focused on your lifestyle, what you drive, or what you wear than with seeking God? God's promise to those who seek Him is that He will provide for them and bless them. Do you trust in His promise?

## From our Board of Stewardship

Music is an important part of our worship services. *We thank the dedicated musicians* who lead us in hymns songs, and liturgy and provide special music and reflection time during the service. Our keyboardists, organists, worship team vocalists, and special music musicians all use their time and talents to enhance our worship.

If you love singing praises to God, or if you play a keyboard, guitar, or drums, contact Julie in the office. She will be able to help you put your talents in action.



If we live long enough, we will find ourselves resenting change, at least in some ways. We must adjust as loved ones are called home to Jesus, no longer by our side in this earthly life. Institutions that were dependable are long since gone. Social graces and signs of respect we learned as children may no longer be present.

Change is inevitable here on earth. Part of the reason for this is that we live in a world that bears the curse of our sin. That curse will remain until our Heavenly Father brings about the new heavens and the new earth, through His powerful Word, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some change is great! A vaccine for polio changed fear of disease to confidence to live life again. Technology gives us access to speedy information and entertainment we could never have dreamed.

But much change bears the stain of decay. That is the kind of change that causes us to hurt and grieve. Yet with all Christian grief, we do not grieve without hope. We have our Lord Jesus Christ who is going to give us our place that He has prepared for us.

Wouldn't it be great to put down into words that hope that resides in your soul? The Spirit has used the Word to call you to faith and now you have something very special to share. You can share that as a preamble to your Last Will and Testament, or as a family blessing apart from your legal documents. Creating this message is your way to make sure that your children or their children know exactly what you have believed, and they

receive the charge from you to continue in that faith from generation to generation. This can be a great encouragement, especially in these times of rapid change. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started on creating this gift to your family and friends. Contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or [craig.stirtz@lfnd.org](mailto:craig.stirtz@lfnd.org).

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## COPE UPDATE

Thankfully, COPE has been able to continue in supporting their clients throughout the pandemic, primarily with rent and utility assistance. Various food pantries have been available throughout the community and we have also been able to continue in assisting 2019 flood victims in rebuilding homes.

With adjusted hours of operation, we will finally be re-opening the Elkhorn site.

Due to the small amount of storage and heightened sanitation requirements, we will be opting to collect funds for the backpack program this year. We are currently working with the local schools to determine what funds are needed for supplies. We would encourage church members to donate if possible. You can do this via [website](#) or by sending a check payable to COPE.

The largest fundraiser of the year -**The C.O.P.E. Golf Outing**- is scheduled for *September 25th* at Pacific Springs Golf Course. Raffle prizes are still needed for drawing(s). Please contact us if you have anything that might be able to be used. [Click Here](#) for more details.

- *Executive Director*, Jim Tomanek

Thank you to everyone who has been able to be a part in volunteering, praying for, and donating to COPE. You are appreciated!

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Online



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**COPE GOLF CLASSIC**

~~FRI May 1, 2020~~ | Pacific Springs Golf Course

**Rescheduled for Sept 25 | [CopeInfo.org](http://CopeInfo.org)**

## Our Seminarian



*Update on the Oswalds:*

*Our family has enjoyed being back in St. Louis. We are thankful for the time we got to spend together before I started class. I have been enjoying Hebrew and it has gone well. Jenny got called back to work at Missouri Baptist and the girls have started daycare at St. Paul, Des Peres. God continues to take care of us!*

*- Drew Oswald*

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## Our Missionaries

### The Schlund Family Our Missionaries in Mexico City



[Click Here for The Schlund's 2020 Summer Newsletter](#)

*Earlier this month, Andrew attended a house blessing in Xochimilco, a neighborhood in the south end of Mexico City. Xochimilco was hit hard by an earthquake in 2017, and many homes were damaged or destroyed. The Mexican branch of Lutheran Hour Ministries (Cristo Para Todas las Naciones) has been ministering to families affected by the earthquake over the past few years, and has been working to build houses using funds from Lutheran Disaster Response. After years of challenges, the first house was recently completed and the family moved in to their new home. We are hoping to build more homes in the near future.*

*The coronavirus pandemic has greatly affected Mexico, and many members of our churches have either gotten sick or lost family members to COVID. We are still live-streaming services and working on plans for when we can meet again in person. Andrew has been hosting bible studies and confirmation classes over Zoom. The Lutheran Synod of Mexico has been*

*distributing care packages with food and toiletries for families in need.*

*In Christ,  
The Schlund Family*





Year-round Collection



coloring books  
books  
solar calculators  
stickers



[Click Here to View/Download the Collection List for Haiti](#)

## *Ways to Support Lord of Life and Lord's Lambs*

*Help Us Raise Funds for Permanent Exterior Signage*

*\*\* at no extra expense to you \*\**

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

- TAGG (Submit a picture of your receipt and earn 5% at local businesses.) Tag for church or Lord's Lambs Child Care!
- Amazon Smile (0.5% return on purchases through Smile.Amazon)
- Scrip (2%-50% rebate on purchased gift cards) Online at ShopwithScrip.com
- Direct Your Dollars (Family Fare receipts)

- Direct Your Labels – Our Family brand (\$25 for every 500 UPC barcodes)
- Thrivent Choice Dollars

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



### **(Together a Greater Good)**

TAGG is a program where local businesses give 5% back to nonprofits. Simply download the TAGG app to your phone and take a photo of your receipt from participating businesses; select your organization, and we receive **1-5%** of your purchase price! You may TAGG for Lord of Life Lutheran or for Lord's Lambs. Great News: **HyVee** is now on TAGG!

Check out Omaha's list by [clicking here](#). A list of Lincoln businesses is on their [website](#).





Did you know every purchase you make on Amazon can benefit your church? Simple 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.

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### **\*\*New \*\* Mobile App! Scrip Gift Card Program**

Here's a short video telling about the newer, easier way to use Scrip through the free RaiseRight app. You may continue to order on their site as well at **ShopWithScrip.com**. Our organization code is **9194FD1128994**.

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Please save your **Family Fare** receipts – and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Collection boxes are in the church entry and at Lord's Lambs Registration Desk.





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.

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Lord of Life is now accepting empty old ink cartridges. We plan to recycle them quarterly at our local **Staples**. For every ink cartridge turned in is \$2. We are hoping to use this for office needs around the church. There is a labelled table in the Commons Area. Please feel free to drop them off in the box. Please contact the office for any questions.

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