June 2021

The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church 5 6 0 1 Washington Rd. • Kenosha, Wl 53 144 E-mail Address: office@lordoflifekenosha.org Phone: (262) 656-1995

Indoor Worship Plans for June and July

Figuring out how and when to re-open the building to the congregation is a challenging task, and the range of opinions is broad. The *Thriving in a Pandemic Task Force* and the Council are using these basic principles to formulate decisions:

- ♦ First, Lord of Life prides itself on *welcoming all people* no matter gender, sexual orientation, race or any other differences. In these days when we are coming out of the pandemic, welcoming all people means welcoming those who are vaccinated as well as those who are not vaccinated.
- Second, Lord of Life follows Jesus' commands to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind," and to "love your neighbor as yourself."
- ♦ A welcoming and loving place is, by necessity, a safe place. Thus, we need to be safe for all people vaccinated or not vaccinated.
- In order for children and people who cannot receive the vaccine to be safe and feel welcomed, we will continue to offer two worship options on Sundays:
- ♦ A third principle guiding us is this: experiment! Try something kind of different! God is here and blesses creativity.

In light of these principles:

In June, we will offer a shortened indoor service on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Masks and distancing are required, although we are no long requiring reservations. Singing will be limited.

We also will offer an outdoor service, on the back lawn, at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a chair and maintain distance between "pods". Masks are optional and singing is encouraged.

In July, (assuming the count of daily new cases in Kenosha County falls below 10 per 100,000 people), we will return to worship in the sanctuary. There will be one Sunday morning service at 9:30 a.m. As we get closer to that date, decisions about masks, distancing and singing will be made by the Task Force and Council.

Also in July, we invite you into an experiment: two opportunities to gather together on Wednesday evening for outdoor, contemporary worship. With everything different now, the staff thought this would be a good opportunity to try something different. It may or may not work. But for many of you who spend weekends at vacation homes or running around the state with children's activities, we want to offer a midweek option. Worship will be in the backyard (unless it rains, and it has to be moved inside), on Wednesdays, July 14 & 28 at 6:30 p.m. The music and format will be contemporary with lots of songs and an informal message, along with the gospel and the Lord's Supper.

We're looking forward to worship this summer. We hope to see you whichever way you decide to worship!

From Pastor Carol, LoL Staff, Covid Task Force & Congregational Council

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

Kathi Strott President

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Russ Brewer
- Vice President

Lori Vogel

- Secretary

Brian Lynch

- Treasurer

Lisa McCarthy Rhiannon Urso Liz Young

- Members at large

Office Hours

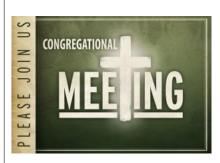
Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Our Website

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.



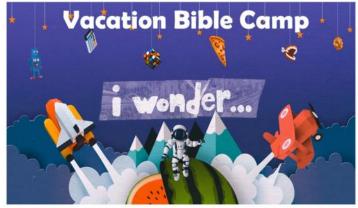


Our Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, June 27th immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. We will meet on the back lawn unless the weather is poor,

then we will move into the sanctuary, with masks required.

At this meeting, we will elect Council members, hear a financial update, and ratify the constitutional amendments that were approved at our January annual meeting. Your attendance at this meeting is very important.

We are seeking two individuals that would like to serve on our Congregation Council. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve in a very crucial time as we continue our Moving Forward process and prepare to call a pastor. If you are interested, please contact the church office or a member of the Nominating Team: Chris Daugherty, Lynn Kancian, and Tammy Skendziel.



Monday, June 21st—Thursday, June 24th 5:30-7:00 p.m. (snack provided)

All kids 3-10 years old are invited to join us.

We do ask that a parent of Pre-K or non potty-trained children accompany their child.

What makes you wonder? What sparks your curiosity? What makes you want to explore, discover, and experiment? Kids are naturally curious, but how can we harness their curiosity to help them wonder about the God who made them? When you're curious about who God is, it's easy to find ways to make your relationship with Jesus grow.

To register your child(ren), or sign up to volunteer, visit www.lordoflifekenosha.org, then click on Faith Development, then VBC.

You are invited to the

diakonia Graduation Worship for Julie Chase & Kathie Wilkerson

Saturday, June 26, 2021 1:00 p.m.

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

Thanks be to God!



This special event will also be livestreamed on Facebook Live from the page of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

MOVING FORWARD: UPDATE 3

From Pastor Carol

Faithfulness abounds as many members of Lord of Life work to better understand the congregation: where it has been, where it is now, what God is calling it to be and do, and what we need to work on in order to move forward in ministry. This is the timeline for the project:

June-July Congregational feedback gathered by workgroups

Discussion with Pastor Kristin Nielsen from Greater Milwaukee Synod, 10:30 a.m. July 11

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

Sept. Congregational Listening Sessions to discuss the Ministry Site Profile

Call Committee assembled (if you are interested in serving, please be 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

Highlights of *Moving Forward* workgroups:

Looking Back to Move Forward

This group has been studying Annual Reports going back to the organization of the congregation. They are looking at what went well, what has been the understanding of mission, and what got in the way of mission. Members: Michelle Eisenhauer, Sue Schmidt Decker, Becky Brewer, Tammy Skendziel, Angie Wollschlager and Rhiannon Urso.

Looking into the Congregation

This group is looking deeply at the last 5-6 years at Lord of Life. It seeks better to understand the recent problems, give a clear picture of the current status of the congregation, and discern the congregation's understanding of its mission. Members: Chris Daugherty, Tanya Brady, Amanda Maedke, Cathy Rutkowski, Brian Reining, Janet Koroscik, Ralph McCarthy, Lisa McCarthy and Pastor Carol.

In light of tension with leaders of the synod, this group recently met with Bishop Paul Erickson and Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Kristin Nielsen to consider the 'groans and grimaces' heard in the congregation when the synod is mentioned. Please see the letter below - jointly written by the committee and the Bishop - describing that meeting.

Looking into the Community

Where is Jesus in the community, and where is there a need for Jesus in the community are the questions that shape this group's work. This evening (Wednesday, May 26) they will host a Roundtable with community leaders connected to our congregation to consider these questions. Lou Molitor, Joe Nosalik and Karl Erickson will be present.

Looking to the Future

What is the church ("big C" church, as well as Lord of Life)? What is the church for? What are the challenges of the future for the church? What does it mean to be a Lutheran church? These are big questions that broaden our understanding of God's call and mission, and how Lord of Life might be involved. The responses to these questions will help shape our future. Members: John Meyer, Joe Nosalik, Jennifer Johnson, Abigail Nosalik, Russ Brewer, Rhiannon Urso, Brian Lynch and Pastor Carol.

A Statement from the "Looking into the Congregation" Workgroup, and Statement from Bishop Erickson, May, 2021.

Today we write to the Lord of Life Congregation as members of the "Looking into the Congregation" workgroup. Our purpose is to look intently, reflectively, and earnestly at our most recent history and use that information to offer guidance and walk forward. The more we discussed as a group, the clearer it became that there was a rift, a divide, a hurt between many of our members and the synod staff. This led us to courageously trusting Pastor Carol to quide and facilitate a meeting between our Looking into the Congregation workgroup, Pastor Carol, Bishop Paul Erickson and Pastor Kristin Nielsen.

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There we sat gathered around the baptismal font one Wednesday night, masks on, distance between, sharing the groans, grimaces and pain so many of us feel for so many different reasons. And as the weight of that pain lifted with each courageous statement, with genuine listening and candid answers we felt healing. We asked questions about Pastor Cindy Aasen, the call process, Pastor Stacy's resignation, our budget, the synod staff's role in all of this and everything in between.

We learned:

- -The word "synod" means to walk alongside on the same road. In most situations, the bishop and synod staff can give advice to congregations and pastors, but it's just that, advice that pastors and council can choose to follow or not.
- -When we don't know things (like can we really afford a second pastor), we should ask and not be complacent. We should question, challenge, request and listen intently to the members of our congregation, especially those who may have a different idea. To honor the variety of roads that can be explored when heading towards a destination.
- -The synod staff learned from and acknowledged their mistakes throughout this process with Lord of Life.
- -Pastor Cindy's placement was intended to be temporary, and it should not have happened so close to our church.
- -As a result of concerns with the Call Meeting for pastor Adam, a representative from the synod staff now attends every vote when calling a pastor
- -When discussing an end of call agreement or another important decision, the synod staff now recommends that the Council not make a decision immediately after receiving information, but allow a few days to gather further information and carefully think through requests and/or recommendations.
- -We all walked away feeling good knowing that other churches will not go through what we did.
- -We recognized that all of us (synod staff and the congregation) played a role in contributing to the recent stumbles.

Statement from Bishop Erickson:

"I lament that Lord of Life has experienced more than its fair share of challenges and struggles in recent years. There are lots of contributing factors, and some of them land squarely on my desk. For the role that I and members of my staff have played that has gotten in the way of the congregation fulfilling its mission, I humbly apologize. While we can't go back and undo what was done, we can trust that God's grace and forgiveness is sufficient for all of us, and I am grateful for the chance to learn and grow every day. God still has work for us to do, telling the story of Jesus and inviting people into life-changing relationships with the God of love, and I look forward to partnering with you as we re-engage in that mission and help you identify the leaders and the support you need to be the church that God is calling you to become."

The 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. **All are invited and encouraged to attend.**

May 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Pastor Carol's report: She shared the recommendation of staff & Covid Task force to continue to offer two services—one indoors at 8:30 a.m. with safety measures in place and one outdoors at 9:30 a.m. for anyone not comfortable gathering indoors or who prefer a later time.

- Moving Forward workgroups are "moving forward" and the timeline has been established. (See page 2.)
- VBS is being coordinated by 3 volunteers and have chosen a curriculum and are meeting to choose dates. (Now set—see page 2.)
- Staff will be having a retreat in June in Pastor Carol's backyard.

Angie's Church Administrator report included that she recently sent Kid's Castle an invoice for an outstanding balance towards the utility bills. She will also be working with them to set a date for them to clean out their belongings.

• Kerry has requested use of the office that was most recently used by Pr Adam for music planning and some storage of items. Council approved.

Brian shared the financial report: Cash on hand is holding steady, giving is above budget and expenses are a little under budget.

• The \$10,000 expenditure that the congregation approved to spend from 2020's surplus was actually paid out in 2021, so it affects how this year's numbers look.

Discussion on other business:

- The survey of the congregation regarding the Covid vaccine revealed that 87.3% of the congregation is fully vaccinated and 69% are comfortable being in a space with people of mixed vaccination status. That affirms our decisions about offering two options for worship.
- Annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, June 27th after the lawn worship. Angie will communicate with the Nominating Team regarding the number of nominees needed for Council positions. Lori and Lisa have another year of their terms remaining, Russ and Rhiannon are currently completing interim terms and Brian is eligible for another term. Russ, Rhiannon and Brian intend to be on the slate, therefore two additional nominees are needed to fill the total of 5 open positions.
- Council approved to allow the Synod to hold Diakonia graduation in the sanctuary at Lord of Life on June 26th.



APRIL 2021 FINANCIALS

AS	SETS	3			
Funds on Hand					
Cash on Hand - General Fund		\$66,123.86			
Restricted Accounts					
Youth Account				\$9,649.59	
Memorial Account Total (ALL RES		\$10,305.60			
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	\$	121			
WOMEN'S RETREAT	\$	644.13			
KINGFISH GAME	\$	(240.00)			
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$	990.43			
Scrip Account				\$9,400.70	
Scrip Card Inventory				\$18,760.00	
LIAB	ILITI	ES			
Credit Card Balance			\$	256.27	
Payroll Withholdings			\$	=	
SBA Loan - Forgiveable			\$		
Mortgage Balance			\$	1,165,328.06	
Total Liabilities			5	1,165,584.33	

April					
YTD Income -	YTD Expenses -				
YTD Income	\$105,248.82				
YTD Expenses	\$113,235.00				
YTD Revenue	-\$7,986.1				
MEMBERS GIVING YTD	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD				
\$6,888.11 OVER BUDGET	\$275.60 UNDER BUDGET				

ELCA Benevolence Paid \$4,333.32

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



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!









Thank you to everyone that helped out with our first Holy Grounds Clean Up day on May 2nd!

An additional work date is planned for June 6th.







May 9th — our first worship service in the sanctuary since March, 2020 and 9:30 a.m. drive in worship.

In April we collected 124 toothbrushes and 60 tubes of toothpaste for kids at Frank Elementary!







May 16th: Children's sermon during our sanctuary worship and the Baptism of Colin & Jonah Hawlish during our lawn worship.





May 23rd: Congratulations to Collin Fowler, Abigail Nosalik, Colin Hawlish, Vinny Gardina, Andrew Pavilonis, and Sarah Kancian for Affirming their Baptism in a Service of Confirmation!







7 FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Dear friends,

Lots of people are starting to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. People are taking more walks and covering areas in nature that can be considered challenging terrain. The National Health Observance in June focuses on community safety which includes fall safety. Did you know falls account for nearly one-third of all non-fatal injuries in the U.S., according to *Injury Facts*. For some people, falls result in embarrassment, skinned knees, or broken bones. For others, falls can signal the beginning of lifestyle changes – or even lead to death. Every 20 minutes, an older adult dies from a fall or are injured.



There are four types of exercises that can improve your health and physical ability. Doing one kind also can improve your ability to do the others, and variety helps reduce boredom and risk of injury. No matter your age, you can find activities that meet your fitness level and needs!

- Endurance -often referred to as aerobic, increase your breathing and heart rates. These activities help keep you healthy, improve your fitness, and help you perform the tasks you need to do every day. Examples such as brisk walking, yard work, dancing, swimming, etc. Build up to 150 minutes/week.
- Strength keeping your muscles strong can help with your balance and prevent falls and fall-related injuries. You are less likely to fall when your leg and hip muscles are strong. Examples such as lifting weights, wall push-ups, carrying groceries, arm curls, using resistance bands, etc.
- Balance -helps prevent falls. Lower body strength exercises can improve balance. Examples such as standing on one foot, standing from a seated position, heel to toe walk, Tai Chi movement, etc.
- Flexibility -stretching can improve your flexibility. Moving more freely will make it easier for you to reach
 down to tie your shoes or look over your shoulder when you back your car out of the driveway. Examples
 such as back, inner thigh, ankle and back leg stretch. Please enjoy a stretching video:
 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCQ6irSQwYA&t=384s
- Stretch when your muscles are warmed up.
- Stretch after endurance or strength exercises.
- Do not stretch so far that it hurts.
- Always remember to breathe normally while holding a stretch.
- Talk with your doctor if you are unsure about a particular exercise.

While we all are aging every day, falls do not have to be a part of that process. Understanding fall risks is the first step to keeping our loved ones and ourselves safe.

Shalom,

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

CHECK YOUR RISK OF FALLING

Circle "Yes" or "No" for each statement below.			Why it matters.			
Yes (2)	No (0)	I have fallen in the past year	People who have fallen once are likely to fall again			
Yes (2)	No (0)	I use or have been advised to use a cane or walker to get around safely.	People who have been advised to use a cane or walker may already be more likely to fall.			
Yes (1)	No (0)	Sometimes I feel unsteady when I am walking.	Usteadiness or needing support while walking are signs of poor balance.			
Yes (1)	No (0)	I steady myself by holding furniture when walking at home.	This is also a sign of poor balance.			
Yes (1)	No (0)	I am worried about falling.	People who are worried about falling are more likely to fall.			
Yes (1)	No (0)	I need to push with my hands to stand up from a chair.	This is a sign of weak leg muscles, a major reason for falling.			
Yes (1)	No (0)	I have some trouble stepping up onto a curb.	This is also a sign of weak leg muscles.			
Yes (1)	No (0)	I often have to rush to the toilet.	Rushing to the bathroom, especially at night, increases your chances of falling.			
Yes (1)	No (0)	I hae lost some feeling in my feet.	Numbness in your feet can cause stumbles and lead to falls.			
Yes (1)	No (0)	I take medicine that sometimes makes me feel light-headed or more tired than usual.	Side effects from medicines can sometimes increase your chance of falling.			
Yes (1)	No (0)	I take medicine to help me sleep or improve my mood.	These medicines can sometimes increase your chance of falling.			
Yes (1)	No (0)	l often feel sad or depressed.	Symptoms of depression, such as not feeling well, or feeling slowed down, are linked to falls.			
Total:		Add up the number of points for each "yes" answer.	If you scored 4 points or more, you may be at risk of falling.			



See page 2 for more information about this fun event!

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE LINK BELOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ACTIVITIES AFTER WORSHIP. EVERYONE IS INVITED!

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VOLUNTEER POSITIONS NEEDED THIS SUMMER

Sundays, 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

- Usher/Greeter to welcome worshipers and hand out baggies of communion. Can be an individual, a family, or a couple.
- 1 A/V Volunteer
- 1 Lesson Reader

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship on the Lawn

- 1 or 2 Ushers/Greeters to welcome worshipers and hand out bulletins and communion. Can be individuals, a family, or a couple.
- 1 Sound tech volunteer to run the soundboard
- ↑ 1 Lesson Reader

Also needed

To volunteer, or if you'd like more information, contact Jodi Iorio or the church office. Jodi's email address is connections@lordoflifekenosha.org.

June 1

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Iver & DeEtta Iverson

June 3

Richard & Kim Kugler

June 6

Jim & Marcia Shaffer

June 7

Neil & Anna Kersten John & Susan Meyer Jon & Caitlen Van Pay

June 8

Gale & Nancy Haldeman

June 9

Tim & Kristen Schiappacasse



June 20

Dan & Jenn Sinnen

June 21

Ryan & Lora McNeely

June 22

Jom & Lori Vogel Brad & Kristin Baranowski

June 12

Paul & Deb Gonsalves Erik & Nikki Guttormsen

June 18

Deb & Jeff Wamboldt Brian & Christi Wilke

June 19

Warren & Jennifer Arnold Adam & Elizabeth Zieman

June 25

Jim & Libby Nelson Jake & Charlene Clark

June 27

Sara Jensen & Joshua Mayerak

June 28

Sandy & Diane Speirs



Send us your graduate's info so we can celebrate them! We hope your family can also join us on June 13th, when we will recognize them during worship!

Please send an email to the church office at 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



June Birthdays

- 1 Noah Cresco
- 2 Elliot Dishno
- 3 Kim Kugler, Michael Wamboldt
- 4 Steve Kolner, Eli McGovern, Shawn Guetschow
- 5 Bonnie Miller, Robert Aker, Julia Sexton
- 6 Adeline Pomerening
- 7 Ryan Daugherty, Sarah Young, Alice Lutz, Lauren Jeserig
- 8 Tim Rasmussen, Daniel Kleutsch Meredith Kaufmann,
- 9 Grant Quever
- 10 Bonnie Knoedler
- 11 Andrew Sinnen, John Slye
- 12 Bill Chase, Ryan McGovern, Matthew Swihart
- 13 Alison Daugherty, Katie Weis
- 14 Kathy Estep, Donna Ramer, Carter Cozzie, Landon Sinnen
- 15 Don Estes, Judi Johnson, Paige Cresco, Collin Klimisch Angie Wollschlager,
- 17 Kris Cresco, Lynn, Cimfel, Caitlen VanPay
- 18 Connor Speirs, Sara Jensen
- 19 Ben Moran
- 20 Megan Folwer Jay Vogel, Naomi Dishno
- 21 Dan Lein, Stephanie Paff
- 23 Molly Swihart, Jaxon Haigh, Sydney Haigh
- 24 Addison Funk, Bob Zatko
- 25 Debbie Wamboldt, Rhiannon Urso, Skyla Hurlbut
- 26 Guy Sorgio, Casey Corrao, Ryan Parks, Alice Messenger, Scott Johnson,
- 27 Russell Schultz
- 28 Diane Speirs, Kristin Baranowski, Pam Leonard,
- 29 Carol Johnston, Hayden Schultz,



LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		1	2	3 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Zoom)	4	5	
8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Lawn Worship 10:30 a.m. Holy Grounds Clean Up Day	7	8 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	9	10	11	12	
8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Lawn Worship & Summer Kickoff	14	15 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18	19	
20 Father's Day 8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Lawn Worship	21	12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	23 mp 5:30—7:00	24 2 p.m.	25	26 1:00 p.m. Diakonia graduation at LoL	
	Vacation Bible Camp 5:30—7:00						
8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Lawn Worship 10:15 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting	28	29 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	30		tappy	WER!	

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH





This month we will be collecting a week's worth of healthy snacks for the ELCA Outreach Center's Summer Camp. Camp runs from June 14th through July 29 and will serve 60 grade school children, led by 15 staff members.

Some snack ideas are:

granola bars
juice boxes/pouches
squeezable applesauce
fruit leather
raisins

Individual serving size bags of
Veggie straws
Goldfish crackers
Pretzels
Popcorn

Monetary donations or donations of gift cards purchased through our Scrip program will also be accepted and we will shop for you!









