

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
5051 Pleasant Valley Road, Brighton, MI 48114



Living in God's amazing grace

"God's Work. Our Hands."

Weekly Sermon on Facebook and YouTube – Join Us!

You are invited to worship with us!

9:30 am "In Person" worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am Confirmation Class

10:30 am Sunday School Pre-School to 6th Grade

10:45 am Sunday Adult Bible Study

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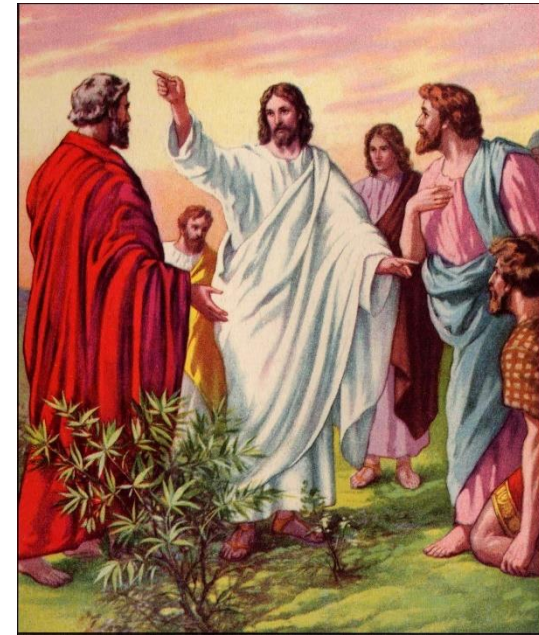
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Messages for February 2025:

February 2, 2025 - (Luke 4:21-30) The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected.

February 9, 2025 - (Luke 5:1-11) We are also called.

February 16, 2025 - (Luke 6:17-26) The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.

February 23, 2025 - (Luke 6:27-38) The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided.

Making Christ Known

FEBRUARY 2025 LORD OF LIFE SPECIAL EVENTS



Communion Worship is every Sunday at 9:30 am, followed by hospitality.

Sunday School for children ages 3 through the 6th grade meets every Sunday.

Confirmation class for students in 7th & 8th grades meets every Sunday.

Turn your spending into giving. Meijer reloads are accepted every Sunday. Please see Colleen for details.



Adult Bible Class meets every Sunday.

Super Bowl Potluck – Sunday, February 9th, immediately following Worship Service.



Fish and Loaves will be Sunday, February 9th. Food donations will be needed. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Lord of Life Fish & Loaves will continue to distribute food via drive thru process. Please note the new start time is **4:00 pm** for the packing of food. Distribution of food begins at 5:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes is Wednesday, March 5th, Service at 7:00 pm

Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 2nd immediately following Worship Service. Please plan on attending this informational event.



February Message from the Pastor

The church year is a rich tapestry of seasons and celebrations that guide the spiritual journey of our congregation. Among these, Epiphany stands out as a significant period that brings light and revelation to the faithful. At Lord of Life, Epiphany and the church year work hand in hand to foster a sense of community, spiritual growth, and service. Epiphany, means "manifestation" or "showing forth". It is celebrated on January 6th and marks the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, as represented by the visit of the Magi.

This season extends beyond a single day, often lasting until the beginning of Lent, and is a time for the congregation to reflect on the ways Christ is revealed in their lives and the world around them.

During Epiphany, our congregation engages in various activities that highlight the themes of light, revelation, and mission. Special events are organized to deepen the understanding of Christ's manifestation and to encourage our congregation to be a light in our community. These activities include:

Worship Services: Our worship services focus on the stories of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and other key events that reveal Christ's divinity. These services are designed to inspire and uplift our congregation, reminding us of the importance of Epiphany in the church year.

Community Outreach: Epiphany is a time for our congregation to reach out to those in need. Lord of Life organizes various outreach programs, such as Fish and Loaves and volunteer opportunities, to serve the local community. These acts of kindness and generosity reflect the light of Christ and demonstrate our congregation's commitment to doing good.

Fellowship Events: The church also hosts fellowship events that bring our congregation together in celebration and community. These events, such as potlucks, game nights, and social gatherings, help to strengthen the bonds among members and create a supportive and loving environment. We are hosting a Super Bowl Potluck on February 9th following worship and a Mardi Gras themed game day on March 2nd. By working together and doing good, Lord of Life embodies the spirit of Epiphany and the church year, shining brightly as a beacon of hope and love in our community.

In Christ

Pastor Dale+

About Lord of Life Lutheran Church

“God’s work. Our Hands.”

Welcome to Lord of Life – Pastor Dale Hedblad leads our worship each Sunday. Our worship is hands-free (no book). Just follow the Power Point liturgy on the big screen.

Our Church – Lord of Life Lutheran Church is a member of the Southeast Michigan Synod. Lord of Life was established as a mission development on May 21, 1972. Our current pastor, Dale Hedblad, has a Master of Divinity Degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Oh. He is the only specialized minister in the Southeast Michigan Synod. Pastor Hedblad is also a Board Certified Chaplain and is on-call at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. If you would like to learn more about Pastor Hedblad, there is a brief biography under the picture of Pastor Dale and his wife, Colleen, as you exit the sanctuary. Currently, Lord of Life consists of 646 members. Lord of Life is active in the Brighton Community with several ministries including: Vacation Bible School, Love INC., Gleaners Food Bank, Crop Walk, Habitat for Humanity, Juvenile Diabetes Research, Fish & Loaves, Red Cross Blood Drives, Kids Against Hunger, Bountiful Harvest Food Pantry and our annual Christmas “Adopt-A-Family” giving tree.

Lord of Life is always open to joining or initiating new ministries that are consistent with our mission statement and our core values:

“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

- Compassion
- Discipleship
- Hospitality
- Commitment to excellence

Super Bowl Sunday February 9th



**Celebrate Super Bowl in Style at
Lord of Life
Potluck following worship**



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ava, Jill Farmer, Gary Carleton, Mathew Johnson,
Danny Sandoval, Les Broughner, Dick Gobba, Joyce Molnar,
Barb and Denny Mitchell, Roberta Hayden, Rosemary Winslow,
Steve Wolfram, Dean Morphey, John Moilanen,
Karl Muntzenburger, Donna Hawley, Ramona Augustine,
Lynn, Bill, Billie, Kyle, Candy Bartrum, Steve Barber, Keven,
Scott and Connie.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

- 1 – Barb Billings
- 5 – Connor Ryan
- 6 – Debra Verbison
- 9 – Seamus McCurren
- 11 – Grace Garcia, Vickie Shigley
- 13 – Brett Hahne
- 14 – Bettina Zaar & Elliott Stitt
- 15 – Joe Rowell
- 19 – Hope Andring
- 20 – Scott Frederick, David Woycik
- 22 – Ryan Reed
- 23 – Annika Olsen, Patricia McElyea
- 24 – DeLynn Garcia, Joshua Allen



Perhaps you've seen folks gravitating to the kitchen area before or after worship once again. That's because coffee (decaf too), tea, and hot cocoa are available there, along with the occasional cookie or other sweet treat.



Stop by, when you feel ready, to say good morning to your fellow worshiper

Celebrate Mardi Gras at
Lord of Life
March 2nd

MARDI
GRAS

Join us for a festive Mardi Gras celebration on March 2nd at Lord of Life following worship. Enjoy a vibrant atmosphere, delicious food, and celebrate this occasion.

Mardi Gras style games featuring the Clue Crew team. Games, Music Bingo, and much more.



What Would Martin Luther Say About Today's World?

While contemplating what to share in our February newsletter I asked my new AI companion and wow, look at the results! Thanks AI.

” As we step into a new year, many of us find ourselves reflecting on the challenges and opportunities in our society. From global conflicts and climate change to cultural shifts and the pursuit of social justice, today’s world is filled with complexities. For Lutherans, it’s natural to wonder: What would Martin Luther, the founder of our church, think about these issues?

The Call to Speak Truth

Martin Luther’s boldness in confronting corruption and falsehood during the Reformation offers a timeless reminder that truth matters. Luther didn’t shy away from calling out injustices within the church and society. He would likely encourage us to do the same today, speaking against exploitation, inequality, and dishonesty, no matter how daunting the task might seem. His faith in God’s sovereignty gave him the courage to stand firm in the face of opposition—an example we can follow as we navigate today’s moral and ethical dilemmas.

Care for Creation

Luther’s deep respect for God’s creation shines through in his writings. He saw the natural world as a gift from God to be cherished and stewarded. In an age of environmental crises, Luther might urge us to take bold action to protect our planet, reminding us that caring for creation is an act of worship and gratitude to the Creator.

Justice and Compassion

Luther’s theology emphasized God’s grace and love for all people, and he was deeply concerned for the well-being of his neighbors. In today’s polarized world, he might challenge us to prioritize justice and compassion over division. Issues like poverty, systemic racism, and the refugee crisis would likely stir his heart, leading him to advocate for policies and practices that reflect Christ’s love for all humanity

Faith in Action

For Luther, faith was never passive—it was active and transformative. He would likely urge us to live out our beliefs in tangible ways, engaging with the world as “little Christs” to our neighbors. Whether through service, advocacy, or daily kindness, Luther would remind us that our faith calls us to action, grounded in the assurance of God’s grace.

Trust in God Amid Uncertainty

Above all, Luther’s response to today’s challenges would be rooted in an unshakable trust in God’s promises. In the face of wars, economic instability, and societal upheaval, he would remind us to find comfort in the Gospel and trust in God’s providence. **“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1)** was not just a verse to Luther—it was a lived reality.

As we navigate the complexities of modern life, let us draw inspiration from Martin Luther’s example. His courage, compassion, and unwavering faith remind us that we are called to engage with the world as followers of Christ, bearing witness to the hope we have in Him. Luther might not have had the answers to every modern problem, but his trust in God’s grace and his commitment to living out the Gospel remain a guiding light for us today.”



*Lord's Peace,
Craig's AI Friend*