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A Message from Pastor Reiten . . . Worship Under Construction: Phase 2

Since January 2012, the Lord of Life Congregational Council has been leading a process to evaluate and improve the congregation's worship life. (There's always room for improvement!) We've used a variety of tools to gather and interpret information from congregants about their worship values. The year-long process culminated in the institution of a change from three to two services. We called this experiment "Worship Under Construction" with a plan to re-evaluate as needed. As your pastor, I have been inspired by the hard work and commitment shown by congregational leaders throughout the past 18 months.

At a June 2nd "Listening Forum", we received a clear message that this schedule change experiment is not working for many people. Equally clear was the message that this group cares about Lord of Life and wants to help make things better. It was good to hear people expressing conflicting views with such respect and care for one another and this congregation.

So – here we are – entering "Worship Under Construction: Phase 2." Council has formed a task force to move us forward. Task force members: Heidi Barta, Nathan Cox, Jeff Johnson, Linda Dooley, Troy Larsson, Liz Holm, with Pastor Kari and Council President Pete Holm. We will be inviting congregational input – please participate! There's no way to please everyone when making a change. No process will ever be perfect. No leader has the perfect solution. That's why it's important that we are all in this together, trusting the care and guidance of our loving God. Pray for "Worship Under Construction: Phase 2" and the leaders who are putting their best efforts into it.

Even more importantly, WORSHIP God no matter what! After all, whatever our "worship values" or schedule preferences, Worship is about praising God and growing in faith. Let the Psalmist lead us:

Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
He heals the broken-hearted,
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

Pastor Kari

Outreach Ministry

A **Grace Feast** for 30 to 40 homeless women, men and children is being served each Sunday at 2 PM at the Salvation Army in Renton. Lord of Life prepares and serves the **Grace Feast** the second Sunday of each month. We have been doing this since April, and it is going very well. Would you and your friends and family like to become more involved? Here are some ways you can help: sign up on the Volunteer Board in the Fellowship Hall to cook and/or serve a meal, donate money to provide the food we serve, donate canned pop, coffee, sugar, industrial size coffee filters, creamer, apple juice, Costco size bags of little candy bars (these have been a big hit), and paper cups and napkins. If you have questions or would like more information, please talk to anyone on the Outreach Ministry Committee: Jann Alexander, Charmaine Haaland, Emily and Mike Erdahl, Dianne Johnson, Anita Partridge, Marilyn Barta, and Judy and Gerry Hart.

I know for many of you your summer vacation has just started, but the school sales will start any day now. You know what that means! Get out there and shop for our **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**. Each kit includes:

- 4 70-sheet spiral notebooks
- 1 12"/30cm ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 count crayons
- 1 2 1/2" eraser

Just drop your purchased items into the bin labeled for School Kits in the Narthex. We will assemble them in September, but the sales are best during the summer. How many can we do this year? Can we beat last year's total of 125 school kits?!

The Benevolence for the month of July is Lutheran Community Services Northwest. Lutheran Community Services Northwest is a non-profit human services agency serving communities throughout Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The caring staff provides a wide variety of services to adults, adolescents, children, families, schools, businesses, congregations, neighborhoods and communities. Lutheran Community Services touches the lives of people of all ages, cultures and faiths. Their mission statement is: "Lutheran Community Services Northwest partners with individuals, families and communities for health, justice and hope". For more information, check out their website at www.lcsnw.org.

Our next Outreach Ministry Committee meeting will be **September 11th at 7 PM**. The committee is taking a little break over the summer months, but if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Judy Hart, chair
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Summer Fellowship Events



Adult BBQ - The Adult BBQ is on **Saturday July 20th at 5:30 pm at Barb and John Swenson's**. Bring your own item to BBQ and an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Beverages and paper products will be provided. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board.

Trekking on Tuesdays

Looking for a quick getaway during the week? Join us for a local hike. The hikes are selected for people of all ages and abilities. Bring sturdy shoes, water and lunch or a snack. Gather in the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to the trailhead. Watch for upcoming hiking details on the church website.

Note: The All Church Picnic originally scheduled for August has been cancelled. It will be combined with Unity Sunday on September 8th.



Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School – July 22-26th



9:00am to noon

This year's theme is Kingdom Rock – where kids learn to stand strong for God. Kingdom Rock is filled with incredible bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Everything at Kingdom Rock is hands on so be sure to send your children in play clothes and safe shoes. We'll also help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – something we call God sightings.

To register simply go to the Lord of Life website and complete a registration form. Children must be four years of age by July 15th, which is the deadline for registration. Based on the grade a child has just completed we accept children through 5th grade.

Youth, 6th grade and above may volunteer as assistants at Vacation Bible School. If your youth age child is interested in helping please talk to Shirley about the possibilities.

We need lots of adults to help as well as leaders for preschool/Kindergarten age children and as site leaders. Talk to Shirley if you would like to help as a group leader or a site leader for Games, Snacks, Bible Adventures or Theatre and Missions.

A Women's Retreat!

The women from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church have extended an invitation to come away for a weekend – for rest and renewal...

What's THE WORD, Ladies?
A Women's Retreat Hosted by St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Date: September 27 – 29, 2013
Time: Friday 6:00 pm to Sunday 1:00 pm
Place: Salvation Army Camp Arnold
33712 Webster Rd E
Eatonville WA 98328
Cost: \$150 - 175 (varies on lodging choice)
Who should attend: Women 18 years and up

- ❖ The theme is based on Debbie Macomber's book, "One Perfect Word"
- ❖ What's included in the retreat fee?
 - Lodging for two nights
 - All meals and snacks
 - Friday night movie
 - Saturday night entertainment
 - Sunday worship led by Pastor Gretchen Mertes
 - Seven breakout sessions with 4 options each for ongoing discovery and reflection
 - Five keynote speakers

Register at <http://smlc.cc/womensreg2013.asp>

Thank You from the Facilities Ministry

Thank you to those who showed up for last month's **Weed & Feed** yard work event. A special thank you goes to Allen Raines for the delicious Pulled Pork Sandwiches.

Thanks so much to all those who have been mowing the lawn and weed-eating the bank areas. Thanks to Jeff Sandman and Garrett DeCerce for replacing the sinks in the Education Building bathrooms and to Mike Partridge for repairing the leaking toilets. And as always, thanks to the many people who quietly help out around the church.

Birthdays Celebrated in July

Marci Allen	07/28	Sandi Jones	07/04
Payton Barta	07/02	Casey Keil	07/12
Jared Birch	07/10	Ken Keil	07/24
Jessica Birch	07/10	Doug McElreath	07/07
Julie Birch	07/12	Karen Oppie	07/02
Julia Brinkley	07/29	Christian Siegfried	07/18
Liza Campbell	07/20	Denelle Wolff	07/24
Paul Ellis	07/30	Nicholas Wolff	07/30
Hope Guy	07/04		

Lord of Life Prayer List - Members

Rudy B.	Jim M.
Cole B.	David M.
Lucille J.	Charlene S.
Dave Brooks	Carl S.
Grace M.	

Friends and Family

Peggy's friends Tony and Jerry	Jackie's daughter Heidi and nephew Chris
Maureen's mother	Cindy H. sister Becky
Willy's sister Shannon	Lee's friend's daughter Barbara
Lynda's daughter Molly	Michael's friend Randy
Chuck's mother Florence	Ray's mother Kate
Dave and Glenda's daughter Liz	Doug's mother
Roberta's mother Lee & father Bob	Tabatha's father William
Liz' mother	Glenn's friend Sadia
Linda's brother Rick	Keith's Uncle Cam
Paul's father and mother	Anita's friend Amy
Christie's friend Sandi	Charlene's neighbor Joe
Mike's friend Chris	Joan's cousin Keith
Mike's boss Jim	Don's cousin Nancy
Garrett's cousin Chloe	Lois' sister
Stan and Denise's' friends Judy, Victor & Luke	Scott's aunt Margie
Jackie's sister Mary	Peg's sister

Life Challenges

Peggy's Grandson Jacob
Holly's friend Liz and her son

Lord of Life Prayer Families of the Month

Mark and Maureen Arseneau & family	Liz Campbell & family
Joe Bergin, Peg Garcia & family	Pete and Cindy Holm & family

Assisting Families

		8:10am	10:10am
July	07	K & S Keil	Alexander/Haaland
	14	Lee	Adams/Eubanks
	21	Potoshnik	Beckley
	28	Smith	Bick