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The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you as we step into the season of Advent—these beautiful, hope-filled weeks when the Church leans forward with anticipation, watching for the Light that no darkness can overcome.

December always feels like a season lived in two directions. On one hand, there is the familiar whirlwind: Christmas lists, school concerts, family gatherings, and the rush of preparing our homes for celebration. Yet Advent invites us gently, persistently, to slow down. To breathe. To listen for the voice of God whispering hope into weary places. To remember that long before angels filled the sky, God was already at work in the quiet.

This year at Lord of Life, as we journey toward Bethlehem once again, I pray that you will find moments of holy pause—moments when Christ meets you right where you are. Whether you arrive in this season with excitement, exhaustion, grief, or gratitude, the promise remains the same: **God is drawing near.** Not because we have prepared perfectly, but because God delights in coming close to us.

One of my favorite Advent verses comes from the prophet Isaiah, who speaks a word meant for both ancient Israel and modern hearts:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined."

—Isaiah 9:2

That's the promise we carry into this month: God's light is breaking in—steadily, quietly, faithfully. And as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we remember that this light is not just something we see, but something we bear. We are called to reflect Christ's love into our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our community.

I hope you will join us for meaningful worship, fellowship, and service opportunities happening this month—from Advent Saturdays/Sundays and other gatherings to Christmas Eve worship. These rhythms anchor us in what really matters: the presence of Emmanuel, God with us.

May your December be filled with grace that steadies you, peace that surrounds you, and joy that surprises you when you least expect it. And may the Christ-child, whose birth we await, make His home once again in your heart.

Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas,
Pastor Chip

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 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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SATURDAYS 5:00 P.M. Contemporary Worship		SUNDAYS 9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship
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We are led by love and inspired by grace to serve.

Advent(ure)

FINDING CHRIST IN THE CHAOS



Holy Moments in Holiday Mayhem

When Plans Fall Apart: Hope in Interruptions

When Family Gets Messy: Peace in Relationships

When the Budget Breaks: Joy in Simplicity

When Waiting Feels Forever: Love in Patience

When Christ Finally Comes: Grace Fulfilled



Christmas Eve Worship at Lord of Life

2:00 p.m. ✦ 4:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m. Pajama Service

Communion & our favorite Christmas hymns at all services

NIGHT OF WORSHIP UGLY SWEATER EDITION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
SOUP AT 5PM | WORSHIP AT 6PM



ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN
2001 80TH ST, KENOSHA



Celebrate the birth of Jesus by sponsoring poinsettias: The cost is \$15.00 per plant. Please use one of the special envelopes in the narthex, enclose the donation and place it in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Lord of Life. Electronic payments are also accepted on our website: Visit www.lordoflifekenosha.org click DONATE and choose Christmas Poinsettias. If your dedication won't fit in box provided, email it to office@lordoflifekenosha.org

Poinsettia orders must be in by Sunday, Dec. 14th.



SERVING OTHERS

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, December 14 at 3:45 p.m.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

2915 Wright Ave, Racine



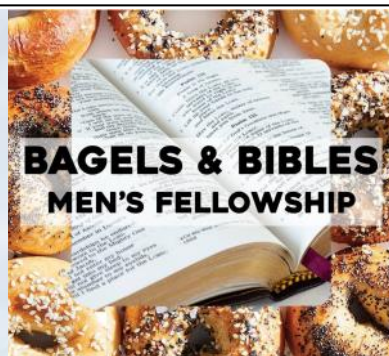
American
Red Cross

See page 4 for info about
our Dec. 18 Blood Drive

Give a gift.

Get a gift.

Restrictions apply.
See amazon.com/go/legit



BAGELS & BIBLES
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Saturday,
December 20
at 8:00 a.m.**

Welcome New Music Director!

We are excited to share that we have hired Mr. Karel Suchy as our Music Director effective December 1st. Karel brings over 35 years of experience as a church musician.

Karel was born in Czechoslovakia, where he studied piano, organ and composition, and earned his M.S. in Engineering. Since defecting from Communist Czechoslovakia in 1979, Karel has worked with churches all over southeast Wisconsin, as well as being the founder/director of Voices and Verses, a performance group creating performances and events which incorporate various art forms.



Karel's first Sunday with us will be Sunday, December 7th and we look forward to moving forward together in worship and praise.



Mortgage Debt Reduction Update

By the grace of God and YOUR generosity, as of November 25, 2025,
by the end of 2025 we will pay an additional

\$124,679.56

towards our mortgage principal! Your generosity aided in the recent
refinance of our loan and our rate reduced from 8% to 6.9%!

**If you are someone who has set up automatic donations towards this effort,
please let us know if you will be willing to continue that generosity in 2026.**

*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!

Dear friends,

Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th, 9:30—11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Lutheran Church; 2001 80th Street, Kenosha. No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there is hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. The program is free, but registration is required. Call the St. Mary's office at (262) 658-3555 to reserve your spot.



💧 Join Our Upcoming Blood Drive at Lord of Life Lutheran Church on December 18th 💧

Help Us Reach Our Goal of Collecting 40 Lifesaving Donations!

Want to make a real difference in just one hour? Donate blood and you'll be giving someone a second chance at life.

Here's why you should donate:

- 🧬 **Find out your blood type** (first-time donors will get their results within a week!)
- 🍕 **Enjoy free snacks** after your donation
- ❤️ **Save more than one life** with just one donation
- 🤝 **Bring a friend** and make a lifesaving difference together!

Eligibility:

Donors must be at least **16 years old**. If you're 16, a **parental permission slip** is required to donate. High school donors must meet height and weight requirements to donate blood. Parental consent and height and weight chart can be obtained by contacting the church office. Check out Busting Blood Donation Myths here- <https://youtu.be/qm9DZFrLWQU?si=xGpG26CbzHqtiSS1>

🎁 Special December Thank-You Gift!

- Gift a gift get a gift. All presenting donors 12/8-12/18 will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card by email.

💡 Ready to sign up?

- ♥ If you're reading this electronically, [CLICK HERE](#) and choose Lord of Life from the list on the left.
- ♥ Otherwise, visit www.redcrossblood.org, enter zip code 53144 in the Find a Drive box in the upper right hand corner and choose Lord of Life from the list on the left. You can also call tel: 1-800-733-2767

Let's make a difference together. Donate blood, save lives, and inspire gratitude this December.

Shalom,

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



December 5

Jeff Williams &
Candace Isetts-Williams

December 6

Marty & Tracy Pavilonis

**December 13**

Bill & Julie Remiker

December 30

Brad & Kathy Cooper



- 1 Aidan Vogel, Alyssa Vogel, Nathan Retzlaff
- 3 Jim Nelsen
- 4 Laura Craemer Rasch, Nadine Winker, Eugene Capelli,
- 6 Diane Schaeffer, Cliff Lundstrom
- 7 Gale Haldeman, Deanna Hawlish
- 8 Joey Hawlish, Caleb Mayerak
- 9 Bill Dorst, Nick Terrell, Norah Dishno
- 10 Kyle Young, Jonah Sens, Rachel Taft, Mallory Arnold
- 12 Neva Hileman
- 14 Jake Wikstrom, Vinnie Gardina, Andrew Pavilonis
- 15 Sherry Sinnen
- 18 Debbie Kaarto, Kay Leslie,
- 20 Shirley Hauck, Chris Jeserig, Mary Schroeder, Easton Williams
- 21 Bailey Berger, Jill Jeserig
- 22 David Maedke, Sarah Kancian, Gio Bilotta
- 23 Jeff Deinhammer
- 24 Collin Fowler, Jeff Williams,
- 25 Janae Plunkett
- 26 Rob Walden
- 28 Ally Larson, Rick Musselman,
- 29 Jen Miller, Jennifer Arnold
- 30 Jim Cimfel
- 31 Nick McCoy, Cathy Rutkowski, Parker Jeserig, Jeff Dishno



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| ☐ SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS | ☐ EAT A CANDY CANE |
| ☐ VISIT SANTA | ☐ CHRISTMAS MOVIE MARATHON |
| ☐ DRINK HOT CHOCOLATE | ☐ VISIT A CARE CENTER |
| ☐ DONATE A TOY | ☐ 3 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS |
| ☐ GO SEE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS | ☐ READ THE BIRTH OF JESUS |
| ☐ MAKE A CHRISTMAS CRAFT | ☐ SEE A CHRISTMAS PLAY |
| ☐ WRAP PRESENTS | ☐ MAKE PEPPERMINT BARK |
| ☐ GO SLEDDING | ☐ MAKE TREATS FOR NEIGHBORS |
| ☐ BUILD A SNOWMAN | ☐ DONATE TO THE FOOD BANK |
| ☐ BUILD A GINGERBREAD HOUSE | ☐ GO OUT CAROLING |
| ☐ WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA | ☐ COOK DINNER FOR A FRIEND |

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| ☐ DELIVER DONUTS TO THE LOCAL FIRE STATION |
| ☐ ATTEND A CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING |
| ☐ READ A CHRISTMAS BOOK AS A FAMILY |



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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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS		
December 6	December 13	December 20
Usher/Greeter		
OPEN	OPEN	Pat Demos
Lesson Reader		
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Communion Wine Servers		
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Altar Care		
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
SCRIP sales		
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
A/V		
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

**NO SATURDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE ON
DECEMBER 27**

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS			
December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
Usher/Greeter			
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Steve & Tina Ketterhagen	Russ & Becky Brewer
Lesson Reader			
Pam Leonard	John Meyer	Chris Daugherty	Becky Brewer
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers			
Pam Leonard (wine) 1 Needed (wine) Beth Files (bread)	Norma & Cliff Lundstrom John Meyer (bread)	Kim Sly (wine) Gary Kovacs (wine) Lori Vogel (bread)	Kathy Miller (wine) 1 Needed (wine) 1 Needed (bread)
Altar Care			
Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Kathy Miller	Lori Vogel	Kathy Miller
Coffee Hour Host			
OPEN	OPEN	Beth Files	Vogel Family
SCRIP sales			
Lisa Romano	Kim Sly	Kim Sly	OPEN
Communion Bread			
Lisa Romano	Deb Wamboldt & Kathy Miller	Cindy Terrell	Kathy Miller
A/V			
Angie Wollschlager	Chris Daugherty	Angie Wollschlager	Angie Wollschlager

Christmas Eve Volunteers

2:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
Usher/Greeter		
Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	OPEN
Lesson Reader		
John Meyer	Beth Files	Chris Daugherty
Communion Servers		
Robin Berry (wine)	Pam Leonard (wine)	Lisa McCarthy (wine)
OPEN (wine)	OPEN (wine)	Chris Daugherty (wine)
John Meyer (bread)	Beth Files (bread)	Lori Vogel (bread)
Altar Care		
Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	OPEN
Communion Bread		
Beth Files		
A/V		
OPEN	Angie Wollschlager	Ralph McCarthy



LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	2 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. OurHarmony Club	3 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	4 7:00 p.m. AA	5 11:15 a.m. PBJ @ Outreach Center	6 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
7 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Women's Christmas Tea 5:00 p.m. ELCA Night of Worship	8 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	9 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	10 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	11 7:00 p.m. AA	12 11:15 a.m. PBJ @ Outreach Center	13 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
14 Poinsettia orders due 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	15 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class	16 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	17 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	18 1:00 p.m. Blood Drive 7:00 p.m. AA	19 11:15 a.m. PBJ @ Outreach Center	20 8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels & Bibles 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
21 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	22	23	24  2:00 p.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Worship	25 Christmas Day 	26 11:15 a.m. PBJ @ Outreach Center	27 NO EVENING WORSHIP
28 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

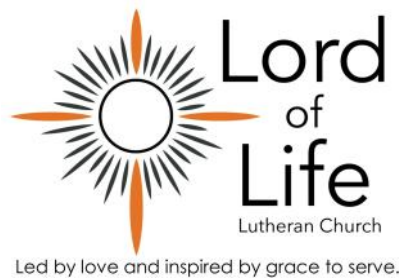
MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



We once again teamed up with the ELCA Outreach Center to provide Christmas gifts for 60 children in need. Please share the holiday spirit & choose a tag with a child's holiday wish.

Please return the gifts UNWRAPPED with the original tag that you chose included by Wednesday, December 10th.

(It's ok to return the gifts in a large gift bag, just not wrapped in paper. The spending guideline is \$30-\$50 per child.)



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