

November 2025

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The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."
— 2 Corinthians 9:11

Dear friends in Christ,

As the colorful leaves fall and the air grows crisp, our hearts turn naturally toward **Thanksgiving** — a season centered on **gratitude**. It's fitting, then, that we are wrapping up our **"Bless It Forward"** stewardship campaign during this time of year. The timing isn't accidental. Gratitude and generosity are deeply connected — one flows from the other.

When we pause to recognize all the ways God has blessed us — with daily bread, community, love, forgiveness, and purpose — we can't help but respond. Stewardship, at its heart, is **gratitude in action**. It's saying, "Thank you, God," not just with words, but with lives that overflow in blessing others.

Over these past weeks, I've been deeply moved by the ways you have "blessed it forward." From giving generously to the mission of our church, to serving at the **ELCA Outreach Center**, to writing notes of encouragement and offering prayers — you have shown that gratitude is more than a feeling; it's a way of life. Each act, no matter how small, ripples outward in ways only God can measure.

As we close this campaign, I want to offer a heartfelt **thank you**. Thank you for your faithfulness, your creativity, your compassion, and your trust that God will multiply what we offer. Just as Jesus took the loaves and fishes, blessed them, and fed the multitude, God takes what we place in His hands and uses it to nourish the world.

This Thanksgiving, may your table be full, your hearts even fuller, and your eyes open to the countless blessings that surround you. And may we continue to live as a people who **"bless it forward"** — not just for a season, but as a way of following Christ every day.

With gratitude and hope,
Pastor Chip

SATURDAYS
5:00 P.M.
Contemporary Worship

Worship
WITH US

SUNDAYS
9:00 A.M.
Traditional Worship

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

Gary Dennison
- Contemp. Music Lead

Ben Kinchen
- Interim Sunday
Keyboardist

Nancy Cermalara
- 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.

Veterans Day Worship & Lunch

Friday, November 7, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
5601 Washington Road
Kenosha, WI 53140
*Southeast corner of Green Bay &
Washington Roads.*

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



LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 8, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Free Admission

Food Concessions ~ Gift Card Raffle
Bake Sale featuring delicious treats from
R&M Orchards of Pleasant Prairie

**Volunteers are needed to make
this event a success!**

Sign up for a two hour shift helping with the
concessions, bake sale, or gift card raffle.

A sign up can be found at
www.lordoflifekenosha.org/craft



**Don't forget to return your 2026 Intent
Card the weekend of November 8 & 9.**

Bring it to church and drop it in the pledge
box found on the Welcome Center or
submit it electronically by following the
link found on the home page at
www.lordoflifekenosha.org

**Community Meal**

Sunday, November 9
at 3:45 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
before a short Bible study.

GIGGLES Friendsgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 6:00 P.M.



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

BAGELS & BIBLES

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, November 15
at 8:00 a.m.



Trivia will return
on Thursday,
January 22, 2026

Donuts & Decorating



Join us immediately
after worship on
**Sunday, November
23rd to Deck the Halls
and enjoy a treat.**

Thanksgiving Eve Service



A time to worship
& give thanks

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025
6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Followed by PIE FEST

Drop off your favorite pie
on the tables outside of
Fellowship Hall and then
join us after worship for a
time of fellowship &
enjoying the delicious pies
everyone shared.



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
5601 Washington Road
Kenosha, WI 53144

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
11:30 A.M.**

Come enjoy

**\$22 per
person**

Beautifully Decorated Holiday Tables
Catered Lunch
Raffles & Door Prizes
Holiday Entertainment

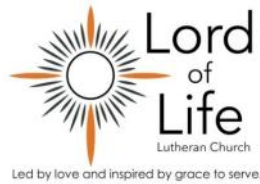
Tickets are now on sale after worship!

This year we are having hostesses set and decorate the tables like in years past. Information on being a hostess and a sign-up sheet are on the Welcome Center in the narthex. You can also call the church info at (262) 656-1995 for more info.

We are also seeking donations of gift baskets for the annual raffle. This is our major fundraiser for the Tea, so we really appreciate your help. A sign-up sheet for raffle donations can also be found on the Welcome Center.

This is a great event to invite your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy with you!

Tickets sales end November 23rd.



Mortgage Debt Reduction Update

By the grace of God and YOUR generosity, by the end of 2025, we will pay AT LEAST additional **\$97,618** towards our mortgage principal! Your generosity aided in in the recent refinance of our loan and our rate reduced from 8% to 6.9%!

Can we make it to \$100,00.00?!?!

If you are able to contribute, donations can be placed in the offering basket, clearly marked "Mortgage Reduction", mailed to the church office, you can use the camera on your phone to scan QR code, or visit www.lordoflifekenosha.org and click the DONATE button.

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity!

OCTOBER 2025 FINANCIALS

ASSETS			LIABILITIES	
<u>Funds on Hand</u>			Credit Card Balance	\$ 1,531.92
Cash on Hand - General Fund		\$25,078.82	Payroll Withholdings	\$ -
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$45,275.39		Mortgage Balance	\$ 911,296.81
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$42,801.37		Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 912,828.73</u>
Total Savings Acct		\$ 88,076.76	October	
<u>Restricted Accounts</u>			YTD Income - YTD Expenses	
MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 8,482.37		YTD Income	\$ 421,278.70
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$ 1,354.31		YTD Expenses	\$ 408,636.55
WOMEN'S TEA	\$ (57.06)		YTD Revenue	\$ 12,642.15
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$ 552.85		MEMBERS GIVING YTD	
YOUTH FUND	\$ 6,518.21		\$7,370.77 OVER BUDGET	
KINGFISH GAME	\$ (40.00)		TOTAL EXPENSES YTD	
HIGH FIVERS	\$ 169.01		\$77,922.45 OVER BUDGET	
RESTRICTED GIVING 23-25	\$ 20,000.00		(PAID \$94,789.36 ADDITIONAL	
RESTRICTED MAINT PROJ	\$ 4,000.00		MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL)	
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$ 877.93		ELCA Benevolence Paid \$8,333.30	
FOOD OUTREACH	\$ 943.75		For a more detailed financial report including line by line income and	
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 42,801.37		expenses please contact the Church Treasurer, Claudia Murillo, at	
Scrip Account		\$4,832.19	treasurer@lordoflifekenosha.org. Thank you!	
Scrip Card Inventory		\$24,135.00		



Dear friends,

Changes in the seasons are obvious. The year has almost been completed and changes in all of our lives are somewhat apparent. It is that time of year again when we look forward to gathering with family and friends to rejoice in the spirit of the holidays.

Are you dreading the holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that joyful memories from the past years can't be recreated? Sweaters...gift cards...a new cell phone? The only gift you want this Christmas is to have your loved one back. Maybe you don't feel like decorating or going to that party. You want the pain to stop. You want people to quit inviting you over. You want the holiday season to end. If you are grieving a loved one's death in the last year or two, you are invited to a free special seminar called, 'Surviving the Holidays'.

The seminar will equip participants with knowledge on how to deal with many emotions that may be experienced during the holidays. Participants will learn how to navigate holiday traditions and coming changes with friends and family. Helpful tips and strategies for surviving social events will also be covered.

The free seminar will last two hours and be held **Saturday, December 6th at St. Mary's Lutheran Church**, 2001 80th Street Kenosha from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the lounge. Refreshments will be served. Facilitator, Nurse Sue will lead participants through a video and an opportunity to share (no pressure, this is optional). We want you to feel comfortable! Participants will also receive a personal copy of the GriefShare Holiday Survival Guide.

All are welcome to the seminar. If you are planning to attend please call St. Mary's church office 262-658-3555 to reserve your seat and book guide. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nurse Sue for further details.

Shalom,

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



Support & Food Assistance for Kenosha & Racine Counties

If you're a resident of Kenosha or Racine County and your food benefits or household budget are impacted by the federal government shutdown, you are not alone.

HOW TO GET HELP: Impact 211

There are several ways to contact 211:

- Visit 211wisconsin's interactive resource map found at <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/searchresults/render/ds>
- Text your zip code to 898211
- Dial 211 from your phone (or 1-877-947-2211)
- Visit 211wisconsin.org and click "Live Chat"

Please note that 211 is experiencing very high call volumes, so wait times may be very long. You are encouraged to utilize the interactive resource map.

Why contact 211? They can connect you with up-to-date information about emergency food boxes, food pantries, benefit applications, utilities, housing assistance and other crisis support during this shutdown period.

November 5

Dominic & Michele Frese

November 10

Rob & Romey Walden

November 12Jack Betz & Linda
Kramer-Betz**November 14**

Ed & Elke Gramza

November 24

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

Welcome, New Members

This year we have welcomed the following new members. We welcome them into our faith family at Lord of Life!

Jeff & Lana Stanich

Pam Paolinetti

Thomas & Gladys Yuenkel

Zack & Melissa Miller and daughter Nora

Joe Martinez & Kirstin Beattie

Dave & Judy Schaefer

Interested in becoming a member of Lord of Life?

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, our Church Administrator (often found behind the soundboard on Sundays) and we'll get the process started.

Or you can call the church office at (262)656-1995 or email us at office@lordoflifekenosha.org



Our annual holiday Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, December 18th.

Hold off on donating blood until then, as 56 days are required between donations (Oct. 23). Watch for the opportunity to sign up coming soon.



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 or call the office at (262)656-1995.

SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS

November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Usher/Greeter			
OPEN	Steve & Patsy Kolner	OPEN	OPEN
Lesson Reader			
Chris Daugherty	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Communion Wine Servers			
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Altar Care			
OPEN	OPEN	Jan Niederloh	OPEN
SCRIP sales			
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
A/V			
Connie Wittmus	OPEN	Jonah Sens	OPEN

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Usher/Greeter			
Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Lesson Reader			
Joyce Behlke	Pam Leonard	John Meyer	Beth Files
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers			
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom 1 Needed (bread)	Kim Sly Gary Kovacs 1 Needed (Bread)	Pam Leonard (wine) 1 Needed (wine) John Meyer (bread)	Kathy Miller (wine) 1 Needed (wine) Beth Files (bread)
Altar Care			
OPEN	Kathy Miller	OPEN	Kathy Miller
Coffee Hour Host			
Skyla & Fisher Hurlbut	Joy Buttke & Kat Seremjian	Mayerak Family	Beth Files
SCRIP sales			
Pam Leonard	Kim Sly	OPEN	OPEN
Communion Bread			
Not Needed	Kathy Miller	Jan Niederloh	Beth Files
A/V			
Angie Wollschlager	Angie Wollschlager	Angie Wollschlager	Angie Wollschlager



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

LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1
5:00 p.m.
Contemporary
Worship

2 Daylight Savings Ends

9:00 a.m. Worship
& Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee
Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Adult

3
10:00 a.m.
Better Brain
Health

6:00 p.m.
Confirmation

4
9:30 a.m.—
3:30 p.m. Our
Harmony Club

6:00 p.m.
Financial
Literacy

5
12:00 p.m.
Ladies of
Lydia

6
7:00 p.m. AA

7
11:00 a.m.
Veterans
Worship
Service

11:15 a.m.
PB&J @
Outreach Ctr

8 ^{2026 Commitment Weekend}
9:00a - 3:00p
3rd Annual
Craft &
Vendor Fair

5:00 p.m.
Contemporary
Worship

9 ^{2026 Commitment Weekend}

9:00 a.m. Worship
& Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee
Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Adult
Education
3:45 p.m.
Community Meal
@ Living Faith

10
6:00 p.m.
Confirmation

11 Veterans Day
6:00 p.m.
Financial
Literacy
Ministry

7:00 p.m.
Council

12
12:00 p.m.
Ladies of
Lydia

13
7:00 p.m. AA

14
11:15 a.m.
PB&J @
Outreach Ctr

6:00 p.m.
GIGGLES
Friendsgiving

15
8:00 a.m.
Men's Bagels
& Bibles

5:00 p.m.
Contemporary
Worship

16
9:00 a.m. Worship
& Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee
Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Adult
Education

17
6:00 p.m.
Confirmation

7:00 Adult
Confirmation
Class

18
9:30 a.m.—
3:30 p.m. Our
Harmony Club

6:00 p.m.
Financial
Literacy
Ministry

19
12:00 p.m.
Ladies of
Lydia

20
7:00 p.m. AA

21
11:15 a.m.
PB&J @
Outreach Ctr

22
5:00 p.m.
Contemporary
Worship

23 ^{Christmas Tea ticket sales end}

9:00 a.m. Worship
& Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee
Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Donuts
& Decorating

24
6:00 p.m.
Confirmation

25

26
12:00 p.m.
Ladies of Lydia

6:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving
Eve Worship
& Pie Fest

27

7:00 p.m. AA

28
11:15 a.m.
PB&J @
Outreach Ctr

29
5:00 p.m.
Contemporary
Worship

30
9:00 a.m. Worship &
Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Coffee
Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Adult Ed.



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.

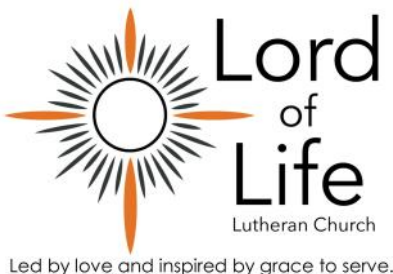
The pandemic caused us to shift to sharing grocery gift cards instead, and we will continue that this year due to its success.

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, Wednesday, November 19 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](#) if reading electronically, leave a voice mail at (262)925-3821, or email churchadministrator@lordoflifekenosha.org by Thursday, November 20th.

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



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