

# LIFELINES

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## LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This month at Lord of Life, we are privileged to host a dear friend of mine who also happens to be a world-class scholar. Rev. Dr. Korey Maas is an associate professor of history at Hillsdale College and an ordained minister in the LCMS. He is both an historian and a theologian and you will have the opportunity to hear him speak on both topics the weekend of June 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> beginning with an RSVP-only barbeque dinner on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The topic of his presentation that evening will be: **“The Significance of Christianity in the Study of History”** He has also been asked to say a few words about Hillsdale College, which, many of you know, is a small conservative Christian college in Michigan. If you would like to attend this event, your RSVP must be received by 5:00 PM on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please RSVP to <https://planolutheran.com/bbq-dinner/> A free-will offering will be collected to help offset the costs.

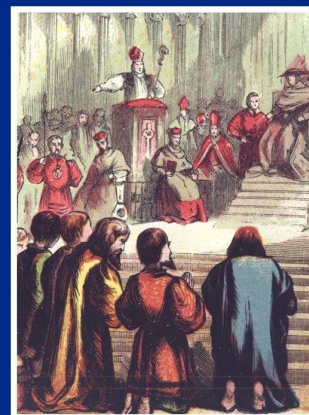
The next morning, Saturday June 8, Dr. Maas will give a presentation at a brunch for the men’s group at 10:00 AM. The topic will be the **“The Significance of History in the Study of Christianity.”** I am told this presentation will lean heavily in the direction of Christian apologetics. Then on Sunday, Dr. Maas will preach at both divine services and lead the Bible study. This is a great opportunity to interact with a leader in our church body and an excellent scholar. All events (except the Divine Services!) will have opportunities for Q&A.

Korey and I have been friends since we attended seminary together in the late 90’s. Then after graduation, we both ended up in Southern California. Korey taught at Concordia University in Irvine while I was a pastor in Pomona. Korey went to England to get his PhD at Oxford and finished in 2006. His doctoral thesis was on the English Lutheran Reformer and martyr, Robert Barnes. Barnes was a friend of Martin Luther and someone you should know about. If you are curious to learn more you should look him up online and, of course, you can ask Dr. Maas all about him since he (literally) wrote the book on him!

Before moving to Hillsdale in 2010, Korey and his wife Kate attended St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pomona where I was the pastor and he was an elder and regular guest preacher.

I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and attend some of the events to hear him speak. I think you will enjoy learning from him as much as I and so many others have.

### The Reformation and Robert Barnes



HISTORY, THEOLOGY AND POLEMIC  
IN EARLY MODERN ENGLAND

Korey D. Maas

### Trip to the Dominican Republic?

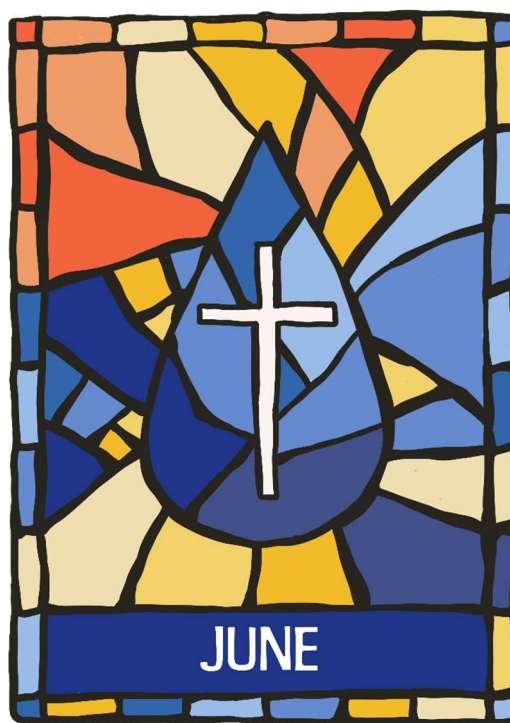
As many of you are well aware, our congregation has been involved in supporting missions in the Dominican Republic for many years. It started when my brother-in-law, Joel Fritsche, was called there in about 2014 and we agreed with the LCMS Office of International Missions to support him for several years. Now a portion of our offerings go to support Concordia Reformer Lutheran Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Arriba, Dominican Republic. That came about when, in 2020, just days before the Covid lockdowns, a group of ten members from Lord of Life traveled to visit the seminary and the mission congregations in and around Palmar Arriba. It was an inspiring trip as we were privileged to see God at work in and through the missionaries in the Dominican Republic blessing many people and making the Gospel of Jesus known. A year and a half after our trip, and after the worse of the Covid lockdowns ended, our congregation collected a large love offering to support the seminary and missionaries. We collected \$52,000 which, last I heard, is the largest offering from any short term team to visit the seminary.

Another interesting development that has happened since, is that we now support Lutheran missions in Cuba as one of the seminary students we met in 2020 is now serving as a pastor in Holguin. (You may recall I traveled there late last year to attend his ordination.)

Recently, the suggestion was made to send another group from Lord of Life to visit the missions and see how we might be able to assist them. To that end, if you would like to visit there with me and a group of folks from church, would you please email me ([pastorshaltanis@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorshaltanis@yahoo.com)) and let me know? We are looking at travel dates in early September of this year or early March of next year. Those dates are not absolute, and depending on the number of people interested, we may decide to attend another time altogether. Costs are largely dependent on airfare, but last time our group had a wonderful experience for a very reasonable price. Just let me know your level of interest and we can see where this leads.

Blessings,

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## prepare for worship in June

### June 2: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Deut. 5:12-15 2 Cor. 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-28 (3:1-6)

Hymn of the Day: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice," 556

### June 9: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Gen. 3:8-15 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

Hymn of the Day: "Christ Is the World's Redeemer," 539

### June 16: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Ezek. 17:22-24 2 Cor. 5:1-10 (11-17) Mark 4:26-34

Hymn of the Day: "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord," 497

### June 23: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Job 38:1-11; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Hymn of the Day: "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest," 498

### June 30: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Texts: Lam. 3:22-33; 2 Cor. 8:1-9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

Hymn of the Day: "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest," 498

# Lord of Life Small Groups

## EPIC PARENTING

- † For 30ish couples with kids
- † For info contact Ben Scarth  
[BenjaminScarth@yahoo.com](mailto:BenjaminScarth@yahoo.com)
- † Usually meets one Sunday a month in the afternoon or evening

## FRUITS OF THE VINE CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Scott Peters at 972-898-3351 cell or [speters@planolutheran.com](mailto:speters@planolutheran.com)
- † Usually meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

## GOOD NEWS CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Mike Kunschke at (847) 951-6974
- † Will meet Sat., June 8 at 6:30 PM for Bible study

## COLLEGE GROUP

- † For students in college or recent grads
- † For info contact Pastor Shaltanis at [PastorShaltanis@yahoo.com](mailto:PastorShaltanis@yahoo.com)
- † Usually meets after the late service for lunch and Bible study





**1 Gary & Shannon Nuschler (50!!)**  
**2 Kevin & Jan Doughtie (51)**  
**4 Sean Tweedie**  
**6 John & Linda Francis (60!!!)**  
**8 Scott & Jonelle Peters (33)**  
**10 AJ & Tasie Kade (7)**  
**14 Tim Wood**  
**14 Jack & Nelda Schrank (66)**  
**16 Vivian Bennett**  
**16 George Munden**  
**16 Larry & Judy Dibbern (62)**  
**19 Thomas George**  
**20 Kaitlyn Hacker**  
**20 Mark & Carrie Ziegelbein (26)**  
**21 Sally Barr**  
**21 Athan Shaltanis**  
**21 Tony Vess**  
**21 Karl & Debbie Olsen (49)**  
**21 Pastor Joel & Phaedra Shaltanis (27)**  
**23 John & Vicki Frinksko (40!)**  
**24 Sue Parson**  
**26 Samson Carter**  
**29 Melanie Scarth**  
**29 Helen Wozniak**  
**30 Greg Moudy**

# Deaconess



# Installation

Please join us on July 28 for the installation of our deaconess intern, Julie Baumann. She will service Lord of Life for a year. You may read her acceptance letter on the following page.

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**Deaconess Internship – Letter of Acceptance**

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Thursday, May 16, 2024

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This is my formal acceptance of the deaconess internship assignment offered to me by my brothers and sisters at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas. I am very excited to begin the ministry that the Lord has in store for me to do, and I am honored to be able to do so by starting my service here with you and for you. I enjoyed talking with Rev. Shaltanis about what my service here at Lord of Life may all entail! I think it's nice that Lord of Life has not had a deaconess intern in the past, and I have never been a deaconess intern – so we all have the chance to learn and grow together in this new experience!

While I will do my best to get to know each of you during my time here at Lord of Life, it might be nice for you all to know a little bit about me too. I was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest of 5 kids. When I was 12, my family and I moved from Sioux Falls to a 20-acre hobby farm outside of Chester, SD – although we continued to carpool an hour and a half roundtrip every day into Sioux Falls for church, school, work, and extracurriculars. My siblings and I were home-schooled from 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, then we each went to the Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls. In 2021, I received my bachelor's in Human Development and Family Studies from South Dakota State University.

Throughout high school and undergrad, I worked at a Christian childcare center as a lead teacher, plus worked additional hours during the summer months doing either pollination work or other field research for AgReliant (a corn genetics company). For fun, I like to watch movies, play card games, embroider, grab coffee or boba tea, find new food places with friends, as well as hike, hunt, and fish. I'm a big animal lover, whether they're named "Steak"...or about to be my steak. If any of these things sound up your alley, consider this an invitation to join me in any of these activities, or to just show me around your favorite places in the Dallas-FW area! I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you over the next year as much as time allows.

My family and my faith both mean a lot to me. My parents laid the foundation in my faith formation growing up, and they, along with my home pastor, Pastor Chris Ascher, encouraged me immensely in my journey to become a deaconess. It's too long of a "Jonah" story to tell in an acceptance/introduction letter, but I will gladly tell you in person sometime. It may even encourage some of you to consider full-time ministry, or to reach out to someone you believe might make a good church worker someday!

My hope and prayer for my time here in Plano is that our Lord would continue to lead and guide me as He always has – to give me opportunities to grow in the faith that He has given me, and to learn how to be a better example of His love and mercy to everyone He places in my life. So, for this next year and beyond, I'm incredibly honored and blessed to be able to love on and serve you all at Lord of Life Lutheran, whether it be through prayer and simple coffee-talks, or by walking alongside you in the ups and downs of your own life. I'm excited to see what the Lord has in store for each of us!

In Christ's love,



Julie Baumann

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**  
**Summarized Statement of Activity**  
**4 Months Ending April 30, 2024**

	Y-T-D Operating Funds	Y-T-D Budget	Variance	Jan-Dec 2024 Budget
<b>Contributions</b>				
Regular Offerings	194,216	184,828	\$9,389	\$589,196
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$194,216</b>	<b>\$184,828</b>	<b>\$9,389</b>	<b>\$589,196</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Benevolences	24,277	23,102	\$1,175	\$73,650
Elders	79,814	106,880	(\$27,066)	\$320,639
Education	91	300	(\$209)	\$1,000
Outreach	729	1,320	(\$591)	\$3,900
Office Expenses	2,839	3,630	(\$791)	\$12,090
Utilities	9,759	12,805	(\$3,046)	\$38,245
Property Maintenance	17,933	31,140	(\$13,207)	\$85,940
Stewardship	0	350	(\$350)	\$350
Family Ministries	119	895	(\$776)	\$5,290
Youth Board	761	3,000	(\$2,239)	\$6,600
Children's Ministry	785	1,850	(\$1,065)	\$6,500
Admin Council	499	1,450	(\$951)	\$5,200
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$137,606</b>	<b>\$186,722</b>	<b>(\$49,117)</b>	<b>\$559,404</b>
<b>Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$56,611</b>	<b>(\$1,895)</b>	<b>\$58,505</b>	<b>\$29,792</b>
<b>Other Information:</b>				
Operating Fund Balance	\$182,360			
Certificate of Deposit	\$130,373			
Restricted Fund Balance	\$148,640			
Endowment Restricted CDs	\$63,451			