

REGISTRATION

**Yes, I/we plan on attending the next
Exploring Lord of Life Class**

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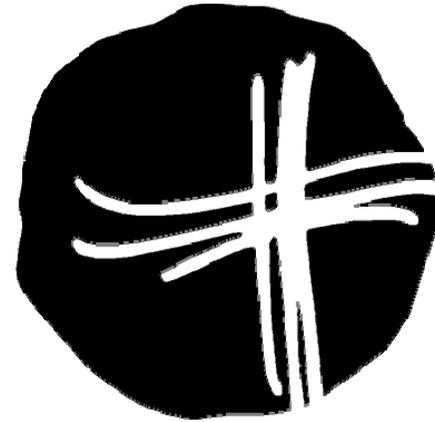
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Please return this page to the church office to register for the next Exploring Lord of Life class. You don't need to commit to join to come to the class.



You're Interested In Joining!



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To be included in our next group of new members,
please return the registration page (back cover)
to the church office or our Connect Team Leader.

Mission, Vision and Values of Lord of Life Congregation

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to reach people with the love of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

Lord of Life Lutheran Church is a community of Christ where we experience God's grace, love and acceptance through each other. From here, everyone is empowered to share, teach and give what each has received.

OUR CORE VALUES

We, the congregation, believe...

1. The Gospel calls us to unconditional regard for all people.
2. Prayer is necessary for our relationship with God, one another, and the world.
3. Scripture provides the foundation for our lives of faith.
4. The authority for our ministry is founded in Jesus Christ, the head of the Church which is the Body of Christ on earth. An elected Congregation council provides administrative authority; our called pastor(s) provides the spiritual authority of the Office of Word and Sacrament Ministry.
5. Each member is uniquely gifted by God for ministry and is expected to mature in discipleship of Jesus Christ.
6. Any ministry based on our Mission, Vision and Core Values is valid for our congregation, and may, at any time, evolve or end.

Preview of Course

After the first introduction week, the following discipleship subjects are covered:

- Introduction of our core beliefs, our discipleship model, and a brief history of Lord of Life.
- Learn how you can experience God's grace through a worshiping community, and how you can share God's grace as we gather.
- Learn more about our care and prayer ministries.
- Complete a spiritual gifts inventory.
- Learn how to connect based on your unique spiritual gifts.
- Discover ways to grow in your faith and discipleship.
- Learn about our Mission Team and serving and sharing Christ.
- Welcome Sunday — Become a part of our family here at Lord of Life!

Expectations of Membership

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I also understand that as a member of Lord of Life there are expectations of me:

1. I will strive to set an example in my daily life which will introduce others to Christ. I will invite and include others in the life of my congregation.
2. I will witness to the grace, comfort, and acceptance of Christ in all aspects of our life together in this community of Christ.
3. I will strive to meet Lord of Life Church's weekly membership expectation of "Worship Plus Two (W+2)." Each week I will seek to gather for worship around the Word and Sacraments (Worship); participate in a ministry that nurtures me in faith (Plus 1); and serve God or others in some meaningful ministry in the name of Jesus (Plus 2).
4. I recognize Jesus as the authority for this congregation, and I submit myself to his lordship as discerned through Prayer and Scripture. I accept the spiritual authority of the Pastor's Office of Word and Sacrament Ministry, and the administrative authority of the elected Congregation council.
5. As a uniquely gifted member of the Body of Christ, I commit myself to grow and mature as a disciple of Jesus.
6. I will, according to my understanding, ability, and spiritual direction, share the financial burdens of my church's ministry. Tithing (giving the Lord the first 10% of my earnings) is my goal.

I commit myself to these things, with the understanding that God gives the strength as I give God the opportunity.

Membership in Lord of Life Congregation

We're excited that you are considering being part of our ministry! We're delighted ... and we need you to accomplish God's mission!

We receive members by baptism into Christ, affirmation of faith, and letter of transfer from other Christian congregations. New members are publicly received two times each year on "Welcome Sundays."

All new members are required to attend a seven week class called "Exploring Lord of Life." Our goal is to connect all our members to the loving God we know, and to build initial relationships with one another.

You don't need to commit to join to attend Exploring Lord of Life. To be included in our next class, please use form on back page to register or just show up.



NURTURE



WORSHIP



SERVICE

Our ministry as disciples must be a transforming experience so that we can share Christ with others. Worship is central to our lives in faith, but our ministries must also nurture ourselves and others. The "Worship Plus Two" expectation recognizes this. Each week we are called to participate in: worship, a "nurture" ministry to help us grow as disciples, and a "servant" ministry to reach out to others with Christ's love. At Lord of Life, C.A.S.T. (Caring and Sharing Together) groups are vital to Worship+2 because through them, we nurture ourselves and find opportunities to serve.

Your Very Own Discipleship Journey

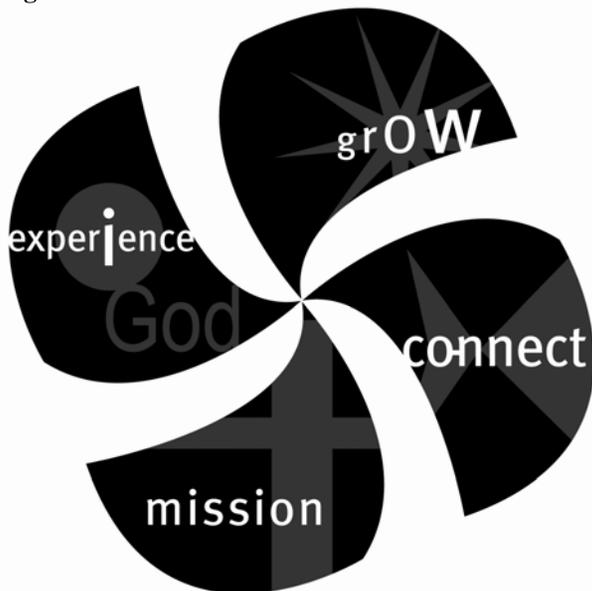
Lord of Life Church "expects" its members "to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ." We believe that "Worship Plus Two" will lead you through four critical components of discipleship growth. Our whole ministry is organized around the following four components, but ultimately it's your journey.

Experience God - The Journey always begins with an experience of God's grace in Jesus Christ. God's grace is everywhere, falling like rain upon all people. We are more or less conscious of this grace as we go through life. We gather in worship each week to offer God our praise, and to experience God anew through the Word and Sacraments, as well as the hospitality of the community. **Are you regularly experiencing the awe and unconditional acceptance of God's grace?**

Grow - For our relationship with God to grow we must be intentional in the use of prayer, scripture and community. Nothing will help you grow closer to God, faster and deeper, than gathering regularly with others to pray, read scripture and talk about your spiritual journey. The mutual accountability that is found in C.A.S.T. groups, ministry teams, care and discussion groups accelerate spiritual growth. **Are you growing in your relationship with Christ and with his people?**

Connect - There is no one else exactly like you! God uniquely gifted you to be a part of his "Shalom," his kingdom. As you discover your unique spiritual gifts, as well as how your unique gifts might be used to God's glory, you will experience deeper contentment and be empowered to live fully as Jesus' disciple. **Have you discovered your spiritual gifts?**

Mission - Everything has been leading you to the point of "taking up your cross and following Jesus" by offering your life for others as his witness. It's done one act at a time, with words and deeds of kindness and love. Everything else is training, preparation. The world knows we are Jesus' disciples by our love. **Where are you serving God and others?**



Expectations of Membership in Lord of Life Congregation

I understand that as a member of Lord of Life I may expect the following of my Christian Community:

1. To be welcomed unconditionally in Worship and at the Eucharist. To have opportunity for sympathetic and non-judgmental counsel in any trouble, weakness, or sin. If I repent of any sin, I will receive the assurance of my full forgiveness in Jesus Christ.
2. To experience the grace, comfort, and acceptance of Christ through the fellowship of my Church.
3. To be assured that this fellowship, any ministry in which I participate, and the pastor are praying for me. To be comforted in sickness and encouraged to the recovery of good health through the prayer of the Church.
4. To hear the Word of God taught as the foundation for our lives of faith.
5. To look to Jesus, who is the Head of the Body, of Christ on earth, as the authority for all ministry in this Church.
6. To be encouraged to mature as a disciple of Jesus, to discover my spiritual gifts, and to connect to meaningful ministry in Jesus name.

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