

May 2024

# LIFELINES

The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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On Sunday, May 19th, the following young people will affirm their baptism in a Service of Confirmation as part of our 9:00 a.m. worship service.

*Parker Jeserig  
Kaylee Tiebout  
Makenzee Tiebout*

Confirmation instruction is designed to equip confirmands in understanding the promises made to them in baptism, to support faith formation, and apply ministry in daily living.

The confirmands will be asked "to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

Join us as we faithfully promise to support and pray for them in their continued life in Christ.

## SERVING YOU AT LORD OF LIFE

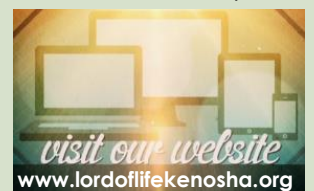
**Rev. Chip Lutz**  
- Pastor  
**Angie Wollschlager**  
- Church Administrator  
**Connie Wittmus**  
- Admin. Assistant  
**Sue Quever**  
- Parish Nurse  
**Claudia Murillo**  
- Bookkeeper  
**Kerry Bieneman**  
- Music Director  
**Nancy Cerminara**  
- Custodian

## 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.*



## Spring Cleanup

**Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 a.m.—Noon**  
Volunteers with trucks are needed to take brush to the compost facility afterwards.



## Women's Spring Soiree

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**  
**11:30 A.M.**

Join us for a special time of fellowship including lunch and a garden craft activity.

**TICKETS ARE \$20 AND CAN BE PURCHASED AFTER WORSHIP OR FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**



Our monthly night of trivia and fellowship will be held on Thursday, May 16th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack or dessert and prepare to have fun! Come see just how competitive Pastor Chip is.

We even now have a trophy for the winning team. 😊



**Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 a.m.**



## BAGELS & BIBLES MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

## Community Outreach



Fridays at 11:30 a.m. PB&J at the ELCA Outreach Center; 6218 26th Avenue, Kenosha  
Join us to serve pizza & hold a short Bible study.

Sunday, May 12th at 3:45 p.m. Community Meal at Living Faith Lutheran Church; 2915 Wright Ave, Racine  
Help us hand out meals to 120 people.

**METZ MACHINES BIKE BLESSING**  
May 25th 2024 10-2pm  
WWW.METZMACHINES.COM  
3700 72nd Ave Kenosha

**Saturday, May 25th from 10a.m.-2:00 p.m. followed by a group ride to the Veteran's Memorial in Kansasville.**

Celebrate the joy of riding and kickoff a safe season ahead with a one-on-one blessing ceremony for you and your motorcycle with Pastor Chip. Connect with fellow riders, swap stories, & make new riding buddies.

Indulge in Tacos at the De La Rosa food truck and grab some ice cream at the Sweet Corner ice cream truck!



## ATTENTION CLASS OF 2024 PARENTS!

We would like to recognize our Lord of Life grads in an upcoming LifeLines newsletter. Please send an email to [office@lordoflifekenosha.org](mailto:office@lordoflifekenosha.org) by Monday, June 17th and include the following:

- ✦ 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 their plans for next year, whether it be college, a trade school, joining the workforce, etc.



LORD OF LIFE

## KENOSHA KINGFISH BASEBALL EVENT

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

**6:35 p.m. Game vs. the Kokomo, Indiana Jackrabbits  
Post game fireworks!**

***\$29 per person for the Founders Club Package***

- ◆ Seats are behind home plate (covered) and include:
  - ◆ All you can eat food from the concessions through the 5th inning.
  - ◆ All you can drink soda and water through the 8th inning.
  - ◆ Wristband that has three tabs on it that can be used for beer/seltzer, kids games, or ice cream

*Kids 5 and under are free, unless they require their own seat.*

**[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up electronically, or there is a paper sign-up sheet on the welcome table in the narthex. Sign up ends Monday, June 10th.**

The church office will contact you to arrange payment. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at [office@lordoflifekenosha.org](mailto:office@lordoflifekenosha.org) or (262)656-1995.

Happy May, Siblings!

It's that time of year! Flowers are blooming, the grass needs cutting and the garden is going in. Out where we live (in the county (as we say in Wisconsin), farmers are already getting their crops planted and I pray that this year there is sufficient rainfall for them to have a great season. Just as those crops need water to thrive, our souls need the living water of God's presence to flourish. When we face times of spiritual dryness or uncertainty, it's easy to feel depleted and weary.

In Isaiah 58:11, God promises to guide and satisfy us even in parched places, to strengthen our bones like well-watered gardens and make us like springs whose waters never fail. Isn't that an amazing image!? Of being watered by God? Certainly, even in the most trying of times, this speaks to the nourishment and vitality that God provides to sustain us through life's deserts and challenges.

*"The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."*

ISAIAH 58:11

God assures us that He is our constant source of refreshment and strength. He doesn't just quench our thirst temporarily; He fills us to overflowing, revitalizing our spirits and giving us the endurance to persevere.

Staying watered by God requires intentional effort on our part. We must seek God earnestly through prayer, worship, and the study of the Word. Just as a plant stretches its roots deep into the soil to absorb water, we must delve into the depths of God's love and truth to receive the fullness of God's blessings. This ongoing communion with God not only sustains us but also transforms us, producing fruits of righteousness and resilience in our lives.

Staying watered also requires us being attuned to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Like a well-watered garden that responds to the changing seasons, we must be sensitive to God's leading and adaptable to God's plans for us. Sometimes we may be lead us through valleys and wildernesses, but God's presence never leaves us. Like iron sharpening iron, God uses these times to prune and refine us, preparing us to bear even greater fruit in the kingdom.

As we abide in God's presence and allow God's living water to permeate every aspect of our lives, we become sources of life and hope to those around us. Just as springs never fail to provide water to the thirsty, God empowers us to overflow with love and grace, quenching the spiritual thirst of a world longing for redemption.

As you travel the highways and byways and see the farmers working in their fields, let's be reminded to pay attention our own growth and continually seek to stay watered by the ever-flowing streams of God's presence, trusting in God's promise to guide, satisfy, and strengthen us through every season of life.

Peace,

Pastor Chip

Dear Friends,

Measles has been reported in 17 states this year. People have been asking whether they should be concerned about getting measles. Let's look at measles closer. In 2000, measles was considered eliminated in the United States. Since Americans travel abroad to destinations like England, that has a 30-fold measles increase, we are seeing more cases in the United States. Measles can easily come to the U.S. by way of unvaccinated travelers too.



Measles is so contagious that if one person has it, up to 90% of the people close to them can also become infected if they are not protected by vaccination (or, less commonly, prior infection). The measles virus can stay in the air for up to 2 hours after an infected person leaves an indoor space. A person can get infected by simply being in a room where a person with measles walked through. In addition, people with measles can transmit to others when their symptoms are fever, cough, and runny nose, which look like common respiratory viruses.

Children younger than 5 years and adults older than 20 years are more likely to suffer from complications. Common measles complications include ear infections and diarrhea. More severe complications like pneumonia and swelling of the brain are possible and often require hospitalization and even ICU. This is a real risk for people who are not vaccinated, especially for young children, adults, pregnant persons, and people that are immunocompromised. Nearly 1 in 5 unvaccinated people in the U.S. who get measles need to be hospitalized.



Key to maintaining the elimination of measles in the U.S. is vaccination. The MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccine is part of the national immunization schedule for all children. Both doses of the MMR vaccine are given when a child is about 1 and 4 years of age. The MMR vaccine is 97% effective at preventing measles.

Most people born before 1957 are thought to have been infected naturally with the virus through measles outbreaks. However, there are some who are not immune. Doctors can check a patient's immunity level with a blood test to detect antibodies that fight measles. People born before 1957 who have had the lab testing that shows they are not immune and may be at high risk should have one dose of the MMR vaccine and then a second dose 28 days later.

The live version of the vaccine introduced in 1963 appears to have worked well, but there was another version (the "non-live" version) that did not. That was also administered between 1963 and 1967. Therefore, people who either received the "non-live" version of the measles vaccine or don't know what kind they received in the 1960s should be immunized, says the CDC.

With spring break and summer vacation coming up and people going to and coming from countries that have seen sharp upticks in measles cases, this is the time to be sure you and your family members are up to date on your MMR.

Shalom,

Sue Quever R.N., F.C.N  
Aurora Health Care - Faith and Health Team



**May 5**  
Casey & Tammy Corrao

**May 6**  
Rick & Brenda Walentowski

**May 17**  
George & Beth Files

**May 21**  
Mark Hauschel & Karen Tenuta

**May 24**  
Bill & Neva Hileman  
Mikal & Jessica Sexton



- 1 Becky Brewer
- 2 Aaden Maedke
- 3 Natalie Gardina
- 5 Anna Kersten, Paul Gonsalves, Brooke MacKenzie
- 9 Jack Kersten, Marissa Garretto,
- 10 Leslie Sepanski, Alyssa Fowler, Joan Berger
- 11 Kristen Schiappacasse
- 12 Andrew Dorst
- 13 Doris Kitchens, Adalina Barnhart, Dave Schroeder
- 14 Aiden Rademacher
- 15 Benjamin Chase
- 16 Julie Chase
- 17 Brianna Daugherty
- 18 Emma Swihart, Jacob Kleutsch, Mati Degefa, Morgan Van Sickle
- 19 Richard Kugler, Jodi Erickson
- 20 Connie Wittmus
- 22 Ann Anderson
- 24 Sonja Wolfe, Fisher Hurlbut, Fred Bacher
- 27 Adrianna Terrell
- 28 Andrea Garretto, Samantha Molitor
- 29 Matteo Bilotta, Allyson Rademacher
- 30 Kelsey Konz



**April 14, 2024**  
*Liam, Adalina, Tenley & Jovie Barnhart*  
Children of Kathryn & Trent Barnhart

**April 28, 2024**  
*Brooks Mayer*  
Son of Melissa & Mark Mayer

Congratulations and welcome to the family of God at Lord of Life!

## DECEMBER 2023 FINANCIALS

**Funds on Hand**

Cash on Hand - General Fund		\$	36,789.39
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$	11,646.13	
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$	47,911.49	
<b>Total Savings Acct</b>		\$	<b>59,557.62</b>

**Restricted Accounts**

MEMORIAL FUND	\$	5,245.35
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$	786.49
WOMEN'S TEA	\$	837.74
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$	552.85
YOUTH FUND	\$	8,574.59
KINGFISH GAME	\$	(966.50)
HIGH FIVERS	\$	169.01
RESTRICTED GIVING 23-25	\$	30,000.00
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$	1,081.93
FOOD OUTREACH	\$	1,630.03
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	\$	<b>47,911.49</b>



Scrip Account	\$	8,141.30
Scrip Card Inventory	\$	24,565.33

**LIABILITIES**

Credit Card Balance	\$	740.11
Payroll Withholdings	\$	(110.87)
Mortgage Balance	\$	1,079,068.31
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$	<b>1,079,697.55</b>

**March**

<b>YTD Income - YTD Expenses</b>	
YTD Income	\$ 106,452.36
YTD Expenses	\$ 91,294.78
YTD Revenue	\$ 15,157.58

MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$21,699.32 OVER BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$587.39 UNDER BUDGET
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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

May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>			
Karen & Rick Musselman	Pat Demos	Brianna Daugherty	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Lesson Reader</b>			
Connie Wittmus	Karen Sens	<b>OPEN</b>	Chris Daugherty
<b>Communion Wine Servers</b>			
Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Tammy Skendziel <b>1 Needed</b>	Karen & Rick Musselman	Chris Daugherty <b>1 Needed</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>			
Jurey & Connie Wittmus	Sonja Wolfe	Karen & Rick Musselman	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>SCRIP sales</b>			
Kim Sly	Aaron Sens	Kim Sly	Aaron Sens
<b>Communion Bread</b>			
Kathy Miller	Beth Files	Kathy Miller	
<b>A/V</b>			
Chris Daugherty	Chris Daugherty	Chris Daugherty	Jonah Sens

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>			
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom Greeter: Wilma Jenewein	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Russ & Becky Brewer	Dan Lein
<b>Lesson Reader</b>			
Pam Leonard	Pam Leonard	John Meyer	Michelle Eisenhauer
<b>Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers</b>			
Pam Leonard (wine) Kathy Miller (wine) Beth Files (bread)	Alison Hoffman (wine) Pam Leonard (wine) Lori Vogel(bread)	<b>2 Needed (wine)</b> John Meyer (bread)	Pam Leonard (wine) Michelle Eisenhauer (wine) <b>1 Needed (bread)</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>			
Kathy Miller	Michelle Eisenhauer	Kathy Miller	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>			
Beth Files	<b>OPEN</b>	Vogel Family	Cindy Lein
<b>SCRIP sales</b>			
Pam Leonard	Jean Garretto	Pam Leonard	Pam Leonard
<b>Communion Bread</b>			
Kathy Miller	Beth Files	Kathy Miller	
<b>A/V</b>			
Angie Wollschlager	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>

To sign up to volunteer, visit <https://lordoflifekenosha.org/serve>  
WE are the church!

# LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	<b>2</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>3</b> 11:30 a.m. PB&J at ELCA Outreach Ctr.	<b>4</b> 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Ed	<b>6</b> 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	<b>7</b> 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	<b>8</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	<b>9</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>10</b> 11:30 a.m. PB&J at ELCA Outreach Ctr.	<b>11</b> 9:00 a.m. Spring Cleanup  5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>12 Mother's Day</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Ed 3:45 p.m. Community Meal @ Living Faith	<b>13</b> 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	<b>14</b> 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	<b>15</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	<b>16</b> 6:00 p.m. Trivia Night  7:00 p.m. AA	<b>17</b> 11:30 a.m. PB&J at ELCA Outreach Ctr.	<b>18</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels & Bibles  5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Sunday & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Ed 11:30 a.m. Women's Spring Soiree	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	<b>22</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	<b>23</b> 6:00 p.m. Trivia Night  7:00 p.m. AA	<b>24</b> 11:30 a.m. PB&J at ELCA Outreach Ctr.	<b>25</b> 10:00 a.m. Bike Blessing—Metz Machines  5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>26</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School end of year party 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Ed	<b>27</b>  Memorial DAY  Church Office Closed	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	<b>30</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>31</b> 11:30 a.m. PB&J at ELCA Outreach Ctr.	



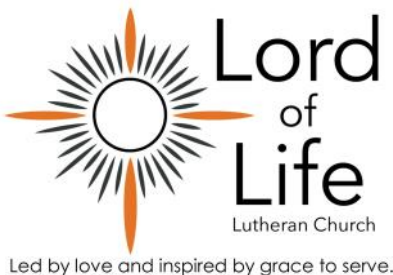
# MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

We're taking a break from collecting physical items this month.

Monetary donations to support our food outreach ministries are welcomed! These donations are used for the pizza served at Peanut Butter & Jesus on Fridays at the Outreach Center as well as to cover any food items not donated for the monthly Community Meal.



*Community*  
**MEAL**



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