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# LIFELINES

The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Lent is often described as a season of giving something up. Chocolate. Soda. Social media. Maybe even caffeine (for the especially brave among us). But this year, we are taking on a different kind of fast.

We are fasting from the negativity of the world.

If you have turned on the news lately, scrolled through social media, or listened in on public conversation, you know how easy it is to become shaped by outrage, sarcasm, cynicism, and division. Negativity is loud. It is contagious. And if we are not careful, it slowly disciples us.

Lent invites us to be disciplined by someone else.

For these **40 Days Toward Christlike Love**, we are intentionally stepping away from the reflex of complaint and stepping toward the rhythm of Christ. Each day, I am posting a simple Lenten practice—a small, concrete action—to help us live differently.

Fasting from negativity does not mean ignoring injustice or pretending pain does not exist. It means refusing to let anger be our master. It means choosing encouragement over criticism, curiosity over condemnation, compassion over contempt. It means asking each day: *What would Christlike love look like here?*

Lent is not about self-improvement. It is about surrender. It is about making space for the Holy Spirit to reshape our instincts. Over time, what we practice becomes who we are.

Imagine what could happen if 40 days of intentional love reshaped not just individuals—but our whole community. Imagine homes marked by patience. Conversations marked by grace. Social media feeds marked by encouragement. Imagine what that witness could mean in a weary world.

I invite you to join in fully. Follow along with the daily Lenten practices. Try them. Share them. Reflect on them. And most of all, pray through them.

We are not just counting down to Easter.

We are being formed for it.

Grace and peace,  
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 Cerminara**  
- Custodian

## Church Council

- Matt Ley**  
- President
- Ralph McCarthy**  
- Vice President & Treasurer
- Tanya Brady**  
- Secretary
- Russ Brewer**
- Kathy Cooper**
- Lynn Kovacs**
- Gary Kivanc**  
- 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.*

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### PALM SUNDAY



Sat. March 28 | 5:00 p.m.

Sun. March 29 | 9:00 a.m.

First Communion Class at 10:15 a.m.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY



April 2 | 6:30 p.m.

Celebration of First Communion

### 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

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

Pick up a treat at the bake sale after either Easter service.



### Communion Instruction

#### Class Date

Sunday, March 29, 2026 10:15—11:15 a.m.  
(Palm Sunday)

#### Celebration of First Communion

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 2, 6:30 p.m.

We'll share this time together learning about Communion and what it means. This class offered to children beginning in 4th grade, to younger children whose parents feel their child is ready to receive the gifts of communion, or to older children who may have never attended the class. At least one parent must attend the class with their child.

Please contact the church office to register:  
(262) 656-1995 or office@lordoflifekenosha.org



### CONVERSATIONS MEN NEED TO HAVE

MEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, March 28 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Sundays, March 8 at  
3:45 p.m.

Living Faith  
Lutheran Church  
2915 Wright Ave,  
Racine

## Congregational Council Nominations

Nominations will soon be sought for our Congregational Council, which will be elected during our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 28th. There are two Council positions whose terms are ending, but they are both eligible for a second term. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor Chip, Angie or Connie from the church office, or a member of the Nominating Team: Amanda Ley, Chris Daugherty, and Lori Vogel. Additional information and the nominating form will be available next month.



## JANUARY 2026 FINANCIALS

ASSETS	
<b>Funds on Hand</b>	
Cash on Hand - General Fund	\$33,822.33
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$50,554.85
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$48,023.48
<b>Total Savings Acct</b>	<b>\$ 98,578.33</b>
<b>Restricted Accounts</b>	
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	\$ 1,690.05
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$ 48,023.48</b>
Scrip Account	\$7,380.82
Scrip Card Inventory	\$22,590.00
LIABILITIES	
Credit Card Balance	\$ 943.70
Payroll Withholdings	\$ -
Mortgage Balance	\$ 865,513.96
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 866,457.66</b>

YTD Income - YTD Expenses	
YTD Income	\$ 42,258.93
YTD Expenses	\$ 31,650.09
YTD Revenue	\$ 10,608.84
MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$9,609.94 OVER BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$1,320.82 UNDER BUDGET <b>(PAID \$854.85 ADDITIONAL MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL)</b>
ELCA Benevolence Paid \$833.33	



### Mortgage Debt Reduction

By the grace of God and YOUR generosity, in 2025 we paid an additional **\$127,893.36** towards our mortgage principal!!!

We have many families who have continued their monthly extra gift towards this effort for 2026, and it's not too late to join them.

*If you are able to contribute, there are several options to donate:*

- ◇ *In the offering basket, clearly marked "Mortgage Reduction"*
- ◇ *Mail to the church office*
- ◇ *Visit [www.lordoflifekenosha.org](http://www.lordoflifekenosha.org) and click the DONATE button.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING GENEROSITY!**

Dear friends,

As we slide into March, we raise up World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st. We celebrate and champion for all those loved ones that were born with Down Syndrome. I want to bring awareness to this condition and educate and debunk myths and misinformation. As I advocate for our granddaughter, I am reminded to celebrate our abilities and accomplishments in life and reflect on the many blessings we each experience every day.



Down syndrome occurs when an individual has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21 (occurs during conception) This additional genetic material alters the course of development and causes the characteristics associated with Down syndrome.

Here is some good information from the National Down Syndrome Society:

- ◆ There are three types of Down syndrome: trisomy 21 (nondisjunction) accounts for 95% of cases, translocation (inherited) accounts for about 3%, and mosaicism accounts for about 2%.
- ◆ Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal condition. Approximately one in every 640 babies in the United States is born with Down syndrome – about 5,700 each year.
- ◆ Down syndrome occurs in people of all races and economic levels.
- ◆ The incidence of births of children with Down syndrome increases with the age of the mother. But due to higher fertility rates in younger women, 51% of children with Down syndrome are born to women under 35 years of age.
- ◆ People with Down syndrome have an increased risk for certain medical conditions such as congenital heart defects, respiratory and hearing problems, Alzheimer's disease, childhood leukemia and thyroid conditions. Many of these conditions are now treatable, so most people with Down syndrome lead healthy lives.
- ◆ A few of the common physical traits of Down syndrome are: low muscle tone (infants might need more tummy time to strengthen neck), small stature, an upward slant to the eyes, and a single deep crease across the center of the palm. Every person with Down syndrome is a unique individual and may possess these characteristics to different degrees or not at all.
- ◆ The life expectancy for people with Down syndrome has increased dramatically in recent decades – from 25 in 1983 to 60 years old today.
- ◆ People with Down syndrome attend school, work, participate in decisions that affect them, have meaningful relationships, vote, and contribute to society in many wonderful ways. All people with Down syndrome experience cognitive delays, but the effect is usually mild to moderate and is not indicative of the many strengths and talents that everyone possesses.
- ◆ Quality educational programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care and positive support from family, friends and the community enable people with Down syndrome to lead fulfilling and productive lives.

Enjoy the upcoming spring and all that comes with it! I am praying for you. ☺

Shalom,

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



Every year on March 21, people all around the world come together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly colored, mismatched socks. March 21 is symbolic because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome. Socks were chosen because the karyotype of Ds chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks!

**March 2**

Pastor Chip &amp; Gwen Lutz

**March 5**

Keith &amp; Carol Gumbinger

**March 9**

Russ &amp; Becky Brewer

**March 20**

Rick &amp; Karen Musselman

**March 21**

Cliff &amp; Norma Lundstrom

**March 25**

William Paquin &amp; Marsha Dawson-Paquin



## Welcome, New Members

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

*Chris & Leanne Dunn; Spencer & Stella*

*Karen Oglesby*

*Brian & Christine Kolaske; Logan, Alyson & Kyra*

*Richard Tool & Debi Hendricks (Father & Daughter)*

*Brothers Mylo & Izaiah Rice by baptism*

### 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](mailto:office@lordoflifekenosha.org)

- 1 Sandy Aker
- 2 Tammy Corrao, Jill Falduto
- 3 Ace Klimisch, Solan Degefa
- 5 Isabelle Deinhammer
- 6 Jean Walrath
- 7 Doug Swihart, Katie Lambrecht, Warren Arnold
- 8 Linda Kramer-Betz, Barb Hess
- 9 Melissa Retzlaff
- 10 Dave Klimisch
- 11 Anne Fuller
- 12 Dan Kleutsch
- 13 Rick Goergen
- 14 Brittany Kugler, Gladys Yuenkel
- 16 Logan Kolaske
- 19 Audrey Hartman, Chase Parker, Melissa Kuhn DeWitt
- 20 Rhyen Larson, Scott Fowler
- 21 Greg Schaeffer
- 23 Amanda Robinson
- 24 Joe Harmsen
- 25 Barbara Chaparro
- 26 Greyson Lambrecht
- 29 Karl Erickson, Benjamin Mayerak, Blayde Moreno
- 30 Bill Remiker

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](mailto:office@lordoflifekenosha.org) or (262) 656-1995 with any updates.



# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

## SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS

March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
Usher/Greeter			
OPEN			
Lesson Reader			
OPEN			
Communion Wine Servers			
OPEN			
Altar Care			
OPEN			
SCRIP sales			
OPEN			
A/V			
OPEN			Jonah Sens

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Usher/Greeter				
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Chris Daugherty	Russ & Becky Brewer	OPEN
Lesson Reader				
Pam Leonard	John Meyer	Chris Daugherty	Becky Brewer	Pam Leonard
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers				
Pam Leonard (wine) Lori Vogel (wine) Steve Ketterhagen (bread)	Michielle Eisenhauer (wine) <b>1 Needed (wine)</b> John Meyer (bread)	Michelle Eisenhauer (wine) <b>1 Needed (wine)</b> Beth Files (bread)	Kathy Miller (wine) Pam Leonard (wine) Steve Ketterhagen (bread)	Pam Leonard (wine) <b>1 Needed (wine)</b> Lynn Kancian (bread)
Altar Care				
Connie Wittmus	Kathy Miller	Michelle Eisenhauer	Kathy Miller	Lynn Kancian
Coffee Hour Host				
Lynn Kancian	Vogel Family	Beth Files	Lynn Kancian	Joy Buttke & Pat Westimayer
SCRIP sales				
Pam Leonard	Kim Sly	OPEN	Pam Leonard	OPEN
Communion Bread				
Not needed	Kathy Miller	Jan Niederloh	Kathy Miller	Lynn Kancian
A/V				
Joe Martinez	Chris Daugherty	Chris Daugherty	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
<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	<b>2</b> 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	<b>3</b> 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	<b>4</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper 6:15 p.m. Worship	<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m. Comfort 4a Cause Quilters 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>6</b> 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	<b>7</b> 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>8 Daylight Savings</b> 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	<b>9</b> 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	<b>10</b> 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	<b>11</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper 6:15 p.m. Worship	<b>12</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>13</b> 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	<b>14</b> 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	<b>16</b> 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class	<b>17</b>  9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	<b>18</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper 6:15 p.m. Worship	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>20</b> 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	<b>21</b> 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	<b>23</b> 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper 6:15 p.m. Worship	<b>26</b> 9:00 a.m. Comfort 4a Cause Quilters 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>27</b> 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	<b>28</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels & Bibles 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. First Communion Class	<b>30</b> 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	<b>31</b> 	Spring is coming			

# MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



For the months of March and April we will be encouraging 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

*Worship*  
WITH US

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



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