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The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Rally Wednesday
COOKOUT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Wednesday, September 4th
6:00 p.m.

Bring a side dish and join us
for a time of fellowship as we
kick off fall programming at
Lord of Life!



Saturday, September 7th

5:00 p.m. contemporary worship returns to EVERY week

Every Sunday Morning

9:00 a.m., also livestreamed on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LordofLifeKenosha)



God's work.
Our hands.



COMMUNITY
MEAL



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is the ELCA's annual day of service, which this year is September 8th. This is also the date of our next date to serve the Community Meal at Living Faith.

Therefore, we're combining the two and inviting everyone to join us for a parking lot picnic to enjoy a time of fellowship while we serve a meal to those in need.

Join us at 3:00 p.m. at Living Faith Lutheran Church; 2915 Wright Ave, Racine, WI 53405. You don't have to bring anything!

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.



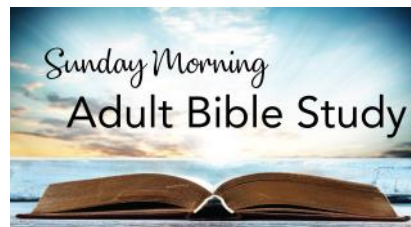
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We are led by love and inspired by grace to serve.



Sunday School for kids age 4 through 5th grade resumes on Sunday, September 8th. The kids will join us in worship until after the Children's Sermon. They will return to worship for Communion and the remainder of the service. Please register your child (ren) [HERE](#) or by visiting our website: www.lordoflifekenosha.org, click Faith Development, then Sunday School.



Join Pastor Chip after worship beginning Sunday, September 8th for a 12 week study on First Corinthians.



Students begin Confirmation instruction as 6th graders and spend two years learning the traditional materials. Their 8th grade year will be spent working with a mentor, doing community service, and reflecting on what they've learned, followed by Affirming their Baptism in a Service of Confirmation at the end of the school year. Confirmation class meets on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room, beginning September 16th. Register your student [HERE](#) or visit www.lordoflifekenosha.org, click Faith Formation, then Confirmation.



Saturday, September 21 at 8:00 a.m.



PB&J at the ELCA Outreach Center
Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

6218 26th Avenue
Join us to serve pizza & a short Bible study led by Pastor Chip.



Monthly Trivia Night returns on Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m. Bring a snack or sweet treat to share and join us for a fun night of fellowship and friendly competition.



Ladies, plan to join us on Friday, October 11th at the home of Julie Chase. Additional info and a sign up will be shared soon.



The Women's Christmas Tea will be held on Sunday, December 8th. If you are interested in joining the planning team, please contact Sherry Sinnen at sherrysinnen@gmail.com or 262-358-2307.



Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 9, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bake sale featuring delicious treats from R&M Orchards of Pleasant Prairie.

Free Admission ~ Food Concessions ~ Gift Card Raffle



Bakers and volunteers are needed to help make this fundraising event a success. Visit www.lordoflifekenosha.org/craft to sign up.

Greetings, Siblings in Christ!

I hope this month's newsletter finds you well and having enjoyed a fun Summer!

In my travels within the Navy (and afterward), I have attended a LOT of different kinds of churches. Some Lutheran...some not...but all had things that needed to be done. That was always how I would pick a church. Yes, some of the reasoning of joining had to do with the Pastor and some with the people but, mostly, it was the opportunity to be involved and the work that God calls us to do that would bring me into the church (more than anything).

Volunteer organizations (like the church) can't get things done without people to do them. And, from my experience, all volunteer organizations are comprised of people who feed and people that get fed. The two aren't mutually exclusive. Sometimes we feed so much that we have to step back and get fed. The key is to not sit on the bench too long....or we get gorged and can't move (like me after Thanksgiving dinner).

Volunteering to serve....

Follows the example of Jesus who came "not to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28). By serving and volunteering at church, individuals emulate this example and participate in a practice that reflects the character of Christ.

Volunteering to serve....

Fosters our own spiritual growth. When we step into roles of service, we are often challenged in ways that encourage us to grow in their faith. For example, teaching a Sunday school class or leading a small group can deepen our understanding of Scripture and strengthen our relationship with God.

Volunteering to serve....

Builds a stronger church community! Volunteering fosters a sense of belonging and strengthens the bonds within OUR church community. When individuals come together to serve, they create a shared experience that builds fellowship and unity.

Volunteering to serve....

JUST FEELS GOOD! We are built to serve. As Proverbs 11:25 says, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

If you've been sitting on the bench a while and are looking for some opportunities to get in the game.... it's time to suit up because **WE NEED YOU!** There are opportunities at this church right now that suit what your passions and skills are....all you need to do is let us know. Call me direct, send me an email at pastorchip@lordoflifekenosha.org, or let's meet for coffee (I'll buy) and we can discuss where you can jump in. I look forward to helping you find the right fit!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Chip



2025 will bring the 40th anniversary of Lord of Life!

We're working on a celebration to commemorate this milestone, and leading up to it we will share some history each month in our newsletter.

12 Kenosha News,
Friday, November 23, 1984



The Rev. Jack Ottoson

ALC mission group started

A new mission congregation of the American Lutheran Church is being organized on the northwest side of Kenosha by the Rev. Jack Ottoson, pastor/developer.

Ottoson has been serving English Lutheran Church in Chipewewa Falls since 1980. He is a graduate of Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Prior to entering seminary in 1976, Ottoson worked as a sales representative for the Xerox Corp. Ottoson, a native of Rockford, Ill., moved to Kenosha recently with his wife and two children.

The steering committee of the new congregation, made up of members of St. Mary's Lutheran Church who live on the northwest side of Kenosha, held its first meeting Nov. 14 at 5108 Green Bay Road.

Ottoson said the group hopes to find a place of worship in the near future and to hold their first service in early 1985.

The new congregation is one of "50 more in '84," a special outreach in which 50 new congregations are being developed by the American Lutheran Church across the United States.

Ottoson said the congregation intends "to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and to translate that message into greater service to neighbors and community."

Anyone who is new in the community or is looking for a church may call Ottoson for more information at the new, unlisted number, 551-9732.

COVER OF FIRST MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN MISSION

LIVING WATERS

NEWSLETTER

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1985

JANUARY

"Come to the Lord, the Living stone rejected as worthless by men, but chosen as valuable by God. Come as living stones, and let yourselves be used in building the spiritual temple, where you will serve as holy priests, to offer spiritual and acceptable sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ... But you are the chosen race, the King's priests, the holy nation, God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God, who called you from the darkness into his own marvelous light. At one time you were not God's people, but now you are his people; at one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have received his mercy." 1 Peter 2:4 & 5; 9 & 10

Pastor,s Corner

Friends in Christ;

Grace to you and peace! I hope that the Christmas season was one filled with joy and good things for you. May 1985 be one of faith and promises fulfilled for you.

There are so many things that happen for the first time in a "mission" congregation that I am aware of history being written at each step of our life together. I think of the anniversary booklets printed by the congregations I have served and the importance of writing our first days down. The first, worship, the first meetings, and the first congregational meetings are all important events worth record.

As this new congregation begins I thought of the scripture from 1st Peter, "Come as living stones..." History can record events, places, and time, but it cannot completely record feelings, hopes, and anticipation. It will always be important to remember that the church is people. People who are chosen to be built together into a living temple where we can serve God by serving others. Our church has no name, it does not have a place, it doesn't even have a building, but it does have a character. That character is molded and shaped by its first members. We are the church! I look forward to living, working, and sharing the work of Christ's ministry with you as your first pastor.

Blessings for 1985,

Pastor Jack Ottoson

Pastor Jack Ottoson

What's in a name?

FROM PAGE 2 OF FIRST NEWSLETTER

If you were to ask an ancient Hebrew that question, the answer would be -- EVERYTHING! To know someone's name was to not only know a label, but to know a name was to know the deeper essence of a person. The Old & New Testaments are filled with important naming events. The names of places like Sinai, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Jericho spoke of their history. The names of such people as Adam, Abraham, Israel, and Jesus spoke of God's activity among human kind.

Our mission church must have a name, too. The name we choose will be used when people in our community identify who we are, what we stand for and how we serve. It's no small thing. Many names have already been talked over. Be thinking of possible names for our new church. Be thinking of what our church should be. Be thinking -- "What's in a name?"

Dear Friends,

September has arrived, with school and activities that abound. Hopefully we will be packing healthy lunches and preparing meals that can be safely enjoyed. September is a month we raise up food safety as we get back to the rhythm of life. According to the CDC, 1 in 6 people (48 million) in the US get sick, 128,000 are hospitalized, and 3,000 die from eating contaminated food.



Here are a few thoughts to consider as you brush up on safe food handling.

- ✦ When you are baking your sweet treats such as cookies and cakes, remember to refrain from letting the young ones eat the raw dough and batter before baking. Harmful bacteria such as e-coli and salmonella can be found in raw flour and eggs.
- ✦ It is important to clean your refrigerator bins each month even if the bins only hold fruit and vegetables. Salmonella, Listeria, yeast, and mold can be present in our bins. Clean the produce bin using a solution using a solution of 1 Tablespoon of unscented liquid chlorine bleach in one gallon of water. Air dry or pat dry with clean paper towels.
- ✦ Don't let an open food pouch sit out too long. Throw it away if it comes home opened from a lunch box. If it was recently opened at home put it in the fridge if your child didn't eat it all but eat within 24 hours.
- ✦ Feeding your baby directly from a container or jar can increase the risk of food poisoning. Use a clean spoon to place baby food into a clean bowl. Refrigerate unserved portions of baby food after labeling it with the opening date. Leftover food should be used or thrown away within 3 days.
- ✦ Use an appliance thermometer to make sure your refrigerator is cooled to 40°F or below.
- ✦ Throw away perishable food that is left out all day. The fridge can slow the growth of bacteria in food but will not kill the bacteria. Bacteria can multiply rapidly in perishable food left at room temperature or in the 'danger zone' between 40°F and 140°F, which can make you and your loved ones sick.
- ✦ Even though you will be removing the firm skin and or rind of fresh produce before eating, wash it first by scrubbing with a clean brush gently under running water. Dry with a paper towel. There can be harmful bacteria on the outside of produce that can spread to the inside when you cut into the produce if not cleaned.
- ✦ Older children must be taught how to cook food properly and safely in the microwave. Simple 'heat and eat' meals come with instructions that need to be followed to ensure safe food. Always follow package directions that advise a "standing time" or rotating and stirring food. Know your microwave's wattage and use a digital food thermometer to ensure food has reached a safe internal temperature.



Shalom,

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



September 1

Brian & Laura Lynch

September 5

Dan & Michelle Santelli

September 2

Donald & Ashlie Hurlbut

September 12Jerry & Deanna
Springer**September 16**

Fred & Judy Bacher

September 17

Tim & Heidi Konz

September 24

John & Jodi Iorio

September 29Joe Nosalik &
Jennifer Johnson

- 1 William Paquin
- 5 Susan Meyer
- 6 Ed Brady
- 7 Lisa McCarthy, Peter Alm
- 8 Sarah Remiker
- 10 Will Sepanski
- 11 Felma Degefa, Bob Gray
- 12 Nathan Brewer, Jack Sepanski
- 14 Perry Claeys, Jamie Lutz
- 16 Paxton Holst, Janet Meyer
- 17 Shelby Jantz



- 18 Jodi Iorio, Patsy Kolner,
Asher Frese
- 19 Thomas Erickson
- 21 Nick Capelli, Nathan Klimisch,
Matt Ley
- 23 Melanie Gentry
- 25 Elke Gramza, Rob Wilkstrom,
Hannah Schiappacasse
- 28 Keyaira Hofmann
- 29 Amy Wikstrom, Norman Hermann

COUNCIL'S CORNER

August 13, 2024 Council Minutes

- ♦ Officer election was held—no change to positions: Russ - President; Matt—Vice President; Ralph-Treasurer; Lori-Secretary; Tanya, Julie & Lynn—members at large.
- ♦ The need to have a handy-person, rather than just someone to clean was discussed. There are several things, especially wood work, that needs attention. Pastor Chip is meeting with the other pastors this week and will inquire what they do. Angie will also start researching.
- ♦ Angie shared that we have more age-related issues with our sprinkler system piping. It has developed multiple leaks, which were patched the day of the meeting, but actual replacement of pipe sections will be required.
- ♦ February 16, 1985 was the first worship service of the yet un-named mission development that became Lord of Life. That means we'll celebrate 40 years in 2025. We will plan a celebration and will start sharing historical mementos leading up to it.
- ♦ Job descriptions of the paid church staff will be reviewed and updated to make sure they align with the needs of the church. The pandemic changed some of the actual duties each staff person is performing, and those changes need to be reflected. Compensation will be reviewed with the upcoming budget planning.
- ♦ The Stewardship Team will meet at the end of August to begin preparing for a fall campaign. Planning for a debt reduction campaign in 2025 will also begin.

July ASSETS

Funds on Hand

Cash on Hand - General Fund		\$ 32,159.21
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$ 22,030.25	
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$ 40,636.58	
Total Savings Acct		\$ 62,666.83

Restricted Accounts

MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 7,463.35
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$ 508.79
WOMEN'S TEA	\$ 758.77
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$ 552.85
YOUTH FUND	\$ 8,574.59
KINGFISH GAME	\$ (210.00)
HIGH FIVERS	\$ 169.01
RESTRICTED GIVING 23-25	\$ 20,000.00
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$ 1,081.93
FOOD OUTREACH	\$ 1,737.29
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 40,636.58

Scrip Account	\$ 14,038.07
Scrip Card Inventory	\$ 15,975.33

LIABILITIES

Credit Card Balance	\$ 161.78
Payroll Withholdings	\$ (110.87)
Mortgage Balance	\$ 1,067,309.33
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,067,360.24

July

YTD Income - YTD Expenses

YTD Income	\$ 233,570.66
YTD Expenses	\$ 209,962.04
YTD Revenue	\$ 23,608.62

MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$38,710.88 OVER BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$4,429.59 UNDER BUDGET
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ELCA Benevolence Paid \$5,8331.31

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!



SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS			
September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
Usher/Greeter			
Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Steve & Patsy Kolner	OPEN	Jurey & Connie Wittmus
Lesson Reader			
Aaron Sens	Julie Chase	Chris Daugherty	Julie Chase
Communion Wine Servers			
Kathy Sadowski ONE NEEDED	Julie Chase ONE NEEDED	Chris Daugherty Julie Chase	Julie Chase ONE NEEDED
Altar Care			
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Jurey & Connie Wittmus
SCRIP Sales			
Kim Sly	Aaron Sens	OPEN	OPEN
Communion Bread			
Jan Niederloh	Not Needed	Beth Files	Not Needed
A/V			
Chris Daugherty	Chris Daugherty	Jonah Sens	OPEN

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS				
September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Usher/Greeter				
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom Wilma Jenewein, greeter	Dan Lein	Russ & Becky Brewer	OPEN	OPEN
Lesson Reader				
Pam Leonard	Joyce Belke	John Meyer	Beth Files	OPEN
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers				
Pam Leonard, Robin Berry Beth Files (bread)	Norma & Cliff Lundstrom 1 Needed (bread)	Kathy Miller 1 Needed (wine) John Meyer (bread)	2 Needed (wine) Beth Files (bread)	2 Needed (wine) 1 Needed (bread)
Altar Care				
Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Kerry Bieneman	Kathy Miller	OPEN	Lynn Kancian
Coffee Hour Host				
Joy Bettke	OPEN	OPEN	Beth Files	OPEN
SCRIP Sales				
Pam Leonard	Pam Leonard	Jean Garretto	Kim Sly	OPEN
Communion Bread				
Not Needed	Jan Niederloh	Kathy Miller	Beth Files	Not Needed
A/V				
Angie Wollschlager	Matt Bieneman	Matt Bieneman	Angie Wollschlager	Angie Wollschlager

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

LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

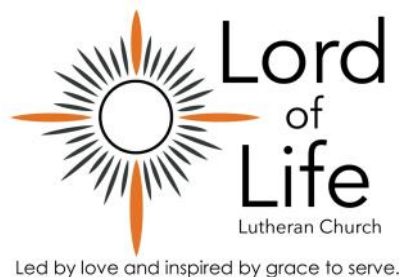


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	2  Labor Day Office Closed	3 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	4 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 6:00 p.m. Cookout & Ice Cream	5 7:00 p.m. AA	6 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	7 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
8 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education 3:00 p.m. God's Work Our Hands & Community Meal	9	10	11 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	12 7:00 p.m. AA	13 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	14 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
15 8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	16 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	17 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	18 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	19 6:00 p.m. Trivia Night 7:00 p.m. AA	20 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	21 8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels & Bibles 8:30 a.m. OFH Family Ride Run Walk Fundraiser 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
22 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	23 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	24	25 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	26 7:00 p.m. AA	27 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	28 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
29 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	30 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	  				

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.



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