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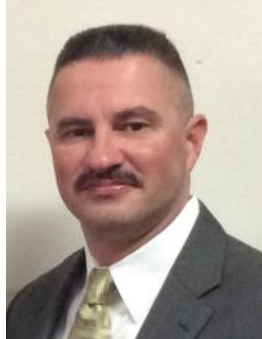
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WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS!

On Sunday, June 9th, during our Annual Congregational Meeting, the congregation voted the individuals below to join John Meyer, Jackie McCarthy and Sonja Wolfe as our Congregational Council. They will determine who will fill each officer position at their July 16th meeting.



Brian Lynch



Joe Nosalik



Kathi Strott



Liz Young

We would also like to thank Sue Schmidt-Decker, Rich Walasek and Don Estes as their terms serving on our Council ends.

SERVING YOU AT LORD OF LIFE

Rev. Adam Moreno
- Pastor

Angie Wollschlager
- Church Administrator
Connie Wittmus
- Administrative Assistant

Sue Quever
- Parish Nurse

Jodi Iorio
- Connections Ministry Leader

Claudia Murillo
- Bookkeeper

Kerry Bieneman
- Music Director

Bill Smith
- J&C Band Director

Lynn Kancian
- Nursery Coordinator

Pat Skinner
- Financial Secretary

Church Council

Brian Lynch
Jackie McCarthy
John Meyer
Joe Nosalik
Kathi Strott
Liz Young
Sonja Wolfe

Officers to be determined at July 9th meeting.

Office Hours

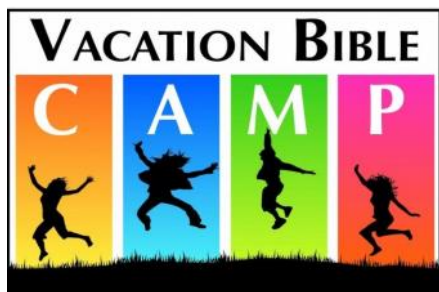
Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Closed on Friday

Our Website

www.lordoflifekenosha.org

LifeLines deadline
The 15th of every month

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



Vacation Bible Camp will be held at Lord of Life Monday, July 8th through Thursday, July 11th, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. each evening. Visit our website; www.lordoflifekenosha.org for the links to register your children or sign-up to volunteer. Children do NOT have to be part of our Lord of Life family to attend—invite your other family members, friends and neighbors to attend too!

PROPERTY TEAM UPDATE

"It is with regret that at this time I am resigning my position as Property Manager of Lord of Life as of July 31, 2019. Due to my age and health, I feel it's time to turn this position over to someone else. I would be happy to help make this transition as smooth as possible, by showing them where things are located and stored, and what has to be taken care of around the grounds and building. I would be available to help out where I can.

I have enjoyed this position and keeping things going for the church. It has been very rewarding and fulfilling. At this time, I feel I am limited because of my health (good old arthritis is getting the best of me)."

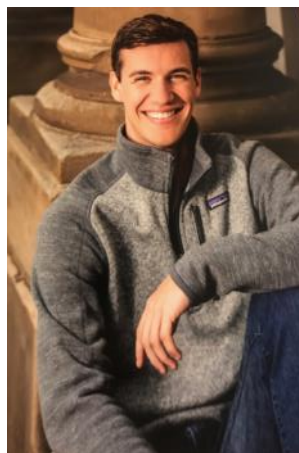
Thank You,
Don Estes

We want to extend our sincerest gratitude to Don for the many years he led our property team and for going above

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!



Nick Capelli
Bradford High School
Gateway Technical College -
Fire/EMT



Carter Deinhammer
LakeView Technology Academy
Marquette University -
Engineering



Rachel Wamboldt
Winona State University
Major: Clinical Exercise Science-
Cardiac Rehab
Minor: Athletic Coaching



Easton Williams
The REAL School
Concordia University -
Athletic Training



Sarah Young
LakeView Technology
Academy
Carthage College -
Neuroscience

COUNCIL'S CORNER

Condensed Minutes from June 9, 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting

Complete minutes are available by request.

- Sonja Wolfe recognized and thanked outgoing council members Sue Schmidt-Decker, Rich Wala-sek, and Don Estes. Joe Nosalik was appointed in March to complete a term vacated by another individual, and that term also ended.
- Don Estes shared a report from the Nominating Team, including the names of the three people who wished to be considered for nomination. Those people were Brian Lynch, Joe Nosalik, and Kathi Strott. Nominations were needed from the floor for the fourth open position. Gary Kovacs declined a nomination made by another person and Liz Young and Doug Kancian accepted nominations made by others. Ballots were distributed to each voting member present with the instructions to write down four names. The names of the five nominees were shared on the overhead projector. Elected were Brian Lynch, Joe Nosalik, Kathi Strott and Liz Young.
- Moving on to New Business, John Meyer shared some information about the Zeidler Center for Public Discussion and how they will be guiding us through the process of planning and visioning as to where God is calling us to go and what to be as a Congregation. They will work with a Planning Committee made up of Lord of Life congregation members and council members.
- No other new business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

MAY 2019 FINANCIALS

ASSETS

Funds on Hand

Cash on Hand - General Fund* (\$15,874.95)

Restricted Accounts

Youth Account \$4,271.71

Memorial Account Total (ALL RESTRICTED) \$11,739.97

MEMORIAL FUND	\$	7,920.54
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$	1,418.51
HIGH FIVERS	\$	147.00
WOMEN'S TEA	\$	969.88
55 AND OVER	\$	120.00
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$	100.00
WOMEN'S RETREAT	\$	449.05
KINGFISH GAME	\$	(659.00)
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$	1,323.60

Scrip Account \$11,798.08

Scrip Card Inventory \$14,117.56

LIABILITIES

Credit Card Balance \$ 269.53

Payroll Withholdings \$ 369.20

Line of Credit Balance \$ -

Mortgage Balance \$1,217,947.04

Total Liabilities \$ 1,218,585.77

May

YTD Income -	YTD Expenses -
YTD Income	\$163,036.23
YTD Expenses	\$195,214.51
YTD Revenue	-\$32,178.28
MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$14,932.46 UNDER BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$3,424.81 UNDER BUDGET

ELCA Benevolence Paid \$6,738.07

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!

*Includes \$3000 Temporary Transfer from Scrip Account and \$5000 from Youth

First (Annual?) Guys' Retreat Reflection

When word went out that there were plans underway for a Lord of Life Guys' Retreat, I thought it sounded like a great idea. However, I have to confess to a bit of initial doubt with respect to it being a cross generational event, as I wasn't quite sure how that was going to work. Having participated in the activities of the day...it was a great time and I am convinced that having it be a cross generational event was one of the best parts.



The first part of the day at Boundless Adventures was a blast. I didn't make my way to the black course (the hardest/highest) or even the 2nd hardest level, instead staying on the lower level courses, but kudos to everyone who tried something new and different and pushed their own boundaries. Nathan, sometimes that high center of gravity that comes with being tall is a blessing and sometimes, maybe not so much, right? At any rate, it was a great chance to make connections with men, youth, and boys from the congregation in a setting that was entirely different from worship.



The lunch and afternoon "get to know each other" and small group sessions were great as well. I probably can't recall everything that I learned about all of the participants, but we had guys in the room who remember making phone calls on a party line, and guys in the room who I think scarcely even know what a land-line phone is, and I think that everyone learned something about the other participants that hopefully brought people closer together. By the way, if you get roped into pitching whiffle balls to Aaden Maedke, please make sure you take two steps further back than you think you need to. You can thank me later. And...take note, Don Estes might well be considered a ringer at the bean-bag toss game.

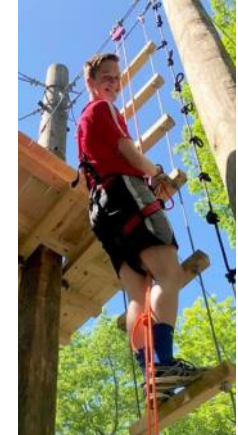
The break-out sessions were a good opportunity for each of us to think and talk about some of the stereotypes about guys, and the fears that we can't always name out loud and how these can hold us back from pushing the boundaries in our careers, our personal lives, our relationships with one another, and most importantly, our relationship with God.

We closed our day with a short worship service around the bonfire, where each of us offered communion to our neighbor. It was a more meaningful and humbling gesture than I initially thought it would be and I'm grateful for the experience.



The whole day was a great experience and I want to close by saying thank you to everyone who helped pull it off. Especially to Aaden Maedke, who I understand started the ball rolling in the first place. He was clearly thinking beyond his years!

- Aaron Sens, with contributions from Elliott & Isaac Sens



5 MISSION TRIP REFLECTIONS

BAYLEIGH TIENHAARA

"This trip was really an eye-opening experience for me. There were many opportunities for us to reflect on what we had done throughout the week. When we walked through the Japanese gardens, I truly was able to relax and take a break from everyday life. God gave me this opportunity to let go and truly be myself in such an amazing place."

BRIANNA LAABS

"During the week, our team was incredibly intentional about being present in the moments that we shared together. Because of this, our team grew close together as we served, pushed limits, and shared new experiences. My favorite part each night was devotions. It was an intentional time to reflect on our day and see how these experiences connected into our faith. We were able to learn from each other and see God in new ways."



ALYSSA VOGEL

"The thing that I enjoyed the most is the two nights that we played soccer with 4 Worlds United. The reason that was my favorite thing was seeing all of the joy on all of the kids' faces and all of the volunteers' faces. The part where I experienced God the most was on Thursday when we went to a garden [Focus on Youth] that helps the homeless youth that live in Oregon so that they have healthy food to eat."

OLIVIA ISETTS-WILLIAMS

"My week in

Oregon has helped me reflect on myself and my faith in God, all while being able to experience new sights and help others. Overall, it was a fantastic experience that has offered me things I've never had the opportunity to take part in any other time."



LORI VOGEL

"Many of you know that I love to take pictures...as a result I find myself (even when I don't have my camera) framing potential shots. During our trip, I took over 1500 pictures and could have taken 1500 more! God gave me so many opportunities: the joy on the faces of our youth, the looks of gratitude on the faces of those that we helped throughout the week, and the welcoming faces of the people of Portland! The places in Portland were also a great example of God's creation. From waterfalls to gardens, to oceans to mountains and rivers it was all beautiful! The breathtaking sunset over the Pacific Ocean last night gave me another opportunity to give thanks to God."



EMMA BREWER

"Portland was truly an amazing faith-filled trip. From the scavenger hunt on day-one all the way to the beach bonfire on day-five, God has been with us in many ways. For me, playing soccer with the refugee kids [4 Worlds United] was truly a faith moment and how those little kids welcomed me, a stranger, in with open arms and wanted to play soccer with us. And on day five, on the beach just being able to be a kid by playing in the water and watching the sunset over the beach was relaxing and calming in itself. These two moments are when I truly experienced and felt God's presence."



Headed out early



Voodoo Doughnuts



6 TRIP REFLECTIONS CONT.

Focus on Youth



BRITTANY KUGLER

"On a mission trip, it's hard to not find God. God is in every little moment. From Emma asking Pastor Adam questions about high school, to eating breakfast together every morning, not as kids on a trip but as a family of twelve. From the random people you meet on the beach and at the gardens, to the cashier at the grocery store being patient with us as we bought groceries for our large group. I saw God in Donna Lee's eyes as she told us her mission and her past with Focus on Youth. God was in the children who played soccer with us on Tuesday."

DILLAN TIEBOUT

"My experience in Portland was amazing! It was fun to meet new people but also to hangout

with the people I already knew. As the trip progressed, I saw a little bit of God in the faces and actions of everyone. Everyone had a moment to shine in which God was present. Sometimes, the weather wasn't the best, but it actually made that day better. Overall, I will cherish the memories...and the baklava!"

Multnomah Falls



AIDAN VOGEL

"I really liked going to the Japanese Garden. Partly because of all the waterfalls and partly because the big fish in the pond, which reminded me of my grandfather who taught me to fish. I enjoyed trying different foods, especially at the Indian-Pakistani restaurant in Portland. Helping the people at the two gardens and playing soccer with the refugee children were where I saw God at work. Getting a chance to watch the sunset and reflect with our group about the week was a very faithful way to end our trip."

OWEN WILLIAMS

"This week, we had a very inspiring adventure, taking our time to help out the community and to explore the beautiful sights in

Oregon. On our trip we had a wonderful time helping out different outreach programs, such as 4 Worlds United where we played soccer with refugee youth. It's amazing to see the people doing God's work and helping out people in need. They all have this "glow" in their eyes that show you that they are really proud of their work. This fun journey has made me want to get involved more in my community."

PASTOR ADAM

"There is something uniquely special about mission trips that reveal God in surprising and powerful ways. Perhaps, it is being forced to break our routine or maybe, it is the opportunity to travel to new places and encounter new people with their own stories to share. Whatever the reasons, mission trips are one of my favorite ministry experiences. Portland was no exception...our youth and leaders were able to experience God in truly unexpected and amazing ways! Having been to Portland before, I experienced God in the enthusiasm, the friendships, and the service of our youth and leaders whose energy and compassion truly revealed big hearts and strong faith. They are remarkable...and it was a blessing to share this experience with each of them!"



Cannon Beach

Oregon Coast



7 FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Dear Friends,

The sun is shining and we are enjoying the lovely weather. July has been deemed UV safety month which makes sense as we feel the rays. I would like to focus on eye health and the sun. The eye occupies less than 2% of the whole body surface area, but it represents the sole organ system to allow the penetration of visible light deep into the human being. Professional caregivers are suggesting that people in their early and older years should be guarding their eyes to preserve vision. UV light from the sun raises the risks of eye disease, including cataracts, growths on the eye, and cancer.



People in their teens and twenties are developing growths on their eyes, such as pterygium, a pinkish, triangular tissue growth on the cornea of the eye. These are found especially in skiers, farmers, outdoor game spectators, beach lovers, those that enjoy fishing, and those that spend long hours in the mid-day sun or by UV-intense environments found by water or the mountains.



Cataracts and eye cancers take some time to mature, but each time we are in the sun without protection, we are increasing our risks for disorders of the eye. We need to put hats and sunglasses on our babies and children as well as ourselves when outdoors.

Here are a few tips to protect our eyes:

- Never look directly at the sun, even during an eclipse. You could develop solar retinopathy which is damage to the retina.
- Don't let cloudy days take your guard down. Sun rays can pass through fog and clouds.
- Wear UV-blocking sunglasses and broad brimmed hats whenever outside.
- Remember don't forget the kids or your older family members. Protect their eyes with hats and sunglasses.
- Exercising and eating a diet rich in a variety of vegetables and fruits can protect against blinding eye diseases such as glaucoma and age related macular degeneration.
- Get regular eye exams so you can catch any issues early. The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends adults under age 40 have a comprehensive medical eye exam every five to ten years. Those of us over 40 years of age should get checked more frequently according to whether you wear glasses or need glasses. 😊
- Look for a pair of sunglasses specifically designed for UV eye protection that are rated UV400 or higher: that means they'll block 99.9% of UV rays. Lenses should be polarized, to help neutralize harmful glare.
- Photochromic lenses are an excellent choice for sun protection outdoors if you need corrective lenses.

Enjoy your summer and remember to keep your eyes safe from the sun!



Shalom,

Sue Quever R.N., Faith Community Nurse
AdvocateAurora Faith Community Nursing

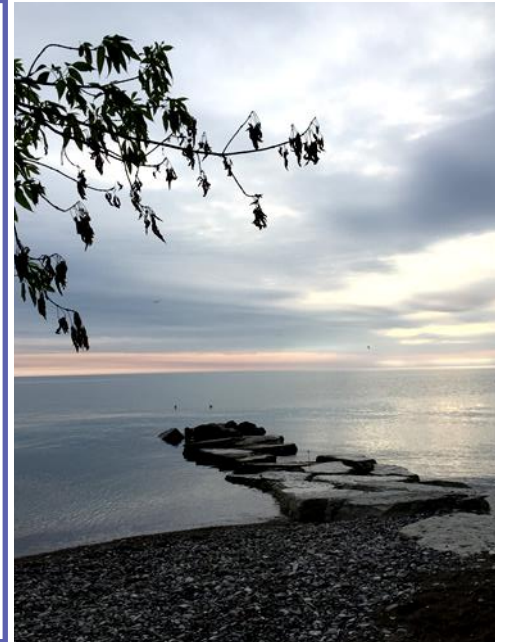
Women's Retreat Reflections

We had a beautiful weekend for our Women's Retreat at the Siena Retreat Center! June is the perfect month to enjoy this perfect quiet spot! We did things a little different this year and made sure the ladies had more free time to get re-freshed. Our Bible/book study was called "Present Over Perfect", by Shauna Niequist. We looked at our everyday life in this season we are in, and peeled it back like an onion. Evaluating all the hectic and "busy" things we do. Am I "doing for, instead of *being with*, my loved ones?" Am I "*working for*, instead of *lingering with*, God?" This spoke so much to me that I wrote it down a few times on index cards and placed them throughout my house.

So many of us have been "slid into various roles" by other people. Some of the pain we experience day by day is often caused by the fact that we are utterly unwilling to lay down the very roles that are exhausting and exasperating. As soon as we let go of the offending agent—in this case, someone else's idea of who we are, of the role we believe we must play—we experience the peace and freedom we were made to enjoy! The Bible calls this "abundant life!"

The weekend was the very thing I needed. We ended the retreat with a small worship service and sharing in the Lord's Supper. Thank you to all the women who shared their weekend with me!

- Jodi Iorio, Connections Ministry Leader



If I could describe the women's retreat in one word it would be peaceful. This year, we really had time to dive into God's word, discuss in community and have time to reflect and talk to God.

The Siena Center is by the lake, and we had beautiful weather to explore God's creation. God used this time to bless us in some big ways, so we could go forth and bless others. *Present over Perfect* was just what God ordained. —Alyssa Dishno



This is the first Women's Retreat I've been able to attend, and I am so thankful that I did. It was 24 hours of "me" time, which we all deserve to take once in a while. I am so thankful for the time spent in prayer, self-reflection, discussion, and fellowship. My favorite quote from Shanna Niequist's "Present Over Perfect" video series that we watched & discussed is "God created us to be who we are—He doesn't expect anything more." —Angie Wollschlager



July 1

Doug & Janet Swihart

July 5Steve & Amy Deschler
Steve & Kirsten Thompson
Melissa & Nathan Retzlaff**July 6**Joel & Beth Kaufmann
Scott & Kristie Fowler**July 9**

Andy & Pat Skinner

July 12

Jim & Joan Zich

July 15Chuck & Diane Pomerene
Steve & Jessica Hupcher**July 18**

Dave & Kris Klimisch

**July 19**

Joel & Kathy Dutton

July 20Jordan & Kerrie Gardina
Sean & Michelle Maddox
James & Arlene Skendziel**July 22**Lou & Patti Molitor
Roger & Dianne Wilde
John & Leslie Holloway**July 23**Michael & Candice
Witek**July 24**David & Amanda Maedke
Ryan & Samantha
McGovern**July 27**

Ron & Lou Ann Daniels

July 28

Russell & Eryn Schultz

July 29

Justin & Katie Weis

July 31Jeff & Lindsay
Deinhammer
Kenny & Kelly
Wegmuller**July Birthdays**

- 1 Jackie McCarthy, Enzo DeBartolo, Taryn Derfus, Michael Stanislawski, Jeanine Jantz, Timothy Konz, Arael Gomez
- 2 Bruce McDonald, Patty Rebey
- 3 Nattan Degefa, Dillan Tiebout
- 4 Brenda Walentowski, Dominic Arturi, Robin Berry
- 5 Jacob Weber
- 6 John Iorio, Mikal Robinson, Mackenzie Konz, Joshua Mayerak, Everly Hanson
- 7 Kerrie Gardina
- 8 Anne Rasmussen, Joan Zich
- 9 Abigail Nosalik, Karen Gahart, Camren Owens
- 10 Jennifer Venable, Skyler Guetschow
- 11 Denise Gifford, Rachel Wamboldt
- 12 Avery Nighbor, Madeleine Meyer, Liam Thorson
- 13 Samantha Pavilonis
- 14 Ashley Skendziel
- 15 Brad Bloxdorf, Eric Corrao, Iver Iverson
- 16 Sam Knapton, Atalie Ward
- 17 Kim Voss, Serena Jones, Jacob Hiser, Mike McDowell, Rachel Bieneman
- 18 Colin Mossman
- 19 Dan Sinnen, Davan Smith
- 20 Daniel Faraca, Amanda Hanna
- 21 Tim Schiappacasse, Julia Arturi, Dan Cresco
- 22 Jazmyn Robinson, Jerry Romano, Jacob Young, James Skendziel
- 23 Chris Daugherty, Tory Bilotta, Ann Hooper
- 25 Beth McDonald, Gabriel Cox, Justin Pierce
- 26 David Rademacher, Ashley Leicht
- 27 Kris Klimisch, Candace Isetts-Williams
- 28 Kristi Schaeffer-Kleutsch, Jacob Dorst
- 29 Clara Winden, Steve Pierce, Kris Hobson, John Strott
- 30 Madelyn Anderson, Emma Klaus
- 31 Ivar Iverson, Jaynee Dunasky, Hayden Guetschow



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED: A host family is needed for a female student from Germany, age 16, who is going to attend school in Kenosha this fall. She is interested in hiking, soccer, volleyball, pets, photography, and more. She will pay all expenses, and speaks good English. She is coming to learn about America, and practice speaking English.

A host family is also needed for a male student from Vietnam, age 17. He will be a senior this fall and will be living in Kenosha. He is into swimming, diving, fitness, theater, pets, and skating. He speaks English, and will pay all expenses.

Please contact Carrie Schulz, International Student Exchange Coordinator, at 262-544-1183 or schulzcarr@aol.com today for more information on hosting an exchange student.



SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Ushers				
9:30 a.m.	Joe Harmsen, Tim Schiappacasse	John & Roberta Bloner	Cliff & Norma Lundstrom	Joe & Jacob Weber, Joyce Behlke
Acolyte				
9:30 a.m.	Savannah Strott	Open	Open	Logan Fowler
Assisting Minister				
9:30 a.m.	Marty Knight	Michelle Eisenhauer	Lori Vogel	John Meyer
Communion Help				
9:30 a.m.	Anne Fuller, Tanya Bihun, Rhiannon Urso, Kathy Prokes, Jean Walrath	Lori, Aiden & Alyssa Vogel, Robin & Annabelle Berry	Rhiannon Urso, DeEtta Iverson, help needed	Lori & Alyssa Vogel, Megan Rodriguez Kim Sly, Gary Kovacs,
Reader				
9:30 a.m.	Kristi Schaeffer-Kleutsch	Jodi Iorio	Kelly Eisenhauer	Rhiannon Urso
Greeters				
9:30 a.m.	Tanya Bihun	Kathy Prokes	Jean Walrath	Cliff & Norma Lundstrom
Coffee				
9:30 a.m.	Vogel Family	Anna Kersten	Barb Chaparro	Tracy Pavilonis
Bread (for both worship gatherings)				
	Tammy Skendziel	Diane Schaeffer	Mary Williams	Mary Williams
Tellers				
	Jan Halvorsen, Rich Walasek MONDAY	Dave Klimisch, Rich Walasek SUNDAY	Dave Klimisch, Mark Sinnen SUNDAY	Mark Sinnen Tom Pomatto SUNDAY
Altar Care				
9:30 a.m.	John & Kathi Strott	Mark Sinnen	Rhiannon Urso and family	Chris Daugherty
A/V				
9:30 a.m.	Steve Hupcher	Ralph McCarthy	Tyler Delaney	Collin Fowler
Nursery				
9:30 a.m.	Lynn Kancian	Lynn Kancian	Lynn Kancian	Lynn Kancian
SCRIP Sales				
	Becky & Emma Brewer	Kathy Prokes & Kris Klimisch	Laura & Brian Lynch	Jean Garretto



SUNDAY EVENING VOLUNTEERS

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Ushers				
5:30 p.m.	Doug Kancian	Gary Kovacs	Jack & Cheryl Kasdorf	Robinson Family
Acolyte				
5:30 p.m.	Open	Open	Open	Jonah Sens
Assisting Minister				
5:30 p.m.	Pastor Adam would like someone to begin serving along side him during our contemporary evening worship gatherings. If you have any interest, please talk to Pastor Adam or Jodi Iorio, our Connections Ministry Leader.			
Communion Help				
5:30 p.m.	Judy Nevoraski, Sonja Wolfe, Tammy Skendziel	Samantha & Kylie McGovern, Sue Schmidt-Decker	Judy Nevoraski, Joe Lanser, Don Estes	Julie Chase, Connie & Jurey Wittmus
Reader				
5:30 p.m.	Sue Schmidt- Decker	Jodi Iorio	Judy Nevoraski	Julie Chase
Greeters				
5:30 p.m.	Open	Sandy Aker	Kay Leslie	Audrey Hartman
Coffee				
5:30 p.m.	Open	Carrie Anderson	Open	Open
Altar Care				
5:30 p.m.	Cole Weiss	Liz & Sarah Young	Jack & Cheryl Kasdorf	Karen Sens
A/V				
5:30 p.m.	Angie Wollschlager	Chris Daugherty	Angie Wollschlager	Chris Daugherty
SCRIP Sales				
	Kim Sly/Open	Lisa Romano	Bill & Julie Remiker	Aaron & Elliott Sens



Within our congregation there are many ministries to serve God and others.
If you need assistance or have questions, please contact any of the following people:

ACOLYTES..... Ministry Lead Needed
 ALTAR CARE **Kathy Miller**
 ASSISTING MINISTERS **Pastor Adam**.....
 CARE MINISTRY TEAM **Sue Quever**
 CHOIR **Kerry Bieneman**.....
 CONNECTIONS MINISTRY **Jodi Iorio**
 COFFEE/TREATS **Linda Stanford**
 COMM ASSIST **Laura Lynch**
 COMM BREAD BAKERS **Diane Schaeffer**
 CHURCH COUNCIL TBD 7/16/19
 CUSH **Joyce Behlke**.....
 FAITH TECH **Jeff Wollschlager**
 GREETERS..... Ministry Lead Needed
 J & C BAND **Bill Smith**.....
 LADIES OF LYDIA **Nancy Haldeman**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.....Ministry Lead Needed
 NURSERY **Lynn Kancian**
 OFFICE HELP **Angie Wollschlager**
 PRAYING PARTNERS **Cheryl Kasdorf:kasdorfc@gmail.com**
 PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY **Arlene Hall**
 PROPERTY **Don Estes**
 READERS **Michelle Eisenhauer**
 SPECIAL MUSIC **Kerry Bieneman**.....
 SOUP KITCHEN **Kathy Miller**
 SUNDAY SCHOOL **Tanya Brady**.....
 Lisa McCarthy.....
 TELLERS **Dave Klimisch**.....
 USHERS.....Ministry Lead Needed
 YOUTH MINISTRY **Pastor Adam**.....

One Year of Ministry

Last year, on July 8th, I was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament within the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA. One year ago, this congregation called me to serve as one of your pastors. As I celebrate a year of pastor ministry, it seems like a good time to reflect on this past year and look ahead to where God is calling!

Just one year...and yet, so much has happened. After my ordination, one of my first Lord of Life events was attending the Youth Kick-Off over at the Klimisch's. Let me tell you...here at Lord of Life, a great way to make a lasting impression is to lead with your youth! They are remarkable, a lot of fun, and a wonderful introduction to the openness and inclusion which are cornerstones of this congregation! In the weeks that followed, I met over coffee and meals with council and leadership team members, couples and families, and so many more. I also got to know the staff and the many gifts of Angie, Connie, Jodi, and Sue. Even with the challenges of the call process, I was welcomed, supported, and empowered.



Fast forward to a year later, and we look back on a year full of ups and downs, blessings and challenges. The Children, Youth, and Family Ministries explored some new and dynamic ways of reaching out to our young people and their families. We intentionally sought to create a place for young adults to feel welcomed and included within our ministry. And several adults have discovered the joy of connecting with the children and youth by participating in our Cross+Generational Ministry events, like God's Work Our Hands Weekend, the Christmas Proclamation and the Guys' Retreat.

Yet, difficulties within the congregation have been a part of my call since the beginning, as well: a decline in members, a decline in financial giving, and a decline in volunteers. Unable to truly afford a second pastor, four months into this call, I was cut down to 80%, only to need to be restored two-months later, because our senior pastor had resigned. Unexpectedly, I had to transition from a role as the Associate Pastor to the role of a Solo Pastor. However, even in the midst of these challenges, God has been at work. The pastors of Kenosha came together to support the collaborative Good Friday community service and members of the congregation stepped up to share their stories for the Good Friday evening service. Leah Holloway was able to contribute in a very meaningful way to the powerful services of Holy Week and Easter. Our Council remained dedicated in service, meeting 5 times in 8 weeks and leading three congregational meetings so far this year. And in May, we welcomed 13 new individuals and families into our Lord of Life family. This month, we celebrate a year in our ministry together and it has been a rollercoaster of a journey. It's not what any of us could have expected or planned for, but we made it...one whole year, together.

As I reflect on my experience, I invite you to stop and think about this past year, as well. What has been your experience? What has been your role in helping to create a faith-filled experience for others? I am so happy to be part of the Lord of Life family, and I am excited to discern where God is calling this congregation in the coming year. As I step into new responsibilities as the solo pastor of this congregation, I invite you to think about ways to get more involved this coming church year. How can you more fully participate in all that Lord of Life has to offer? How can you be more of a contributor and not just a consumer? I hope that you will join me this coming church year in challenging ourselves to explore our faith more deeply, engage in relationships more fully, and seek to experience God more intentionally!

Peace and blessings,

LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CG=Cross-Generational MS=Middle School HS=High School YA=Young Adult



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5	6 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Gateway Café
7 8:30 a.m. Inspire Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 3:15 p.m. J&C Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Worship	8 6:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia & Prayer Shawl Ministry	9	10 12:00 p.m. Prayer Group 12:30 p.m. Soul Food Bible Study	11 9:00 a.m. Ladies of Lydia 7:00 p.m. AA	12	13 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Gateway Café
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Vacation Bible Camp 6:00-7:30 p.m. All children are welcome</p> </div>						
14 8:30 a.m. Inspire Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 3:15 p.m. J&C Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Worship	15 6:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia & Prayer Shawl Ministry 	16 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting	17 12:00 p.m. Prayer Group 12:30 p.m. Soul Food Bible Study	18 9:00 a.m. Ladies of Lydia 7:00 p.m. AA	19	20 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Gateway Café
21 8:30 a.m. Inspire Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 Annual Kingfish Outing 3:15 p.m. J&C Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Worship	22 6:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia & Prayer Shawl Ministry	23	24 12:00 p.m. Prayer Group 12:30 p.m. Soul Food Bible Study	25 9:00 a.m. Ladies of Lydia 7:00 p.m. AA	26	27 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Gateway Café
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Ministry of the Month

This month we will be collecting school supplies for the ELCA Outreach Center's annual school supply drive. Please return any donations to the Ministry of the Month chest through the end of July.



- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ Glue Sticks
- ◆ Crayons (24 count or larger)
- ◆ Colored Pencils (12 pack or larger)
- ◆ No. 2 Pencils (20 count or larger)
- ◆ Highlighters
- ◆ Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks (70pg)
- ◆ Wide Ruled Theme Paper (200 ct.)



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Summer Sundays
9:30 a.m.
&
5:30 p.m.
(Contemporary)



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