

September 2020

LIFELINES

The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Dear Sisters and Brothers at Lord of Life,

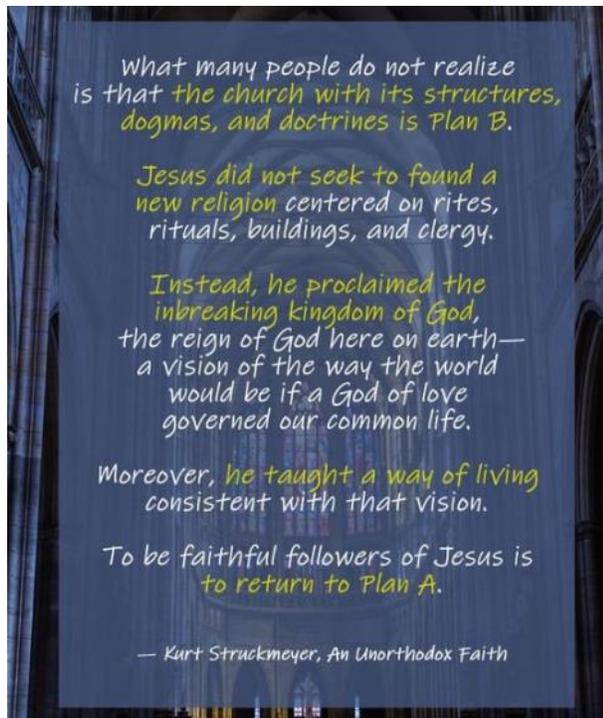
My heart is heavy as I have come up against the final deadline to get something in the newsletter for September. Plan A - an encouraging piece about how we are creatively moving forward despite the challenges of the Coronavirus had to give way to Plan B on Monday morning, the night after Jacob Blake was shot. A more 'pastoral' letter was required. But I decided waiting until Wednesday to send it was ridiculous, and sent it out on Monday. But I'm finding working on Plan C to be difficult. So, we'll see what comes out of my fingers....

Over the past couple decades, I have become more and more convinced that the response to a challenging, traumatic event has more to do with the outcome than the event itself. And I think that it is in the response that God's healing and grace and challenge is most often apparent.

2020 has been a challenging year. How are we going to respond? Do we respond with anger and rage? Do we respond with acquiescence and despair. Or do we respond, as our God does, by seeking to bring life and love out of the difficulties we experience.

We are the church, folks. The followers of Jesus. This is the time to remember what Jesus was about when he walked the earth, and what we are to be about as his followers.

I ran into this poem online yesterday, and I think it is a necessary and timely reminder:



In all that we do, God is with us. May we be faithful followers of Christ in all that we do.

Peace,
Pastor Carol

SERVING YOU AT LORD OF LIFE

**Pastor Carol
Jeunette**

- 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

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- Nursery

Coordinator

Pat Skinner

- Financial Secretary

Church Council

Kathi Strott

- President

Sherry Sinnen

- Vice 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.



September 5-6: The Greater Milwaukee Synod council and staff created a synod-wide digital worship for congregations to use in their worship rotation. We will share a worship video by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday that our siblings in Christ all over Southeast Wisconsin will also be viewing in their homes.

Sunday, September 13: 9:30 a.m. Drive in worship. 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Kick-Off (See page 10)

Saturday, September 19 at 4:00 p.m. (Note change of time!) Contemporary Lawn Worship

Sunday, September 20 at 9:30 a.m. Traditional Lawn Worship

Saturday, September 26 at 4:00 p.m. Contemporary Zoom worship from home

Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m. Traditional Zoom worship from home



Join us for the 2020/21 Sunday School year as we get "Back to the Basics" through exploration of some of the foundational building blocks for faith formation.

Each week, families will be invited to review a key element of the practices and beliefs of our faith through selected Faith Together at Home devotions and activities.

We will kick off this Sunday School year the weekend of October 3, 2020 and October 4, 2020 when we come together for lawn worship. In the event of rain, the kick off will be rescheduled to take place the following weekend. A packet of supplies and information will be available for pickup on our kickoff weekend!

Keep an eye on your weekly Wednesday e-mails for more information - to come soon!



During this pandemic, Pastor Carol is missing children and children's sermons! So, beginning Wednesday, September 30, we will have weekly virtual Children's Church. Join Pastor Carol for a song, short Bible story or message and a prayer.

Watch for the link in the Wednesday emails!



As members of the Body of Christ and participants in the public square, we are called to exercise our right to vote in elections and help others do the same. For a variety of reasons, including COVID-19, voting in a way that is safe - and ensures your vote is counted - seems especially daunting this year and we wanted to make sure you knew all of the available options.

First, check your voter registration status at <https://myvote.wi.gov/> If you are not registered, DO SO!

If you eligible and registered to vote, there are three ways to do that in Wisconsin this election season:

- You can vote on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3) at your assigned polling place.
- You can vote by mail using an Absentee Ballot. Learn more here: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/VoteAbsentee>. While you can return your absentee ballot by mail, you can also hand-deliver your ballot to the white secure drop boxes outside of the Kenosha Municipal Building (625 52nd St). The Villages of Pleasant Prairie and Sturtevant, the City of Racine, along with other local municipalities also have the availability to securely deposit your ballot at their village/town hall or municipal building.
- You can vote EARLY, in person, no earlier than Tuesday, October 20th. Start dates and voting hours vary by municipality. To find your clerk's office, visit <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/FindMyPollingPlace> (Municipal Clerk is listed on the left of the results page.)

Visit <https://elections.wi.gov/node/7039> for deadline dates for mail-in absentee and early in-person voting.

Fall Small Group Conversation Series

In the coming weeks, Lord of Life will be launching a great new way to “get your church,” by way of small group discussions that help us uncover our individual journeys in faith. The Mission: POSSIBLE series has three main purposes:

- Help us individually understand ourselves in relation to Christ, the Church, and the world
- Help us all learn to have conversations about faith and needs that are honest, direct, and build stronger connections
- Help us as a congregation translate our faith into a group understanding of how Lord of Life can serve our entire Kenosha community as a place to meet and walk with Jesus.

Why now? Six months into the pandemic, it’s hard to believe that there is a “new normal” to our overturned lives. We’ve figured out how to handle basic life tasks with a mask on. We’ve accepted limitations on near physical contacts, avoiding crowds, etc. None of it is our first choice for living, but we’re managing.

Our church life is disrupted. We’re becoming accustomed to a regular rotation of recorded worship, outdoors law or parking lot worship, and interactive Zoom worship. You may or may not find these nourishing, and may or may not have attended very much. That’s all understandable, although we do encourage you to give it another try if it’s been a while since you last attended. Some of the tech fluffs have been eliminated, and it’s pretty seamless now. We likely will continue to be in this mode for some time yet, depending always on the best recommendations of public health officials, the Synod and ELCA generally.

**These months of interruption do not have to be a time of isolation.
They can be a time of reflection and renewal for us as a congregation.**

What are the Mission: POSSIBLE small groups? Groups of 6-8 people will meet weekly for a 45-minute session. Some groups might meet by Zoom, others by telephone, others (weather permitting) in outdoor, physically-distanced groups. **Technology will not be the barrier to inclusion.**

After opening with a brief time of prayer and a Bible verse, groups will have a self-led discussion around the following series of topics:

- What about God and Jesus (and the Holy Spirit, if you want to bring her in) are you most sure of?
- How does your understanding of God and Jesus impact the way you live your life? (What difference does it make?)
- What do you think the church is, and what is it to be about?
- What about Lord of Life has been most meaningful to you?
- What do you think the community most needs that Lord of Life can provide or share?
- What do you think Lord of Life might become that is faithful to your understanding of God and the church?
- What gifts do you bring to Lord of Life? What gifts do you believe God is calling you to offer to this community of faith?
- What is your prayer for this congregation?

You may notice that **this is not a series of strategy sessions**, is not a backwards look at successes and failures of the past, is not concerned with writing a mission statement. All those things eventually will flow from a group of people who understand their own personal needs, relationships, and gifts.

This might become the most fulfilling way of being a church during pandemic—if YOU choose to be a part of it! The hardest part of the pandemic is the sense of being separated from everything. This approach to true and meaningful conversation could become the best part of these hard times. In coming weeks, we’ll dig hard to involve as many people as possible. **If you have not been attending worship, now is a great time to try this new channel to nourish your faith.**

Watch the weekly email for fuller details of times, dates, group sign-ups, etc. Pastor Carol likes to close meetings and services with this prayer, which seems particularly apt here:

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is guiding us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Evening Prayer, ELW)

WE'VE BEEN BUSY!

August 8th & 9th Lawn Worship & Council Installation



August 16th Drive-In Worship



Happy birthday to Kerry! 🎵

August 23rd Zoom Worship



Sidewalk Sacraments





August 18, 2020 Congregation Council meeting via Zoom

Meeting minutes were not available at the time of the newsletter publication.

At this time, your Council urges you to read about our Fall Small Group Conversation Series, Mission: POSSIBLE, on page 3 of this newsletter, and get excited about participating!

JULY 2020 FINANCIALS

| ASSETS | |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| <u>Funds on Hand</u> | |
| Cash on Hand - General Fund | \$72,128.93 |
| <u>Restricted Accounts</u> | |
| Youth Account | \$5,132.58 |
| Memorial Account Total (ALL RESTRICTED) | \$10,328.86 |
| 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 | \$5,583.47 |
| Scrip Card Inventory | \$19,468.06 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Credit Card Balance | \$ 119.41 |
| Payroll Withholdings | \$ 134.13 |
| SBA Loan - Forgivable | \$ 25,115.00 |
| Mortgage Balance | \$ 1,186,609.48 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 1,211,978.02 |

| July | |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| YTD Income - | YTD Expenses - |
| YTD Income | \$214,109.84 |
| YTD Expenses | \$182,007.19 |
| YTD Revenue | \$32,102.65 |
| MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$20,680.59 OVER BUDGET | TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$13,413.63 UNDER BUDGET |

ELCA Benevolence Paid \$2,498.72

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,

As we gear up for the fall activities, influenza season is around the corner. The flu season can begin as early as October and extend through March, and often peaks as late as January or February. The importance of flu vaccinations cannot be highlighted enough this year. The CDC has prepared for the season with plenty of vaccinations and a timely distribution system. The 2020 annual influenza vaccine this year is a cell-based flu vaccine called Flucelvax Quadrivalent. A cell-based flu vaccine was developed as an alternative to the egg-based manufacturing process. Cell-culture technology is potentially more flexible than the traditional technology, which relies upon adequate supply of eggs. In addition, the cell-based flu vaccine that uses cell-based candidate vaccine viruses (CVVs) has the potential to offer better protection than traditional, egg-based flu vaccines as a result of being more similar to flu viruses in circulation.



While everyone from 6 months and older should get a flu vaccination each flu season, it's especially important that the following groups get vaccinated either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications:

- Women who will be pregnant during influenza season
- Anyone with long-term health problems
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including healthcare workers
- Household contacts and caregivers of people 50 years and older or anyone with medical conditions that put them at higher risk for severe complications from influenza
- Household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated)

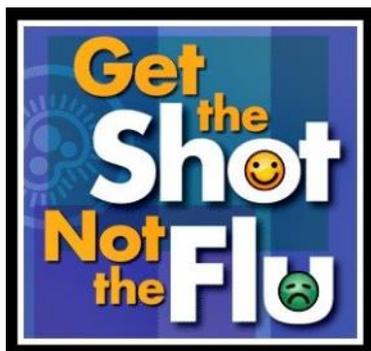
Influenza can cause:

- ⇒ Fever (102 – 104 degrees F and lasts for 3-4 days)
- ⇒ Chest discomfort, cough (common; can become severe)
- ⇒ Chills
- ⇒ Sore throat (sometimes)
- ⇒ Headache (prominent)
- ⇒ Muscle aches (usual and often severe)
- ⇒ Fatigue, weakness (can last up to 2 – 3 weeks)



Anyone can get influenza. While many think the cold weather or going out with wet hair may contribute to the flu, it can only be transmitted by an infected person. Most people are ill with influenza for only a few days, but some get much sicker and may need to be hospitalized due to secondary pneumonia, bronchitis, or worse. Influenza causes thousands of deaths each year, mostly among the elderly. Influenza vaccine can prevent influenza.

May the Lord bless and keep you safe and healthy.



Shalom,

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER

PARKING LOT ATTENDANT– Help direct cars where to park for Drive-In services.

GREETER– Hold a sign, wave, or greet cars as they enter for Drive-In services.

READER

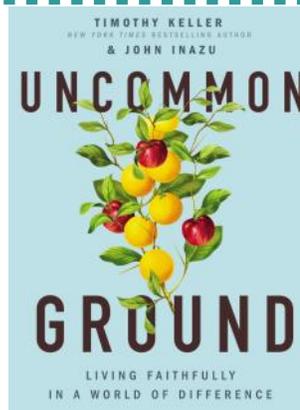
ASSISTING MINISTER

SET UP HELP– Come early and help set up speakers and sound equipment, cones, and garbage cans.

CLEAN UP HELP– Help with taking down and bringing in equipment used.



Last week, as my book study group ended, I reflected on many of my favorite chapters from the book, “Uncommon Ground; Living Faithfully in a World of Difference.” We really enjoyed the book and loved how many authors collaborated with different insights about how we think, live, and see the world, and still be humble, loving and gracious to those that may not look like me or think like me.



These past two months I shared some insights in my newsletter article, but I hope to share more of my favorite authors and their chapters in the future, but for now I thought I would pique your interest by writing some of the quotes from the different chapters and hopefully you will buy the book and read it for yourself...

“The times in which we live may call us to take uncomfortable, extraordinary actions. Rarely do we choose these circumstances. We often don’t feel equipped for the task at hand. But weather we are faced with tensions in our community as we watch our church or denomination wrestle with the great social issues of our day, or we are called to support fellow believers as they are faithfully present in public spaces, we can rest confidently knowing that God’s track record is to make a way for us that honors him and brings life” - Rudy Carrasco (pg 68)

“Wherever I am, I can participate in the divine nature; I can partner with God in the renewal of all things; I can be a repairer of the breach. As a songwriter, I believe I begin that work by taking up this invitation to bear witness to the whole of the human experience and letting my one witness go up like a song in a bomb crater.” - Sara Groves (pg 88)

“I believe there are four qualities essential to relational bridge building: respect, humility, trustworthiness and love...I am only able to love others when I am deeply connected to the God who is love...None of these four qualities of bridge building is achieved over night. And none is ever lived out perfectly. However, they can be learned and cultivated. And that learning and cultivation usually comes from others who build bridges toward us.”

-Shirley V. Hoogstra (pg 135)

**STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH THIS FALL
!! JOIN A SMALL GROUP !!
WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS
AND SIGN-UP**

**To be in this together
we need each other!!**



**Save the date
OCTOBER 4TH**

PRESENTING BIBLES

Yes, we cant wait any longer! To all of the families that took the third grade bible class in March, please join us during our parking-lot service on Sunday, October 4th at 9:30 a.m. to fulfill your promise to your child, by putting in their hands the holy scriptures. I will also be emailing you about this event.

-Jodi Iorio, Connections Ministry Coordinator

September 1

Brian & Laura Lynch
Randy & Debbie Gross

September 2

Donald & Ashlie Hurlbut

September 5

Dan & Michelle Santelli

September 8

Andrew & Jennifer Freitag

September 12

Jerry & Deanna Springer



September 15

Steve & Nora Pierce

September 16

Fred & Judy Bacher

September 17

Ronald & Janice Daniels
Tim & Heidi Konz

September 24

John & Jodi Iorio
Ryan & Renee Schnuck

September 26

Dave & Ashley Leicht

September 29

Joe Nosalik &
Jennifer Johnson



- 1 William Paquin
- 2 Megan Pierce
- 3 Carla Van Berg
- 4 Marty Knight, Elijah Bogar
- 5 Susan Meyer, Jane Brydges, Vivian Taft, Willian Taft
- 6 Ed Brady, Brenda Murawski, Linda Longstreet
- 7 Lisa McCarthy, Matt Hanson, Peter Alm
- 8 Amy Klaus, Sarah Remiker,
- 9 Lora McNeely
- 10 William Sepanski
- 11 Felma Degefa, Bob Gray
- 12 Nathan Brewer, Jack Sepanski, Eric Relyea
- 13 Ryan McNeely
- 14 Perry Claeys, Jamie Lutz
- 15 Ron Daniels, Noah Fisher
- 16 Drew Rasmussen, Paxton Holst, Renae Addison, Janet Meyer, Mitchell Tungate
- 17 Shelby Jantz, Jan Lake
- 18 Jodi Iorio, Patsy Kolner, Asher Frese
- 19 Thomas Erickson
- 20 Rory Dutton, Jude Guttormsen, Hans Guttormsen
- 21 Nathan Klimisch, Sandy Speirs, Tricia Winden, Nick Capelli
- 22 Kenny Wegmuller
- 23 Melanie Gentry, Timothy Owens, Ian Ashton
- 24 Michelle Girard,
- 25 Elke Gramza, Nora Pierce, Rob Wikstrom, Hannah Schiappacasse
- 26 Linda Hoeke, Nancy Slye
- 28 Keyaira Hofmann
- 29 Amy Wikstrom
- 30 Lucas Klaus



Staying connected during a pandemic is hard. We are working on it! When you receive a phone call from a Lord of Life staff or congregation member, we're checking in to see how you are doing.

**PLEASE THANK YOUR VOLUNTEER!
WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!!**

If you haven't received a call, we may not have your current telephone number. Please leave a message at (262) 656-1995 or email office@lordoflifekenosha.org with your telephone number.



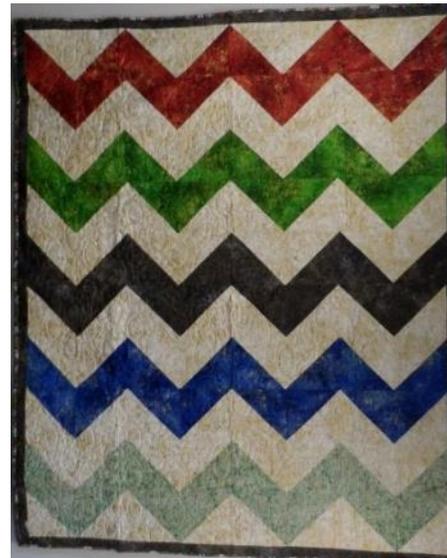
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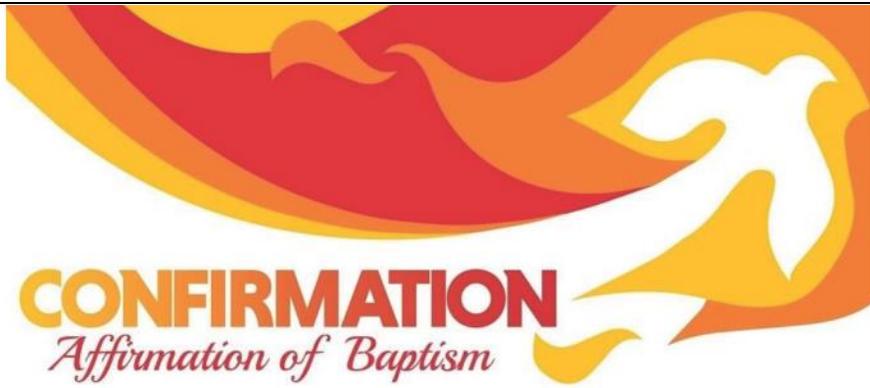
Each year, Lutherdale Bible Camp, a member of the ELCA faith community for 75 years, holds an annual quilt auction fundraiser, with quilts being donated by congregations and individuals from all over southeast Wisconsin. This year, our Lord & Ladies of Lydia quilting ministry donated THIRTEEN quilts to the auction, which sold for a total of \$2,240! Along with the other quilts sold, nearly \$30,000 was raised to support Lutherdale's programs.

In addition to quilts, our amazing group of sewers also regularly create chemo caps, which are donated to area hospitals, lap quilts and walker bags, which are donated to nursing homes, and quilts for organizations like Sleep in Heavenly Peace, who build and deliver beds to children who don't have beds to sleep in. Recently, they also took on the task of making HUNDREDS of masks, some of which were donated to outside organizations. Plenty of masks are still available for those that need them.

We thank this group of ladies and one gentleman who use their talents to share the comfort and love of God through their creations.

Here are some of the beautiful quilts that were donated to the auction by our Lord & Ladies of Lydia.





Lord of Life
Lutheran Church



Thinking through, practicing, strengthening, and owning one's faith is an important part of growing up. At Lord of Life, the confirmation program is designed to help youth prepare to affirm their baptism - to take on for themselves the promises made by their parents and sponsors at their baptisms. It is a multiple year program during which students learn and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.



Fall 2020 - Spring 2021
Schedule



Kick-Off Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 13th, at 10:30 a.m., following Drive In Worship

Additional information will be shared at this meeting.

This year, 7th, 8th and 9th graders will:

- ✠ Participate in the congregational *Mission Possible* process during October and November. One small *Mission Possible* group will be for 7th & 8th graders; the other for 9th & 10th graders. They will meet online for 30 minute weekly.
- ✠ Complete the following units of independent study instruction, with parental assistance as needed. Each unit culminates in an online meeting with Pastor Carol. (Parents come for the first 15 minutes.)
 - *The Radical Monk: Martin Luther*. (8th & 9th graders will do this during Sept.; 7th graders will complete it during the Easter season)
 - *You Want Me to Do What? The Ten Commandments*. This will be done in October and November (in addition to the *Mission Possible* groups.)
 - *Centering in God: The Lord's Prayer*. This will be done during Advent.
 - *We Believe: The Apostles' Creed*. During the season of Epiphany.
 - *God is Present: The Sacraments*. During the season of Lent. During this unit, confirmands will work with 5th & 6th graders who are preparing to receive Holy Communion.
 - *Living Lutheran: Mentors and Faith Statements*. 8th & 9th graders will do this unit during the Easter season, in preparation to affirm their baptisms on Pentecost Day, May 23. During the same period, the 7th graders will be completing *The Radical Monk: Martin Luther*.
- ✠ Each student will be asked to "interview" a member of the congregation for each unit. Questions will be provided.
- ✠ Each student will submit two worship reports per month. (All of our worship recordings will help!)

This year, 10th graders will:

- ✠ Participate with 9th graders in a shortened version of the *Mission Possible* process
- ✠ Meet with a Faith Mentor
- ✠ Write Faith Statements
- ✠ Affirm the baptismal vows their parents made for them at worship on Sunday, December 6.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Carol at pastorcarol@lordoflifekenosha.org

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

This month we will be supporting our young adults who are attending college or trade programs, whether away or locally.



We are asking adults to write notes or cards of encouragement, and kids to also write notes or color/draw pictures, which will all be divided up and sent to them.

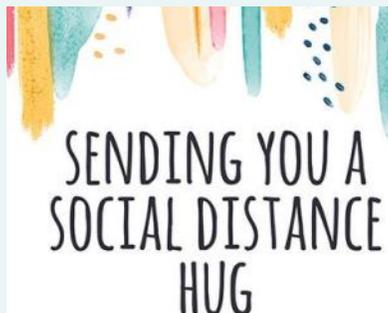


We will also be collecting monetary donations to send them gift cards, purchased through our Scrip program, Checks should be made out to Lord of Life with a note that they are for the ministry of the month. You can also donate online by visiting www.lordoflifekenosha.org, then scroll down and click on the GIVE NOW button. One of the categories for online donations is Ministry of the Month.

Any of these items can be mailed to Lord of Life at 5601 Washington Road, Kenosha, WI 53144, or dropped off at the church office on Mondays or Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They can also be brought to any of our drive in or lawn worship services.

Let's show our support for these members of our faith community who are having to navigate this important period in their lives much differently than they'd ever imagined!

If you are the parent of student you'd like to receive one of these packages, please send their name and mailing address to office@lordoflifekenosha.org



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