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The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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*"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament
proclaims His handiwork." – Psalm 19:1*

Dear Beloved in Christ,

Summer has finally arrived in Wisconsin—praise be! After enduring yet another season of "sprinter" (that awkward mix of spring and winter that overstays its welcome), we're rewarded with long days, warm breezes, and a landscape so green it almost looks Photoshopped. The grills are firing up, the parks are full, and yes, so are the mosquitoes—but let's not dwell on that.

Summer is more than just a change in weather. It's a sacred invitation to slow down, breathe deep, and enjoy the gift of creation. The Psalmist tells us that the heavens are proclaiming God's glory—and all we have to do is step outside to hear the sermon. Whether it's a walk by the lake, a nap in the hammock, or just watching the clouds do their slow dance across the sky, these simple moments are holy.

And that brings me to one of God's best inventions: *sabbath*. Now, sabbath isn't just about sitting still and avoiding yardwork (though, honestly, that sounds pretty nice). Sabbath is about rest that reconnects us—with God, with ourselves, and with the world around us. It's about pressing pause on the to-do list and remembering that we are human *beings*, not human *doings*.

Summer is a perfect time to practice sabbath—not just once a week, but woven throughout the season. Take a Sunday to turn off your phone. Spend time with loved ones. Watch the fireflies. Let your soul catch up with your body. Even Jesus took time to step away and rest... and if the Son of God needed a break now and then, I'd say we probably do too.

So this summer, go ahead—float in the lake, plant your tomatoes, grill the brats, and laugh with your neighbors. But also make time for silence, for wonder, for holy rest. In the warmth of creation, may you feel the warmth of the Creator.

With sabbath peace and summer joy,

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

Kerry Bieneman

- Music Director

Gary Dennison

- Contemp. Music Lead

Nancy Cerninara

- Custodian

Church Council

Russ Brewer

- President

Matt Ley

- Vice President

Ralph McCarthy

- Treasurer

Lori Vogel

- Secretary

Tanya Brady

Julie Chase

Lynn Kancian

- 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.



Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 29th following worship. The primary order of business is the council election. There are two positions to be filled.

Our annual congregational report, highlighting the activities of our mission and ministry the past year will be shared ahead of time.

A quorum of 5% of our members must be present to hold the meeting, so your attendance is important.



Companionship Workshop

Thursday, June 19th from 9:30 am to 2 pm

The goal of this workshop is to equip attendees with five practices: Hospitality, Neighboring, Journeying Side by Side, Listening, and Accompaniment. Those that volunteer or are thinking about volunteering in the community/neighborhood would benefit from the training.

Please register by Monday, June 9th by calling the Lord of Life office at 262-656-1995. Include your name, phone number and e-mail address. Orders for free lunch meal choices will be obtained at registration. A free workbook will be provided for the training.



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

June 7 & 21

July 12 & 26

August 9 & 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

Sunday, June 8th at 3:45 p.m.

Living Faith Lutheran Church
2915 Wright Ave, Racine.
Help assemble and distribute 120+ meals.



**Saturday, June 21
at 8:00 a.m.**



Fourth Wednesday of the month

June 25, 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)



We would like to recognize our Lord of Life graduates in a future newsletter. Please send an email to the church office at office@lordoflifekenosha.org by Monday, June 16th and include the following:

- The name of your high school or college graduate
- Their senior picture or other recent photo
- Name of school from which they are graduating
- Future plans:
 - For college graduates include the degree earned.
 - For high school students include their plans for next year—college or trade school they will be attending, entering the workforce, etc.

Congregational Council Nominations

Nominations are being sought for our Congregational Council, which will be elected during our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 29th. There are two positions to be filled. We ask all of our members to prayerfully consider serving Lord of Life in this capacity for a three year 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: Julie Chase (outgoing council member), Amanda Ley, and Ed Brady. **Additional information and the nomination form can be found [HERE](#).** There are paper copies available on the Welcome Center in the narthex, or from the church office.



Mortgage Debt Reduction Update

By the grace of God and YOUR generosity, as of June 2, 2025, we will pay a minimum of an additional **\$48,616.52** towards our mortgage principal by the end of the year!

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.

MAY 2025 FINANCIALS

ASSETS

Funds on Hand

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash on Hand - General Fund | | \$22,002.10 |
| Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash | \$42,344.21 | |
| Savings Acct - Restricted | \$39,917.69 | |
| Total Savings Acct | \$ | 82,261.90 |

Restricted Accounts

| | | |
|-------------------------|----|-----------|
| MEMORIAL FUND | \$ | 8,113.35 |
| PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY | \$ | 854.31 |
| WOMEN'S TEA | \$ | 805.05 |
| WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP | \$ | 552.85 |
| YOUTH FUND | \$ | 6,898.79 |
| KINGFISH GAME | \$ | (50.00) |
| HIGH FIVERS | \$ | 169.01 |
| RESTRICTED GIVING 23-25 | \$ | 20,000.00 |
| COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS | \$ | 877.93 |
| FOOD OUTREACH | \$ | 1,696.40 |
| Total Restricted Funds | \$ | 39,917.69 |

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|----------------------|--|-------------|
| Scrip Account | | \$4,589.66 |
| Scrip Card Inventory | | \$22,520.00 |

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|----------------------|----|------------|
| Credit Card Balance | \$ | 1,097.11 |
| Payroll Withholdings | \$ | - |
| Mortgage Balance | \$ | 975,456.76 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ | 976,553.87 |

May

YTD Income - YTD Expenses

| | | |
|--------------|----|------------|
| YTD Income | \$ | 213,233.08 |
| YTD Expenses | \$ | 206,233.27 |
| YTD Revenue | \$ | 6,999.81 |

MEMBERS GIVING YTD
\$12,097.22 OVER BUDGET

TOTAL EXPENSES YTD
\$40,876.22 OVER BUDGET
(PAID \$40,254.12 ADDITIONAL
MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL)

ELCA Benevolence Paid \$4,999.98

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!



Dear friends,

We are seeing more sunshine, and it is heating up in Wisconsin! People choose lighter and less clothes which puts us at risk for skin damage from the sun. Guarding your skin from the sun is really something to stay on top of all year long, not just in the summer. It might seem cosmetic to use sunscreen, but it goes a lot deeper than that.

According to scientists, sun rays give off several different types of ultraviolet rays such as UVC, UVB and UVA. These special rays can cause skin aging, sunburns, and skin cancer. Three common types of skin cancer that we frequently hear about are basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma.



Basal cell carcinoma occurs in the lowest part of the skin's top layer. We hear about this cancer more often than the other skin cancers. It is the least aggressive and grows more slowly and develops in areas vulnerable to the sun. A person might find it on their head, neck, and face. So keep your eye out for patches that might look like a scar, or an itchy, red raised area of skin.

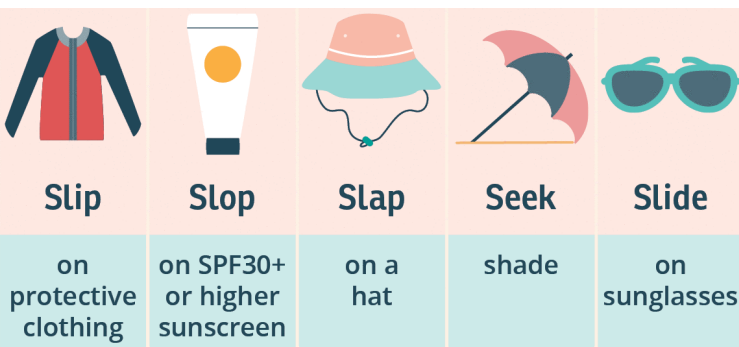
Squamous cell carcinoma occurs in the upper part of the skin's top layer. Like basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma often can form in areas that are exposed to the sun, such as your face, neck and lips. This type of skin cancer can look like a red, scaly patch, an open sore, or a brown spot like an age spot.

Melanoma cancer is the most aggressive form of skin cancer and has a high risk of spreading. Melanoma forms in skin cells that produce melanin, which regulate skin pigmentation. This type of skin cancer is usually found on the head, neck, face, chest, back, and legs. Melanoma can look like a dark mole, freckle or lighter color like a cyst.

A good tip for evaluating any suspicious changes in your skin is to consider their features according to the ABCDE list:

- ◆ Asymmetry – Look for moles that are oddly shaped or show a different shape on each side of the mole.
- ◆ Border irregularity – If the edges of a mole are ragged or blurred, or its coloration has spread into nearby skin, have it checked by a dermatologist.
- ◆ Color variation – Sometimes, a melanoma may show multiple shades of the same color (typically brown), or it may look mottled, with areas of white, gray, red, pink or blue.
- ◆ Diameter – Although melanomas can be smaller, most are at least a quarter inch in diameter, or larger than a pea.
- ◆ Evolving characteristics – Consult with a dermatologist if a mole changes size, shape or color over the course of a few weeks or months

Enjoy the sunny weather but avoid direct sunlight for long periods of time, especially mid-day hours, protect your skin with good sunscreen, reapply every 1 -2 hours after sweating or swimming, wear a wide brim hat outside and do self-exams monthly looking for any new changes in your moles. See your dermatologist yearly for a quick skin check.



Shalom,

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

**June 1**

Steve & Tina Ketterhagen

June 3Richard & Kim Kugler
Dave & Mary Schroeder**June 6**Jim & Marcia Shaffer
Richard & Patricia Bushey**June 7**Gary & Wilma Jenewein
Neil & Anna Kersten
John & Susan Meyer**June 8**

Gale & Nancy Haldeman

June 9

Tim & Kristen Schiappacasse

June 12

Paul & Deb Gonsalves

June 18

Jeff & Deb Wamboldt

June 19

Warren & Jennifer Arnold

June 20

Dan & Jenn Sinnen

June 22

Tom & Lori Vogel

June 23

Jamie & Jonathan Lutz

June 25Jim & Libby Nelsen
Jake & Charlene Clark
Rick & Terri Goergen
Bill & Sandi Brust**June 27**Sara Jensen &
Joshua Mayerak**June 28**

Craig & Shannon Martin



- 2 Elliot Dishno
- 3 Kim Kugler, Michael Wamboldt
- 4 Steve Kolner, Shawn Guetschow
- 5 Julia Sexton
- 7 Janet Hermann, Sarah Young,
Alice Lutz, Jordan Jeserig
- 8 Daniel Kleutsch
- 9 Grant Quever
- 12 Bill Chase, Matthew Swihart
- 13 Alison Daugherty
- 14 Kathy Estep, Donna Ramer,
Landon Sinnen
- 15 Don Estes, Judi Johnson, Angie
Wollschlager, Collin Klimisch
- 17 Lynn Cimfel
- 18 Sara Jensen
- 20 Megan Fowler, Jay Vogel,
Naomi Dishno
- 21 Dan Lein
- 23 Molly Swihart
- 24 Patricia Bushery
- 25 Debbie Wamboldt, Rhiannon
Urso, Skyla Hurlbut
- 26 Casey Corrao, Scott Johnson
- 27 Russell Schultz
- 28 Pam Leonard, Craig Martin
- 29 Carol Johnston, Hayden Schultz

ROAR! VBS



AUGUST 4-7, 2025
5:30PM - 7:30PM
PETRIFYING SPRINGS PARK

Mt Pleasant Lutheran & Lord of Life Lutheran
LIFE IS WILD-GOD IS GOOD



Watch for
registration info
& the
opportunity to
volunteer in the
weekly email &
announcements
handout.



Please don't forget to notify us of any change to your personal information; email address, home address, or telephone number. If any of your information has changed, please contact the church office; office@lordoflifekenosha.org or (262) 656-1995.

Please also notify us if you notice your anniversary or birthday is not appearing in the newsletter.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

On Sunday, May 18th we celebrated the 40th anniversary of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. It was a wonderful day of worship, music, and fellowship. Here's to the next 40 years of mission & ministry!



Circled is the fish shape in the stone wall that Pastor Jennifer mentioned in her sermon.

dear Lord of Life Lutheran - May, 2025



You can be sure
that this delightful time
is being shared by many
who are thanking God for you,
rejoicing in His goodness,
and celebrating the wonderful
things He has for your congregation

The leadership & membership of
St. Mary's Lutheran Church
celebrates with you on your
40th Anniversary & May God
continue to bless your ministry



SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS

| June 7 | June 21 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Usher/Greeter | |
| Steve & Patsy Kolner | OPEN |
| Lesson Reader | |
| Kathy Sadowski | Chris Daugherty |
| Communion Wine Servers | |
| Kathy Sadowski, 1 opening | OPEN |
| Altar Care | |
| OPEN | OPEN |
| Coffee Hour Host | |
| OPEN | OPEN |
| SCRIP sales | |
| Aaron Sens | Bill & Julie Remiker |
| A/V | |
| Jonah Sens | OPEN |



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



SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

| June 8 | June 15 | June 22 | June 29 |
|---|--|---|---|
| Usher/Greeter | | | |
| Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs | Russ & Becky Brewer | Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs | OPEN |
| Lesson Reader | | | |
| Beth Files | Pam Leonard | Michelle Eisenhauer | Becky Brewer |
| Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers | | | |
| Norma & Cliff Lundstrom (wine) Beth Files (bread) | Kathy Miller, Pam Leonard (wine) Tanya Brady (bread) | Kathy Miller, Michelle Eisenhauer (wine) 1 Needed (bread) | Pam Leonard, 1 Needed (wine) 1 Needed (bread) |
| Altar Care | | | |
| OPEN | Kerry Bieneman | Kathy Miller | Kerry Bieneman |
| Coffee Hour Host | | | |
| Beth Files | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN |
| SCRIP sales | | | |
| Kim Sly | Pam Leonard | Lisa Romano | Lisa Romano |
| Communion Bread | | | |
| Beth Files | Not Needed | Kathy Miller | Not Needed |
| A/V | | | |
| Angie Wollschlager | Matt Bieneman | Angie Wollschlager | Matt Bieneman |

LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|-----------|---|---|--|---|--|
| 1 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship | 2 | 3 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club | 4 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia | 5 7:00 p.m. AA | 6 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center | 7 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service |
| 8 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 3:45 p.m. Community Meal @ Living Faith | 9 | 10 7:00 p.m. Council meeting | 11 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia | 12 7:00 p.m. AA | 13 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center | 14 Kingfish Outing 6:30 p.m.  |
| 15 Father's Day 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship | 16 | 17 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club | 18 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia | 19 Juneteenth 9:30 a.m. Companionship Workshop 7:00 p.m. AA | 20 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center | 21 8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels & Bibles 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service |
| 22 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship | 23 | 24 | 25 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 6:00 p.m. BBQ & Bibles | 26 7:00 p.m. AA | 27 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center | 28 |
| 29 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | 30 | A colorful illustration for the end of the month. It features a smiling sun with sunglasses, a rainbow, a bee, and the words "hello SUMMER" in a playful font. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds and a green grassy field. | | | | |

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

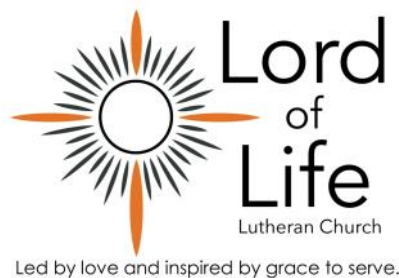


This month we are continuing our support of 1HOPE, who work to ensure that every foster family and foster child in our community has the love and support that they need to flourish through praying and advocating together.

Yes, we know—school's not even out yet, but we will be collecting **NEW** shoes and fun lunch boxes to help children in foster care head back to school feeling confident, seen, and ready to learn.

Grab a pair of cool kicks (kids and adult sizes needed) or a colorful lunch box and place it in the Ministry of the Month chest in the sanctuary.

Every gift reminds these amazing kiddos and their foster families that they're supported by a community that truly cares. Let's give them a strong start to the school year—because every step forward begins with love



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Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.