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The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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2024 Annual Congregational Meeting



On Sunday, January 28th immediately after worship, we will gather for our annual congregational meeting. The agenda of this meeting includes:

- Approval of the 2024 operating budget (The draft budget will be shared prior to the meeting.)
- Nominate and approve members for two opportunities to serve Lord of Life:
 - Nominating Team, whose job is to seek out leaders to serve on our Congregational Council, to be elected at the June congregational meeting. This team typically consists of three people, one of whom is an outgoing Council member.
 - Delegates to represent Lord of Life at the 2024 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly, to be held May 17th and 18th at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee. The Synod Assembly is the annual synod gathering in which nominated representatives of congregations meet to vote on Synod business issues, and gather to worship and pray and celebrate our ministry together. Registration fees, which include meals, are covered by Lord of Life. Every congregation is allowed to send three voting members of any age, and may send a fourth member if that person is 30 years old or younger on the day they are elected.

The attendance and input of all voting members at annual congregational meetings are very important, so we encourage you to attend.



Following the meeting we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a potluck brunch. Please bring a dish to pass and join us for a time of food and fellowship to celebrate the new year.

SERVING YOU AT LORD OF LIFE

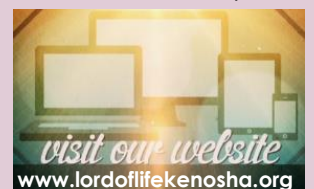
Rev. Chip Lutz
- Pastor
Angie Wollschlager
- Church Administrator
Connie Wittmus
- Admin. Assistant
Sue Quever
- Parish Nurse
Claudia Murillo
- Bookkeeper
Kerry Bieneman
- Music Director
Nancy Cerminara
- Custodian

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

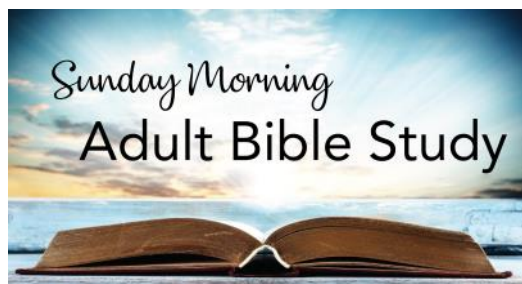
Monday - Wednesday
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



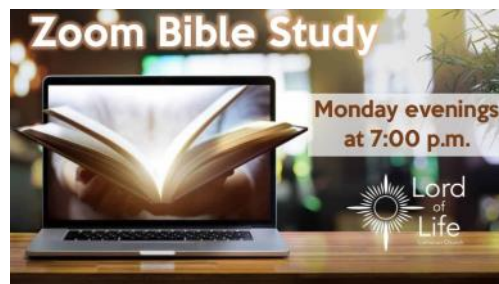
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We are led by love and inspired by grace to serve.



Join Pastor Chip at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings for *Finally in The Land!* It took forty years of wandering, but finally the nation of Israel was ready to enter the land that God promised to them. Curious about what went on? Stay for Adult Ed January through March as we explore the three of the twelve historical books of the Old Testament: Joshua, Judges and Ruth.



Monday Night Zoom Bible Study resumes Monday, January 9th through February 5th at 7:00 p.m. We will take a break for Lent and then pick back up after Easter. This is a casual weekly gather that you can join when you are able.

Email Pastor Chip at pastorchip@lordoflifekenosha.org to receive the Zoom link.

GIGGLES

(Girls in God Growing, Loving, Eating, Sharing)



Ladies, join us for our annual GIGGLES game night on Friday, January 12th. Charcuterie/ Appetizer's start at 6:00 p.m., games starting around 6:30 p.m. Hosted by Julie Chase, who lives about 10 minutes north of, in Mt. Pleasant. If you would like to carpool, please text Jodi Iorio at 262-496-9880. PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAME, YOUR OWN DRINKS, AN APPETIZER OR A CHARCUTERIE ITEM TO SHARE.

Sign up [HERE](#) for additional details and to sign up.



Beginning January 18th, we will meet for 6 sessions on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 through GOOGLE Meet for "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat At Your Table", by Louie Giglio. In this video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio unpacks Psalm 23 to offer insight into how to overcome the enemy's lies and find peace and spiritual security in any circumstance or situation.

[CLICK HERE](#) for additional information and to sign up.



PB&J Friday lunches and Bible study at the ELCA Outreach Center will resume on Friday, January 5th. We will meet at the Outreach Center at 11:30 a.m. It's a great opportunity to be together and do God's work.

Saturday,
January 20
8:00 a.m.



BAGELS & BIBLES
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TIME



Our monthly night of trivia and fellowship is back! In January we will gather on THURSDAY, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack or dessert and prepare to have fun!!

Happy New Year, Siblings!

I hope your holidays were joyous...filled with love, laughter and a renewed faith. As we enter into this New Year, this passage from Ephesians is what is on my mind:

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." - Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Ephesian church, emphasizes the necessity of shedding our old ways—the attitudes, behaviors, and thought patterns that hinder our spiritual growth. Just as we discard worn-out garments (or the clothes we outgrew during the holidays), we are called to cast off our former selves, characterized by deceitful desires and worldly inclinations.

New Year's resolutions are great, however, being "made new" is something altogether different. The call to 'be made new' is not merely a superficial change of appearance but a profound inner transformation—a renewal of our minds and hearts. It's an invitation to undergo a metamorphosis that aligns us more closely with God's nature and purpose for our lives.

As we embark on this new year, let's embrace the opportunity for spiritual renewal. Let's make a resolution to cultivate a mindset that seeks after righteousness and holiness, reflecting the character of our Creator. This transformation doesn't happen overnight, but through a continuous journey of surrender, growth, and reliance on the Holy Spirit's guidance.

The beauty of this passage lies in the promise of a 'new self'—a creation in the likeness of God, marked by authenticity, righteousness, and holiness. It signifies a fresh start, a chance to live in the fullness of God's intended purpose for us.

As we step into the unknown of the new year, let's embrace change, eagerly putting on the 'new self' created in God's image. Let's be open to allowing God to mold us and shape us according to God's perfect will. May our lives reflect the beauty of transformation, serving as a testament to the renewing power of Christ.

It is a New Year! Let's let go of what was and step into the possibility of how God can work in our lives and let God's faithfulness sustain us through every step of our journey.

Peace,

Pastor Chip



Dear Friends,

It is no secret that cracking into the ideas and feelings of a teenager can be a challenge at times. Emotional check-ins are an important way for parents to support the mental health of their children. Good communication about mental health between parents and teens can help parents get an idea about what is going well, recognize and work on any problems, teach approaches for handling stress and complicated situations.

If you are stressed and wondering how to start these types of discussions with your teen, you are not alone. There is no secret formula. Go ahead and ask your teen. If your questions are met with apprehension or snarky comments, remain calm and explain why you are asking. Stating your feelings openly is a great way to model the type of dialog you pursue to have with your teen.

Here are a few tips to get you started:

- ◆ Be patient. Take it slow, don't push too much. Some teens find it uncomfortable at first. Follow their signs about how much they want to share at first.
- ◆ Short conversation is still helpful. Some teens will reveal and tell lots of details while others will give brief conversations. Brief updates might give enough information. If your teen is toiling or at risk of having a problem, be more persistent for safety and well-being.
- ◆ Do not give up. Asking questions shows support and this alone can make a difference. Sometimes asking the teen how you could better communicate can be a productive conversation. Effort means something and overtime will hopefully result in improved communication.
- ◆ Find the appropriate time. Check in times for parents and teens differ. Look at the flow of your day and what might work. Find time when you are not distracted and can be alone with your teen. Consider asking your teen what time works for them.
 - ◆ Make observations. When you are feeling concern for your teen, try using specific examples of what you observe. Take a curious calm approach which might be less confrontational and get a better response from your teen. This also is a good example for your teen as they learn to reflect on their own behavior.
 - ◆ Success is relative. Your teen is not going to share everything with you, but you are moving in the right direction with communication. Getting a teacher or therapist involved might even be a part of the communication that is requested.



It can be a challenge to get communication going with your teen. It is very important to support your teen during this chaotic developmental period in their life. When you ask, you communicate that you care. That message is always important and does make a transformation.

May the Lord bless and keep you as you strengthen your communication in your families.

Shalom,

Sue Quever RN, FCN
Advocate Faith and Health Team

January 15
Paul & Denise Gifford

January 16
Aaron & Karen Sens



January 20
Tom & Leslie Sepanski



Since August we have welcomed the following new members to Lord of Life:

- Steve & Tina Ketterhagen
- Melissa Kuhn DeWitt
- Craig & Shannon Martin
- Mikal & Jessica Sexton
- Bill & Sandi Brust
- Patricia Demos

We are blessed to have them as part of our faith family!



- 2** JoAnne Daniels
- 3** Brian Lynch, Marcia Shaffer, Jessica Sexton
- 4** Amanda Maedke, Carter Deinhammer, Piper Harmsen
- 5** Tyler Andrews, Olivia Isetts-Williams, Owen Williams
- 6** Tom Pomatto, Ashley Follak, Chris Urso
- 7** Nicki Pawlak
- 8** Kian Arnold
- 9** Pat Skinner
- 10** Maggie Harmsen
- 11** Meghan Bilotta
- 14** Lynn Kancian
- 16** Katie Lynch, Joyce Behlke,
- 18** Michelle Eisenhauer, Jim Shaffer, Lauren Urso, Madison Urso,
- 19** Mac McCoy
- 20** Colin Hawlish
- 22** Brian Reining
- 25** Don Hall, Matt Bieneman, Kathi Strott
- 26** Eryn Schultz, Tyler Delaney, Abigail Stanislawski
- 27** Vinnie Capelli
- 29** Joe Nosalik, Romey Walden,
- 30** Bill Hileman
- 31** Kathy Sadowski

NOVEMBER 2023 FINANCIALS

Funds on Hand

Cash on Hand - General Fund	\$ 22,601.01
Cash on Hand - Savings Acct	\$ 58,500.10

Restricted Accounts

MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 5,263.40
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$ 751.29
WOMEN'S TEA	\$ 655.91
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$ 552.85
YOUTH FUND	\$ 9,649.59
KINGFISH GAME	\$ (241.50)
HIGH FIVERS	\$ 169.01
RESTRICTED GIVING 23-25	\$ 30,000.00
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$ 1,081.93
FOOD OUTREACH	\$ 513.03

Scrip Account	\$ 10,452.89
Scrip Card Inventory	\$ 20,035.33

LIABILITIES

Credit Card Balance	\$ 645.74
Payroll Withholdings	\$ (110.87)
Mortgage Balance	\$ 1,087,439.97
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,087,974.84

November

YTD Income - YTD Expenses	
YTD Income	\$ 284,166.10
YTD Expenses	\$ 309,580.38
YTD Revenue	\$ (25,414.28)
MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$29,485.97 OVER BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$1,877.25 UNDER BUDGET



For a more detailed financial report, including line-by-line income and expenses, please contact the Church Treasurer, Claudia Murillo at treasurer@lordoflifekenosha.org



SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS

January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Usher/Greeter			
Karen & Rick Musselman	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Steve & Patsy Kolner	OPEN
Lesson Reader			
Julie Chase	OPEN	OPEN	Chris Daugherty
Communion Wine Servers			
Brianna Daugherty, help needed	Alison Daugherty	Karen & Rick Musselman	Robin Berry, help needed
Altar Care			
Julie Chase	Sonja Wolfe	Karen & Rick Musselman	Robin Berry
SCRIP sales			
OPEN	Kim Sly	OPEN	Aaron Sens
Communion Bread			
Beth Files	Sonja Wolfe	OPEN	OPEN
A/V			
Chris Daugherty	Chris Daugherty	Chris Daugherty	Jonah Sens

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Usher/Greeter			
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom Wilma Jenewein, greeter	Dan Lein	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Cathy & Kayla Rutkowski
Lesson Reader			
Jack Cooper	Chris Daugherty	John Meyer	Lori Vogel
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers			
Pam Leonard (wine) Jack Cooper (bread)	Norma & Cliff Lundstrom (wine) Lori Vogel (bread)	Robin Berry (wine) Pam Leonard (wine) John Meyer (bread)	Pam Leonard (wine) Steve Ketterhagen (wine) Lori Vogel (bread)
Altar Care			
Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Kathy Miller	Robin Berry	Kathy Miller
Coffee Hour Host			
Beth Files	Lori Vogel	OPEN	OPEN
SCRIP sales			
Lori Vogel	Pam Leonard	Pam Leonard	Pam Leonard
Communion Bread			
Beth Files	Jean Garretto	OPEN	Kathy Miller

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 WE are the church!**

LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Happy New Year Office Closed 	2	3 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	4 7:00 p.m. AA	5 11:30 a.m. PB&Jesus at the Outreach Center	6 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
7 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Ed.	8 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	9 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club 7:15 p.m. Council Mtg.	10 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	11 7:00 p.m. AA	12 11:30 a.m. PB&Jesus at the Outreach Center 6:00 p.m. GIGGLES Game Night	13 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
14 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Ed.	15 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	16	17 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	18 6:30 p.m. Women's Online Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA	19 11:30 a.m. PB&Jesus at the Outreach Center	20 8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels & Bibles 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
21 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Ed.	22 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	23 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	24 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	25 6:00 p.m. Trivia Night 6:30 p.m. Women's Online Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA	26 11:30 a.m. PB&Jesus at the Outreach Center	27 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
28 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Annual Meeting	29 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	30	31 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia			

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



The ELCA Outreach Center is in desperate need of cold weather gear and one of our Lord of Life high school students has organized a collection for them. If you have any extra winter gear, all donations would be appreciated and can be placed in the ministry of the month chest.



This includes items for all ages—children and adults and can include sweaters, fleece items, sweatshirts/hoodies, coats, gloves, scarves, mittens, and hats. Anything that will assist in keeping those in need warm this winter.



Led by love and inspired by grace to serve.



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