

LIVING FAITH at Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Sunday service 9 a.m., Sunday School for children 10:15 a.m.,

Adult discussion group @ 10:15 a.m.

LORD OF LIFE: WHERE THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE

WELCOME, PASTOR JEN! Lord of Life's new pastor, **Jen Andreas**, led worship here for the first time on Sunday, Oct. 4. During Announcements at that service, Congregation President Lucy Thomas presented a "Welcome, Pastor Jen" basket filled with toiletries, household helpers and gift cards from members of Lord of Life. Pastor Jen previously served a congregation in Cedar Rapids. We are so happy to have you here, Pastor Jen!

You can reach Pastor Jen at the Lord of Life office initially Monday through Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at (515) 233-2350, or lordoflifeames@hotmail.com. She also is reachable at home at cell phone number (319) 651-1067 or by e-mail at jenspringsteen@q.com. She is in the process of unpacking at her Ames apartment. Her husband, John, remains in Cedar Rapids as a pastor, and son Leif is there this school year too.

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR RON

To: The Good Folk of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

It's amazing how fast a year can go by when you are having a good time. And it was a very good time. Lord of Life is a very special congregation and I consider it my good fortune to have shared in your life for the past year. I am excited to see where, in the future with Pastor Jen, God will take you.

A special thanks for the gift certificate to Amazon.Com. I am now at our cabin near Park Rapids and there hasn't been a glimpse of the sun for the four days I've been here -- wonderful weather for using your gift certificate and reading to my heart's desire and my eyes' tolerance.

Again, thank you for the gift certificate and the gift of sharing yourselves with me.

Pastor Ron

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at church.

CROP WALK FOR HUNGER. This year's Ames area CROP Walk for Hunger is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11 at Brookside Park, rain or shine. At least 13 Lord of Life adults and youth will walk the 3.6-mile course, which only takes about an hour. Twenty-five percent of funds raised by pledges go to local hunger relief programs, with the rest going to national and international hunger relief efforts. Thanks for supporting this walk so well again!

CROSSING BORDERS POTLUCK. About 45 people heard Pastor Enea Mshana from Tanzania speak about Tanzanian parish life at our potluck dinner on Sept. 20. Members of St. Andrew's and Bethesda Lutheran Churches and Lutheran Campus Ministries also attended. Sarah Buck told of what St. Andrew's Tanzanian Ministry Team is involved with, and Gerald Klonglan informed us about what Bethesda's Tanzanian Ministry Team is doing. In a freewill offering \$125.60 was collected for Tanzanian Ministry. Thanks to Cindy Swanson for coordinating the potluck and to assistants George and Trish Patrick, Marty Kelly and five Lutheran Campus Ministries members who helped serve and clean up.

THANKS FROM YSS. Lord of Life received a letter from George Belitsos of the Youth and Shelter Services Foundation: "Thank you on behalf of children and youth for your generous gift of \$100. Your donation to Friends of Youth and Shelter Services will make a difference, both in individual lives of young people and in the community as a whole. Thank you for embracing our youth and helping to lift up someone else."

REQUEST FROM YSS. In a letter to Lord of Life, Teresa Helfter Glover, Youth and Shelter Services community resources coordinator, made this request: "On behalf of YSS, I am asking for your support of our before and after school program in Story County. Your financial support will help us meet an every-increasing demand for this program. Kids' Club is funded through parent fees, United Way, local government, and generous donors who have contributed to the program. We are asking for your assistance to provide a sliding scale fee to enable children from low-income families to participate in the program. The monthly cost is \$275 and \$2,475 for the school year. Your contribution will go a long way to help low-income families in Story County receive this service on a sliding fee scale....Please join other groups in Story County by providing funds that will provide a safe, supervised environment for youth in our community."

IF YOU HAVE NEWS for Lord of Life's Living Faith newsletter, please send it to Laura Sternweis by the first of the month. E-mail it to her at ljesternweis@msn.com, put a note in her church mailbox or leave a message on her home phone, (515) 232-0573.