

July & August 2025

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The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Summer has arrived—bringing with it warmer days, the laughter of children playing outside, backyard barbecues, time at the lake, and a slower, gentler rhythm for many of us. And in the midst of it all, Psalm 46 calls out with a voice both ancient and fresh:

"Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

There is something profoundly *summery* about that verse. Not because summer is always peaceful—sometimes it's chaotic, filled with travel, family visits, or the challenge of balancing work with kids home from school. But summer often offers us glimpses of the stillness God invites us into: moments of rest, awe at creation, and unhurried time to breathe.

Psalm 46 is not a calm psalm. It begins with roaring waters and trembling mountains, with nations in uproar and the earth shifting underfoot. Yet in the center of it all, we find this promise:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble..."

And then comes the invitation:

"Be still, and know..."

What a word for our times. What a word for this summer.

Here at church, we continue to gather—some of us traveling, some sticking close to home—but we remain one body in Christ. Whether you're near or far, please know that your church family is praying for you. We'll have some wonderful events happening this summer: outdoor worship, fellowship gatherings, and yes—even Bible study with pulled pork and lawn chairs!

So, wherever you are—whether at the beach, on the farm, in the city, or resting at home—I encourage you to take time this summer to "be still." Not to do nothing, but to intentionally pause. Listen for the Spirit. Let your soul be reminded that you are not alone. God is with you. God is for you. God is your refuge.

May this summer bring rest to your body, joy to your spirit, and the quiet confidence that comes from trusting in the One who "makes wars cease," "lifts up the lowly," and "dwells with us" in every season.

In Christ's peace and joy,
Pastor Chip

New August Sermon Series Coming!

Our *What Would Marty Do?* series will wrap up on July 27th.

In August, we begin a new sermon series: ***Lit From Within: The Fire of Faithful Women!*** We'll meet five women from Scripture—some famous, others often overlooked—whose stories of bold faith, quiet resistance, and courageous action still speak to us today. From spies to judges, from queens to outcasts, their bravery wasn't just human—it was holy. Don't miss it...and bring a friend!

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 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.



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



Fourth Wednesday of the month July 23 & August 27

We'll gather at 6:00 p.m. on the patio to start grilling, fellowshiping and having fun, followed by a Bible Study.

Please bring a dish to share.

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible)
&

BYOLC (Bring Your Own Lawn Chair)

BAGELS & BIBLES MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturdays, July 19 & August 16
at 8:00 a.m.



Saturday evening worship will be held at 5:00 p.m.
on the following dates:
July 12 & 26

August 9 (lawn worship) & 23

There is no change to our Sunday worship schedule.

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.



Community Meal
**Sundays, July 13 & August 10
at 3:45 p.m.**

Living Faith Lutheran Church
2915 Wright Ave, Racine.

Help assemble and distribute 120+ meals.



Worship on the Lawn Saturday, August 9th 5:00 p.m.



Don't forget a chair!

You may also want to bring an
umbrella for shade.



ROAR! VBS

Monday, Aug. 4 – Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Petrifying Springs Park

LIFE IS WILD 🐾 GOD IS GOOD



**To register your child(ren) for VBS or sign up to volunteer,
visit <https://lordoflifekenosha.org/2025-vbs>**



Confirmation

Students can begin Confirmation when they start 6th grade. Regardless of their grade, students will spend the first two years attending weekly meetings on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. There are four broad areas covered over those two years including the Old and New Testament, Lutheran living and Lutheran history.

During their 3rd year of Confirmation, students will attend meetings one time per month, meet multiple times with a mentor, complete community service hours, log sermon notes and present to the congregation a faith statement. More specific information will be shared at our first meeting.

The first Confirmation gathering for all students is Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. at church. Parents are asked to attend the first night for a short introduction and sharing of information.

Please CLICK HERE (if reading electronically) or visit <https://lordoflifekenosha.org/confirmation-1> to register your child—even if they are a returning student.



ORDER TODAY

Place your order by July 31st to receive current pricing. New catalog pricing will be effective August 1st.

RADA | FUNDRAISING

Support Lord of Life while shopping from a great selection of products for yourself, or for gifts: Birthdays, wedding showers, housewarming, etc.!



Shop online www.radafundraising.com and search using Lord of Life and Kenosha to ensure we get credit.

All proceeds will be used for our mortgage reduction efforts.

Spend \$35 and save \$5 on shipping with the code SHIPDEAL at checkout.

39th LUTHERDALE FEST

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

QUILT AUCTION • SILENT AUCTION
CONCESSIONS • GIFT GALLERY • FABRIC SALE

Lutherdale Fest



QUILT AUCTION

Saturday, August 9

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Live auction begins at 10:00 AM

OVER 250 QUILTS TO BID ON!

Join us for fun and community at our lakeside camp and conference center! Your participation is key to helping more people have life-changing adventures at camp.

PRE-FEST & FISH FRY Friday August 8 | 4 PM - 7 PM

- Preview Quilts
- Silent Bid on Quilts
- Bid on Silent Auction Baskets
- Wisconsin Fish Fry
- Gift Gallery
- Crafts & Fabric Sale

Quilts posted online at www.lutherdale.org

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OUTREACH FOR HOPE

2025 RIDE RUN WALK
Hope in Motion!

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

PO Box 341695, Milwaukee WI 53234 | 414-671-1212



CONGRATS CLASS OF 2025!



Dr. Andrea Garretto

University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI

PhD in Microbiology and Immunology

She defended her thesis on Bacterocin Prevalence and Resistance in Clinical E. Faecium Cohort: Rise of the Class IIa Bacteriocin Bac43. She is currently residing in Ann Arbor while looking for a research position.



Amanda Kancian

Case High School



Jack Kersten

St Joseph Catholic Academy

Will be attending UW - Platteville, studying Computer Engineering



Sarah Remiker

UW LaCrosse

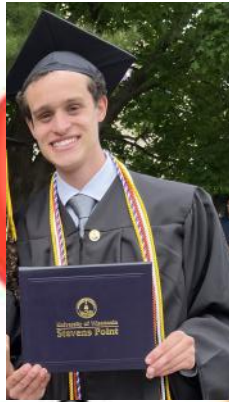
Bachelor of Science in Public Health



Elliott Sens

UW LaCrosse

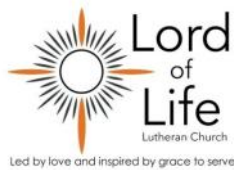
Bachelors of Science in Information Systems and a minor in Literary and Cultural Studies. Elliott is working for Trane Industries in LaCrosse.



Isaac Sens

UW Stevens Point

Bachelors of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders and a second major in Spanish. He will be starting graduate studies this fall pursuing an M.S. in Speech and Language Pathology.



Mortgage Debt Reduction Update

By the grace of God and YOUR generosity, as of June 2, 2025, by the end of the year, we will pay a minimum of an additional **\$52,056.72** 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 and click the DONATE button.

Here are some interesting numbers that were shared at our Annual Meeting:

- ◆ Current Mortgage Balance: \$969,201
- ◆ Current Mortgage Payment: \$9,178
- ◆ Rate: 8%
- ◆ Balance as of January 2025 = 16.82 years to pay off
- ◆ Balance as of May 31, 2025 (after these Step Up in Faith donations) = 15.26 years. Saves us \$156,026 in interest (about 17 months).
- ◆ If we can pay \$9,178 per month (normal payment), and a \$50,000 principal reduction every year, at 8% our building will be completely paid for in...8 years, 5 months!
- ◆ If the rate drops to 7%, our building will be paid off in 7.9 years.

JUNE 2025 FINANCIALS

Funds on Hand

Cash on Hand - General Fund		\$28,006.81
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$43,095.86	
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$39,259.75	
Total Savings Acct	\$	82,355.61

Restricted Accounts

MEMORIAL FUND	\$	8,076.27
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	\$	1,015.54
Total Restricted Funds	\$	39,259.75

Scrip Account	\$8,740.72
Scrip Card Inventory	\$18,935.00

LIABILITIES

Credit Card Balance	\$	2,407.28
Payroll Withholdings	\$	-
Mortgage Balance	\$	968,158.77
Total Liabilities	\$	970,566.05

June

YTD Income - YTD Expenses	
YTD Income	\$ 251,600.69
YTD Expenses	\$ 239,154.69
YTD Revenue	\$ 12,446.00
MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$13,251.92 OVER BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$40,726.23 OVER BUDGET (PAID \$46,950.15 ADDITIONAL MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL)

ELCA Benevolence Paid \$4,999.98



Spotlight on Faith Community Nursing

There are so many things that we are exposed to everyday, but have you ever wondered what a faith community nurse does in a community? Did you know there are over 15,000 Faith Community Nurses, primarily in the United States? The nurse is a registered nurse with additional education in community health and parish nursing.

The purpose of faith community nursing is to nurture the human spirit through health education, spiritual support and linking the needs of the whole person to resources within the congregation, community and health care system.

Our Nurse Sue provides spiritual and social support and advocacy resources that address health inequities in the Kenosha community where she serves. She also provides referrals to specialists and community resources, hosts whole-person health-promoting activities/training focused on mind, body, and spirit, provides education and/or series addressing health issues, and helps community/congregational members manage and prevent chronic diseases. Nurse Sue continually offers an opportunity for conversation and listening from our parishioners and the community regarding mental, physical, emotional and health concerns.

Lord of Life Lutheran has partnered with Nurse Sue throughout the years and experienced championing grief and caregiver support group opportunities, hosting blood drives, and facilitating Healthy Heart Fairs to name a few.

Nurse Sue partners and offers health expertise to local emergency resources that serve the community, addressing food insecurity and housing support to those in crisis zip code areas in Kenosha. Lord of Life has been a big part of this outstretching ministry of care as the hands and feet of Christ in the Kenosha community.




**THE TIME TO
GIVE BLOOD
IS NOW**



**CRITICAL NEED
Type O blood**
RedCrossBlood.org

Lord of Life is proud to sponsor our next blood drive with the American Red Cross on Thursday, August 14th from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

An estimated 38 percent of Americans are eligible to give blood or platelets, but of those, less than 10 percent actually donate each year. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and Lord of Life!

To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter 53144 in the zip code box in the upper right corner to find our drive and choose your time.

You can also call 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.732.2767) and speak with a Red Cross representative to schedule.

JULY**July 1**

Doug & Janet Swihart

July 5

Melissa & Nathan Retzlaff

July 6

Scott & Kristie Fowler

July 9

Andy & Pat Skinner

July 12

Jim & Joan Zich

July 18

Dave & Kris Klimisch

July 20Jordan & Kerrie Gardina
Jeff & Lana Stanich**July 22**

Lou & Patti Molitor

July 24

David & Amanda Maedke

July 28

Russell & Eryn Schultz

July 31

Jeff & Lindsay Deinhammer

AUGUST**August 1**Herb & Jeanine Jantz
Grant & Sue Quever**August 2**

Chris & Jill Jeserig

August 4

Dan & Helena Faraca

August 6

Brooke & Zack MacKenzie

August 14Joe & Maggie Harmsen
Bill & Rachel Taft**August 18**

Jerry & Lisa Romano

August 22

Bill & Becky Dorst

August 23

Jeff & Alyssa Dishno

**JULY**

- 1 Jeanine Jantz, Timothy Konz, Michael Stanislawski
- 2 Bruce McDonald
- 3 Nattan Degefa, Dillan Tiebout
- 4 Brenda Walentowski, Robin Berry
- 6 John Iorio, Mackenzie Konz, Joshua Mayerak
- 7 Kerrie Gardina, Jonathan Lutz, Amarjit Bedi
- 8 Sandi Brust, Joan Zich
- 9 Abigail Nosalik,
- 11 Denise Gifford, Rachel Wamboldt
- 13 Samantha Pavilonis, Leo Retzlaff
- 14 Ashley Skendziel, Pam Paolinetti
- 17 Ryan Bieneman
- 19 Dan Sinnen, Shirley LaFayette Cindy Lein, Karen Musselman
- 20 Daniel Faraca
- 21 Tim Schiappacasse
- 22 Jerry Romano, Jacob Young, Pat Westimayer

- 23 Chris Daugherty, Tory Bilotta
- 24 Pastor Chip Lutz
- 25 Norah Schiappacasse, Beth McDonald
- 26 David Rademacher, Ashley Van Sickle
- 27 Kris Klimisch, Candace Isetts-Williams
- 28 Kristi Schaeffer-Kleutsch
- 29 John Strott

AUGUST

- 1 Janice Hysell
- 3 Alyssa Dishno, Mark Hauschel
- 4 Cheryl Sadowski
- 5 Lori Capelli
- 6 Angel Moreno
- 8 Becky Dorst
- 9 Elliott Sens, Isaac Sens, Clara Mayerak, Annabelle Berry
- 12 Linda Sebetich
- 13 Kathryn Barnhart
- 14 Charlene Clark

- 15 Tanya Brady, Tenley Barnhart
- 16 Kerry Bieneman, Isabella Gardina, Kim Sly, Bonnie Landwehr
- 17 Lou Molitor, Lucas Sinnen
- 18 Debbie Laurence, Wyatt Jeserig
- 20 Christopher Andres, Terri Goergen
- 21 Paul Gifford
- 22 Lori Vogel, Blake Norgaard, Linda Johnson, Adam Bieneman
- 23 McKenzie Kugler, Kayla Rutkowski
- 24 Amanda Ley
- 25 Walter Sarafin-Johnson
- 26 Sue Quever, Jenn Sinnen, Kristie Fowler
- 27 Emma Sexton
- 28 Janet Gifford, Janet Swihart, Doug Terrell, Pat Demos
- 30 Trent Barnhart
- 31 Tracy Pavilonis

8 JULY & AUGUST SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS

July 12	July 26	August 9	August 23
Usher/Greeter			
Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Pat Demos	OPEN	OPEN
Lesson Reader			
Chris Daugherty	OPEN	Chris Daugherty	OPEN
Communion Wine (2)			
1 Kathy Sadowski wine) 1 Needed (wine)	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Altar Care			
Jurey & Connie Wittmus	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Coffee Hour Host			
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Scrip Sales			
Kim Sly	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
A/V			
Connie Wittmus	Jonah Sens	Angie Wollschlager	Jonah Sens



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



JULY SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Usher/Greeter			
Cliff & Norma Lundstrom	Russ & Becky Brewer	Rutkowski Famly	OPEN
Lesson Reader			
Maddie Cooper	John Meyer	Pam Leonard	Pam Leonard
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers			
Kathy Miler (wine) Pam Leonard(wine) Maddie Cooper (bread)	Norma & Cliff Lundstrom (wine) John Meyer (bread)	Kathy Miller (wine) Michelle Eisenhauer (wine) Chris Daugherty (bread)	1 Pam Leonard wine) 1 Needed (wine) Beth Files (bread)
Altar Care			
Kathy Miller	Kerry Bieneman	Kathy Miller	Kerry Bieneman
Coffee Hour Host			
Beth Files	Michelle Eisenhauer	OPEN	Beth Files
Scrip Sales			
Pam Leonard	Becky Brewer	Bill & Julie Remiker	OPEN
Communion Bread			
Kathy Miller	Not Needed	Kathy Miller	Not Needed
A/V			
Angie Wollschlager	Matt Bieneman	Angie Wollschlager	Matt Bieneman

AUGUST SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Usher/Greeter				
Cliff & Norma Lundstrom	OPEN	OPEN	Russ & Becky Brewer	OPEN
Lesson Reader				
Maddie Cooper	OPEN	Michelle Eisenhauer	Beth Files	OPEN
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers				
Pam Leonard (wine) 1 Needed (wine) 1 Needed (bread)	Norma & Cliff Lundstrom (wine) 1 Needed (bread)	1 Needed (wine) 1 Needed (wine) 1 Needed (bread)	Michelle Eisenhauer (wine) Pam Leonard (wine) Beth Files (bread)	1 Needed (wine) 1 Needed (wine) 1 Needed (bread)
Altar Care				
Michelle Eisenhauer	Lynn Kancian	Michelle Eisenhauer	Michelle Eisenhauer	OPEN
Coffee Hour Host				
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
SCRIP Sales				
Pam Leonard	OPEN	Jean Garretto	Becky Brewer	OPEN
Communion Bread				
Not Needed	OPEN	OPEN	Beth Files	OPEN
A/V				
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	2 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	3 7:00 p.m. AA	4 4th of July Office Closed	5
6 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship	7	8 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	9 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	10 7:00 p.m. AA	11 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	12 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
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20 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship	21	22	23 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 6:00 p.m. BBQ & Bibles	24 7:00 p.m. AA	25 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	26 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
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MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

JULY

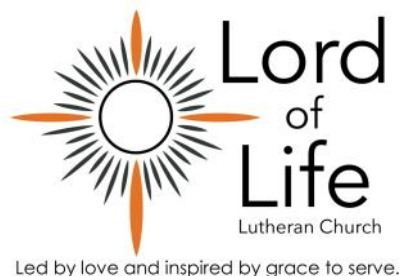
ELCA Outreach Center
School Supply Drive



KUSD Common School Supply List
Pre-School through Middle School

- Book Bag/Back Pack
- Plastic Supply Box
- Pencil Pouch
- Washable White Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Crayons (24 count or larger)
- Colored Pencils (12 pack of larger)
- No. 2 Pencils (20 count or larger)
- Red Pens (not felt or gel)
- Pens (no gel)
- Highlighters
- Large Rectangular Pink Eraser
- Scissors
- Ruler
- 2 Pocket Folders with 3 prongs
- Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks (70pg)
- Wide Ruled Theme Paper (200 count)
- Wired earbuds with mic
- Post-it notes

In August we will be collecting items and monetary donations to support our own Sunday School & Confirmation ministries. Watch for a wish list of items that will help support the faith formation of the young people of our congregation!



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