

November 2024

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The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

As the autumn leaves turn and the air takes on a chill, we find ourselves in a season that encourages us to slow down and reflect on the blessings in our lives. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and it brings with it a beautiful reminder of the importance of gratitude in our walk of faith.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul encourages us to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." This verse speaks powerfully to us, especially in times when we may feel that our blessings are few or that life's challenges are many. It reminds us that gratitude isn't just a reaction to good times—it's a posture of the heart, one we can carry with us daily.

As we gather around tables with loved ones, let's remember that the ultimate feast we celebrate is God's steadfast love and grace, poured out for us each day. Thanksgiving can be more than a holiday - it can be a spiritual practice. When we take time to recognize God's hand in our lives, big and small, we experience joy that overflows and peace that sustains us, even in hardship.

This Thanksgiving, I encourage each of you to make space for gratitude. Count your blessings, both seen and unseen. Give thanks for the community we share, the faith that binds us, and the Savior who loves us unconditionally.

May your hearts be filled with gratitude and your homes with warmth and joy.

Blessings &
Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor Chip



Thanksgiving Eve Service
**A time to worship
& give thanks**

Wednesday, November 27, 2024
Worship at 6:00 p.m.

Followed by
PIE FEST

Drop off your favorite pie in Fellowship Hall before worship, then join us after worship for a time of fellowship & enjoying the delicious pies everyone shared.

SERVING YOU AT LORD OF LIFE

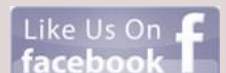
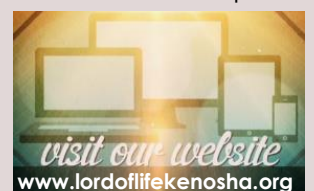
Rev. Chip Lutz
- Pastor
Angie Wollschlager
- Church Administrator
Connie Wittmus
- Admin. Assistant
Sue Quever
- Parish Nurse
Claudia Murillo
- Bookkeeper
Kerry Bieneman
- Music Director
Nancy Cerminara
- Custodian

Church Council

Russ Brewer
- President
Matt Ley
- Vice President
Ralph McCarthy
- Treasurer
Lori Vogel
- Secretary
Tanya Brady
Julie Chase
Lynn Kancian
- Members-at-large

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



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We are led by love and inspired by grace to serve.

Veterans Day Worship & Lunch

Friday, November 8, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Lunch catered by Hometown Meats,
sponsored by Casey Family Options.



Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 9, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bake sale featuring delicious treats from
R&M Orchards of Pleasant Prairie.

Free Admission ~ Food Concessions ~ Gift Card Raffle

20TH ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU

Dear Beloved Lord of Life Lutheran family,

Thank you so much for honoring my 20 years of parish nurse ministry at the church. Thank you so much for the thoughtful poems and message delivered by Pastor Chip. Hallmark needs to take notice! The celebratory coffee hour with colorful flowers, special cake, balloon, the unique wall hanging, and food was very much appreciated. Thank you for the personalized cards and gifts with messages that really touched my heart!

You are all so special to me. Cheers to the future together and a successful ministry of care, health, and wellness. To God be the Glory!

Much Love,
Nurse Sue



PB&J at the ELCA Outreach Center
Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

6218 26th Avenue

Join us to serve pizza & a short Bible study
led by Pastor Chip.



Community Meal

Sunday, November 10 at 3:45 p.m.

Living Faith Lutheran Church; 2915 Wright Ave,
Racine. Help assemble and distribute 120 meals.

GIGGLES Friendsgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, 6:00 P.M.

Ladies, bring your favorite appetizer
and join us in Fellowship Hall for a fun
night of fellowship around the table
with our favorite foods & friends.



RSVP USING THE LINK IN THE WEEKLY EMAIL

If you are reading this electronically, the sign
up link can be found [HERE](#).



Gents, bring your Bible and join Pastor Chip at
8:00 a.m. in the library on Saturday, November 23.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

The Women's Christmas Tea is on Sunday, December
8th at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be
purchased after worship. This year's theme is *Share
Your Light* and our outreach will be supporting
Luther's Lunchbox at Carthage College.

We are seeking donations of gift baskets or gift
certificates that will be raffled off at the event. If
you would like to donate a basket or item, please
contact Sherry Sinnen at sherrysinnen@gmail.com
or 262-358-2307.

Dear friends,

A Grief Share - Surviving the Holidays free seminar, held Saturday, December 7th at St Mary's Lutheran Church, 2001 80th Street Kenosha, WI from 9:30am -11:30 am, offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. You'll hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. You'll receive a Holiday Survival Guide with practical strategies, encouraging words, helpful exercises, Q/As, and journaling ideas for daily survival through the holiday season.

At Grief Share Surviving the Holidays, you'll meet with other grieving people who understand what you're going through. They won't judge you or force you to share but will accept you where you are and will offer comfort and support. "When I went to Grief Share," said Marion, "I realized there are different ways to grieve."

Your holiday season won't be easy; your emotions may ambush you and force you under at times. But you can choose to walk through this season in a way that honors your loved one and puts you on the path of health and healing.

**The holidays are
challenging when you're
grieving a loss.**

Grief Share

**Surviving
the Holidays**

provides encouragement, support, and valuable
tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar

Location

St Mary's Lutheran Church
2001 80th Street
Kenosha, WI 53143

Date & time

Saturday, December 7, 2024
9:30 am -11:30 am

Contact info

Nurse Sue
262-799-4003
(please leave your name and
phone number for return call) or
email: fcn@stmaryslutheran.org

griefshare.org/holidays

The program is free, open to the public and refreshments will be served.

To register (by November 30th) or find out more about Grief Share - Surviving the Holidays, call Nurse Sue at 262-799-4003 (leave a message with your name and number for a return call) or email fcn@stmaryslutheran.org.

Shalom,

Nurse Sue, RN, FCN
Aurora Faith and Health Team

♥ stay
healthy.
stay
safe. ♥

October 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Steve Hartfield, at-large member of Greater Milwaukee Synod Council was a guest.
 - Synod Council feels there isn't great communication between churches and Synod. Wanted to open communication. They are more than who we contact with a problem or when we need a pastor.
 - We viewed a video of stories of what the synod is doing in, for, and with congregations: Outreach for Hope and ministries like the Grace Welcome Center, diversity and inclusion, Hispanic ministry.
 - From Pastor Matt Short: What brings you joy in your ministry? We shared: Outreach ministries, that people that come in our door feel welcome, having a congregation that is curious and not afraid to try things, seeing member make connections between each other and maintaining friendships outside of our walls.
- Pastor Chip shared that he ordered a copy of a book titled, Funding Forward for each Council member.
 - How do we capitalize on what we already have? His idea is that everyone read it, then a retreat or brainstorming session be planned (separate from a council meeting).
- Pastor Chip was had a discussion with someone potentially interested in a part-time position leading contemporary music for Saturday evening worship. Council approved moving forward with a unanimous vote.
- Angie, Church Administrator, shared that the approximate \$10K in sprinkler system repairs have been completed. These unexpected costs will be covered by Scrip profits and income we have received for building use this year. Angie and Claudia, our Bookkeeper are organizing an audit that will occur in December with a retired auditor who offers his services to non profit organizations.
- The Stewardship campaign kicked off the first weekend in October. Council members signed the letter that will be mailed with intent cards, with the celebration of intents being the first weekend in November. Ministry Moments, highlighting what our offerings support, are planned for each weekend between.
- The financial update was very positive. Our income is up and budgeted expenses are down.
- Sunday School and Confirmation are going great. Our young people are engaged and participating.
- Russ and Ralph will work on a mortgage reduction campaign that will be presented to the congregation at the January annual meeting.
- Tanya and Angie worked on revising the Building Use Policy since June and presented Council with a revised policy in August. It's been reviewed and was official approved by a unanimous vote at this meeting.

SEPTEMBER 2024 FINANCIALS

Funds on Hand

Cash on Hand - General Fund		\$	36,973.40
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$	22,015.89	
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$	40,485.32	
Total Savings Acct		\$	62,501.21

Restricted Accounts

MEMORIAL FUND	\$7,588.35
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$483.79
WOMEN'S TEA	\$ 758.77
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$ 552.85
YOUTH FUND	\$ 8,574.59
KINGFISH GAME	\$ (210.00)
HIGH FIVERS	\$ 169.01
RESTRICTED GIVING 23-25	\$ 20,000.00
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$ 1,081.93
FOOD OUTREACH	\$1,486.03
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 40,485.32

Scrip Account	\$8,932.82
Scrip Card Inventory	\$18,125.33

LIABILITIES

Credit Card Balance	\$ 4,297.49
Payroll Withholdings	\$ (110.87)
Mortgage Balance	\$ 1,065,271.18
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,069,457.80

YTD Income - YTD Expenses

YTD Income	\$ 259,994.27
YTD Expenses	\$ 238,122.51
YTD Revenue	\$ 21,871.76

MEMBERS GIVING YTD
\$37,257.62 OVER BUDGET

TOTAL EXPENSES YTD
\$8,640.53 UNDER BUDGET

ELCA Benevolence Paid \$7,499.97

For a more detailed financial report including line by line income and expenses please contact the Church Treasurer, Claudia Murillo, at treasurer@lordoflifenkenosha.org. Thank you!



November 5

Dominic & Michele Frese

November 10

Rob & Romey Walden

November 12

Jack Betz & Linda Kramer-Betz

**November 14**

Ed & Elke Gramza

November 24John & Kathi Strott
Michelle & Steve Eisenhauer

- 1 Kyle Tiebout, Herb Jantz
- 2 Audrey Maedke, Tanya Bihun,
- 3 Keanu Fowler, Mikal Sexton
- 4 Andy Skinner
- 5 Bruce Metallo, John Meyer,
Judy Bacher
- 7 Emily Nelsen
- 8 Ed Gramza, Cindy Terrell
- 10 Jerome Springer, J.J. Harmsen,
Marty Pavilonis
- 11 Katie Krueger, Kelly Eisenhauer
- 12 Tina Ketterhagen
- 13 Tammy Skendziel
- 14 Beth Files, George Files, Karen Tenuta

- 15 Pete Skendziel, Jan Niederloh,
Everett Dishno
- 16 Marlene Nejedly
- 17 Graham Andrews, Bev Sorensen
- 18 Deb Gonsalves
- 19 Trevor Wikstrom, Clarann Zatko,
Michelle Santelli, Linda Stanford
- 20 Tom Vogel, Margie Raymaker
- 22 Karen Sens
- 24 Gwen Lutz
- 25 Makenzee Tiebout, Kaylee Tiebout
- 26 Deanna Springer
- 28 Travis Decker, Emerson Retzlaff
- 29 James Lutz

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

2025 brings the 40th anniversary of Lord of Life!

We're working on a celebration to commemorate this milestone, and leading up to it we will share some history each month in our newsletter.



**Last worship
service held at
Bullen Middle
School**

**May 1991
ad in the
Kenosha
News**

GRAND OPENING

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
5601 Washington Road
Kenosha, WI 53144
Phone: 414-656-1995

"A PLACE FOR YOU!"

OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY JUNE 8th • 1 - 4p.m.

DEDICATION WORSHIP
SUNDAY JUNE 9th • 9:00a.m.

WORSHIP INTERIOR

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Summer Worship Hour
9:00 a.m. Sundays

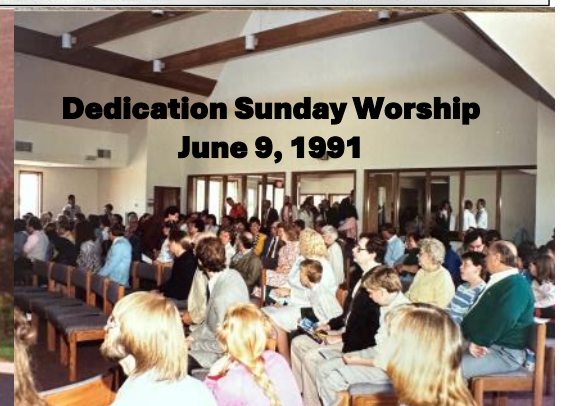
September - May Worship Schedule
8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Education Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship

Nursery Provided
Phone: 656-1995

**Processing into the new
church building.**



**Dedication Sunday Worship
June 9, 1991**



SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS

November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Usher/Greeter				
Pat Demos	Steve & Patsy Kolner	Kim Sly, Gary Kovacs	OPEN	Pat Demos
Lesson Reader				
OPEN	Kathy Sadowski	OPEN	Chris Daugherty	Chris Daugherty
Communion Wine Servers				
Kim Sly Gary Kovacs	Kathy Sadowski, 1 OPENING	OPEN	OPEN	Kathy Sadowski, 1 OPENING
Altar Care				
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Coffee Hour Host				
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
SCRIP sales				
Kim Sly	OPEN	Kim Sly	OPEN	OPEN
A/V				
Chris Daugherty	Chris Daugherty	TBD	Jonah Sens	TBD

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Usher/Greeter			
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom Wilma Jenewein, Greeter	Cathy & Kayla Rutkowski	Russ & Becky Brewer	OPEN
Lesson Reader			
Steve Ketterhagen	Joyce Behlke	Pam Leonard	Beth Files
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers			
Rhiannon Urso, Kathy Miller (wine) Steve Ketterhagen (bread)	Norma & Cliff Lundstrom (wine) John Meyer (bread)	Pam Leonard, Kathy Miller (wine) Michelle Eisenhauer (bread)	Kim Sly, Gary Kovacs (wine) Beth Files (bread)
Altar Care			
Kathy Miller	Kerry Bieneman	Kathy Miller	Kim S. & Gary K.
Coffee Hour Host			
Anne Fuller & Tanya Bihun	Joy Buttke & Kat Seremjian	Mayerak Family	Beth Files
SCRIP sales			
OPEN	Pam Leonard	Jean Garretto	OPEN
Communion Bread			
Not Needed	Not Needed	Kathy Miller	Beth Files
A/V			
Angie W.	Matt Bieneman	Angie W.	Matt Bieneman

To sign up to volunteer, visit <https://lordoflifekenosha.org/serve>
WE are the church!

LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Ctr.	2 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
3 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	4 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	5 Election Day  9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	6 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 6:30 Cantata Rehearsal @ LoL	7 7:00 p.m. AA	8 11:00 a.m. Veteran's Day Service & Lunch 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Ctr.	9 9:00 a.m. Craft & Vendor Fair 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
10 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education 3:00 p.m. Community Meal @ Living Faith	11 Veterans Day  6:00 p.m. Confirmation	12 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	13 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 6:30 Cantata Rehearsal @ LoL	14 7:00 p.m. AA	15 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Ctr.	16 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
17 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	18 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	19 9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	20 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 6:30 Cantata Rehearsal @ Peace	21 7:00 p.m. AA	22 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Ctr. 6:00 p.m. GIGGLES Friendsgiving	23 8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels & Bibles 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
24 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	25 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	26 11:00 a.m. Community Thanksgiving Meal @ ELCA Outreach Center	27 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Fest	28 Office Closed  7:00 p.m. AA	29 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Ctr.	30 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Thanksgiving Grocery Gift Card Drive



For many years, in the month of November we collected monetary donations to assemble Harvest Baskets of a Thanksgiving meal and other groceries for individuals and families within our congregation.

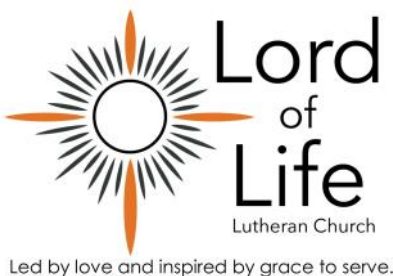
The pandemic caused us to shift to sharing grocery gift cards instead, and we will continue that this year due to its success.

Donations can be placed into the offering basket or mailed to the church office, clearly marked that it is for the Ministry of the Month. You can also make a secure donation online by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by visiting www.lordoflifekenosha.org, where you'll see a DONATE button at the top of the page. Select Ministry of the Month as the fund option. All donations will be used to purchase gift cards from our Scrip inventory.

Please donate by Thursday, November 21st to ensure timely delivery to the recipients.

If you are an individual or family who could use the extra blessing of a grocery gift card this year, please [CLICK HERE](#), leave a voice mail at (262)925-3821, or email churchadministrator@lordoflifekenosha.org by Thursday, November 21st.

Please know that this information will be held in the strictest of confidence.



Led by love and inspired by grace to serve.



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God's work. Our hands.