

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES LORD OF LIFE







WELCOME TO LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH!



You have heard many times that the Church is far more than a building. Most Christians also find that being a part of a church family is more than worshipping on Saturday night or Sunday morning. We have found that spiritual well being and involvement in the life of the Christian family go hand in hand.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

—Romans 12:4-5

We invite you to become as active as you would like. We understand that different personal situations allow for different levels of participation within the community of Lord of Life. In the following pages, you will find a wealth of opportunities for meeting new friends, growing in faith and engaging the world in Christian service. Other opportunities will be noted in *LifeLines*, our monthly newsletter and on our website at www.lolaz.org.

If you are interested in any of these ministries or have further questions, please feel free to call the church office at 623-584-2000 or you can e-mail us at info@lolaz.org. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to all believers. We pray that you will use your gifts, both here at Lord of Life and in the community, to touch people with the love of Christ.

May God bless you, as you are a blessing to others,

Pastor Jeff Hackler

Pastor Pam Reynolds

Lord of Life Staff

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

Acolytes serve at the Sunday worship services by lighting and extinguishing the altar candles. They may also be involved in a processional for special worship services.

Altar Guild

This is an opportunity to participate in preparing and serving communion and decorating the altar for special occasions.

Communion Assistants

Communion is served at all Lord of Life worship services. Many volunteers are needed to help serve at various services.

Greeters

Lord of Life is a welcoming community. Greeters welcome visitors and congregation members in the Narthex prior to worship services.

Lectors

The Biblical lessons for the worship services are read by the Lectors at each service.

Ushers

As well as assisting worshippers to their seats, the Ushers maintain many "behind the scenes" tasks throughout the worship service.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Big Band

The Lord of Life Big Band rehearses January through April and performs at several functions throughout the winter months.

Chamber Choir

This a cappella choir sings periodically at Sunday Services and special concerts. This is the only Lord of Life choir that requires an audition.

Glory Singers

The choir consists of members from several local churches and performs at local retirement residences throughout the community.

Handbell Choir (JuBELLation)

Handbell choir performs periodically at Sunday services. Participants are required to read music.

Instrumentalists

A variety of string instruments (guitar, bass, violin, cello, etc.) and wind instruments (brass, flute, clarinet, oboe, percussion, etc.) add depth and diversity to our worship of God.

Sing Along Choir

This group travels to local care facilities to bring the love of Christ to those are unable to attend church services. No rehearsals are required – just come and enjoy sharing music all year long.

Vocalists

Soloists and small groups are always welcome to share their gifts in a worship setting.

Worship Choir

This choir sings at Sunday Services from October to May.

WINK (Worship in a New Key)

This group of singers preforms contemporary music at Saturday night services.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Clerical/Office

Some of the helpful tasks include answering phones, receiving people at the front desk, and light office duties.

Collection Counter

We count the church offerings on Monday moring at 8:15 AM. Some background working with numbers and/or accounting is helpful.

CARE MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES

Centering Prayer

This group meets weekly for a meditative prayer session to cultivate a deeper relationship with God.

Chair Exercise

Join in the fun and get some low impact exercise.

Eucharistic Ministers

Holy Communion is brought to our homebound members.

Grief Support

This is for anyone who has experienced a loss. They meet every Thursday at 1:30 pm, excluding holidays and summer months.

Memorial/Funeral Reception

Assistance is always welcome to help serve receptions for the grieving family following a memorial service.

Prayer Chain

Each weekday, prayer requests are collected and sent out via email to Lord of Life's Prayer Chain Participants, to pray for specific people and needs. To be added to our list of Prayer Chain Participants, contact the church office.

SOS (Survived our Spouses)

This is a group of widows and widowers who have an interest in being involved in outreach to our community and various social events.

Telephone Ministry

This team of caring callers reaches out two weeks and four weeks after Lord of Life Members are discharged from the hospital or rehab facility, to see how their recovery is progressing.

Thursday Prayer Group

Every Thursday, this group of pray-ers meets to pray for Lord of Life members, leaders and staff, the church at large, and ministries we support.

Transportation/Meal Preparation

Provide transportation to local doctor appointments when usual means are not available, or prepare meals which are delivered in the first days after hospitalization when needed.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Coffee Hour Host/Make Coffee

On Sundays following early worship we gather in the Social Hall; volunteers make coffee, provide the treats and help serve.

Dinner for Six or Seven

This is a great way to get to meet other members. The hosts provide the entrée and beverage; the guests contribute other items.

Dishwasher

When we use glass for special occasions, we need volunteers to run the dishwasher.

Server

Volunteers are always needed to help serve at various dinners/meetings.

Set-Up & Clean-Up

Here is a chance to help our Events Coordinator set the tables and clean up at the end of an event.

Ticket Sales

Selling tickets for various events takes place around worship services.

SERVICE & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Birthday Singers

This team calls every member on their birthday to wish them a happy and blessed birthday.

Chrismon Ornament Program

This group handmakes "Chrismon" ornaments featuring Christian symbols that are used for decorating Christmas trees during the holidays.

Christmas Giving Tree

We provide gifts and food baskets for local families at Christmas.

Days for Girls Packing Team

This group sews and packs handmade and reusable feminine hygiene items for girls in countries where such items are not available.

Farmer's Market Booth

This group hosts the Lord of Life booth at the Farmer's Market that takes place on Fridays in the LOL Parking Lot, greeting patrons and sharing information about our church.

Feed My Starving Children Program

FMSC is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. Children and adults handpack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children.

Gleaning of Fruit Trees

This group gleans fruit trees for residents of Sun City West and The Grand at a minimal cost, which is then donated to the local food bank.

Grace Lutheran Homeless Project

We collect donations and water, sort and distribute clothes, and prepare lunches in the summer to aid those who are homeless in downtown Phoenix.

Greeting Cards for Members

We are always in need of greeting cards for special occasions in our members' lives. If you are a crafter and like to make cards, consider sharing your talent with LOL

SERVICE & MISSION OPPORTUNITIES (Cont'd)

Habitat for Humanity Project

We furnish the kitchens of all the new Habitat homes in the West Valley, and volunteers can also help with various homebuilding tasks as homes are built in the local area.

Knitters

This creative group meets the first Wednesday of each month to knit items that are donated to local causes.

Library

Did you know Lord of Life has its own library nestled in the Social Hall? A variety of books (and puzzles) on a multitude of topics are yours to check out and return at your leisure. Donations are accepted too!

Lifelines Mailing Team

This group assembles, labels and sorts the church newsletter for bulk mailing through the US Postal Service. They meet monthly

Quilters

This creative group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month to make quilts that are donated to local causes and Lutheran World Relief.

Women's Ministries (WELCA)

Women's Ministries at Lord of Life is comprised of women's circles that provide an opportunity to participate in bible studies, to share prayer concerns, for fellowship and to grow together within a small group. Circles also come together for various events throughout the year.

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Arts Committee

- Select Concert Series performers
- Establish and review recommended tier levels for performer compensation
- Establish performer compensation guidelines
- Establish guidelines for on campus sale of art, music or promotional items related to a concert or art display
- Coordinate and manage visual arts displays on campus
- Advise on campus aesthetics

Audit Committee

- Following ELCA specified guidelines, perform an internal audit on all financial matters of the church
- Committee meets in non-professional audit years

Benevolence Committee

- Fully vet applicants for benevolence from LOL
- Recommend both budgeted benevolence and synod benevolence to the Congregational Council
- Recommend the recipients and month

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES (Cont'd)

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Subcommittee: Safety & Security Committee

- Maintain all campus resources including buildings, parking lots, common areas and equipment
- Negotiate and contract with vendors for ongoing services, inspections and/or maintenance required to keep the campus and its equipment in good repair
- Plan and budget for capital replacement of equipment
- Respond to emergency or crisis on campus or failure of vital equipment
- Keep campus clean and welcoming
- Negotiate and coordinate maintenance of pipe organ
- Recommend upgrade or improvement to organ

Education Committee

- Make recommendations for various Bible study opportunities for the congregation
- Make recommendations regarding educational forums on various topics
- Select topic and coordinate Lenten Bible study program
- Maintain the church library
- Develop and present programs that highlight areas of social justice

Fellowship Committee

- Management of coffee hour
- Plan all social activities, dinners, receptions and support for meetings for the congregation of LOL
- Promote "Dinners for 6" groups, friendship groups and the formation of other fellowship opportunities for the congregation

Financial Resource Committee

- Determine focus and direction of long term gift planning effort
- Develop and administer stewardship program
- Plan and administer capital campaigns

Mission Endowment Committee

- Fully vet applicants requesting funds from the Mission Endowment Fund
- Recommend distribution of annual disbursement of funds

Nominating Committee

 Develop the list of candidates for vacant Congregational Council positions

Worship & Music Committee

- Coordinate all aspects of the worship experience at LOL (Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild, Acolyte, Lectors, Musicians and Pastors)
- Make recommendations on liturgy and music programs for worship
- Recommendation for worship materials such as hymnals, devotional materials and musical instruments

ADDITIONAL CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Eye-Opener Bible Study Lord of Life University Classes Men's Book Club Lord of Life Book Club Men's Caring & Sharing Group

Daily Activities are posted on campus, in the church office, and are included in the daily "Good Word of the Day" email.

You may join any of the activities listed brochure at any time.

The monthly calendar can be found online at www.lolaz.org/newsletter.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October through April

Saturday at 5:00 pm Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 am "Happy Hour" Fellowship at 9:30 am

May through September

Saturday at 5:00 pm Sunday at 9:30 am "Happy Hour" Fellowship at 10:30 am

Look for special worship opportunities such as Lenten services, the Blessing of the Animals, Thanksgiving Eve, Advent, and the Service of Remembrance and Christmas Eve.



The Mission of Lord of Life:

Called by God to grow spiritually, welcome graciously, love unconditionally, and serve together faithfully as followers of Christ.

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