

September 2025

# LIFELINES

The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Dear Friends in Christ,

September always feels like “back to school” season—even for those of us who haven’t had a locker combination or a homework assignment in decades! Something about this month makes us sharpen our pencils, pull out our sweaters, and prepare ourselves for change. The leaves start hinting at color, the air cools just enough to remind us that summer doesn’t last forever, and our schedules suddenly seem busier than we thought they’d be.

Now, let’s be honest: change is not usually our favorite thing. We like the idea of change—until it actually shows up. I once read a sign that said, *“Everyone wants progress, but nobody wants change—except maybe babies with wet diapers.”* (And even then, they don’t always cooperate!)

But here’s the thing: God seems to delight in change. Scripture is full of it. Abraham moves. Moses leads. Jonah runs (and then gets swallowed for his trouble). Even Jesus keeps calling people out of fishing boats, tax booths, and comfort zones. The gospel is always nudging us, stretching us, and sometimes dragging us into something new.

This fall, I invite you to embrace the holy humor in it all. Yes, change can be uncomfortable—but it can also be the place where God surprises us. When routines shift, new possibilities open. When the familiar fades, grace shows up in unexpected places. And when things don’t go “according to plan” (as they rarely do), we might just find ourselves laughing at how God writes better stories than we do.

So, whether September finds you adjusting to new school schedules, starting new ministries, or just figuring out why your favorite coffee creamer has disappeared from the grocery store shelves—remember this: God is already there in the change. The same God who made seasons turn and leaves fall also promises to be faithful in every transition.

Let’s step into September with courage, a sense of humor, and the joy of knowing that in Christ, change always leads to new life.

See you in worship!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Chip

## UPCOMING FALL SCHEDULE

(See Page 2 for more information)

- Confirmation (6th-8th grade) begins Monday, September 8
- Saturday Contemporary Worship returns every week on Saturday, September 13
- Sunday School begins Sunday, September 14
- Adult Education begins Sunday, September 14th
- Adult Confirmation begins Monday, October 20

## 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

**Gary Dennison**

- Contemp. Music Lead

**Nancy Cerninara**

- Custodian

## Church Council

**Matt Ley**

- President

**Ralph McCarthy**

- Vice President &

Treasurer

**Tanya Brady**

- Secretary

**Russ Brewer**

**Kathy Cooper**

**Lynn Kancian**

**Gary Kovacs**

- 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.*

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES

Nurturing spiritual growth from children to adults.

If you are reading this electronically, links for more information and registration can be found below. Or visit [www.lordoflifekenosha.org](http://www.lordoflifekenosha.org) and click on Faith Development.

- ✦ **Confirmation** begins on Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. Parents are asked to attend the first night for a short introduction and sharing of information.
- ✦ **Sunday School** resumes on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Kids age 4 through 5th grade will meet every Sunday mornings during the school year for lessons and activities that follow the lectionary schedule of the church year. Your children will join us for worship and Pastor Chip will release them after the Children's Sermon.
- ✦ **Sunday Morning Adult Ed** (Registration not required—join us when you can.): Starting Sunday, September 14th at 10:15 a.m., stick around after worship for Adult Education as we dive into the series, *The Chosen*. Watch. Discuss. Grow. Faith comes alive when we share the story together—don't miss it!
- ✦ **Join Us For Adult Confirmation!** Are you ready to take a deeper step in your faith journey? This fall we're offering an Adult Confirmation Class that meets once a month for nine months. Together we'll explore the foundations of the Christian faith, the Lutheran tradition, and how to live out our calling as disciples of Jesus in today's world. We will meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., beginning October 20th, 2025. Come, learn, ask questions, and grow with us.

Learn *God's ways*  
of handling money.



## FINANCIAL LITERACY MINISTRY

One of the biggest sources of stress in people's lives – including their spiritual lives – is money. The world has been teaching us how to

use money in its way. Now is the time for us to learn how God wants us to use His greatest resource, money, His way.

Lord of Life will be hosting a **Financial Peace University** class starting **Tuesday, September 16** at 6:00 p.m. This is a nine-week class where we'll walk through biblical principles of how to handle money.

Sign up at <https://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/450E59> or scan the QR code on the poster in the narthex. For questions, contact Steve Ketterhagen: [steveketterhagen@gmail.com](mailto:steveketterhagen@gmail.com) or 262.822.9104

BAGELS & BIBLES  
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, September 20  
at 8:00 a.m.

## NIGHT OF WORSHIP



FOOD

LIVE TOURS  
MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

ELCA OUTREACH CENTER  
6218 26TH AVE, KENOSHA, WI

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025  
FOOD & TOURS AT 5:00PM  
WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

come  
serve  
with us

Community Meal  
Parking Lot Picnic

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 3:00 p.m.

Living Faith Lutheran Church  
2915 Wright Ave, Racine.

PB&J at the ELCA  
Outreach Center

Fridays at 11:15 a.m.  
6218 26th Avenue

Join us to serve pizza & a short  
Bible study.

Morning of Saturday,  
September 27

Join all of your friends at the Outreach for Hope 2025 Family Ride Run Walk, and help fundraise \$165K for grants to ministries serving communities experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.

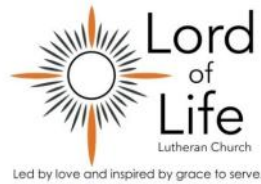
KENOSHA SITE  
(PETRIFYING SPRING PARK, SITE #3)

Our Kenosha site offers a 27-mile road (8:30 am) and 13-mile North Shore Bike Trail ride (9:30 am), a 5K fun run, 2.5-mile walk (10 am), a picnic (11 am) and fellowship-only participant & volunteer options.

There is **no registration fee** - but we encourage you to donate and/or fundraise towards our \$165K goal! **Every dollar raised supports our Ministry Partners' work** of clothing, feeding and caring for our neighbors in need.

Register + learn more at [OFHRRW.org](http://OFHRRW.org)





### Mortgage Debt Reduction Update

By the grace of God and YOUR generosity, by the end of 2025, we will pay  
AT LEAST additional **\$ \$66,147** towards our mortgage principal!

*If you are able to contribute, please consider using your smart phone camera on the QR code or visit [www.lordoflifekenosha.org](http://www.lordoflifekenosha.org) and click the DONATE button.*

## JULY 2025 FINANCIALS

ASSETS			
<u>Funds on Hand</u>			
Cash on Hand - General Fund			\$24,313.60
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$43,382.58		
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$39,388.97		
Total Savings Acct		\$	82,771.55
<u>Restricted Accounts</u>			
MEMORIAL FUND	\$	8,457.37	
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$	854.31	
WOMEN'S TEA	\$	805.05	
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$	552.85	
YOUTH FUND	\$	6,898.79	
KINGFISH GAME	\$	10.00	
HIGH FIVERS	\$	169.01	
RESTRICTED GIVING 23-25	\$	20,000.00	
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$	877.93	
FOOD OUTREACH	\$	763.66	
Total Restricted Funds	\$	39,388.97	
Scrip Account			\$12,359.25
Scrip Card Inventory			\$15,515.00
LIABILITIES			
Credit Card Balance	\$	1,493.92	
Payroll Withholdings	\$	-	
Mortgage Balance	\$	962,507.64	
Total Liabilities		\$	964,001.56

July			
YTD Income - YTD Expenses			
YTD Income		\$	286,443.97
YTD Expenses		\$	276,421.85
YTD Revenue		\$	10,022.12
MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$13.696.66 OVER BUDGET		TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$44,921.98 OVER BUDGET (PAID \$49,871.75 ADDITIONAL MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL)	
ELCA Benevolence Paid \$5,833.31			
For a more detailed financial report including line by line income and expenses please contact the Church Treasurer, Claudia Murillo, at treasurer@lordoflifekenosha.org .Thank you!			



Dear friends,

As we roll into September, we are reminded of new beginnings as school buses appear on our streets. Students have moved into the next grade level, and the learning process continues. As adults we too need to be mindful of continued learning and the promotion of healthy aging at any age.

Healthy aging is the process of maintaining good physical, mental, and social health and well-being as we grow older. Healthy aging is not just for adults. It means adopting healthy habits and making positive lifestyle choices that contribute to overall well-being as we age. Habits such as:



♦ Physical activity – Walking at least 30 minutes a day can be beneficial. If you are sitting at a job ...stand up every 20 minutes (5-10 times up and down off your chair) or march while sitting (moving each leg 10 times), stretch your legs out simultaneously 5-10 times, lift your heel to toe to increase blood supply to legs, stretch your arms back and move neck from side to side.

♦ Nutrition – Maintain a healthy, balanced diet consisting of proteins, fruits, vegetables, grains, fats/oils and dairy products. Keep hydrated with water throughout the day.

- ♦ Mental Functioning – Keep your mind stimulated and get enough sleep (7- 8 hours a night)
- ♦ Social well-being – Stay socially connected and engaged with others. Small group activities are always helpful as we build relationships. Having meaningful conversations with others can be very beneficial.
- ♦ Emotional well-being -Take care of your emotional well-being, including managed stress, having a positive outlook, striving to find gratitude thoughts for the day and seek support when needed.
- ♦ Injury prevention – Try to avoid falls (wear sturdy shoes) and other injuries by taking precautions and practicing safe driving and following the rules of the road.
- ♦ Health care routine – Keep up with regular health checkups, vaccines (the flu vaccine is coming out soon!) and screenings: and manage any chronic conditions such as hypertension and diabetes to name a few.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and all the new programming for the fall season. Take care of yourself, you are worth it!



Shalom,

Nurse Sue, R.N., F.C.N  
Aurora Faith and Health Team

**September 1**

Brian &amp; Laura Lynch

**September 2**

Donald &amp; Ashlie Hurlbut

**September 5**

Dan &amp; Michelle Santelli

**September 12**

Jerry &amp; Deanna Springer

**September 16**

Fred &amp; Judy Bacher

**September 17**

Tim &amp; Heidi Konz

**September 24**

John &amp; Jodi Iorio

**September 29**Joe Nosalik &  
Jennifer Johnson

- 1 William Paquin
- 5 Susan Meyer
- 6 Ed Brady
- 7 Lisa McCarthy, Peter Alm
- 8 Sarah Remiker
- 10 Will Sepanski
- 11 Felma Degefa, Bob Gray
- 12 Nathan Brewer, Jack Sepanski
- 14 Perry Claeys, Jamie Lutz
- 16 Paxton Holst, Janet Meyer
- 17 Richard Bushey, Shelby Jantz
- 18 Jodi Iorio, Patsy Kolner, Asher Frese
- 19 Thomas Erickson
- 21 Nick Capelli, Nathan Klimisch, Matt Ley
- 23 Melanie Gentry
- 25 Elke Gramza, Rob Wikstrom, Hannah Schiappacasse
- 28 Keyaira Hofmann
- 29 Amy Wikstrom, Norman Hermann

**Jessica Ketterhagen**

Graduated from Washington Park High School (Salutatorian)

Will be attending UW Madison's School of Zoology, and eventually DVM in Veterinary Medicine.



## Update your Information



Stay connected! Life changes quickly, and we don't want to lose touch with you. If you've recently updated your phone number, moved to a new address, or started using a new email, please let the church office know. Keeping your information current means you'll never miss what's happening in our church family! Send any updates to [office@lordoflifekenosha.org](mailto:office@lordoflifekenosha.org) or call the office at (262)656-1995.

We have streamlined our new member process to allow for people's busy schedules. If you are interested in becoming a member at Lord of Life, see Pastor Chip or Angie (usually found behind the soundboard on Sundays) and we'll get the process started. Or contact the office at (262)656-1995 or [office@lordoflifekenosha.org](mailto:office@lordoflifekenosha.org)



**Your**  
Name Here

If you'd like a nametag to wear during worship, please sign up on the clipboard on the small table next to the name tag board and one will be ready by the following weekend. *Please note that the nametags attach by a magnet, so if you have a pacemaker or similar medical device, please indicate this on the sign up and we will provide an alternate method to wear it.*



## SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS

September 13	September 20	September 27
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>		
Pat Demos	Steve & Patsy Kolner	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Lesson Reader</b>		
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Chris Daugherty
<b>Communion Wine Servers</b>		
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>		
Chris Daugherty	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>		
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>SCRIP sales</b>		
Bill & Julie Remiker	Aaron Sens	Aaron Sens
<b>A/V</b>		
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Jonah Sens

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS


September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>			
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Russ & Becky Brewer
<b>Lesson Reader</b>			
John Meyer	<b>OPEN</b>	Pam Leonard	Beth Files
<b>Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers</b>			
Kathy Miller, John Meyer (wine) Chris Daugherty (bread)	Norma & Cliff Lundstrom (wine) Lori Vogel (bread)	Pam Leonard (wine) Kathy Miller (wine) <b>1 Needed (bread)</b>	Lori Vogel (wine) <b>1 Needed (wine)</b> Beth Files (bread)
<b>Altar Care</b>			
Kathy Miller	Kerry Bieneman	Kathy Miller	Kerry Bieneman
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>			
Vogel Family	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Beth Files
<b>SCRIP sales</b>			
Pam Leonard	Lori Vogel	<b>OPEN</b>	Beth Files
<b>Communion Bread</b>			
Kathy Miller	Patti Molitor	Kathy Miller	Beth Files
<b>A/V</b>			
Angie Wollschlager	Matt Bieneman	Angie Wollschlager	Matt Bieneman



To sign up to volunteer,  
visit <https://lordoflifekenosha.org/serve>

# LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



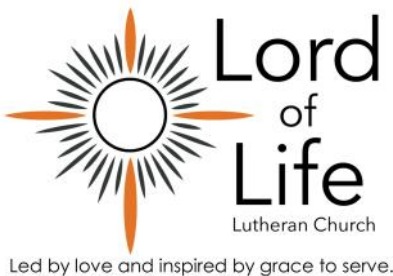
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>Back to Sunday School</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>  <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Sunday School Volunteer Mtg</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. AA</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter &amp; Jesus @ Outreach Center</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Confirmation: <b>Parents also attend</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Council meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. AA</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter &amp; Jesus @ Outreach Center</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Ed 3:00 p.m. Community Meal Parking Lot Picnic</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. AA</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter &amp; Jesus @ Outreach Center</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels &amp; Bibles 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Ed</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. AA</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter &amp; Jesus @ Outreach Center</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Ed</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club</p>	 			

# MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

We're taking a break from collecting physical items this month.

Monetary donations to support our food outreach ministries are welcomed! These donations are used for the pizza served at Peanut Butter & Jesus on Fridays at the Outreach Center as well as to cover any food items not donated for the monthly Community Meal.

Please indicate "Food Ministry" on any donations made online or in the offering basket. Your continued support of these important ministries are greatly appreciated!



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