

About Our Church Body

Lord of Life is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). The ELCA unites us with Christians across our country and the world. We are able to collaborate, join others in mission around the world, share resources, and access materials. Above all, we are comforted to know we share a devoted spirit with Christians throughout the world as we share our faith, as we make Christ known, as we serve one another.

We believe:

- We are saved by the **grace of God alone** – not by anything we do;
- Our salvation is through **faith alone** – a confident trust in God, who in Christ promises us forgiveness, life and salvation;
- The **Bible is the norm** for faith and life – the true standard by which teachings and doctrines are to be judged.

New Member Events Include:

A New Member Orientation, a time to hear more from you, what you are looking for in a church, and to be introduced to a few people and opportunities regarding the ministry we share.

A New Member Sunday, a time in worship, to celebrate you as new members.

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A Worship Guide

Sometimes, people are unsure what to expect in worship when visiting a church: What will we do; When we will do it; How will we do it? Our services will be easy to follow. We will have an order of worship ready for you, worship leaders will help guide everyone through the service, our AV system will support and enhance our worship.

After the service, we have time for refreshments and fellowship. We enjoy checking in and catching up with one another in this informal way, getting to know one another. We hope you will stay for a few moments after worship. We also have a greeting line near the entry doors where you can talk with the pastor after worship.

Worship Time

We offer Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. This service lasts approximately 1 hour. September through May, Sunday School is provided for our pre-K through 6th grade students during worship.

Sunday School – Faith Quest

Faith Quest, our Sunday School program, is offered September – early May during worship. Children ages 4 – 6th grade are welcome to join at any time. For more details about Faith Quest, contact the church office or email:
faithquest@lordoflifemn.org

More for Children & Youth

Information about our other youth education programs is available in the narthex – First Communion, Confirmation, Life Nite, Vacation Bible School and IGNITE youth group.



**Welcome to
Lord of Life
Lutheran Church**

Making God First

Through Hope, Growth & Togetherness

Visitor Guide 2019

Visiting a church for the first time can include navigating a few unknowns:

- Where do I go?
- What time does the service start?
- What's here for my children?
- What should I expect?

Our hope is to support and serve you the best we can, so your visits to Lord of Life are refreshing and welcoming experiences for your whole family.

Warm, Welcoming Community

We appreciate you checking us out. On Sunday mornings you will find a warm group of people to meet you as you enter the church. At the main doors to the worship area you will find ushers to assist you and provide you with a worship bulletin.

Pressure-free Zone

Check us out at your own pace. If you provide us with your contact information on the information sheet we pass through the row during worship, we will follow up with you, but we won't pressure you.

“Come as You Are”

We do not have a dress code. We hope you will be comfortable in what you wear.

Meaningful Worship

Our worship service combines the best of tradition with the best of the new. The music is upbeat and joyful. The message will be grace-centered, Bible-based, relevant and not even close to boring.

Nursery

A bright, clean nursery with loving volunteers will be available for your babies and toddlers.

Intergenerational

We love all people, including those who are very young and those who are great in wisdom and young at heart. Our church community is like a family, drawing upon the strength, enthusiasm and wisdom of people of every stage of life.

Child-friendly

Our worship includes all generations. Children are *welcomed* here, *celebrated* here, *included* here. September – May, soon into the service, we have a Children's Sermon. At the end of the children's message, children are invited to transition to Faith Quest, our Sunday School program. During the summer, the children's message is a little later in the service; children are invited to transition to “Rainbow Time” to work on children's bulletins. Children are always welcome to return to sit with family and friends. Activity bags, include reading books, coloring books and colors, and are available for younger children in the church entryway.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is offered each Sunday. We share an open communion. All who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to God's table of grace. A blessing is given to children who do not yet receive communion. We share communion by using intinction, dipping the bread into the wine (first cup) or alcohol-free wine (second cup); gluten free wafers are available.

Offering

When will they take the offering?

How much am I expected to give?

Do they want visitors to contribute too?

We pass an offering basket during the service so that our worship may include bringing gifts to God. Children get excited too, and may wish to share in the offering; coins are welcome. Some people give cash, write checks, use envelopes we provide, give online, or in time, enroll in Simply Giving, our automated giving program. All levels of generosity, are given with love, giving thanks for our abundant blessings thanks to God, the best Giver of all! You may wish at first to learn more about our ministry before sharing your offerings to God through our church; share your generosity as your heart leads you.

Ministry Opportunities

Within our worship services, we have opportunities for people to serve and volunteer. If you have other interests and passions, we will help you find ways to engage the ministry we share, and to utilize your gifts in service to God.

Membership

Mission, Core Values

Guests and visitors are always welcome! We also welcome and rejoice when friends in Christ wish to join our mission: To make God first; and our core values: generosity, hospitality, prayer, service, worship & music. If you are interested in becoming a member of Lord of Life or would like more details, fill out the info sheet, passed through the rows during worship, speak with Pastor Jamie, or call or email him.

A Final Thought

We pray this Visitor Guide has answered some of your questions. We hope to grow in faith, to share that faith, to be blessed by people like you. You do not need to be a member to be welcomed, appreciated, respected, invited, included, spiritually cared for, prayed for. If we can serve you or your loved ones in any way, please let us know. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do for you.

God's blessings to you, and we look forward to seeing you in church and to making God first together!