

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

2018 Leadership Advance



NAME: _____

AGENDA

FRIDAY

5:30-6:15PM	Dinner
6:15-6:30PM	Transition to Sanctuary
6:30-6:45PM	Opening Worship
6:45-7:00PM	Mixer/Icebreaker
7:00-8:30PM	Creating a Culture of Calling & Passionate Spirituality
8:30-9:00PM	Evening Prayer

Continental Breakfast	8:30-9:00AM
Morning Devotions	9:00-9:30AM
Break	9:30-9:45AM
Growing New Connections	9:45-11:30AM
PN's Challenges	11:30AM-12:00PM

SATURDAY

Objectives

Building leadership connections and pathways
The ongoing development of the calling and faith of our leaders
Answering the Synod's challenge to grow our mission

OPENING WORSHIP

Verse 1

Come set Your rule, and reign
in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray.
Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
Like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are Your Church;
We need Your pow'r in us.

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst,
Refuse to waste our lives,
For You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives hearts released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your Church;
We pray revive this earth.

Scripture: **1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

Centering Creed

We believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,
that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power
to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty
and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

We believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,
called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations
as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.

Because Christ has called us in this, we truly believe. Amen.

Build Your Kingdom Here

Rend Collective Experiment

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand,
Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire.
Win this kingdom back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here,
We pray!

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
Reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your Church;
We are the hope on earth.

Chorus



CALLING VS. VOCATION

Our Calling: God's ongoing invitation in our lives to extend God's kingdom with whatever we have, wherever we are, whenever we can, in any way possible.

Our Vocation: The many containers through which our callings find expression throughout our lives and may include titles such as teacher, doctor, janitor, dog trainer, mother, engineer, father, sister, soup kitchen volunteer, etc.

NOTES:

C3 SURVEY LINK

Lord of Life is part of the national Creating a Culture of Call (C3) project which is focused on helping people of all ages discover and live God's callings in their lives. Calling is a central to our lives as Christians. It encompasses:

- Who we are called to be: we are created by God, baptized in Christ, and sent forth to serve by the power of the Holy Spirit;
- How we are called to live: our commitments of lifestyle and relationships, including marriage, parenting, or the single life;
- What we are called to do: the work, service and activities that fill our daily lives, including paid or professional work, volunteering, homemaking, raising children or caregiving.

We are inviting you to take this personal reflection on faith and calling in your life so that our church can better support you in living God's calling and continually growing as a Christian. Thanks so much for participating in this activity. Your contribution will be very helpful!

JOYFUL TRIADS

- Form groups of three.
- Each person speaks for 5 minutes (the leaders will keep time) about something they are passionate about.
- Another person will listen for key words and phrases said by the speaker.
- The final person in the group will watch for energy shifts and emotional tones.
- After 5 minutes are up, you will take 3 minutes to share what the listener and the watcher heard and saw.
- Everyone in the group will have an opportunity to take on each role.

NAME	HEARD	SAW

PASSIONATE SPIRITUALITY

Consider with your group the following questions based on what you may have learned about yourself in your triad.

How might your passions align with the teams/opportunities presented by the Passionate Spirituality team?

Based on your passions, what other ideas might you have to further our passionate spirituality and help people discover God's calling in their lives?

What practices might you take on?

What are you doing currently that highlights your passions and connects them to your relationship and understanding of who God is?

IF YOU FEEL MOVED TO BE A PART OF ONE OF THE PASSIONATE SPIRITUALITY TEAMS, ADD YOUR NAME TO THE PAPER ON THE WALLS DURING YOUR SMALL GROUP TIME!

EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer

L: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: Amen

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

L: to herald your love in the morning,

C: your truth at the close of the day.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All Sons & Daughters

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him

Chorus

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice
ye lights of evening, find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him

Chorus

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless
and worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
and praise the Spirit, three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him

Chorus

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Outro

All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Luther's Evening Prayer

We thank You, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept us this day; and we pray that You would forgive us all of our sins where we have done wrong, and graciously keep us this night. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us, that the evil foe may have no power over us.

Amen

(From Luther's Small Catechism)

Scripture: **Matthew 16:13-20**

For Table Conversation

What does this Scripture say about the church?
What are the implications for Lord of Life (for US) today?

MORNING DEVOTIONS

How Great Thou Art

Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds Thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy Pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Verse 2

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

Verse 3

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Chorus



Campaign Video

Campaign Challenge



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GROWTH TRENDS

Year	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
FFX	557	557	539	511	499	457	430	404	393	392	412	401	389	366	350
CLN	72	64	65	68	74	125	150	180	180	182	183	208	199	202	214
COM	629	620	604	579	572	582	580	583	573	574	595	609	588	568	564

HALF TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Why do you call Lord of Life home?

What brought you here?

What are your hopes for Lord of Life?

LARGE GROUP DISCUSSIONS

What are our barriers to growth?

What is the #1 way congregations grow?

What are the barriers to us growing powerfully this way?

HALF TABLE DISCUSSIONS

What does the world not get that it really needs if we (Lord of Life) were not here?

PASTOR NATHAN'S CHALLENGES FOR 2019

- 1** Worship at the other site at least twice a year.
- 2** Worship at a different service (at your site) at least twice a year.
- 3** 1000 invites between December 1, 2018 & May 31, 2019.
- 4** Give Strong!

SAVE THE DATE!

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