

November 2020

LIFELINES

The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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What Will the Story Be?

Thirty-three weeks ago, when two small but hardy groups of people gathered underneath the front portico to worship, the story of the people of God at Lord of Life Lutheran Church started a new chapter. As we tried to figure out what social distancing looked like, and how we could share communion, our efforts were adorned with enthusiasm, a little bit of a sense of adventure, and even a few snowflakes. Yes, there was sorrow, and there was some fear. But, we came together. We worshiped God. And the way we did everything looked a little bit different.

As we watched the snowflakes drift that weekend, I remember commenting that at some point, we will tell stories about this. The beginning of the story was solid and faithful - set in motion by the commitment of the council to 'love our neighbors as ourselves.' This faithful story continued through the spring, summer, and into the fall with worship in many forms: lawn, parking lot, Zoom-live, and pre-recorded.

By now, though, the sense of adventure has worn thin. The weather is changing. The winter darkness is descending. And most of us are deep into pandemic fatigue. People ask me, "when can we worship in the sanctuary? Look at the schools," they say. "They are open. Why not us?" We wonder what lies ahead of us. When will we be able to return to some semblance of normal? We ask these questions as the cases of Covid-19 in Wisconsin increase, and as hospital beds become scarce.

I wonder about the rest of the story of the people of God at Lord of Life during this pandemic. In the coming years, will the story told be about faithfulness and trust - similar to the story of the early church in the book of Acts? Will we hear the story of how, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we faced the challenges before us and learned how to navigate new situations? Will the story tell of creativity in our ministry of proclaiming and embodying God's unconditional love for all people? Will the story tell of how we cared for the most vulnerable among us, and how we listened for God's voice and leadership through this time?

Or will the story be more like the story of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness. God was with them, and they clung to that. But at the same time, they complained and looked backwards to what had been in the past - so much so that they often missed God's gifts, as well as God's warnings.

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SERVING YOU AT LORD OF LIFE

Pastor Carol Jeunnette

- Interim Pastor

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

Lori Vogel

- Secretary

Brian Lynch

- Treasurer

Lisa McCarthy

Liz Young

- Members at large

Office Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Our Website

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.

What will our story be? When it gets more difficult, will we hang onto the value we adopted last spring - to love our neighbors as ourselves? When we get frustrated with not being able to gather in person, will we put our desires ahead of the needs and safety of others and inadvertently make the situation worse? Will we disappear because things are tough, or because we don't get what we desire?

In reality, our story will probably include both the good and the bad - which is who we are as humans. But my hope and prayer - and the hope and prayer of the council and the pandemic task force - is that we will draw on the wisdom that God gives us through science, that we will continue to love our neighbors, and that we will allow the Holy Spirit to blow through our congregation - always reminding us of who we are, and always inviting us into new and creative ways to worship, celebrate, learn and serve.

Patience, dear friends. We are called to walk faithfully on the journey with Christ, and to love our neighbors. We have done this. We are doing this. We will continue to do this. Walk in Christ's presence, with peace and joy.

Pastor Carol



Saturday, November 7th
Zoom Worship at 4:00 p.m.
Communion Carry Out 5:00—5:45 p.m.

Sunday, November 8
Zoom Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Communion Carry out 10:30—11:15 a.m.

On Saturday, November 7th or Sunday November 8th, join us after our Zoom worship service for Communion Carry Out. Worship leaders will lead the worship service from the sanctuary and you will participate via Zoom from home. The worship service will include the Eucharist prayers and the consecration of the sacraments and then you and your family are invited to drive up and receive communion. This process will be done in the most safe and sanitary way possible, with everyone's health and safety in mind.

Volunteers will be needed to both serve as communion assistants, as well as direct cars in the parking lot. Please see page 7 for more information.

We ask that everyone enter the parking lot through the east driveway, off 56th Street, and to prevent traffic from backing up into the street, cars will form a loop around part of the lot. You will then drive west, up to the covered entrance, where communion will be served. You will then proceed to the exit shown, keeping traffic flowing all one direction.

We hope to see you on November 7th or 8th!





October 31-November 1: A recorded worship service will be shared on Saturday afternoon, including a candle lighting ceremony in recognition of All Saints Day, which celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ.

Saturday, November 7, 4:00 p.m.: Zoom Live from Church

Sunday, November 8, 9:30 a.m.: Zoom Live from Church

Worship leaders will lead worship from the sanctuary and you'll join us through Zoom from your home, then head to church for Communion Carry Out from 5:00-5:45 p.m. on Saturday or 10:30-11:15 a.m. on Sunday.

Sunday, November 15, 9:30 a.m. Zoom Live from Home

November 21-22: A recorded worship service will be shared on Saturday afternoon.

Wednesday, November 25, Thanksgiving Eve, 6:30 p.m.: Zoom Live from Home followed by Virtual Pie Fest. *See below for more information.*

Sunday, November 29, 9:30 a.m. Zoom Live from Home



**Wednesday, November 25
at 6:30 pm.
Zoom Live from Home**

We're putting together a montage of videos from our LoL families sharing what you're thankful for. Record a short video and email it to office@lordoflifekenosha.org by Thursday, November 19th to have it included.



Have a slice of your favorite pie ready and stick around after worship and we'll enjoy our annual tasty time of fellowship virtually.



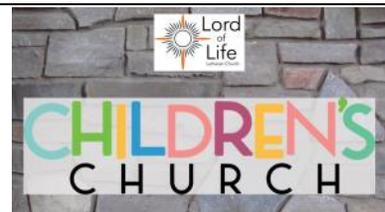
We hope everyone is enjoying their first month of "Getting Back to the Basics" of faith as a family!

The month of November has some fun activities!

- Create a fun altar at home to worship
- Make a homemade instrument to make a joyful noise to the Lord
- Experience small things expand into big things to remind us of Jesus love
- Make cards to welcome new babies to celebrate the importance of kids

See the link in the email where you received this newsletter or [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for the November/December packet pickup.

For more information please contact the Coordinators; Tanya Brady, Barb Hess and Jodi Iorio, at sundayschool@lordoflifekenosha.org



Don't forget to look for the link in each Wednesday email!

WE'VE BEEN BUSY!

The building may be closed but the church is not!!

October 10-11 was a joyful weekend of lawn worship, blessing of animals, the Baptism of Quinn Gonsalves, and the distribution of Bibles to the young people that completed the classes in March!



October 25, 2020, Reformation Day and our final Drive In Worship service of the year.



The Congregation Council met on October 20th and the minutes were not yet available to include in this newsletter.

Please know that your volunteer Council is putting in a lot of time and work, and running as fast as they can, to continue to being church together while also managing their own families and careers during this pandemic. Please keep them in your prayers, and if you get the opportunity, thank them for the work they are doing.

In the Council update of the August LifeLines, the resignation of Joe Nosalik was shared, and on September 25th, the resignation of Sherry Sinnen was received. This was not a decision made lightly by either of them, and we thank them for their willingness to serve as well as their honesty in making this decision. The constitution of Lord of Life states, "Should a member's place on the Congregation Council be declared vacant, the Congregation Council shall elect, by majority vote, a successor until the next annual meeting."

We ask that you consider serving in this vital aspect of being church together. The value of your willingness to make a contribution to the life of our congregation is significant and appreciated. If you have any questions on serving on council, or to express your interest in serving, please email council@lordoflifekenosha.org.

SEPTEMBER 2020 FINANCIALS

ASSETS

Funds on Hand

Cash on Hand - General Fund \$69,635.92

Restricted Accounts

Youth Account \$9,649.59

Memorial Account Total (ALL RESTRICTED) \$10,329.41

MEMORIAL FUND \$ 6,292.54

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY \$ 1,318.51

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 \$12,239.35

Scrip Card Inventory \$13,143.06

LIABILITIES

Credit Card Balance \$ 813.28

Payroll Withholdings \$ -

SBA Loan - Forgiveable \$ 25,115.00

Mortgage Balance \$ 1,182,113.71

Total Liabilities \$ 1,208,041.99

September

YTD Income -	YTD Expenses -
YTD Income	\$262,342.97
YTD Expenses	\$229,158.83
YTD Revenue	\$33,184.14
MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$12,783.87 OVER BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$22,096.51 UNDER BUDGET

ELCA Benevolence Paid \$3,212.64

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!



Dear Friends,

The crisp fall air, colored leaves and the ability to pick apples right off the tree are always favorites for many. Lately, apples have become one of my preferred fruit for snacks and desserts. Have you ever heard the expression, “an apple a day keeps the doctor away?” Apples can be quite special and live up to this phrase. Apples have properties that no other fruit have and its benefits have been proven.

Did you know?

● Apples contain phenols, which have a double effect on cholesterol. It reduces bad cholesterol (LDL) and increases good cholesterol (HDL).

● Dentist will love this...Apples prevent tooth decay. Tooth decay is an infection that seriously damages the structure of your teeth, which is caused primarily because of bacteria. The juice of the apple has properties that can kill up to 80% of bacteria.

● Apples protect your brain from brain disease. Apples have substances called phytonutrients which prevent neuro-degenerative diseases like Alzheimer’s and Parkinsonism.

● Apples can help make lungs healthier. A research at the University of Nottingham Research shows that people who eat five apples or more a week have lower respiratory problems, including asthma flare ups.

● Apples are low in calories. A regular size apple has between 70 & 100 calories. Eating an apple when you are looking for chocolate or any sweets can make the desire disappear since apples contains sugar...and you get fewer calories!

● An apple contains vitamin C which assists your immune system. People who lack Vitamin C in their diets bruise easily, have poor healing, and bleeding gums.

● Fresh apples can be kept at room temperatures for a few days and stored in the refrigerator for up to two to three weeks. Wash apples in clean running cold water before use.

There are many apple varieties to choose from and they taste great! Did you know that the average Americans eat around 20 pounds of apples a year? That statistic computes to around an apple a week, which is not even close to providing all the benefits that the apple has to offer. I challenge you to eat more apples and incorporate them in your daily diet. You might be surprised how better you will feel!

Shalom,

Sue Quever R.N., FCN

AdvocateAurora Faith Community Nursing Program

HEALTHY APPLE CRISP RECIPE

This Healthy Apple Crisp recipe is gluten/dairy free, and sweetened with just maple syrup. Naturally sweet & delicious it's the perfect healthy dessert! Author: The Clean Eating Couple

Prep Time: 10 minutes | Cook Time: 20 minutes | Total Time: 30 minutes | Servings: 4 servings | Calories: 275 calories

Ingredients

- 4 cups apples peeled + sliced in 1/4 inch thick pieces - about 1 lb
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil melted
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

Crisp Topping

- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup old fashioned oats
- 1/3 cup pecans chopped
- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 and prepare a greased 8x8 baking dish

1. Peel + cut apple slices into 3/4 inch thick slices.
2. Melt coconut oil. Toss apples with coconut oil, cinnamon & ginger. Set aside.
3. Mix together crisp topping ingredients.
4. Pour apples into bottom of the baking dish. Layer crisp topping evenly on top of apples.
5. Cover apple crisp with aluminum foil and bake at 350 for 20 mins. After 20 minutes, remove cover and bake for another 10-20 minutes until apples are fork tender and crisp topping is golden brown.

7 THE CONNECTIONS CENTER

When I signed up for the Mission Possible group over a month ago, I remember thinking, "Oh, Jodi, why? Stop spinning those plates and use your best 'no'. You just don't have time!" However, I really could make the 8 pm Tuesdays work, so why not? Well, on the first evening of our first meeting, the same old thoughts kept coming back...stop filling in all your time with something! Why don't you just get out of it and just relax, watch TV, or possibly clean my house! On top of that I had worked 12 hours that day and did not sleep good the night before, so I was crabby and tired... BUT GOD HAD DIFFERENT PLANS! I got through our questions and listened to a new insight from one of our group members that was very eye opening! The next day my devotional answered a question that I shared with my group about a struggle! On my ride to work I was feeling such a sense of joy! Oh, how much I have missed talking with my "sisters in Christ" openly about God!! Then a song came on the radio, loud and clear, and right there and then, I had a God moment! 😊 I had been right where I was supposed to be the night before - Zooming with my church Bible study ladies!! Thank you Pastor Carol and our Council for putting this opportunity together!

Below are some of the lyrics from my "God moment" song by Jeremy Camp, called "Keep Me In the Moment". Go ahead and find it on YouTube and sing it really loud for me! 😊

*I've been thinking 'bout time and where does it go
How can I stop my life from passing me by, I don't know
I've been thinking 'bout family and how it's going so fast
Will I wake up one morning just wishing that I could go back?
I've been thinking 'bout lately, maybe
I can make a change and let you change me
So, with all of my heart this is my prayer*

*Singing oh Lord, keep me in the moment
Help me live with my eyes wide open
'Cause I don't wanna miss what you have for me
Singing oh Lord, show me what matters
Throw away what I'm chasing after
'Cause I don't wanna miss what you have for me (what you have for me)*

*When I wake up in the morning, Lord search my heart
Don't let me stray, I just wanna stay where you are
All I got is one shot, one try
One go around in this beautiful life
Nothing is wasted when everything's placed in your hands
Singing oh Lord, keep me in the moment
Help me live with my eyes wide open
'Cause I don't wanna miss what you have for me (what you have for me)*



Yes, we keep trying new ways to engage our congregation in different ways during this pandemic! One new way we are experimenting with is Communion Carryout. To do this we need you! 😊 We currently have this scheduled on Saturdays, November 7th and December 12th from 5:00-5:45 p.m. and Sundays, November 8th and December 13th from 10:30—11:15 a.m.

Ways you can help:

- ◆ We'd like to have 3 communion assistants to help Pastor Carol serve communion to people in their vehicles.
- ◆ We also need a of couple of volunteers to help direct traffic as it comes in the parking lot.
- ◆ This will all be done outdoors, so please dress appropriately.

If you are interested in serving, or have any questions, please email me at connections@lordoflifekenosha.org

Our Thriving Through a Pandemic Task Force continues to stay informed on the latest information regarding the Covid-19 pandemic and their priority is keeping all of our brothers and sisters in Christ safe. Some very useful information is shared on the Covid Resources page of our website; www.lordoflifekenosha.org. Below are some of the recent additions to that section of our website.



MASK MYTHS DEBUNKED



MYTH: I don't need to wear a mask because I don't have any symptoms of COVID-19.

TRUTH: Many people (up to 40%) with COVID-19 do not have any symptoms of the disease. If you have the virus but don't have any symptoms you are still able to transmit it to others.

MYTH: Masks will prevent me from getting enough oxygen and will cause me to breathe in too much carbon dioxide.

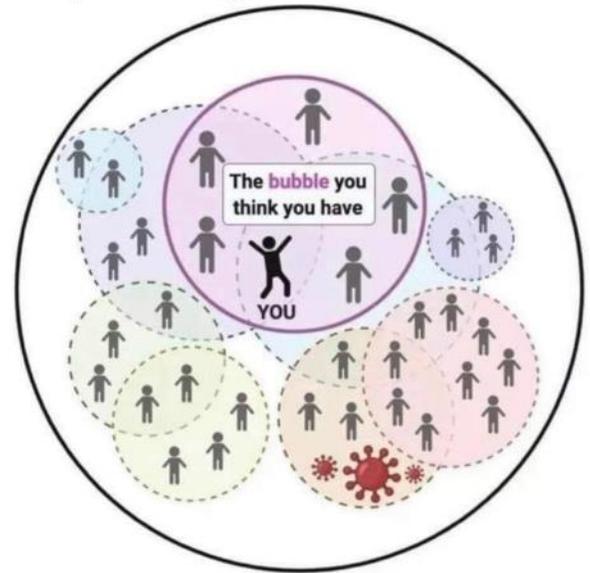
TRUTH: There is no credible scientific evidence that masks hinder the ability to breathe in oxygen or breathe out carbon dioxide, even while exercising or wearing them for many hours a day.

MYTH: If I am wearing a mask, I don't have to continue social distancing.

TRUTH: While wearing a mask reduces the chance of your spreading the infection to others, you can still catch it from someone else who is close to you. Therefore, it remains extremely important to do both: wear a mask and maintain social distance.

 AdvocateAuroraHealth

As cases rise, remember how COVID-19 spreads through social networks.



The bubble you **actually** have

Some quotes from Bishop Paul Erickson, Greater Milwaukee Synod, from recent communications.
(Not included on our website.)

“Love of neighbor ALWAYS takes priority over personal freedoms.”

“In recent weeks we have experienced a significant increase in COVID-19 positive test results, hospitalizations, and deaths. In response, our governor has issued an executive order limiting the size of indoor gatherings. **While religious organizations are legally exempt from this order, I am strongly urging all our congregations to refrain from gathering indoors for worship and other activities.**”

Not worshipping in together in the building is a strain, and at this point, it is not clear when we will be able to gather inside again. Not all congregation members hold identical opinions on the best course of action to take. Some believe the virus is not that bad or prevalent. Some believe that God will protect us in the sanctuary. Some have limited awareness of the seriousness of the situation and the ease with which the virus spreads.

If you have questions or concerns about the decisions the task force and council have made, we are open to listening to you. If you have questions about the virus, we are open to sharing the information we have. You are invited to email the Lord of Life Thriving Through a Pandemic Task Force with your thoughts, concerns, and questions. As in any group of people, there are always differences in the way we see and understand things. But differences do not have to lead to divisions. One of Pastor Carol's goals in working with the congregation is to learn better how to talk with each other when we have differences. If you are concerned, let us hear from you.

Send your email to: covidtaskforce@lordoflifekenosha.org. Or send your snail mail to the church office, addressed to the Covid Task Force.

Thank you, People of God!

November 5

Dominic & Michele Frese

November 7

Steve & Bonnie Miller

November 10

Rob & Romey Walden

November 12Jack Betz & Linda
Kramer-Betz**November 14**

Ed & Elke Gramza

November 15Samantha & Josh
Goodenough**November 24**John & Kathi Strott
Michelle & Steve
Eisenhauer**November 26**

Kent & Cathy Bothe



- 1 Kyle Tiebout, Austin Ward, Jim Arturi, Herb Jantz
- 2 Audrey Maedke, Tanya Bihun, Charlotte Smith, Lincoln Hanna
- 3 Keanu Fowler, Jared Holloway, Matthew Holloway, Guillermo Gomez, Jr.
- 4 Andy Skinner
- 5 Bruce Metallo, John Meyer, Judy Bacher
- 7 Emily Nelsen
- 8 Ed Gramza, Cindy Terrell
- 10 Jerome Springer, J.J. Harmsen, Martin Pavidonis
- 11 Katie Krueger, Kelly Eisenhauer, Connor Winden
- 12 Diane Morin, Addison Stark
- 13 Tammy Skendziel
- 14 Linda Foote
- 15 Pete Skendziel, Jan Niederloh, Jon Van Pay
- 16 Marlene Nejedly
- 17 Graham Andrews, Bev Sorensen, Abby Bloxdorf
- 18 Deb Gonsalves, Jeff Hulbert,
- 19 Trevor Wikstrom, Michelle Santelli, Clarann Zatko, Linda Stanford, Dessie Winkel
- 20 Tom Vogel, Margie Raymaker, Atali Swisher
- 22 Jan Halvorsen, Karen Sens, Zoey Voss
- 23 Laurie Jones
- 24 Kristin Agner, Dawn Relyea,
- 25 Makenzee Tiebout, Kaylee Tiebout,
- 26 Deanna Springer
- 28 Travis Decker, Joel Dutton, Emerson Retzlaff
- 29 Terry Patton, James Lutz
- 30 Hunter Mogden



As we get closer to the winter season, we will no longer be having the outdoor or parking lot services. I am sad that I will not be able to see our friends on a weekly basis until we know the time is right to safely worship together in our building.

That's why our phone-calling ministry is VERY IMPORTANT!

We are putting a larger team to call members on a bi-weekly basis to check in on them. Would you volunteer a couple hours a month to make sure your church family stays connected? You would receive a list of 5- 7 names to call twice a month.

If this is something that "calls" to you, please email office@lordoflifekenosha.org or leave a message on the church office voicemail, (262)656-1995.



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



For many years, in the month of November we have collected monetary donations to assemble Harvest Baskets of a Thanksgiving meal and other groceries for individuals and families within our congregation. The pandemic brings challenges to doing this the traditional way this year, so we will instead share grocery gift cards to those in need.

If you are able to donate, you are welcome to visit the church office on Mondays or Wednesdays from 10am until Noon to either purchase a grocery gift card through our Scrip program, or drop off a monetary donation. Donations can also be mailed to the church office; 5601 Washington Road, Kenosha, WI 53144, but please clearly indicate that it is for the Ministry of the Month. You can also make a secure donation online by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by visiting www.lordoflifekenosha.org, then scroll down where you'll find a "GIVE NOW" button. Please just select the Ministry of the Month as your donation option. All monetary donations will then be used to purchase gift cards from our Scrip inventory.

If you are an individual or family who could use the extra blessing of a grocery gift card, please [CLICK HERE](#), leave a voice mail at (262)925-3821, or email churchadministrator@lordoflifekenosha.org. Please know that this information will be held in the strictest of confidence.



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