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The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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JOIN US

GOOD FRIDAY
THE PASSION
OF THE CHRIST
THE MOVIE



Friday, April 3rd at 3:00 p.m. - Snacks Provided

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
- Karel Suchy**
- Music Director
- Nancy Cerminara**
- 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.

GOOD FRIDAY 

April 3
Noon: Community Worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church; 8760 37th Ave.
6:30 p.m. Worship at Lord of Life

MAUNDY THURSDAY 

April 2 | 6:30 p.m.
Celebration of First Communion

No contemporary worship service on Saturday, April 4.

EASTER 

April 5
8:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Worship (Live-streamed)
11:00 a.m. Kid's Easter Egg Hunt
Bake Sale after both services.

Join Us for
Holy Humor Weekend! 

Rejoice & Laugh!

April 11th & 12th

Bring Your Favorite Joke!

Wear Your Fun T-Shirt!



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



FINANCIAL PEACE STARTS HERE

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Begins: Tuesday, April 14th – 6:00 p.m.

As followers of Christ, we believe God owns everything in our lives. If you're like most Christians, you wish you could honor God more with your finances. But between debt payments and living paycheck to paycheck, you don't feel like you can. There's hope! In our FPU class starting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM, you'll learn how to get out of debt and free up your money to give and serve the way God is calling you to.

The first and last classes will be held in person, the rest will be held online.


Contact Steve or Matt for more info.

come serve with us

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.

Community Meal
 Sunday, April 12 at 3:45 p.m.
 Living Faith Lutheran Church
 2915 Wright Ave, Racine
 Join us to pack to-go meals.

A Celebration of Life for Perry Claeys will be held at Lord of Life on Saturday, April 18 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and snacks.




CONVERSATIONS MEN NEED TO HAVE
 MEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, April 18 at 8:00 a.m.

GIGGLES GAME NIGHT
Girls In God Growing Loving Eating Sharing

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026
 6:00 PM SNACKS
 GAMES START AROUND 6:30 PM
 FELLOWSHIP HALL AT LORD OF LIFE

Bring a favorite game, appetizer or snack, and beverage.

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We are in the process of obtaining quotes to replace the carpeting in the original end of the building. To kick off this project, we have started a new fundraiser. We have partnered with That's My Pan!® who offers unique, high quality products!

They offer a variety of personalized products including cake pans & lids, coffee mugs, cookie tins, cutting boards, utensils, pet products, and more! By placing an order, you help us raise funds and in turn receive a fun, personalized gift that will last a lifetime. These are great gift ideas for Mother's Day, Father's Day, wedding gifts, or just to treat yourself and Lord of Life earns \$4—\$12 per item!

Stay tuned for more information or check out the display table after the Easter worship services.



Dear Siblings in Christ:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Easter doesn't just happen on one Sunday morning—it spills over. It lingers. It echoes. It changes everything.

Because of Easter, hope is no longer wishful thinking—it is a living, breathing promise. The tomb is empty, which means despair does not get the final word. Fear does not get the final word. Negativity does not get the final word. Christ does. And that changes how we live.

As we move into this season after Easter—and even into what many call “Humor Month”—we are reminded that joy is not just allowed in the Christian life...it is essential. The resurrection is the greatest “plot twist” in history. God takes what looked like defeat and turns it into victory. If that's not reason to smile, laugh, and even share a little holy humor, I don't know what is.

There's something deeply faithful about joy.
Not because life is always easy—but because Christ is alive.
Not because everything is perfect—but because God is still at work.

In a world that often feels heavy, divided, and quick to criticize, we are called to be something different. We are resurrection people. That means we carry hope into hopeless places. We speak encouragement where negativity is loud. We choose love—even when it costs us something.

This month, I want to invite you into a simple but powerful practice:
Be someone who shares resurrection!

That might look like:

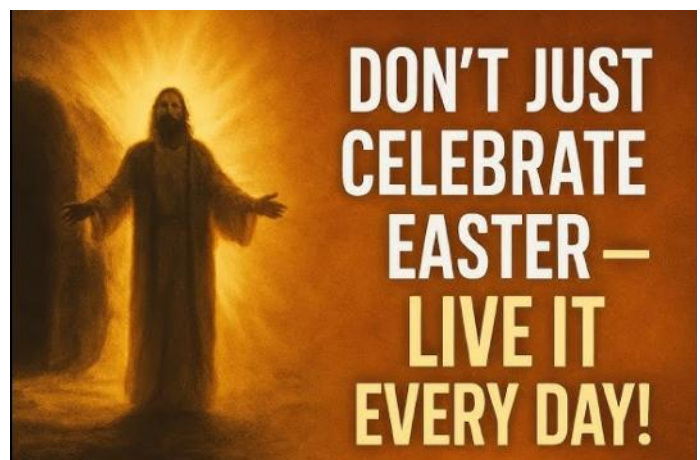
- Offering a kind word instead of a complaint (especially on social media)
- Choosing grace instead of judgment
- Sharing a laugh with someone who needs it
- Noticing where God is at work—and naming it

Because here's the truth: negativity spreads quickly... but so does love.

And as followers of the risen Christ, we are called to be people who tip the balance toward love. So laugh a little more. Encourage a little more. Hope a little more boldly.

Christ is risen—and that means joy, love, and hope are not just ideas... they are our way of life. Alleluia—and keep sharing the good news.

In Christ's joy and hope,
Pastor Chip



Dear Friends,

Spring is here and many folks are trying new healthy food concepts as we look forward to wearing and looking decent in our summer attire. I have been trying new vegetables and fruits, and an oldie, nevertheless a goodie, has emerged from my selection; prunes, a dried plum. While I like to point out the many benefits of prunes in a diet, there are many folks that have misconceptions about this fruit. So, I would like to debunk some myths about prunes and shine some light on the benefits of prunes.



Some people think prunes automatically cause digestive problems. The helpful news prunes and prune juice do not cause diarrhea and digestive discomfort if eaten appropriately. There is sorbitol, a sugar alcohol, in prunes. Studies show that consuming 20 grams of sorbitol a day may cause diarrhea. If an adult eats a serving of 5 or 6 prunes in a day the sorbitol count is six grams. Many health care practitioners recommend adults to start eating prunes gradually, perhaps 3 in a day and working up to 5 or 6 prunes spread out in a day. Prunes contain insoluble fiber (helps with regularity) and soluble fiber (that improves digestion)

Prunes are associated with relieving constipation. Yes, they do promote regularity, but they can do so much more for our bodies. Prunes contain Phyto-nutrients, vitamins K and A, minerals such as potassium and magnesium and anti-inflammatory properties that may help protect bone in postmenopausal women. Also, the soluble fiber in prunes can help lower LDL cholesterol and potassium might help manage blood pressure.

People wonder if prunes raise blood sugar significantly. The soluble fiber manages the blood sugar levels. Prunes are listed as having a low glycemic index so they are less likely to raise blood sugars. Many chefs use prunes in baked goods and fancy entrees in place of extra sugar, eggs, and butter.

The only difference between dried fruit and fresh fruit is the fluid content. Per serving, dried fruit is more concentrated in vitamins and minerals. So, prunes are portable, shelf stable and come with you to work to the gym or when you are traveling. I keep my stash in the refrigerator until I eat them or take them with me for the day. I find they make a great snack and bring a sweet taste, chewiness, and fullness when you are looking for a mid-morning or afternoon nibble.

In conclusion, prunes are not just for the elderly. They are nutritious and delicious whether you are eating them or adding them to your cuisine. Enjoy the below recipe that includes prunes and is delicious!

Shalom,

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

Vegan Brownie Cookies

Ingredients:

8 oz Prunes	1T vanilla extract	1 ¾ C all-purpose flour
½ C unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted	1T fresh-brewed espresso or strong coffee	½ C granulated sugar
2T raw flaxseeds	½ C sunflower oil or other neutral oil	1 tsp baking powder
½ C hot water	1 ½ tsp. sea salt	¾ tsp baking soda
1C dark chocolate, coarsely chopped	½ C light brown sugar, packed	1C dark chocolate chips

Instructions:

- ♦ Preheat oven to 350 F and line several baking sheets with parchment paper
- ♦ To a high-speed blender add the prunes, cocoa powder, flaxseeds and hot water (in that order) Blend on low for several minutes or until smooth. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the blender to make sure that everything is well combined. Measure out about ½ C of the prune puree and reserve the remaining for your next batch (it freezes well). Don't clean your blender and set aside for the next step.
- ♦ To a large, heat safe bowl set over simmering water, add the dark chocolate, oil, brown sugar, granulated sugar, and ½ C of prune puree from above. Make sure the water doesn't boil or touch the bottom of the bowl. Stir frequently until the chocolate is melted and then pour the mixture back into the blender, add the vanilla and express/coffee and blend on low until quite smooth, no more than 1 minute.
- ♦ In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sea salt, baking powder and baking soda. Scoop the chocolate mixture into the flour mixture and fold until the dough is mixed, but you still see streaks of flour. It will be very thick. Add the chocolate chips and fold until evenly mixed throughout the dough. The dough will appear slightly glossy and quite thick, this is perfect.
- ♦ Gently roll 2 T of dough into a ball and place it on the cookie sheet, allowing about 2 inches between each dough ball.
- ♦ Bake one sheet at a time for 10 minutes. You want to under-bake cookies. Cool on sheet for 15 minutes then transfer to a cooling rack.

April 16
Jurey & Connie Wittmus

April 19
Mark & Sherry Sinnen

April 22
Don & Bev Estes



April 24
Ed & Tanya Brady
Joe & Jean Garretto

April 29
Karl & Jodi Erickson



FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCIALS

ASSETS	
Funds on Hand	
Cash on Hand - General Fund	\$32,119.91
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$50,850.80
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$48,205.30
Total Savings Acct	\$ 99,056.10
Restricted Accounts	
MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 8,482.37
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$ 1,354.31
WOMEN'S TEA	\$ 1,098.75
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$ 552.85
YOUTH FUND	\$ 5,838.21
KINGFISH GAME	\$ (40.00)
HIGH FIVERS	\$ 169.01
RESTRICTED GIVING 23-25	\$ 20,000.00
RESTRICTED MAINT PROJECTS	\$ 8,000.00
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$ 877.93
FOOD OUTREACH	\$ 1,871.87
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 48,205.30
Scrip Account	\$3,096.56
Scrip Card Inventory	\$27,770.00
LIABILITIES	
Credit Card Balance	\$ 644.99
Payroll Withholdings	\$ -
Mortgage Balance	\$ 857,066.52
Total Liabilities	\$ 857,711.51

February	
YTD Income - YTD Expenses	
YTD Income	\$ 81,193.77
YTD Expenses	\$ 71,725.90
YTD Revenue	\$ 9,467.87
MEMBERS GIVING YTD	\$11,938.34 OVER BUDGET
TOTAL EXPENSES YTD	\$5,784.08 UNDER BUDGET (PAID \$5,267.70 ADDITIONAL MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL)
ELCA Benevolence Paid \$1,666.66	

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!



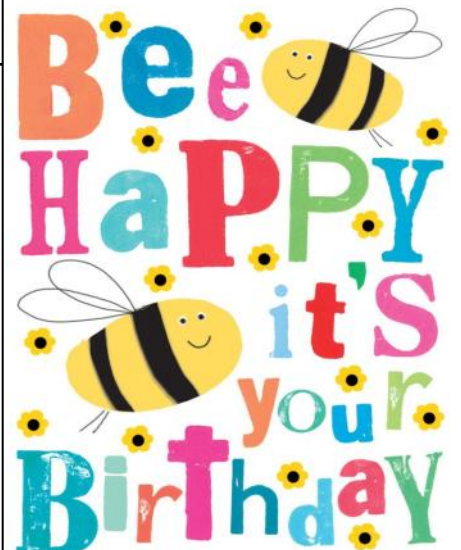
- 1 Michele Frese
- 3 Allison Stanislawski
- 5 Tom Sepanski, Jonah Hawlish, Leanne Dunn
- 6 Laura Lynch, Ralph McCarthy
- 7 Timothy Arnold
- 9 Nancy Haldeman, John Lynch, Bayleigh Tienhaara, Joe Martinez
- 10 Jeff Wollschlager
- 14 Ashlie Hurlbut
- 15 Sue Schmidt-Decker
- 16 Bennett Quinnell, Nora Miller
- 17 Lisa Romano, Cathy Decker, Julian Strott
- 19 Neil Kersten, Brynlee Retzlaff
- 20 Michaela Isetts-Williams, Alivia Scazarro
- 21 Grace Kleutsch, Helena Faraca
- 22 Jean Garretto, Chris Dunn
- 24 Jurey Wittmus
- 26 Tyler Vogel, Trevor Norgaard
- 27 Sydney Parker
- 28 Hannah Ley

Update your Information



Please don't forget to notify the church office of any changes to your contact information. This includes phone numbers, email address and home address.

Please contact the church office at office@lordoflifekenosha.org or (262) 656-1995 with any updates.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS		
April 11	April 18	April 25th
Usher/Greeter		
OPEN	Steve & Patsy Kolner	OPEN
Lesson Reader		
Ian Clyne	OPEN	OPEN
Communion Wine Servers		
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Altar Care		
Jan Niederloh	OPEN	OPEN
SCRIP sales		
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
A/V		
OPEN	OPEN	Jonah Sens

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS				
Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.	April 12	April 19	April 26
Usher/Greeter				
Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	OPEN	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Russ & Becky Brewer
Lesson Reader				
Beth Files	Pam Leonard	OPEN	John Meyer	Becky Brewer
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers				
Kathy Miller (wine) Chris Daugherty Beth Files (bread)	Pam Leonard (wine) Michelle Eisenhauer John Meyer (bread)	Kim Sly (wine) Gary Kovacs (wine) 1 Needed (bread)	Kathy Miller (wine) 1 Needed (wine) John Meyer (bread)	Kim Sly (wine) Gary Kovacs (wine) 1 Needed (bread)
Altar Care				
Kathy Miller	Lynn Kancian	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Kathy Miller	OPEN
Coffee Hour Host				
Easter Breakfast	Not Needed	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
SCRIP sales				
Not Needed	Not Needed	OPEN	Kim Sly	Kim Sly
Communion Bread				
Beth Files	Beth Files	OPEN	Kathy Miller	OPEN
A/V				
Chris Daugherty	Angie Wollschlager	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN



To sign up to volunteer, visit
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LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
  <p>Wait on the Lord BE OF GOOD COURAGE and HE shall STRENGTHEN your heart Psalm 27:14</p>			1 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	2 9:00 a.m. Comfort 4a Cause Quilters 6:30 p.m. Maudy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m. AA	3 12:00 p.m. Community Worship at St. Paul's 3:00 p.m. Passion of the Christ Movie 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship	4 No Contemporary Worship
5 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Kid's Easter Egg Hunt	6	7 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	8 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	9 7:00 p.m. AA	10 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	11 Holy Humor 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
12 Holy Humor 8:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 3:45 p.m. Community Meal @ Living Faith	13 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	14 6:00 p.m. Financial Literacy Ministry	15 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	16 7:00 p.m. AA	17 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	18 8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels & Bibles 11:00 a.m. Perry Claeys Memorial 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
19 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	20 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class	21 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club 6:00 p.m. Financial Literacy Ministry	22 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	23 7:00 p.m. AA	24 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center 6:00 p.m. GIGGLES Game Night	25 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
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MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



In the month of April we will continue to encourage all to help save the ELCA Outreach Center's Summer Camp, which has been a place of joy, growth, and opportunity for children in our community for over 25 years. Due to a \$25,000 reduction in grant funding, they face the possibility of having to cancel the 2026 program.

Each summer 60-75 elementary children count on this camp and many of our Lord of Life high school students have spent their summers volunteering as helpers and group leaders.



Please consider making a donation to help bridge this \$25,000 gap. Together we can protect a program that has helped shape young lives for over two decades.

Electronic donations can be made by scanning the QR code with your smart device, or by [CLICKING HERE](#) if you are reading this electronically. Special envelopes can be found on the Welcome Center where donations by cash or check can be placed in the offering basket. As long as you use the special envelopes, or clearly mark one of your own, checks can be made out to Lord of Life and we will then send the Outreach Center one check with all of them combined.



**SATURDAYS
5:00 P.M.**
Contemporary Worship



**SUNDAYS
9:00 A.M.**
Traditional Worship



Led by love and inspired by grace to serve.



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