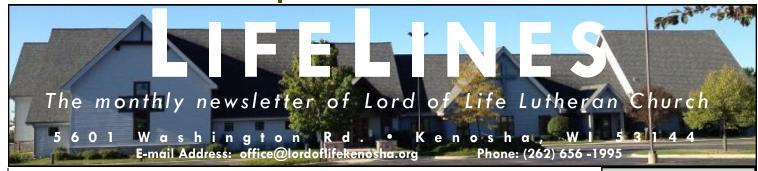
September 2021





Sunday, September 12

9:30 a.m. Worship on the Lawn Don't forget your chair or a blanket to sit on!

10:30 a.m. Games & Outdoor Fun

11:15 a.m. Lunch (Hot dog, mac & cheese, chips, drink & cookie provided.)

12:00 p.m. Beatles Tribute Concert on the lawn

If you have a pop up tent, please bring it along. There will be plenty of help on hand to help set it up.

For food planning purposes, please visit www.lordoflifekenosha.org/signup to RSVP.

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

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- Music Director

Lynn Kancian

- Nursery

Coordinator

Pat Skinner

- Financial Secretary

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Tanya Brady

- President

Russ Brewer

- Vice President

Brian Lynch

- Treasurer

Lori Vogel

- Secretary

Lynn Kancian Lisa McCarthy Rhiannon Urso

- Members-at-large

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Come Together

It's been a long time comin'
 With the pandemic and all
 But Jesus now is callin'
 His church to gather again

He, and she, and me and we Walking in our mission it will set us free!

Come together right now, over Him \$

Come Together! The time is now. The place is Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Whether you have been worshipping regularly with us, or hanging out on the edges during the pandemic, or waiting to 'see what happens', this is the time to come together as the Body of Christ. We welcome you!

Reading over the article I wrote for the August LifeLines, I'm struck by how hopeful we were. All last summer, the staff, Council and I worked diligently on our plans for fall programming. Our assumption was that everyone eligible would have received a Covid vaccine and the numbers would continue their descent, and once again it would be possible to plan into the future with some amount of confidence. And this *Delta* variant? I guess I thought it would fade away into the summer night.

Isn't there a saying about "best laid plans...?" The hard times of the pandemic, unfortunately, continue.

In the first of the *Lord of the Rings* books by J.R.R. Tolkien, the Hobbit, Frodo, laments that it is during his time that the Dark Lord is rising to power and threatening the existence of Middle Earth. Gandalf, the wise wizard agrees with him, but points out that although all who live in treacherous times wish the same thing, "it is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

In this "time that is given us," we have decided to continue to 'hold our plans lightly,' and flexibly. We have decided continue to remember who we are - God's faithful people who gather to worship, learn and serve - grounded in the promise that Christ is with us. And we have decided to continue to *move forward* in ministry.

So - a few adjustments to our fall schedule are in order. And, as time goes on, other adjustments may need to be made.

First, in order to love our children and try to provide a safe environment for them to learn about Jesus, we are postponing the beginning of Sunday school from Sept. 12 to the beginning of October. On Sunday, October 3, Sunday school registration will be in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 a.m. This will be followed by a special worship out on the back lawn: *The Blessing of the Animals - Stuffed and Real*, at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome - and please bring your pets. Regular classes will begin on October 10 at 10:15 a.m.

Second, worship will continue at 9:30 a.m. through September. In October, worship will shift to 9:00 a.m.. When worship attendance reaches around 75, we will add a second service at 10:30 (Sunday school will begin at 10:15, and children will join parents in the sanctuary for communion and the end of worship.)

Third, Wednesdays with Jesus will begin, as planned, on September 22. Unfortunately, with higher Covid numbers right now, we are unable to gather for a meal. Worship (a contemporary service) will be in the sanctuary from 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Confirmation runs from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. On Wednesdays, Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6, our third and fourth graders also will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 for some Bible study (in preparation for Bible presentation). Beginning on Oct. 6, choir will meet from 7:00 - 8:00. I would love to see an Adult study during that time. If you are interested, please contact me.

Autumn is always a time of 'gearing up' again - looking at life and priorities, and making adjustments. Disciples of Christ, it is time to *come together*. We look forward to seeing you!

Pastor Carol

MINISTRY UPDATES



Moving Forward: Progress Report

On August 18 and 21, the Lord of Life Council, plus some members of Moving Forward workgroups, met for about 8 hours to compile all the information and impressions gleaned from many hours of workgroups and develop the first draft

of the Ministry Site Profile that will be submitted to the Greater Milwaukee Synod as the next step in the process of calling a new pastor. Thank-you to all who participated! Your faithful efforts are crucial to building the health of this congregation.

At their meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14, the Congregational Council will review the Ministry Site Profile. The next day, it will be sent out as an attachment with the Wednesday email, for your review. You will then have several opportunities to ask questions about the document before it is sent to the synod. These opportunities are: Sundays, Sept. 19 and 26, at 10:30 a.m., and Tuesday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m., on Zoom. (If none of these times works for you, please contact the office and we will try to set up another opportunity.)

The Council will take your comments and concerns into account as they finalize the document. It will be submitted to the synod in mid-October. The Bishop will be with us on Sunday, October 24 for a Town Hall meeting, during which he will once more review the Ministry Site Profile with you and answer any questions you might have about the call process.



Introducing ministryWise...a new way to sign up at Lord of Life!

One of the hallmarks of Lord of Life is the many opportunities to help, to give and to participate. In order to facilitate signing up for these opportunities, one of our members is designing an application through which you can sign up for many things, at many times. The application is called "ministryWise." You may have seen it referenced for signing up for several things over the past month. The link to Ministry Wise will be in emails and LifeLines. You also can access it by typing into the URL www.lordoflifekenosha.org/signup

Please be patient as we work out some of the guirks, and let us know if something is not working for you. This is a tremendous gift that will streamline our signups for ministries, activities, and supplies.



On August 18th, Pastor Carol shared that she and her husband, John, were committed to match gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, earmarked it for relief in Haiti, up to \$500. We are thrilled to share that we made a combined donation of \$1,415 to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response!

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to those whose lives have been disrupted by disasters, in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

To learn more visit: https://www.elca.org/Resources/ Lutheran-Disaster-Response



We have received a faith-filled donation of \$10,000 to help replace the electronic messaging portion of the sign that sits at the front of our property. We also plan to use funds from our Memorial and Scrip funds to go toward this major expense, however, we are still about \$6,000 short. Currently, we have received \$310 in designated donations. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution. You can send it directly to the church office or place it in the offering basket, in an envelope marked "sign donation".

This new full color display will help us communicate to the community that we are an engaging and welcoming place to worship.



Sunday, September 12: Come Together Event

Sundays, September 19th & 26th 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Masks will continue to be required and seating will remain distanced.



We are assembling a team to participate in the "Faith Build Week". All levels of ability and experience are needed. Lord of Life will work on site on Saturday, September 18, 2021, 8:00am - Noon, at 4612 26th St, Kenosha. Visit

www.lordoflifekenosha.org/signup if you'd like to participate. Contact John Jeunnette for additional details, johnjeunnette@prairiesystemsgroup.com.



God's gift of community provides two of our most basic needs: the church can be a place to belong and a place to become. If you have had an opportunity to worship with us and would like to learn more about Lord of Life, please consider attending our 2—part new member gatherings.

- ◆ The first class will be on Sunday, September 26th from 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- ◆ The second class will be held on Sunday, October 10th from 10:15-11:15 a.m.
- New members will be received during worship on Sunday, October 17th.

If you are interested in attending our New Member gatherings, or have any questions, please contact Jodi lorio, our Connections Ministry Leader at connections@lordoflifekenosha.org or (262) 925-3823.



At your child's baptism, one of the things you were entrusted with was to place the Holy Scriptures into their hands.

Our tradition is to complete this faith step in Third grade. Third graders (*and fourth graders who missed this class last year), and a parent or sponsor are invited to attend.

Visit www.lordoflifekenosha.org/signup to register.
The cost of the Bible is \$16 and can be paid at any of
the class sessions.

Aurora Health Care presents

Senior Health Fair At-Home



Join us from the comfort of your home!

This year's fair will focus on physical wellness and preventing falls.

Each participant will receive an Event Bag with educational resources and access to online presentations.

This event not only features Aurora Health Care, but also many of our amazing community organizations, like those below:







alzheimer's 95 association





Advanced registration required and open to the first 100 participants.

> Registration closes September 17th.

Event Bag pick-up will be offered the last week of September, at multiple Kenosha locations.

To learn more or register, please visit online at <u>Aurora.org/Events</u> and search "Senior Health Fair" OR grab your smartphone and scan the QR code below.



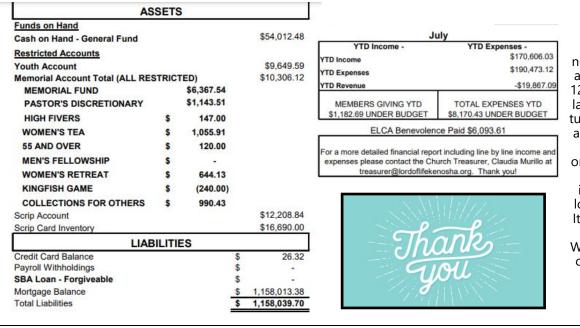
Aurora Health Care

Created by Katie Chada, katie chada@aah.org Created 08/25/2021 Post until 09/17/202

August 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Pastor Carol's report included plans that staff and ministry coordinators had worked on. We will continue to be flexible, as Covid variants cause increases in transmission.
- The Moving Forward mini retreats are coming up and binders have been prepared with the reports from all of the workgroups.
- The 5 air purifiers we purchased are in place and are an added layer of protection, but not a substitute for masks.
- Angie reported that the church has not been cleaned professionally since April of last year and suggested
 that instead of using a "service" we should hire a part time custodian. They could do minor repairs, be available with set up and clean up of events. Council voted and approve that she move forward with initially posting the job internally, through emails and announcements.
- Brian went over the July financials and gave an explanation of how to read the various reports received. When looking at % of budget used we are what we would expect by now. We are at 7/12 of the year we are at 57.85 % right where we should be.
- Russ shared that he will be registering Lord of Life for a stewardship program through the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Stewardship is not fundraising, or funding the budget. We need to grow beyond that and develop a culture of generosity. We've always had champagne taste on a [cheap] beer budget.
- We have two upcoming opportunities. God's Kitchen of Kenosha lunches and Pastor Carol's husband is organizing a group to help with a Habitat for Humanity build. More info and sign-up to come.
- There was discussion about forming the Call Committee, which will be made up of six people. We would like to have people who have participated in the *Moving Forward* teams.

JULY 2021 FINANCIALS



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





Two months ago, assuming Covid numbers would continue to drop, we eagerly made plans to resume Sunday school this fall. Unfortunately, with the Delta variant, numbers are rising and we are again facing the unknown. We hope and pray that this surge is short-lived. But, mindful of our children who

cannot get vaccinated, we have decided to "push back" the start date for Sunday school to October 3.

The plan is to begin at 10:15 a.m. with a short "meet and greet" with students and parents. This will be followed by Family Church at 10:30, in the back yard. This special worship will be in honor of St. Francis, and will include the blessing of pets - breathing and stuffed.

With the swings in the virus, we will continue to make necessary adjustments to maximize the safety and wellness of the people in our community.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to register your child for Sunday School if you haven't already done so.

Additional volunteers are needed to make our program a success. Please visit www.lordoflifekenosha.org/signup and click on the Faith Growth tab to see the available opportunities and to sign up.



Communion Instruction

Class Date

Sunday, November 7th from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Celebration of First Communion

Sunday, November 14th during worship

We'll share this time together learning about Communion and what it means. This class offered to children beginning in 4th grade, to younger children whose parents feel their child is ready to receive the gifts of communion, or to older children who may have never attended the class, especially our 5th graders, who missed this class last year. At least one parent or sponsor must attend the class with their child.

Richardson's Adventure Farm

What would fall be without heading to a farm...an adventure farm, that is! Middle and high school students and parents are invited to come and join in the fall festivities. Thursday Oct. 7th, from 4:45pm-9:45pm. Richardson's Adventure Farm has the world's largest corn maze, a ton of fun activities, and campfire pits to make s'mores! What more could you ask for! We want everyone to be part of the fall fun! The cost will be \$18 per person. Just an FYI there is no school for KUSD students on 10/8/21. Watch your emails for sign-up information. We will also need adult drivers/chaperons.





The next ELCA Youth Gathering is July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. This event is open to students entering grades 8-12 for the 2022-2023 school year. The last ELCA Youth Gathering was in Houston Texas and youth and chaperones had an AMAZING time! Be on the lookout for additional information, as early bird registration will take place from September 22, 2021 through November 21,2021. Lori Vogel and Rhiannon Urso are in the process of putting together a team to plan and lead all the steps / activities that need to happen prior to 7/24/2022! Please let Lori, Rhiannon, or the church office know if you are interested!

Dear Friends,

A very beneficial program is coming once again called GriefShare!!!

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants from GriefShare small groups that I have facilitated have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions.

You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger".

GriefShare will be offered every Tuesday beginning September 21st at 2:30 pm to 4:30pm. through November (10 week session). The small group will meet in the lounge or sanctuary at St Mary's Lutheran church. The program is free and includes a workbook. Donations are always accepted for future materials.

To register, call the St Mary's church office Monday-Thursday at 262-658-3555. There is a limit of 12 participants, so call today to save your seat! Any questions, please call Sue Quever, Parish Nurse 262-925-3822.

> Shalom, Sue Quever R.N., FCN AdvocateAurora Faith and Health Community Program





8 THE CONNECTIONS CENTER

I would like to share an article from *Building Faith*, an online ministry resource. It has given me some comfort going into this fall season of how to plan church events and programs. –Jodi

A Second Pandemic Program Year: Finding Handholds

by Sarah Bentley Allred

My small parish in central North Carolina started gathering for Sunday morning in-person worship again a month ago. Literally, we have physically received Communion together during our principle service of worship four whole times since March 2020. And now, cases of COVID-19 are surging again. We JUST re-imagined how to gather in-person in low-risk ways, from the distribution of wine in small, compostable cups to the technology needed for hybrid worship. The spring and early summer felt so hopeful. We made plans. And yet, it looks like we are entering another surge.

What Now?

We want to keep our people safe. Children are not vaccinated. Those living with autoimmune illnesses are extremely vulnerable. AND we want to keep our people connected. We are tired of Zoom. We dread reverting to physical isolation. We wonder how we will hold a community together any longer without in-person gatherings. Re-imagining the logistics of everything yet again is exhausting even to think about, which is totally anxiety-producing.

Finding some Handholds

The challenges, concerns, and anxiety of each particular context bubble up in phone calls, colleague groups, Facebook posts, and through the consulting I do through Lifelong Learning. I hear that parents don't want to meet in person with the Delta variant on the rise but that kids are also "Zoomed out." I hear that coming up with volunteer leaders is nearly impossible. I hear that the congregation is divided on masking for vaccinated folks. I wish this was over. I wish there was a clear way forward. Should we move back to online only worship? Should we try to do Sunday School outside? Or delay the start date? Do we need to cancel that picnic?

I have no answers. The road ahead is uncertain. We are stepping onto a rickety bridge. From where is our help to come (in addition to The Lord)? Perhaps we need some railings, some "handholds" to cling to. Below are three phrases that feel like reassuring handholds for me. In these phrases I find hope, comfort, rest, and truth to hold onto in the midst of this weary-making uncertainty. I hope one of these resonates for you, or maybe they inspire something else that is a better fit. And if all else fails, let me share the guidance of a wise spiritual director: "When you pray, get as close to the ground as you can. Sit on the floor. Lie in the grass. Lean against a tree trunk. The ground, the earth beneath your feet, is a sure thing."

I Know More Than I Think I Do

As my anxiety about the increase in COVID cases rises, I am drawn back to memories of the initial shut down in March 2020. My body remembers the long days and the tightness in my chest, but this is not the same. We will never know less about doing ministry during a global pandemic than we did seventeen months ago. We know more about the virus than we did back then. We know more about technology. We know more about how to do ministry in physically-distanced and low-risk ways. Remember what you know. We can bring back the drive-through blessing of the backpacks and the Zoom Bible Study if we need to. It will take some energy to shift again. It won't be the same as in-person Bible Study. But we can do it, and we don't need to completely reinvent the wheel like we did last year.

The Church Is Us

Three weeks ago I got to be physically present for the Baptism of a young child. I was close enough for drops of water to fall on my face as the priest sprinkled the congregation. It brought tears to my eyes. For many, gathering again in our sacred spaces has felt like coming home. We don't want to give that up again.

And yet, we were reminded during the first part of the pandemic that the church is not the building, the church is the people. As this virus continues, we may have seasons of separation from our buildings and our ability to physically gather. That is a big challenge to the good and faithful work we are called to. AND we know that it's not the building that is essential, it is the relationships. Space is important. Gathering truly matters. We are incarnate, embodied beings. And yet, in seasons when it is safer to be physically-distanced, all is not lost. We can continue to grow in our relationships with God, others, and creation because the church is not the building, the church is us.

A Settled Body Settles Other Bodies

Anxiety is contagious. Over the last year, I've realized that another person's anxiety can impact my own even over a video or phone call. Their unsettled body makes mine feel unsettled too. But the opposite is also true: being in the presence of a very calm, non-anxious person, even over the phone, allows me to be more settled. As we continue to live in a season of great uncertainty, one of the greatest gifts we can give the people we care about is taking care of our own bodies so that we can show up in ways that settle rather than unsettle. As leaders, some of our most important work is doing the body-care needed to be grounded. A settled body settles other bodies. This is a huge gift in our pastoral interactions, our meetings, our preaching, and our teaching. There is so much we cannot control, but all of us can practice settling our bodies through meditation, singing, movement, spiritual direction, etc. What are you already doing to settle your body? What else could you do to maintain a settled body?

September 1

Brian & Laura Lynch Randy & Debbie Gross

September 2

Donald & Ashlie Hurlbut

September 5

Dan & Michelle Santelli

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Andrew & Jennifer Freitag

September 12

Jerry & Deanna Springer



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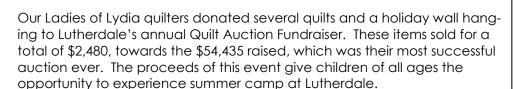
Dave & Ashley Leicht

September 29

Joe Nosalik & Jennifer Johnson



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- 2 Megan Pierce
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- 6 Ed Brady, Brenda Murawski, Linda Longstreet
- 7 Lisa McCarthy, Peter Alm
- 8 Amy Klaus, Sarah Remiker,
- 9 Lora McNeely
- 10 William Sepanski
- 11 Felma Degefa, Bob Gray
- 12 Nathan Brewer, Jack Sepanski,
- 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
- 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
- 23 Melanie Gentry, 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



This is a very small sampling of the beautiful pieces they donated:











LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 9:30 a.m. Lawn Worship 10:30 a.m. Games 11:15 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Concert	13	14 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 7:00 p.m. Council meeting	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 7:00 p.m. AA	17	18 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Habitat for Humanity "Faith Build Week"
9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Ministry Site Profile Q&A Session 6:00 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation orientation 6:45 p.m. Youth Ministry Reboot 7:30 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation	20	21 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 7:00 p.m. Ministry Site Profile Q&A Session through Zoom	22 Wednesdays with Jesus 6:15 Contemporary	23 7:00 p.m. AA	24	25 7:00 a.m. Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk
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MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Instead of collecting items or money this month, we are encouraging our members to interact with each other, especially with our shut-ins, or those we haven't seen in a while.

If you are willing to mail a note or card (or multiple), please contact the church office at office@lordoflifekenosha.org or leave a message at (262)925-3821 and we'll provide name(s) and address(es).

Families—we'd love it if you get your kids involved and have them draw/color pictures that you can send too!













