

July 2021

# LIFELINES

The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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## **Pastor, tell me what you really think. Are we going to make it?**

It wasn't the first time I had wished I had my time-machine to jump into, take a quick peek into the future and then return - all the wiser. Unfortunately, I couldn't fit the time-machine in the moving truck when we left New York. Oh well.

This question recently came from one of Lord of Life's long-time members - someone who has been active in the congregation, been in positions of responsibility, and been a faithful Jesus-follower for years. This is someone who deeply loves this congregation, and is deeply concerned about its future.

My response was, "I don't know. I think so, but I really don't know." It was an honest answer. I don't know how Lord of Life is going to do in the future. I firmly believe that it is God's desire that the congregation grow vibrant again, and be in faithful ministry in this place. But I don't know if that is going to happen.

What makes me unsure? To be blunt, I'm not sure because there are so many people in the congregation who seem to be sitting on the sidelines asking that question - *are we going to make it?* There seems to be an impression that the vitality of the congregation is going to jump out of the bricks and wallboard of the building, rather than out of the people who are the church. The more people who sit on the sidelines, "waiting to see what happens", the less is actually going to happen. In that case, it might not make it.

The last few years have been so tough. I don't know how many times I have said and written those words. But, God wants and calls Lord of Life to be in mission and ministry in this corner of Kenosha. God will do God's part. Will you do yours?

As more people are vaccinated and we are gathering in the building once again, we are looking forward to an exciting fall: to Sunday school, and confirmation, and mid-week contemporary worship, and Bible study, and fellowship, and serving and calling a new pastor. All of this is God's work. But it will take our hands - your hands to make it happen.

*Pastor, tell me what you really think. Are we going to make it?* I don't have my time-machine. But if I did, I would go back in time a few days and ask the person who asked me that question to rephrase it. This is the real question: *What can I do to help Lord of Life make it? To help us be God's hands and feet and love and grace in this place?*

Please, ask anyone on the staff or on the council that question. *What can I do to help Lord of Life make it? To be God's hands and feet and love and grace in this place?* Please, be a part of God's faithful work. God works through you and me. The staff and council are setting up a structure - but folks, without you...

If you want to hear more on my "State of the Congregation" presentation at the Annual Meeting on June 27, [CLICK HERE](#) (if you're reading this electronically), or you can visit <https://lordoflifekenosha.org/movingforward-1>

Peace my friends, and a little Spirit-energy!

*Pastor Carol*

## **SERVING YOU AT LORD OF LIFE**

**Pastor Carol Jeunnette**

- 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**

**Tanya Brady**

**Russ Brewer**

**Lynn Kancian**

**Brian Lynch**

**Lisa McCarthy**

**Lori Vogel**

**Rhiannon Urso**

*Officers will be elected  
at the July meeting.*

## **Office Hours**

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

## **Our Website**

[www.lordoflifekenosha.org](http://www.lordoflifekenosha.org)

## **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.*



**Sundays**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship in the Sanctuary**

Wearing a mask is an easy way to keep everyone safe, especially when children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, are in our midst. Therefore, at this time, we will continue to require that masks be worn, with the exception of when consuming the communion elements. We will also livestream the service through Zoom each week. Meeting ID: 869 2361 8457, Passcode: Lutheran

**Wednesdays, July 14th & 28th**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Outdoor Contemporary Worship**

Bring a lawn chair and keep some distance between other family units or individuals. Masks are not required for our outdoor worship.

(If weather prevents us from meeting outdoors, we will move inside to the sanctuary, with masks required.)



The Greater Milwaukee Synod staff is committed to healing the relationship with Lord of Life. To continue this healing process, Pastor Kristin Nielsen, Assistant to the Bishop, will be with us on **Sunday, July 11th for worship and to participate in a congregational discussion following worship, at 10:30 a.m.** All are invited and encouraged to attend.

The *Looking Into the Congregation* Workgroup invites you attend a "Gifts & Tasks of a Pastor Conversation", which is part of the Ministry Site Profile that we will be completing. These conversations will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, July 18th, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., as well as through Zoom on Monday, July 19th at 7:00 p.m.** Watch your emails for the Zoom link.

**July 31:** Workgroups report findings and recommendations to Council

**August:** Council and workgroup leaders 'on retreat' to work on Draft Ministry Site Profile and Mission Statement

**September:** Congregational Listening Sessions to discuss the Ministry Site Profile

- Call Committee assembled (If you'd like to be part of the Call Committee, please get involved in the *Moving Forward* process.)

**Oct. 1:** Ministry Site Profile is submitted to the Greater Milwaukee Synod

**Oct. 24:** Town Hall Meeting with Bishop and Assistant to the Bishop to review and formally submit the Ministry Site Profile.

**Oct.-Nov.** Call Committee begins work



**Saturday, September 25, 2021**  
**OFHRRW.org**

Join all of your friends on the morning of Saturday, September 25 for the Outreach for Hope 2021 Ride Run Walk (formerly the Family Bike Ride), and help FUNdraise \$150K for grants to central city congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod!

### SITE OPTIONS:

*Each site offers a walk, and road and trail rides unless otherwise noted.*

- **Waukesha County:** Dousman/Glacial Drumlin Trail
- **Ozaukee County:** Grafton/Ozaukee Interurban Trail
- **Racine/Kenosha County:** Kenosha/North Shore Bike Trail
- **NEW! Milwaukee County:** Washington Park - walk only
- **Virtual:** Ride, run, walk, and/or fundraise on your own schedule (7/15 - 9/25)

Registration includes a free event t-shirt, and a boxed picnic lunch for in-person events. Pay what you can: there's no set registration fee!

**Registration opens July 15:** [OFHRRW.org](http://OFHRRW.org)

**Sign up to volunteer:**

[tinyurl.com/OFHRRWvolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/OFHRRWvolunteer)



# CONGRATS GRADUATES!



**Isabelle Deinhammer**  
Harborside Academy  
Marquette University



**Megan Fowler**  
Indian Trail High School  
Carthage College



**Samantha Pavlonis**  
Harborside Academy  
UW - Parkside



**Sarah Remiker**  
Christian Life High School  
UW - LaCrosse



**Isaac Sens**  
Harborside Academy  
UW - Stevens Point



**Elliott Sens**  
Harborside Academy  
UW - LaCrosse



**Abby Swihart**  
Bradford High School  
Carthage College



**Molly Swihart**  
Alverno College  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing



**Dillan Tiebout**  
Indian Trail High School  
UW - Whitewater



**Aidan Vogel**  
Bradford High School  
Gateway Technical College



**Alyssa Vogel**  
Bradford High School  
Gateway Technical College  
or Online Vet Tech Program



**Tawny Vogel** (Wife of Tyler)  
Concordia University  
Doctorate of Pharmacy

## June 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Council approved the Staff's suggestion of moving to one service indoors, at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 27th, followed by the Annual meeting, as long as the number of Covid cases continue to hold steady, or continue to decrease. The Task Force would be monitoring the numbers and the decision be made on 6/20.
- One of our beliefs that comes out strong is that we are a "Welcoming Congregation" - given that, Pastor Carol asked Council to begin considering a permanent live stream... Permanent camera. May need to ask for funds - possibly from Memorial Fund or from Congregation.
- Staff made the suggestion of experimenting with two Wednesday evening services in July instead of Saturday nights. Too many people are traveling/busy with sports on weekends. It would be held outside, so that anyone still not comfortable worshipping indoors have this option. Brian moved to adopt the proposal, seconded by Russ. No discussion, passed unanimously.
- Worship attendance is slowly increasing, have had a few more kids, and a few more visitors. Noted that one couple has been back 3 times.
- *Moving Forward:* Looking into the Community Workgroup has posted a map of Kenosha in the hallway - plotting the number of families that live in each zip code of our 296 "family units", and where Lutheran congregations and outreach organizations are located. Looking in to the Congregation is inviting the congregation to a discussion about "naming the most important "gifts"" that LOL wants to have in our new pastor. Three sessions will be held: 7/18/21 - 8:30AM, after worship, and then an evening one on 7/19/21.
- Angie shared that Kid's Castle removed all of their belongings, cleaned up, and made a donation of \$750.
- Two outside groups that use our building have requested resuming meeting. Approved with cleaning guidelines be put in place.
- Annual Meeting agenda was finalized and Angie will be sending it out to the congregation prior to the meeting.
- The electronic sign out front is need of repair/refreshing. We have received a substantial anonymous donation towards it and Angie will work on obtaining quotes.
- Finances continue to track well, but we need to keep in mind that our budget allows for expenses to increase in the fall, in addition to increasing Pastor Carol's salary to full time in September.
- Staff and Ministry Leaders will be discussing doing a "reboot" for the fall. Some new ideas and experiments to create excitement.

Thank you to everyone who join us, either in person, or online, for our Annual Congregational Meeting on June 27th. We thank our outgoing Council Members, Kathi Strott and Liz Young. We welcome new Council members Tanya Brady and Lynn Kancian, as well as Brian Lynch, who joins us for a second term, Russ Brewer and Rhiannon Urso who officially join us after completing the terms of vacated positions, and Lisa McCarthy and Lori Vogel, whose terms have another year. Officers will be elected at our July meeting.

# MAY 2021 FINANCIALS

ASSETS	
<b>Funds on Hand</b>	
Cash on Hand - General Fund	\$61,139.83
<b>Restricted Accounts</b>	
Youth Account	\$9,649.59
Memorial Account Total (ALL RESTRICTED)	\$10,305.78
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	\$12,587.57
Scrip Card Inventory	\$15,710.00
LIABILITIES	
Credit Card Balance	\$ 95.24
Payroll Withholdings	\$ -
SBA Loan - Forgivable	\$ -
Mortgage Balance	\$ 1,162,850.18
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,162,945.42

May	
YTD Income -	YTD Expenses -
YTD Income	\$125,256.04
YTD Expenses	\$138,065.04
YTD Revenue	-\$12,809.00
MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$2,479.32 OVER BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$3,823.21 UNDER BUDGET

ELCA Benevolence Paid \$4,916.65

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!



Note that the YTD numbers are based on our annual budget divided by 12 months. We had several larger than usual expenditures early in the year, such as staff bonuses and extra donations to outside organizations, which cause the difference between income and expenses to look severely unbalanced. It will even out as the year progresses. We are so grateful for your continued support of our mission and ministry!



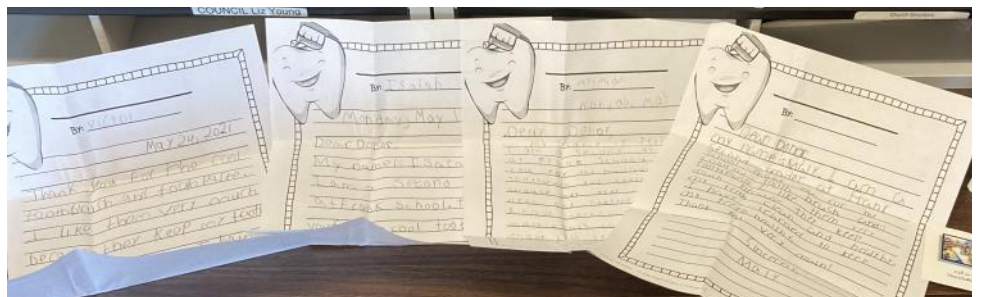
# WE'VE BEEN BUSY!



**June 13  
Lawn Worship &  
Graduate Recognition**



**Thank you notes from students at Frank Elementary School for the 124 toothbrushes and 60 tubes of toothpaste we collected in April and donated.**



# MORE FUN!

**Vacation Bible School was held June 21-24 and the kids and leaders had an amazing time “wondering” about the God who made us all! Enormous thanks to Alyssa Dishno, Melissa Retzlaff, and Kathryn Barnhart, who, along with Jodi Iorio, coordinated and planned it all!**



 diakonia™



**On Saturday, June 26th, Lord of Life hosted Worship with the Graduation of the Greater Milwaukee Synod diakonia™ Class of 2020, which included LoL member Julie Chase. Lori Vogel & Sonja Wolfe, both LoL members, diakonia™ graduates, and part of the Steering Committee, took place in the ceremony, presenting the graduates with certificates and diakonia™ crosses.**  
**Congratulations Julie!!**

For more information about the diakonia™ program, go to [www.diakoniausa.org](http://www.diakoniausa.org)

Dear Friends,

July is blazing in full sun and hardly providing any precipitation. Many people are enjoying the heat and catching some rays. The National Health Observance focuses on skin care and protection during the summer months. Years past, people would use baby oil to enhance their tan. Over time we have learned that sun damages our skin and shows up later as wrinkles and skin cancers. Do you know how to choose a sunscreen? Here is good information as you shop for sunscreen. Look for the following in a sunscreen:

- Broad Spectrum sunscreen- protects against both UV-A and UV-B rays
- SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 or higher
  - SPF 15 filters out over 90% of the sun's harmful UV-B rays
  - SPF 30 - 96%
  - SPF 45 - 98%.
- Waterproof if you will be sweating or swimming.
- Use sunscreen specifically for use on your face. This will help to avoid the sunscreen 'running' into your eyes and burning.
- PABA (para-aminobenzoic acid) free if you are sensitive to that chemical.
- Water-based if you have acne or oily skin.
- Not all sunscreens have the same ingredients – If your skin reacts badly to the one you are using, try one with different chemicals.
- Be aware of the expiration date. Over time sunscreen may lose its effectiveness.
- A more expensive brand is not necessarily more effective than a less expensive brand.
- Shake well before use. This will help to mix sunscreen that may have clumped up in the container.
- Use enough. Apply thickly and evenly.

A good rule of thumb – use about 1 oz. or a handful to cover your entire body.

- ✓ Apply sunscreen to all parts of your skin that will be exposed to the sun. Do not forget your ears, back, shoulders, the back of your knees and legs.
- ✓ Apply sunscreen:
  - Every 20 – 30 minutes before going out in the sun. This allows for your skin to absorb the sunscreen.
  - Every 2 hours when outdoors
  - After swimming or sweating
  - Even if you are wearing hats and protective clothing.



Remember – No sunscreen offers 100% protection. Use sunscreen and practice sun safety for the best skin protection. See you at the beach!

Shalom,

Sue Quever R.N., F.C.N.  
AdvocateAurora Faith Community Nurse Program





L-R: Carol Callahan, Nancy Haldeman, Carol Gumbinger

This month, I would like to recognize Carol Gumbinger. Carol has served on many, many, teams and ministries since she has become a member over 30 years ago. But if you ask her, she will tell you her favorite thing to do is to quilt! She and Nancy Haldeman have been creating banners and other paraments for Lord of Life for many years. In this picture, all three ladies; Carol and Nancy, along with Carol Callahan, worked together on the "Starburst" that fits behind the cross. It was one of their favorites. Nancy and Carol have made a great Worship Arts Team! They were responsible for knowing the Liturgical church seasons and making sure all the right colors of the paraments/linens were in place. They also created special banners for sermon series, and themes that have been used in the past. If you peek behind our brick altar wall, you will see a room filled with their beautiful work!

I personally have worked with Carol on many events and love her work ethic and her dedication. Years ago, she and I cleaned and organized the dreadful attic! She has been on the Ladies of Lydia for at least 25 years, along with the Property team, Building team, Christmas Tea Team, and have served on many ministries. Carol also reminded me that she cut the grass at Lord of Life for 20 years!

Carol and her husband, Keith, will be spending 5 months in Arizona again this year. (Lucky ducks!!) We will only get to see her during the warm months here in Wisconsin. She will be stepping down from the Worship Arts team and passing the torch of "changing the linens" to our next generation. Connie Wittmus is looking for volunteers to create a team who will take turns "changing out the linens" and hanging up the different banners when needed. Connie is willing to train and schedule volunteers to take three turns a year. Please call the office and leave a message or email [office@lordoflifekensoha.org](mailto:office@lordoflifekensoha.org) if you are interesting in participating. Thank you Carol for your indescribable gift!! You are a blessing to Lord of Life!

On Sunday, June 13th we held our first ever Family Summer kick-off. Volunteers packed 100 Summer Fun Kits, which included a drawstring bag packed with a jump rope, sidewalk chalk, crayons and coloring books, and bubbles! We delivered them to the Outreach Center, Shalom Center and the Grace Welcome center, who will distribute them to children they serve. We used a Thrivent Community Impact card to purchase what wasn't donated for the summer kits during our May Ministry of the Month. We also purchased vegetables to plant in our prayer garden in the back of our property. This garden is open for our church community to come and enjoy!





**July 1**

Doug &amp; Janet Swihart

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

Andy &amp; Pat Skinner

**July 12**

Jim &amp; Joan Zich

**July 18**

Dave &amp; Kris Klimisch

**July 20**Jordan & Kerrie Gardina  
Sean & Michelle Maddox**July 22**Lou & Patti Molitor  
Roger & Dianne Wilde**July 23**

Michael &amp; Candice Witek

**July 24**David & Amanda Maedke  
Ryan & Samantha  
McGovern**July 27**

Ron &amp; Lou Ann Daniels

**July 28**

Russell &amp; Eryn Schultz

**July 29**

Justin &amp; Katie Weis

**July 31**

Jeff &amp; Lindsay Deinhammer



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

May 16, 2021*Colin James Hawlish**Jonah Vance Hawlish**Sons of Deanna & James Hawlish*June 27, 2021*Blayde George Noah Moreno**Son of Brianna Daugherty & Tony Moreno*

*Congratulations and welcome to the family of  
God at Lord of Life, Colin, Jonah & Blayde!*



# LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia  7:00 p.m. Council meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  10:30 a.m. Congregation Discussion with Pr. Kristin Nielsen, Assistant to the Bishop	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	<b>14</b> 6:30 p.m. Contemporary Lawn Worship	<b>15</b> 7:00 p.m. AA  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:30 a.m. "Gifts & Tasks of a Pastor" Conversation  9:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  10:30 a.m. "Gifts & Tasks of a Pastor" Conversation  6:00 p.m. Leadership Coordinators Meeting	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. "Gifts & Tasks of a Pastor" Conversation via Zoom	<b>20</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	<b>28</b> 6:30 p.m. Contemporary Lawn Worship	<b>29</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>30</b>  	<b>31</b>

# MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



Our annual tradition of collecting school supplies in July will continue this year. They will then be distributed to children by the ELCA Outreach Center in August.



## Suggested items to donate:

Backpacks

Washable white glue

Glue sticks

Box of 24 crayons

No. 2 pencils

8 ct. or larger washable markers

12 ct. or large colored pencils

4 ct. low order dry-erase markers

2 pocket folders

Wide ruled spiral notebooks

Link to shop online; <https://a.co/4x02iV5>



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