

April 2021

# LIFELINES

The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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## Maundy Thursday, April 1st

6:30 p.m. Zoom worship

Join us online for Zoom-live worship from the beautiful sanctuary of Lord of Life. As we enter into the holiest three days of the church year, we will remember Jesus' new commandment: *love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.* On that night, before he was arrested, Jesus and his disciples shared the Passover meal. We will remember that as we share in Holy Communion. (Please have communion elements on hand, such as wine or juice and bread or a cracker.)

To emphasize the continuity between the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, this service will close with the removal of all communion ware, paraments and decorations from the chancel. There will be no final blessing or dismissal. You are invited to contemplate the bare altar at the end of the final hymn.

## Good Friday, April 2nd

6:30 p.m. Zoom worship

Worship leaders will lead worship from the sanctuary while you participate from home. Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. For this contemplative service, we will ask participants to remain muted until directed otherwise.

**See page 3 for the Zoom link for our Maundy Thursday & Good Friday worship.**

## Easter Sunday, April 4th

9:30 a.m. Drive In Worship in the LoL parking lot

Join us as we gather to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. Worship will include lots of beautiful music, a Children's Sermon with an activity the kids can take back to their vehicle, Carside Communion, and an Easter egg hunt following worship.

To ensure enough Easter eggs are prepared, please [CLICK HERE](#) to let us know if you plan on your child(ren) participating.

**Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, April 5th.**

## SERVING YOU AT LORD OF LIFE

**Pastor Carol Jeunette**

- Pastoral Consultant

**Angie Wollschlager**

- Church

Administrator

**Connie Wittmus**

- Admin. Assistant

**Sue Quever**

- Parish Nurse

**Jodi Iorio**

- Connections Ministry

**Claudia Murillo**

- Bookkeeper

**Kerry Bieneman**

- Music Director

**Lynn Kancian**

- Nursery

Coordinator

**Pat Skinner**

- Financial Secretary

## Church Council

**Kathi Strott**

President

**Russ Brewer**

- Vice President

**Lori Vogel**

- Secretary

**Brian Lynch**

- Treasurer

**Lisa McCarthy**

**Rhiannon Urso**

**Liz Young**

- Members at large

## Office Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays  
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

## Our Website

**LifeLines Deadline**

The 15th of  
every month

*Our mission is to transform lives through grace by being an accepting, serving, and caring community, empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow in faith.*

## ***When are We Getting Back in the Building?***

Just over a year ago, because of COVID-19, our congregation of faithful followers of Christ left the building of Lord of Life. It has been a hard year, but the church - which is the people of God - is still here.

Throughout the past year, many have come together for worship - in the back yard, in the parking lot, on Zoom. Some, because of limited access to technology or limited mobility have not participated in these opportunities. Others have not participated because they believe that church can only happen when we are in the building. Still others believe that being in a crowd - any crowd - carries too high of a risk of contracting the virus. Very soon, though, we will be able to begin gathering as you did for many years - in the sanctuary.

The staff and council of Lord of Life have spent many hours, significant energy and lots of angst trying to discern how to be faithful followers of Jesus. As you have heard before, the principle guiding us has been "love your neighbor as yourself." This principle continues to guide us as we make plans to gather inside the building for worship.

On April 13, the COVID-19 Task Force will be bringing recommendations for reopening the building to the council. These recommendations will include offering one indoor worship service each weekend, beginning in May. The number of people in the service, and the length of the service will be determined by the number of COVID-19 cases in the community. Masks and social distancing will be required. Communion will look different, and there will be no singing or fellowship time after worship. Because the number of people in the space will be limited, reservations will be required. (Details on all of this will be in the May newsletter - assuming the council approves these recommendations.)

The in-sanctuary worship services will also be broadcast on Zoom or Facebook live, and as long as we have to limit the number of people in worship indoors, we also will offer an outdoor option, such as Drive-In or Backyard worship.

I request two things of you as we move toward reopening the building:

- First, keep your leaders in prayer and care as we seek to love the congregation as a whole. Pray that we will have the wisdom, patience, courage and compassion needed to make good decisions - even knowing that some will agree with those decisions and some will be unhappy with them. Pray that we will be good, faithful leaders of this community of faith.
- Second, ask how you can help. It was getting hard to find volunteers, even before the pandemic. As we are coming out of the pandemic, the staff is very aware that we cannot make things happen, (e.g., indoor worship), without congregational members taking on important tasks. The only way the ministry of this congregation will happen is if it is the ministry of the people - not just the staff. Please take time to call or email the office and ask to be put on the "I Want to Help" list.

All congregations are faced with the challenge of moving back toward a more 'normal' ministry in the coming months. Lord of Life, though, faces a double-challenge. Before the pandemic, we were just beginning the process of putting the pain of the previous couple years to good use. We were just beginning to get into the process of re-examining mission and ministry. That work was put on hold as we tried to continue to be church during the pandemic. Now we have to do both. I am confident that the Spirit, combined with the 'spirit' of the people who have made Lord of Life a vibrant place over the years, will make it possible. As we move into the Easter season, I am confident of Christ's presence, and of God's promise to "make all things new."

*Pastor Carol*



**Thursday, April 1st**

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Zoom Worship

**Friday, April 2nd**

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Zoom Worship

**Sunday, April 4th**

9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Drive-In Worship, including Carside Communion, Children's Sermon & Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, April 11th**

A worship service video provided by the Greater Milwaukee Synod will be shared to celebrate the Second Sunday of the Easter season.

**Sunday, April 18th**

9:30 a.m. Drive-In Worship & Carside Communion

**Sunday, April 25th**

9:30 a.m. Drive-In Worship & Carside Communion

You are welcome to bring a chair to sit outside of your vehicle for any of our Drive In worship services.

*If weather prevents us from outdoor worship, we will switch to Zoom format at the same scheduled time.*

## ZOOM ISN'T JUST FOR VIDEO!

When we gather through Zoom from home for any worship event, please note that you do NOT have to have fancy technology to connect with us. You can call from any phone—including a landline—and listen in real time.

We will always use the same link/meeting info/call-in number for our Zoom worship gatherings:

For connecting on a computer, smartphone or tablet:

[CLICK HERE](#) for the direct link or visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or use the Zoom app and enter:

Meeting ID: 222 163 2537

Password: Lutheran

OR

From any telephone dial (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 222 163 2537 followed by #

Passcode: 542413 followed by #



*Still and Always an Easter People. Alleluia!*



When the pandemic broke in March of 2020 and we were unable to worship in the sanctuary, I recall saying something along the line of, "Hopefully, we will be back in by Easter, and it will be an amazing celebration!"

Hmm.... At that time, we were just beginning to figure out how to be church without being in the building. It was a sad Lent. We pre-recorded all the services for Holy Week and Easter Day in order to have time to edit them before posting. To call out "Alleluia! Christ is risen" and have the five people in the sanctuary during recording shout back "He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" was nice, but definitely not what I have come to anticipate over the years.

We still are looking forward to being back in the sanctuary. But this year, we have learned that it is important to be together however we can. This year, we'll gather in the parking lot: radios tuned in, Carol and Kerry on the decorated trailer, streamers flying, voices raised in songs and Alleluias. This year, once again we will celebrate that the darkness all around us - even death - has been defeated in the resurrection of Jesus. We will renew our commitment to be Easter people - followers of the risen Christ. Wherever we are. Alleluia!

## March 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Pastor Carol shared her report:
  - The Covid Task Force is working on building guidelines and a re-opening plan that Council will need to approve. Will be ready by April meeting.
  - Volunteers have signed up to be hosts for the Holy Week Prayers & Meditation time in the sanctuary. Time slots will only be opened for times that have volunteer hosts, as the staff is already over-functioning.
  - She continues to lead Confirmation classes via Zoom on Sunday and Monday evenings.
- Angie shared the Administrator's report:
  - We are still awaiting notification from the bank that our SBA Paycheck Protection Loan has been forgiven.
  - Staff bonus and benevolences to the Synod and local outreach organizations have been submitted. The one-time donations from the 2020 budget excess have been sent and ongoing monthly donations for 2021 have been set-up.
- Brian shared the Financial report:
  - We are tracking pretty well on giving - not quite where we want it to be - but only about \$1,100 behind right now.
- Other business was discussed: Our Moving Forward plan is underway. Sign-ups for workgroups are open and we are praying for participation from congregation members.
  - Worship planning has been set through the weekend after Easter. We will plan to continue drive-in services for the Spring. May move to lawn again once it is warmer and the ground has dried out.
  - Much discussion on Covid and vaccination and infection rates and if there is a way to determine how much of our congregation is vaccinated or plan to be. Will trust the Covid Task force to continue their research and efforts and come up with a slow, soft opening.
  - Need to work to re-activate committees/teams such as Finance, Stewardship, Fundraising, and Property and identify additional volunteer leadership.

**The next Council meeting is on Tuesday, April 13th and it is open for any Lord of Life member to attend. If you would like to the meeting, please contact the church office so that you can be sent the Zoom link.**

**See page 5 for some wonderful thank you notes we received from some of the outreach organizations YOU helped bless by approving the donations at our January annual meeting!**

# FEBRUARY 2021 FINANCIALS

ASSETS	
<u>Funds on Hand</u>	
Cash on Hand - General Fund	\$69,588.10
<u>Restricted Accounts</u>	
Youth Account	\$9,649.59
Memorial Account Total (ALL RESTRICTED)	\$10,305.26
MEMORIAL FUND	\$6,367.54
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$1,143.51
HIGH FIVERS	\$ 147.00
WOMEN'S TEA	\$ 1,055.91
55 AND OVER	\$ 120.00
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$ -
WOMEN'S RETREAT	\$ 644.13
KINGFISH GAME	\$ (240.00)
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$ 990.43
Scrip Account	\$7,967.14
Scrip Card Inventory	\$19,545.00
LIABILITIES	
Credit Card Balance	\$ 144.40
Payroll Withholdings	\$ -
SBA Loan - Forgivable	\$ 25,115.00
Mortgage Balance	\$1,170,405.37
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,195,664.77</u>

February	
YTD Income -	YTD Expenses -
YTD Income	\$48,394.94
YTD Expenses	\$52,805.35
YTD Revenue	-\$4,410.41
MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$437.05 UNDER BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$3,949.95 UNDER BUDGET


ELCA Benevolence Paid \$3,166.66

For a more detailed financial report including line by line income and expenses please contact the Church Treasurer, Claudia Murillo at [treasurer@lordoflifekenosha.org](mailto:treasurer@lordoflifekenosha.org). Thank you!



# WORDS OF THANKS





## AMAZING GRACE †

"God is our refuge and our strength"  
Psalm 46

March 15, 2021

Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
5601 Washington Rd.  
Kenosha, WI 53144

Dear Lord of Life,

Thank you for your support! Your gift of \$500.00 allows the ELCA Outreach Center to continue our mission of sharing God's love by helping people become self-sufficient.

Since 1997, The Outreach Center has been offering adult education programs, a free clothing closet, free legal advice and programs geared toward helping youth.


Your support makes a difference! Without it, we could not continue our mission.

Thank you and please feel free to email (kerickson@elcaoutreachcenter.org) or call me at (262-652-5545) with any questions. If you would like a tour of our building, I would be happy to show you around.

In gratitude,  
*Karl Erickson*  
Karl Erickson, Executive Director  
kerickson@elcaoutreachcenter.org

Thank you all so much for  
Your Generous Support!

The mission of the ELCA Outreach Center is to share God's love by addressing the needs of children, youth and adults through programs and services that encourage them to become self-sufficient, caring and participating members of the community.



March 3, 2021

Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
5601 Washington Road  
Kenosha, WI 53144

Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for your **kind gift of \$500.00**. Your support is appreciated and is changing lives.

Because of your help we can,

- Serve nightly hot meals in our soup kitchen and in five other sites across our Kenosha community.
- Offer safe, effective, and temporary shelter to over 80 people (individuals and families) a night. Last year we provided over 20,000 shelter nights of sleep **including 297 children**.
- Provide over a million pounds of groceries to low-income households through our food pantry.

Thank you again for supporting the Shalom Center. Together, we can continue to build hope.

**Yours in Service,**  
*Tamarra A. Coleman*  
Tamarra A. Coleman  
Executive Director

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*Gift Receipt*

964 Lord of Life Lutheran Church 5601 Washington Road Kenosha, WI 53144	Date: 2/13/2021 Gift Amount: \$500.00 Ref No: 10691 Designation: Unrestricted
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Thank you so much!!

To the leaders at Lord of Life,

I am sending this note in deep gratitude for the gift you sent through on Sunday of mission support funds. They were indeed received today, and coded as 2020 support since you sent them on January 31st.

These funds make a huge impact. Much like congregational ministry, so much of what happens is often behind the scenes, and yet it is important that we tell the stories of impact so that those who make it possible have a sense of just how important it is that we are band together as a synod. Truly, we are able to do things as a synod and as a national denomination that no individual congregation or individual Christian could do. The funds you sent are an important part of how that is possible.

Please know of our gratitude for the partnership, and more importantly, the 1000s of lives touched because of your act of faithful generosity.

If you would like to see snippets of the sort of things made possible, please check out [www.milwaukee-synod.org/stories](http://www.milwaukee-synod.org/stories). There, you will find a handful of brand new videos under the heading "Synod" Means "Together." These are brief, and ideal for sharing one at your next council meeting, or even in your digital worship, so all the members of Lord of Life might have a sense of the important impact made.

Thank you again! Indeed, we are church together, for the sake of the world. It is a blessing to be in this work with you!

Peace,

Rev. Matthew Short | he, him, his  
Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Mission  
Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA

# WE'VE BEEN BUSY!



**March 7th Drive In Worship**



**March 28th Palm Sunday Drive In Worship**



**Our brave souls that came out of their warm cars for the blessing of the palms.**



**Thank you to our Confirmation students that helped with the responsive reading of the Passion Gospel.**



**The whole Bieneman family helped with this service.  
Thanks Kerry, Matt, Rachel & Adam!**

## Slow Down for Healthy Eating



Breakfast. A second cup of coffee. A mid-morning snack. Lunch. An afternoon snack. An after-work snack with a glass of wine. Dinner. Dessert.

Dr. Parimal Sura, an internal medicine physician at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, IL says many people underestimate how calories add up over the course of a day. He recommends paying attention to what and how much food you're eating as the best way to manage calories.

Dr. Sura offers these tips for being mindful about how much you're eating:

**Sit down while eating.** Focus on what you are doing and avoid multitasking, whether it's watching television, catching up on work or talking on the phone.

**Chew intentionally.** Make sure you are chewing each bite well enough to the point that you are not struggling to swallow, which is an indication you are moving too quickly.

**Breathe between bites.** Instead of "inhaling" your food, take your time and give yourself breaks while you are eating.

"These are all often easier said than done, but the best tip is to just practice being mindful," says Dr. Sura.

*Prayer: God, slow me down so that I can fully enjoy the blessing of food that you provide.*



## 5 tips to prevent MINDLESS EATING

offered by Jaye Leopold, diabetes clinical nurse specialist at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Ill.

### Hunger Check

Ask yourself if you are really hungry or just bored, tired, stressed or thirsty.

01



02

### Refocus

Take a walk, lift hand weights, or lie down for a power nap to refocus your attention.

### Drink Water

It's easy to confuse thirst with hunger. Drink sparkling water or add lemon to spruce it up.

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04

### Prepare Snacks

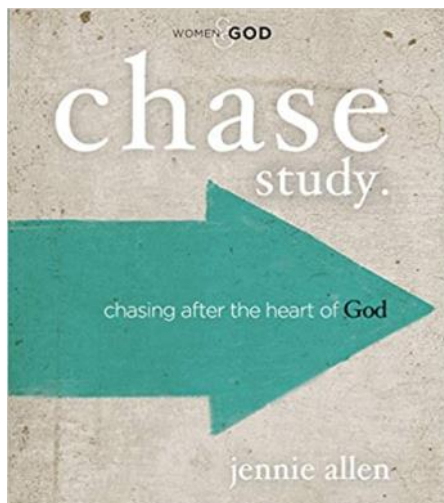
Keep a supply of nutritious snacks such as baby carrots, celery sticks and raw broccoli on hand.

### Find a Hobby

Search for something else to do to keep your hands busy during your "weak moments."

05





## WOMEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY STARTING THIS MONTH! *What are you chasing?*

Are you doing everything right but still feel empty? Are you so busy doing things for God and everyone else that you altogether miss God? Do you ever, in your busy life, stop and see God...really see God?

Jennie Allen felt paralyzed in her relationship with God. It occurred to her that maybe she was chasing the wrong things. Maybe God was after something else. When she stumbled across the phrase in 1 Samuel 13, "David was a man after God's own heart," she was intrigued. She knew David was both completely broken, *and* completely sold out for God.

David's life shatters our ideas of what God wants from us. God has carved out space in each of us that only he can fill. So, whether you are running from God or working your tail off to please God, David's

journey will challenge your view of God. God is the only thing we can chase that won't leave us feeling more empty.

The lessons in *Chase* are designed for women to dig deeply into Scripture for themselves and complete study projects on their own. Then, during the group meetings, they share their insights from their personal study, watch a teaching video, then move into the ASK portion of the meeting using the *Chase Discussion Cards*.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS 6 WEEK STUDY. WE WILL BE MEETING VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 7-8 PM, BEGINNING TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH.**

You will need to purchase the book, *Chase Study Guide: Chasing After the Heart of God*. It can be found on Amazon or [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com). Please register for the Bible study by [CLICKING HERE](#).



**Sunday, May 2nd**, 11:00 am-1:00 p.m. Spring Clean Up of the Lord of Life Parking lot and Grounds

**June 13th Kick-off to Summer!** Come to Worship and then serve our community. After our outdoor worship service, we will be doing a family service project of packing kids' summer activity packs that will be going to the ELCA Outreach Center and Grace Welcome Center. We will also have crafts and games for the kids.

**JOIN THE VBS TEAM THIS YEAR!!** We are looking for volunteers to organize and facilitate VBS this year. The date is not set yet. However, we have an easy curriculum to facilitate! Email Jodi at [connections@lordoflifekenosha.org](mailto:connections@lordoflifekenosha.org) if you are interested.



**April 2**

Jim &amp; Lynn Cimfel

**April 4**

Robert &amp; Sandy Aker

**April 8**

Tim &amp; Camren Owens

**April 16**Brad & Wendy  
Haugstad

Jurey &amp; Connie Wittmus

**April 19**

Mark &amp; Sherry Sinnen

**April 22**

Don &amp; Bev Estes

**April 24**Ed & Tanya Brady  
Lori & Brandon Booth  
Joe & Jean Garretto**April 25**

Jeff &amp; Tricia Winden

**April 29**

Karl &amp; Jodi Erickson

**April Birthdays**

- 1 Michele Frese
- 3 Eric Larson, Colin Freitag, Allison Stanislawski
- 4 Megan Wilke, Barb Gray, Livy Schneider
- 5 Kristin Hulbert, Tom Sepanski, Jonah Hawlish
- 6 Laura Lynch, Ralph McCarthy, Riley Dutton, Sloan Hobson
- 7 Andrew Freitag, Mike Fisher, Timothy Arnold
- 8 Bill Taft
- 9 Nancy Haldeman, John Lynch, Bayleigh Tienhaara
- 10 Jeff Wollschlager, Ronald Daniels
- 11 Brad Haugstad
- 14 Melanie Landro, Ashlie Hurlbut
- 15 Sue Schmidt-Decker
- 16 Jeff Winden, Emersyn Schneider
- 17 Lisa Romano, Cathy Decker, Savannah Strott
- 19 Neil Kersten, Coralie Witek, Maggie Pomerening, Brynlee Retzlaff
- 20 Michaela Isetts-Williams
- 21 Grace Kleutsch, Helena Faraca, Brian Voss
- 22 Jean Garretto, Justin Weis
- 23 Kathy Prokes
- 24 Sandy Vidas, Jurey Wittmus
- 25 Cavan Paff, Victoria Hobson
- 26 Tyler Vogel, Trevor Norgaard
- 27 Kathy Dutton, Sydney Parker



**Send us your graduate's info so we can celebrate them!**

**Please send an email to the church office at [office@lordoflifekenosha.org](mailto:office@lordoflifekenosha.org) with the following info:**

- ◇ **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 the college they will be attending next year**



# MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

**Give kids a smile!!!**



This month we will collect toothpaste, dental floss, and individually wrapped adult and child-size toothbrushes. These items will be distributed to students at Frank Elementary School, where a large percentage of students come from low income families.

Donations can be brought to any of our drive in worship services or dropped off at the church office on Mondays or Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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