

September
2025



Lord of Life Lutheran LifeLines

Notes from David

As we reflect on the life and ministry of our church, one truth continues to shine brightly: it is the small, faithful acts of love and service that make our church such a beautiful, welcoming, and spiritually rich home for all. So many of this congregation take the work on themselves to brighten this church's worship, fellowship, and service to make it into what we love to be a part of, through the love of Christ.

We should take a moment to offer heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Whether your contribution is visible to many or quietly done behind the scenes, your faithfulness and care do not go unnoticed. The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12 that the Body of Christ is made up of many parts, each with a unique and essential role. Our congregation is no different, a tapestry of service woven together by the hands and hearts of people just like you.

Thank you to those who greet others with a warm smile at the door, which is a fun job. Your kindness may be the first experience of God's love that a visitor encounters. Thank you to the ones who set up the sanctuary, make coffee and tea, bring the flowers, or take the trash. These small acts make our worship space inviting and peaceful.

For those who volunteer and care for our youth thank you. You are planting seeds of faith in the next generation, often in ways you may never fully see, but our Lord is there. And to those who pray

faithfully for our congregation and church your quiet, consistent intercession is the spiritual foundation on which all this church and the full body of Christ is built.

We are grateful for the musicians who lift our hearts in worship, and the volunteers who prepare coffee, serve food, and clean up after fellowship time. Those people that work the sound booth, PowerPoint, and live stream, you create an atmosphere of community where relationships are deepened and Christ's love is shared in simple, joyful ways.

Even the smallest offering a smile, a hug, a kind word, a plate of cookies carries great meaning when done in love for others. These actions may seem ordinary, but together they become the living presence of Jesus among us strengthening our congregation.

Let us continue to cherish and encourage one another in these everyday ministries. Our church is not beautiful because of grand architecture or polished programs — it is beautiful because of the people within it, reflecting Christ's love through their lives.

As we move forward in our mission, may we always remember that no act of service is too small in the Kingdom of God. Thank you for all the ways you show up, care for one another, and help build a spiritual home where all are welcome and the love of Christ is made known.

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Dates to Note

Mondays: 10am Bible Study
8th: 7pm Council Mtg
12th/13th: WELCA Retreat
14th: Winter Clean Up

"LifeLines"

Church Council Minutes

President's Report: Becky McElveen opened with Philippians 4:13 devotional. Concern expressed regarding several open Council positions. Discussion re-emphasized that all members are welcome to join. Becky requested that agenda topics be submitted in advance of meetings rather than same day.

Pastor's Report: Becky expressed appreciation for the dedication and determination of volunteers during David's vacation. David will be gone August 31 and will ask Nancy Uptgraft to fill in. His upcoming classes include Lutheran Ethics, New Testament Letters, and Global Church in Motion. He will write up a special prayer for August 17th service.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Mills provided Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss as of July 31, 2025. Rental car expense explained.

Old Business

- ♦ 50th Anniversary Update. Food – Lynne Skjefte; Decorations - Chris Dart, Eileen Dubowski, and Janis Robertson; Flowers – Janis Robertson; Games – will ask Kaylee Lindhag to coordinate; Budget – Margi Ungrodt will submit Thrivent grant for invitations/postage; Music – Organize a group to sing with musician; Background Music – need DJ. Invitations to include updated current/past membership, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Facebook, and other Churches.
- ♦ Firewood donation. Who may coordinate a family's need? Suggestions were to notify the Salvation Army, VFW and American Legion (for veterans), and Resource Center for Parents and Children. Tabled until next Council Meeting.

New Business

- ♦ At Large Members. John Dart has returned from leave of absence. Margi Ungrodt has also joined Council.
- ♦ David's office cell phone doesn't always work. Mary Mills will investigate options and report findings.
- ♦ AK Best Plumbing will do annual boiler maintenance on August 26th.
- ♦ Mary Mills, Treasurer, requested a new laptop; the current one is old and not working effectively. She will obtain pricing for replacement and report back.
- ♦ Evan Keil inquired about the required audit scheduled for September 2025.

Events

- ♦ Fish Fry Sunday, August 31, 2025. Fish will be provided but please bring a side dish to share.
- ♦ God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 7, 2025.
- ♦ Winter Clean-up Sunday, September 14th. This will include sealing up the windows, putting away benches and other outdoor winter prep.
- ♦ Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 9, 2025. New council will be elected and both President and Vice President's positions will be open.

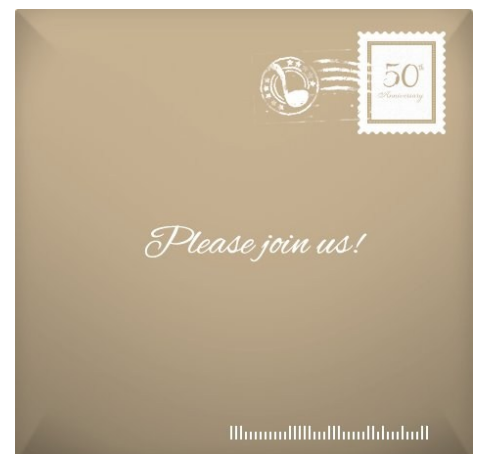
50th Anniversary

What: Lord of Life's 50th Anniversary!

When: October 26th, 2-5pm

Where: 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole

We'll be providing lots more details about this event in the weeks to come, but you can RSVP right [here](#) <— click link





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 <u>10:30 am</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>11 am</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>School</u>	September 1 <u>OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> <u>8 pm</u> <u>AA</u>	2 <u>5:30 pm</u> <u>Girl Scouts</u>	3 <u>10 am</u> <u>TOPS Meeting</u> <u>12 pm</u> <u>Food Boxes</u> <u>5:15 pm</u> <u>TOPS Meeting</u>	4 <u>8 pm</u> <u>AA</u>	5	6
7 <u>10:30 am</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>11 am</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>School</u>	8 <u>10 am</u> <u>Bible Study</u> <u>7 pm</u> <u>Council</u> <u>Meeting</u> <u>8 pm</u> <u>AA</u>	9 <u>5:30 pm</u> <u>Girl Scouts</u>	10 <u>10 am</u> <u>TOPS Meeting</u> <u>12 pm</u> <u>Food Boxes</u> <u>5:15 pm</u> <u>TOPS Meeting</u>	11 <u>12 pm</u> <u>School</u> <u>Lunches Prep</u> <u>8 pm</u> <u>AA</u>	12 <u>WELCA</u> <u>Retreat</u>	13 <u>WELCA</u> <u>Retreat</u>
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21 <u>10:30 am</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>11 am</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>School</u>	22 <u>10 am</u> <u>Bible Study</u> <u>8 pm</u> <u>AA</u>	23 <u>5:30 pm</u> <u>Girl Scouts</u>	24 <u>10 am</u> <u>TOPS Meeting</u> <u>12 pm</u> <u>Food Boxes</u> <u>5:15 pm</u> <u>TOPS Meeting</u>	25 <u>8 pm</u> <u>AA</u>	26	27
28 <u>10:30 am</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>11 am</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>School</u>	29 <u>10 am</u> <u>Bible Study</u> <u>8 pm</u> <u>AA</u>	30 <u>5:30 pm</u> <u>Girl Scouts</u>	1 <u>10 am</u> <u>TOPS Meeting</u> <u>12 pm</u> <u>Food Boxes</u> <u>5:15 pm</u> <u>TOPS Meeting</u>	2 <u>8 pm</u> <u>AA</u>	3	4



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Sharing the Light &
Warmth of God's Love

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Becky McElveen
Vice President: Brent Strickland
Secretary: Ranae Browning
Treasurer: Mary Mills

At Large Members: Evan Keil
John Dart
Margi Ungrodt
Vacant

Intern Pastor: David Ingram

Financial Secretary: Carol Dahl

**Serve on
Council
and be
heard :)**

Next Church Council Meeting: **Oct. 13 @ 7pm**

Newsletter deadline: 20th of each month.

Get the latest on our website:

www.lordoflifeak.com/the-latest

or

Follow our Facebook page, worship live Sundays at 10:30am:
www.facebook.com/lordoflifeak

Special Prayers and Concerns

Birthdays

9/1 Ben Gregory
9/4 Brenda Sadler
9/10 Robert Peterson
9/18 Ramouna Sandbo
9/20 Jim Woolace
9/21 Dixie Keil
9/27 Kaylee Lindhag



~ All those traveling out of state
~ Those with ongoing health issues

Contact

office@lordoflifeak.com to
sign up for prayer chain emails

Anniversaries

9/2 Holly & Ian Neske
9/5 Amy & David Ingram
9/15 Sam & Eric Aleshire



Prayers for:

*Is your important date missing?
please let us know so we can
celebrate with you!*



Alaska Synod Prayer Partner for September:

Faith Lutheran Church, Delta
Junction, Alaska

Gracious and Loving God,

We thank you for those who
lift their voices in praise.

We thank you for the place
of worship where your Spirit
joins us.

We thank you for the joy
instilled in us through your
loving gift.

