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The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Dear Beloved in Christ,

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of our church, my heart is filled with profound gratitude and joy! Forty years ago, God planted a vision in the hearts of faithful people — a vision of a community rooted in Christ's love, committed to worship, fellowship, service, and outreach. Today, we stand as living proof of God's faithfulness and enduring grace.

Over these four decades, we have witnessed countless baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and celebrations of lives well-lived. We have gathered in times of joy and leaned on each other in seasons of sorrow. Through it all, God's Spirit has guided, comforted, and empowered us. What a gift it is to be part of this story — His story — unfolding among us!

We give thanks for all who have gone before us, those who dreamed big, prayed hard, and served faithfully. We give thanks for the present, for the vibrant ministry we continue to share. And we look forward with hope, trusting that the God who has brought us this far will continue to lead us into a future full of promise.

As we mark this milestone, let us recommit ourselves to the mission God has given us: to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to love our neighbors, and to be a light in the world. May we move forward with the same boldness and trust that shaped our beginning.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. Thank you for your faith, your prayers, and your love. To God be the glory — yesterday, today, and forever!

With a grateful heart,

Pastor Chip



Sunday, May 18, 2025

(No worship Saturday, May 17)

9:00 a.m.

Worship with guest preacher
Pastor Jennifer Arnold

10:00 a.m.

Catered Brunch & Remembrances

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.

JOIN US FOR A

BINGO**FUNDRAISER****Thursday May 15****Doors will open at 5:30****1st Game will start promptly at 6 PM****\$10 admission** includes 10 rounds (3 cards per round)**Rounds 1-9:** Prize will be gift cards**Round 10:** A Blackout 50/50 style.

Winners will split 50% of the ticket sales while the other 50% will go to the youth general fund!

Popcorn, Drinks & Candy will be available for purchase. (All proceeds to the Youth)

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

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, May 11th at 3:45 p.m.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

2915 Wright Ave, Racine.

Help assemble and distribute 120+ meals.

**BAGELS & BIBLES
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP****Saturday, May 17
at 8:00 a.m.****Thursday, May 22
at 6:00 p.m.****METZ
MACHINES****BIKE BLESSING**

3700 72nd Ave Kenosha

May 17th 10-2pm

WWW.METZMACHINES.COM

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.

**LORD OF LIFE****KENOSHA KINGFISH BASEBALL EVENT****Saturday, June 14th****6:35 p.m. Game vs. Battle Creek Battle Jacks****Post game fireworks!****\$29 per person for the Founders Club Package**

- ♦ Seats are behind home plate (covered) and include:
 - ♦ All you can eat food from the concessions through the 5th inning.
 - ♦ All you can drink soda and water through the 8th inning.
 - ♦ Wristband that has three tabs on it that can be used for beer/seltzer, kids games, or ice cream

*Kids 5 and under are free, unless they require their own seat.***SIGN UP BY SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST**If you're reading this electronically, you can [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

A paper sign-up is available on the Welcome Center in the narthex.

You'll be contacted by the church office to arrange payment.



Electronics Recycling

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

NO FEES CHARGED! FREE RECYCLING EVENT!

Saturday, May 31st

9:00 AM - NOON

5601 Washington Rd

Kenosha



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RAIN or SHINE

RECYCLE ANYTHING WITH A PLUG!



All information on Hard Drives, Sim Cards, Flash Drives, etc. will be erased/destroyed

Apple products should have iCloud account removed prior to drop off if possible

Free To Recycle

Anything Metal
Appliances
Batteries
Bed Frames
Bikes
Cables
Calculators
Car Parts
Cell Phones
Chain Saw
Chairs
Coffee
Machines
Computers

Cordless
phones
Credit Card
Machines
Curling Irons
Dish Washers
Drills
Dryers
Electric Motors
Elliptical
Machines
Equipment
Exercise
Equipment

Flag Poles
Garbage disposal
Hair Dryer
Hand Tools
Ironing Board
Irons
Keyboards
Lamps
Laptops
Lawn Mowers
Light fixtures
Metal Pipes
Metal Roofing
Microwaves

Plugs
Pots and Pans
Power cords
Printers
Saw blades
Scooters
Screen Doors
Shelves
Snow Blower
Speakers
Staplers
Stereos
Stoves
Tools

Table Saw
Tillers
Tools
Trailers
Treadmills
Tricycle
Wash
Machines
Water Heater
Weight
Benches
Weight Sets
Wire

LCD Monitors
CRT Monitors
Any Flat Panel TV
TV Under 30"
TV Over 30"
Console TV
Projection TV
Bare Tubes
Refrigerators
Freezers
Dehumidifiers
A/C Units

FREE!

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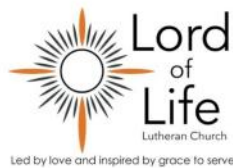


This year, EVERYTHING is free to recycle! It's a fundraiser for Lord of Life, based on the total weight of the items recycled, so get to cleaning out those closets, basements and garages.

Help is also needed to direct cars where to go and to help unload. Please let the office know if you're willing to help (262) 656-1995.

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.



Our goal is to have a minimum of 50 Lord of Life supporters give an additional \$25 per month beginning in May. This would result in an additional \$10,000 directly paid towards our mortgage principal by the end of 2025. ***What's even better is that if we achieve this goal, we have a donor that is willing to MATCH it! If we exceed the goal, they'll match up to another \$10,000!*** Please consider using your smart phone camera on the QR code or visit www.lordoflifekenosha.org to indicate your support.

So far, we have 22 givers who have added an additional \$25-\$50 per month, totaling \$5,242 by the end of the year. We have also received a total of \$21,480 in one-time donations towards this effort. Amazing, thank you!

APRIL 2025 FINANCIALS

ASSETS

Funds on Hand

Cash on Hand - General Fund		\$25,691.88
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$42,243.53	
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$39,570.43	
Total Savings Acct		\$ 81,813.96

Restricted Accounts

MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 8,113.35	
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$ 854.31	
WOMEN'S TEA	\$ 805.05	
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$ 552.85	
YOUTH FUND	\$ 6,485.59	
KINGFISH GAME	\$ (50.00)	
HIGH FIVERS	\$ 169.01	
RESTRICTED GIVING 23-25	\$ 20,000.00	
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$ 877.93	
FOOD OUTREACH	\$ 1,762.34	
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 39,570.43	
Scrip Account		\$12,708.93
Scrip Card Inventory		\$13,355.00

LIABILITIES

Credit Card Balance	\$ 1,863.60	
Payroll Withholdings	\$ -	
Mortgage Balance	\$ 1,009,420.19	
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,011,283.79	

March

YTD Income - YTD Expenses	
YTD Income	\$ 154,345.76
YTD Expenses	\$ 144,523.34
YTD Revenue	\$ 9,822.42

MEMBERS GIVING YTD
\$16,547.29 OVER BUDGET

TOTAL EXPENSES YTD
\$12,230.70 OVER BUDGET

ELCA Benevolence Paid \$3,333.32

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,

I will be offering a free Companionship workshop on Thursday, June 19th from 9:30 am to 2 pm at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5601 Washington Road. Those that volunteer or are thinking about volunteering in the community/neighborhood would benefit from the training.

The Companionship workshop is a Pathways to Promise program, a multifaith and multicultural mental health support organization. The program was developed in 1987 by Rev. Craig Rennebohm and others. It aims to address the need for comprehensive mental health support for individuals living with mental health conditions and their support networks. The model is rooted in our natural capacities to be sensitive, compassionate, and concerned for another person in distress.

We use this workshop to educate faith and health working leaders with practices, guidelines, and settings by responding relationally to others who are experiencing difficult times (isolation, loneliness, suffering, homelessness) and in need of healing support.



The session's goals are:

- ♦ To inform Faith and Health work leaders about the various challenges individuals face when they are in distress.
- ♦ To equip Faith and Health work leaders with five practices of Hospitality, Neighboring, Journeying Side by Side, Listening, and Accompaniment, and demonstrate how to integrate these practices when responding to individuals in need of healing and recovery.
- ♦ To train Faith and Health working leaders to utilize their natural abilities to establish relationships with people, especially in the fast pace of life and walking with someone facing a mental health challenge.
- ♦ To emphasize the significance of healthy relationships for good mental health and well-being and to promote self-care for leaders.

Please register by Monday, June 9th. Call 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. Limited seats are available at this event so sign up ASAP to reserve your space. Thank you for considering this event!

Shalom,

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



May 5Casey & Tammy
Corrao**May 6**Rick & Brenda
Walentowski**May 17**

George & Beth Files

May 21Mark Hauschel &
Karen Tenuta**May 24**Bill & Neva Hileman
Mikal & Jessica Sexton

- 1 Becky Brewer
- 2 Aaden Maedke
- 3 Natalie Gardina
- 5 Anna Kersten, Paul Gonsalves,
Brooke MacKenzie
- 9 Jack Kersten
- 10 Leslie Sepanski, Alyssa Fowler,
Joan Berger
- 11 Kristen Schiappacasse
- 12 Andrew Dorst
- 13 Doris Kitchens, Adalina Barnhart
Dave Schroeder
- 14 Aiden Rademacher
- 16 Julie Chase
- 17 Brianna Daugherty
- 18 Emma Swihart, Jacob Kleutsch,
Mati Degefa, Morgan
Van Sickle
- 19 Richard Kugler, Jodi Erickson
- 20 Connie Wittmus
- 22 Ann Anderson, Sharon
Hernandez
- 24 Sonja Wolfe, Fisher Hurlbut,
Fred Bacher
- 27 Adrianna Terrell
- 29 Matteo Bilotta, Allyson
Rademacher
- 30 Kelsey Konz

**ATTENTION CLASS OF 2025 PARENTS!**

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.



Our Easter Bake Sale was a great success. We raised \$749 that went directly to our mortgage debt. Thank you to everyone who baked and bought items!



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.

Thoughts from Pastor Jack Ottoson, Mission Developer of Lord of Life

I paused to pray, ponder and remember those early, inspiring years of mission development. My memory was helped by looking at the earliest church photo directories from 1988, 1992 and 1996. I also kept an essay, "Historical Reflections", written by one of Lord of Life's earliest members, Mary Jane Dey. She penned the reflections on March 23, 2003. (maybe in anticipation of Lord of Life's 20 year anniversary?)

One of the hazards of a preaching and writing is length, as in, "that was way too long".

So, these reflections can be edited, eliminated, incorporated or used in any way you deem fitting. Here goes...

1. The first meeting of the new mission development happened in the fall of 1984 at the home of Jim & Karen Kinsman. There were 7 people present. (Susan Thompson-Division of Service and Mission in America for the American Lutheran Church, Jim & Karen Kinsman, Jack and Kathy Ottoson, Barb and Mike Menzhuber)
2. In December an invitation was placed in the Kenosha News. Anyone interested in a new Lutheran church starting on the north-west side of Kenosha can "Join Us" at the Carthage College Christmas concert. Here is how Mary Jane Dey describes the post concert coffee and fellowship at the Ottoson home. "The room there is as vividly real today as it was then. Terra, three years old, sang "Joy to the World" beside a thirty birthday candle Advent log. Our spritual and emotional involvement was almost tangible in the still and festive glow."
3. Karen Kinsman and Phyllis Brendt of St. Mary's Lutheran in Kenosha made the first worship banner for Lord of Life. The words reminded worshippers of the centrality of our mission. The banner simply proclaimed, "We are the Church".
4. The early years of ministry was housed in places that were begged and borrowed. We met in Bullen Jr. High School, homes of members, Washington Manor nursing home, neighbor churches(1st Baptist, St. Peter's Catholic, 2nd Baptist) The name, Lord of Life Lutheran, was chosen at a meeting in Pete's Pub. No kidding, this was the bar located in the basement of St. Peter's Catholic Church.
5. The 1988 photo directory of Lord of Life has photos of our members planting pine trees on the south border of our property. Another photo shows how we made signs with family names and placed the signs by the rows of trees. Lord of Life families would load their cars with jugs of water to hand water their row of growing seedlings. There is probably a good sermon illustration in this story.
6. Greta Hanson, a devout member of St. Mary's Lutheran, was instrumental in the work of the Shalom Soup kitchen located in inner city Kenosha. An early Lord of Life member, Don Foote, told me how proud and moved to tears he was the first time he placed the sign up that declared, "Today you are being served by Lord of Life Lutheran Church".
7. A fierce northeasterly storm blew down all the Lord of Life roof trusses during construction. I turn again to Mary Jane Dey's, Historical Recollections. "One windy night Werner (Mary Jane's husband) sat bolt upright in bed." "Those rafters are nailed from the wrong side and they are coming down!" Werner was not a prophet, he was, however, an exceptionally skilled and trained carpenter. He knew what that wind could do to those rafters. They toppled like dominoes. The next Sunday what hymn do you suppose we sang? That's right, "Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling..."
8. During construction, before the 2 by 4 wooden wall studs were covered in drywall, the contractor allowed us inside the building. Members used felt tipped pens to write prayers and memorials on the wooden studs. It was a witness to the fact that the building was built BOTH with wood and with prayer.
9. After moving into our new church building in May of 1991 our members voted to be one of the sites where homeless could have a warm place to sleep on cold winter nights. The program was a ministry of the Shalom Center and was called the INNS program. I believe our night to house the homeless was Sunday? The Alder woman of our district led a town hall meeting for any citizens who lived in the area near our church. As you can imagine, there was a lot of resistance or NIMBY. (Not In Our Backyard). Hopeful members and Greta Hanson, representing the INNS program, were there. As we left the meeting that evening I turned to Greta Hanson and said, "I will never be more proud of the church members I serve, as I am tonight."
10. So many stories, faces, sights and sounds fill my spirit during this exercise in memory. These are words from the pastor's page in the 1988 church photo directory. "While the faces in this body of believers may change, let us pray that the spirit never does. It is the spirit of caring and friendship that makes Lord of Life special. That spirit will cause our congregation to grow in greater service in Jesus' name."

It is wonderful to remember with affection but not glorification. After these ten inspiring memories, I am reminded of the wisdom/wit of church historian, Dr. Martin Marty. He once said, "There is no such thing as the golden age of the church. The closest we ever got was yellow."

Wishing you God's greatest blessings on Lord of Life's 40th anniversary!

A servant because of Christ,

Pastor Jack Ottoson
Called to serve Lord of Life 1984 - 1996



SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS

May 10
Usher/Greeter
OPEN
Lesson Reader
Chris Daugherty
Communion Wine Servers
OPEN
Altar Care
OPEN
Coffee Hour Host
OPEN
SCRIP sales
OPEN
A/V
Connie Wittmus



SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

May 11	May 18	May 25
Usher/Greeter		
Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Russ & Becky Brewer	Brittany & Kenzie Kugler
Lesson Reader		
Pam Leonard	John Meyer	OPEN
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers		
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom (wine) Lori Vogel (bread)	Pam Leonard (wine) Kathy Miller (wine) John Meyer (bread)	OPEN
Altar Care		
Lynn Kancian	Kathy Miller	OPEN
Coffee Hour Host		
Beth Files	Beth Files	OPEN
SCRIP sales		
Kim Sly	Pam Leonard	Lori Vogel
Communion Bread		
Not Needed	Beth Files	Not Needed
A/V		
Angie Wollschlager	Matt Bieneman	Angie Wollschlager

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

LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:00 p.m. AA	2 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	3 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
4 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Ed	5 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	6 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	7 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	8 7:00 p.m. AA	9 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	10 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
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18 40th Anniversary Celebration 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Anniversary Brunch	19 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	20 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	21 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	22 6:00 p.m. Trivia Night 7:00 p.m. AA	23 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	24 NO SATURDAY WORSHIP
25 9:00 a.m. Worship & last day of Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship	 Church Office Closed	27	28 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	29 7:00 p.m. AA	30 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	31 9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. Electronics Recycling Event NO SATURDAY WORSHIP

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

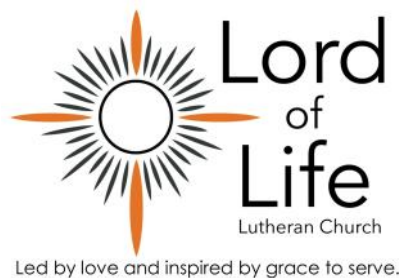


This month we are supporting 1HOPE, who work to ensure that every foster family and foster child in our community has the love and support that they need to flourish through praying and advocating together.

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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