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June 2021

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Pastor David's Corner



Many people never understand why Abraham was asked to offer up his son Isaac, as recorded in Genesis 22. It was a test, but it's also a mystery. At the end of the test God sealed His covenant with Abraham (Genesis 22:15-18). In such a covenant, each party had to be willing to do what the other was willing to do. Abraham was willing to offer up his son as a sacrifice, therefore God would have to be willing to offer up His Son as a sacrifice. Abraham brought his son on a donkey to the land of sacrifice, so God would have to bring His Son, the Messiah, on a donkey to the land of sacrifice. Abraham placed the wood of the sacrifice on his son's shoulder, so God placed the wood of the sacrifice, the cross, on Messiah's shoulders. Abraham's son carried the wood up the mountain to the place of sacrifice, so Messiah carried the wood to the place of His sacrifice. Abraham laid his son upon the wood and bound him to it, so the Messiah was laid on the wood of the cross and bound to it. Abraham lifted up the knife of sacrifice to kill his son, and is stopped, but the knife of God's judgment upon His Son is not stopped. Messiah is killed on the wood of the sacrifice. An amazing thing about the account of Isaac's sacrifice is that the word love is used for the first time in all of Scripture. "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love." (Genesis 22:2) The first love in the Bible is the love of a father

for the son. The Father was willing to offer up the Son of His love to save us. “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16) If God offered up the Son of His love to save you, then He must love you with the same love with which He loved the Son. You don’t ever have to wonder how much God loves you.

Pastor David Linkugel



**Please Sign Up
to Volunteer
and/or Donate**

**Sunday, June 6th
12:30 – 2:30 pm**

**Lord of Life's
Family Fun Festival**



**Pastor
Caleb's
Corner**

Youth Group Dates

- **June 6 - Combined Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm - Water Balloon Fight**
- **June 13- No HS Youth Group - Pastor Caleb at his nephew's baptism**
- **June 20 - No HS Youth Group - Father's Day**
- **June 27 - High School Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm**



Peach Update

Let's cut to the chase: You want peaches and you just want to know how to order them.

Peaches are \$40 for an 18lb lug this year.

You can pay by mailing an [Order Form](#) with your check to church. We do have a more secure mailbox this year.

1. You can also bring your [Order Form](#) and check to church and drop it off with Tarrin or Pastor Caleb.
2. The easiest and quickest way to order is [Online](#). We are using a free fundraising site called GiveButter (also used for the Easter Egg Hunt). There is a processing fee that is automatically included at

checkout (~\$1.50 for 1 box). You can use credit/debit, Venmo, or Paypal through this site.

*[*Disclaimer: While GiveButter is free to use, they rely on "tips" for their business model and you will see them ask for a "tip" at checkout. By leaving this feature on, it keeps the processing fees lower. Do not feel obligated to leave a tip but make sure to double check the amount total prior to checking out.*]*

Peaches should arrive in mid-to-late August.

[Download Order Form](#)

[Buy Online](#)

REGISTER NOW

Virtual VBS

GOD'S WONDER LAB

July 11 - 15

JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE

The graphic features a central illustration of three laboratory flasks containing purple, blue, and green liquids, with colorful bubbles rising from them. The background is a dark blue, jagged-edged shape resembling a splash or explosion. The text is arranged around the illustration, with 'REGISTER NOW' in red at the top left, 'Virtual VBS' in blue below it, 'GOD'S WONDER LAB' in large yellow and orange letters across the middle, and 'July 11 - 15' in blue at the bottom left. The phrase 'JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE' is written in a curved path at the bottom.

Click on the image above to Register Now.



Thank you all for such a warm welcome! Lord's Lambs already feels like home. The month of May flew by. So... welcome to June!

Praise God for our new Staff! Please welcome:

- Lisa ([webpage](#)) - She is bouncing around for us a bit now, however will be primarily in our young infant room caring for our Caterpillars.
- Amanda ([webpage](#); bio coming) - She will be floating around all the classrooms having fun with all the kiddos, until she leaves in the fall for UNL.
- Kayla - She will be primarily in the Twos classroom, and will also leave in the fall for UNL.

Lord's Lambs PreK Graduation went without a hitch. Thank you, Ms. Paula, for teaching our children and assisting them in their success to Kindergarten!



HEY EVERYONE! Please come join us at Lord of Life's Elkhorn Day's festivities. It will be fun to see all your happy faces.

Thank you to ALL of our Lord's Lamb Parents for making Teacher Appreciation Week so much fun and spoiling us all. We are blessed to have such wonderful parents and families!

Notice to ALL Lambs - **Water Days** will be on Wednesdays this summer! Beginning June 9, bring your swim suit and towel so we can get SOAKED. Jesus Time will be on Thursdays this Summer!

Sandal season is upon us. Please make sure that your child comes to school in "safe" shoes. Sandals and flip flops cause lots of injuries in the lives of both children and adults.

Director of LLCC, Jewel McKercher

Sunday Worship

In-Person Worship is returning to most of our pre-Covid practices starting June 6th. These changes include once again passing an Attendance Register, using pre-Covid bulletin formats, and the kids being invited to come up for the Children's Message. We have also resumed communing together in full tables. Offerings will continue to be received in the plates on the table in the Commons, and online. You may take your bulletin home with you, or drop in the recycle bin as you leave. Masks are optional in all services. Please return to wearing your name badges, too!

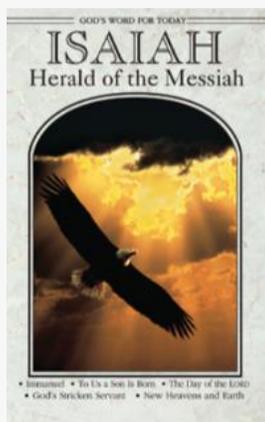
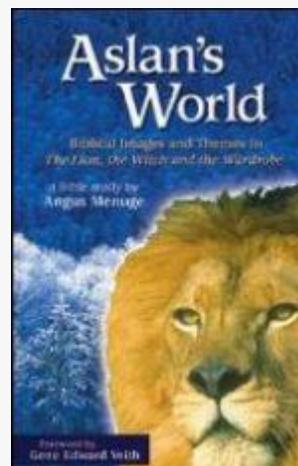
Online Attendance Registration will continue as is. Simply click on the link in the Facebook post or through the homepage of our website to register your online attendance. (Please register according to the worship time you're viewing, not when you're watching.)

Livestream services are on both [Facebook](#) and [Youtube](#). You can access these pages on our website at [LordofLifeElkhorn.org](#). 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.

Bible Studies

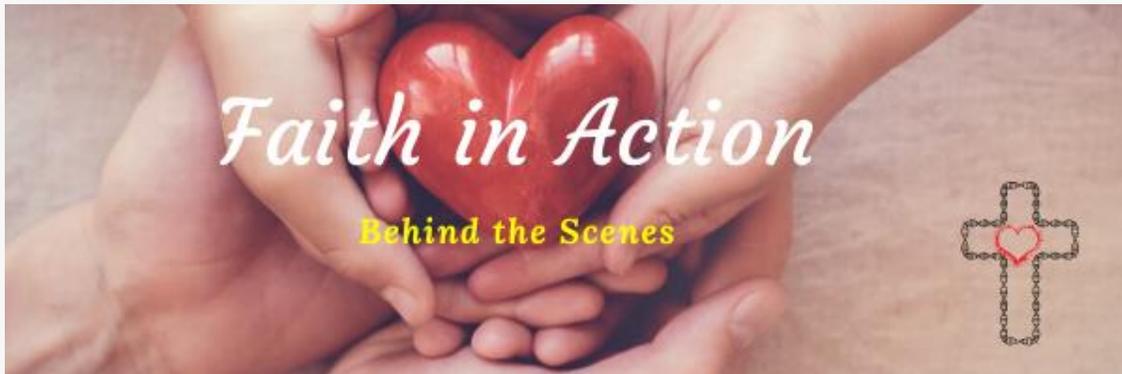
The *Men's Bible Study* continues their Bible study, ***Aslan's World***. They meet online (via Zoom) on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 8:30 - 9:30 am.

Contact Bob Karle at 308.379.8483 or the church office if you would like to join.



The *Women's Morning Bible Study* continues the study of ***Isaiah: Herald of the Messiah***. They will continue to meet online (via Zoom) on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday**, from 9:30 am -10:30 am.

For more information, please contact Deb Karle at 308.379.8481.



We would like to thank all the volunteers who came to the church clean up Saturday event. Bill Hester and the Board of Properties were organized and helped alongside the volunteers to clean up inside the church and outside. Polishing pews, dusting, changing light bulbs, organizing, and cleaning were accomplished. **Thank you for your gift of time to make our church shine.**

The Board of Properties work on repairs and projects as needed, keep the church in good repair, and determine when we need expert help. **Thank you, Board of Properties.**

Dave and Kathy Lange do a fabulous job of keeping our church, fellowship area, kitchen, classrooms, offices, bathrooms, windows, doors and hallways clean and sanitary each week. The Langes are conscientious and pay attention to the details to make Lord of Life clean and welcoming. **We thank Dave and Kathy for the time and expertise it takes every week to keep our large building clean, safe, and stocked.**

Stewardship Corner

Our heavenly Father wants us to be conformed into the likeness of His Son. Jesus lived an unselfish life. We, on the other hand, are by nature selfish people. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, however, we are transformed into giving people. Rather than hoarding our money and keeping it only for ourselves, we give willingly which reflects a more Christ-like character. God changes us from people who take into people who give. It is Christ's love within us that compels us to give (2 Corinthians 5:14). As we give, we receive the joy that comes from giving.

Collection for Forde Christian Academy in Haiti



Collection for Haiti

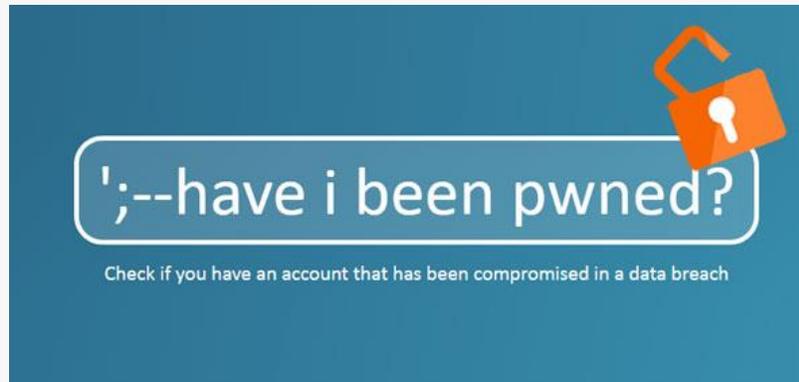
Year-round Collection



Baseballs / Volleyballs
Soccer balls / Basketballs
Pumps



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



Have You Been 'Pwned'?

HIBP (with "Pwned" pronounced like "poned") is a website that allows Internet users to check whether their personal data has been compromised by data breaches. The service collects and analyzes hundreds of database dumps and pastes containing information about billions of leaked accounts, and allows users to search for their own information by entering their username or email address. Users can also sign up to be notified if their email address appears in future dumps.

Learn more at [Wikipedia](#) and on the site, haveibeenpwned.com.



Advertise within our church and child care families!

*Buy / Sell / Trade
In Search Of
Services for Hire*

*Local Businesses
Medical, Legal, and Business Professionals' Listing*

Do you have a service, trade, or profession to advertise to your fellow church and child care families? Maybe you have something to sell, an item to barter, or a treasure that still has life left in it but you can no longer use? Are you looking for a babysitter, a handyman, a plumber, or a recommendation?

- Find it at LordofLifeElkhorn.org website under 'Publications'.
- Donors/sellers/buyers will be required to communicate between themselves.
- Submit at least one image (jpg or png) and a description no longer than 5 sentences.
- Provide first name/last initial, plus preferred contact (cell, email).
- Include pricing and/or 'Or Best Offer' (OBO) notation in your listing.
- All submissions are subject to approval.
- Postings will be listed for a term of 4 weeks.
- Please contact us of status changes or price cuts.

Weekly Submission Deadlines are Tuesdays at 3:00 pm. Submissions are accepted online only through LordofLifeInfo@gmail.com. Any questions may be submitted to Julie or Tarrin in the office.



Lord of Life is collecting personal hygiene items for **COPE** through Father's Day, sponsored by our Board for Human Care. These are the currently-needed

items:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Lotion

Feminine Products

Razors and Shaving Cream

Body Wash

Kleenex

Toilet Paper

COPE *is not in need of the following:* bar soap, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, or sanitizers.

LCMSFoundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

Frank began a business when he was 28 years old. The Lord blessed him greatly and by the time he retired, that small business was worth 15 million dollars.

Frank and his wife have one son. Frank wants their son to receive 3 million dollars as inheritance. Frank and his wife wish to give the rest to their church, to set up an endowment for Christian education at their Lutheran school. However, they never really got after this task. They have just talked about it a lot.

Now there is a buyer who is anxious to buy Frank's business. Frank is upset with himself that he never made his ideas concrete with a specific plan.

Frank approached his congregation about gifting shares of his business to the

congregation. Leaders rejected that notion because of fears of Unrelated Business Income Tax. Now his attorney is advising him just to sell the business and to make a cash gift to his church and school. However, his limitations for contributions are limited to 60% of his adjusted gross income. He will never be able to offset tax due with charitable gifts.

Frank realizes that making his wish become a concrete goal would have resulted in far less tax paid and for more resources for the educational endowment.

Might you be considering the sale of a business in the next couple of years? The LCMS Foundation can help think through a strategy together with your professional advisors. Contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or craig.stirtz@lfnd.org

Ways to Support Lord of Life and Lord's Lambs

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

Opportunities to Support Lord of Life (details follow)

- **Amazon Smile** (0.5% return on purchases through Smile.Amazon)
- **TAGG** (Upload a photo of your receipt and earn 5% at local businesses.)
- **Scrip** (2%-50% rebate on purchased gift cards) Online at ShopwithScrip.com or through the Raise Right App
- **Direct Your Dollars** (Family Fare receipts)
- **Direct Your Labels** (\$25 for every 500 UPC barcodes of Our Family brands)
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars (Direct your dollars by March 31, or they're lost)**

[Click Here for Directions and Details](#)

If you have questions on any program, please visit our [website](#) or contact Julie Koenemann.

