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The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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FAITH IN ACTION

hands to serve, hearts to give

Fall is the season of change – the traditional time to celebrate abundance, express our gratitude for family and friends, and to reflect on joyful moments experienced during the year. It is a time to shift directions given less sunshine and warm days, more darkness; less busy-ness in our yards, more time indoors seeking comfort. Fall offers us time to find balance, reflect, prepare and celebrate.

Fall is also Stewardship Season!

During this Season of Stewardship, the Stewardship Team invites you to embrace this Fall season of change and take time to consider our progress as a faith community these past two years. We have spent time making *Ministry Possible* through our commitment to spiritual growth and **education**; increasing our connection to the greater Kenosha community through **service**, renewed relationships with each other and hosted fun **fellowship** opportunities at Lord of Life, and committed to **sharing our spiritual gifts and abundance** for our congregation's continued growth.

In the coming weeks, join the Stewardship Team in important conversations about all that makes Lord of Life a faithful and compassionate community. We will highlight our educational ministries, opportunities for service both inside our walls and in our community, and share how our gifts of abundance makes Lord of Life family such a special place.

This month, please watch for mail/email from the Stewardship Team with ways to share your intention for service and support; as a faith family we will share our intentions during All-Saints Worship Services on **Saturday, November 2nd and Sunday, November 3rd**.

Let's prepare for another season of blessings and continue using our

Hands to Serve and Hearts to Give.

Let's celebrate our **FAITH IN ACTION!**

SERVING YOU AT LORD OF LIFE

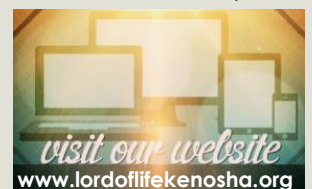
Rev. Chip Lutz
- Pastor
Angie Wollschlager
- Church Administrator
Connie Wittmus
- Admin. Assistant
Sue Quever
- Parish Nurse
Claudia Murillo
- Bookkeeper
Kerry Bieneman
- Music Director
Nancy Cerminara
- Custodian

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.



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2024 MINISTRY FAIR

FIND YOUR FIT!

Worship Volunteers
The LIFE Initiative
Sunday School
IHOPE
Coffee Fellowship
Food Outreach Ministries
Women's Christmas Tea
SCRIP
AND MORE!

Sunday, October 13th following worship



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.



Community Meal

Sunday, October 13 at 3:45 p.m.

Living Faith Lutheran Church; 2915 Wright Ave, Racine.
Help assemble and distribute 120 meals.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, October 20th we will celebrate our Parish Nurse, Sue, walking along side our congregation for 20 years! We know she has touched the lives of many and want to give you the opportunity to say thank you. If you'd like to send a card or note of gratitude for Sue, please do so. It can be dropped off at the church office, mailed to 5601 Washington Road, Kenosha, WI 53144, or you can even email a note to: office@lordoflifekenosha.org and we'll print it on fancy paper for you. These will be given to Sue on Oct. 20th.



The next two gatherings will be held on a different week of the month than usual. Gents, bring your Bible and join Pastor Chip at 8:00 a.m. in the library on Saturdays, Oct. 24 & Nov. 23.



Our next Trivia Night is on Thursday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. Bring a snack or sweet treat to share and join us for a fun night of fellowship and (mostly) friendly competition. ☺



Bring the kids to our 2nd annual trunk or treat event on Saturday, October 26th from 12:00—2:00 p.m. in the Lord of Life parking lot.

If you'd like to give out treats, [CLICK HERE](#) or sign up on the sheet on the welcome center to let us

know you'll be participating. Play-doh, slinky toys, or juice boxes are wonderful allergy-free, disability friendly alternatives to candy to toss into bags.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

The Women's Christmas Tea will be held on Sunday, December 8th. Tickets are \$20 and will go on sale the weekend of October 26 & 27th. This year's theme is *Share Your Light*.

We are seeking donations of gift baskets or gift certificates that will be raffled off at the event. If you would like to donate a basket or item, please contact Sherry Sinnen at sherrysinnen@gmail.com



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! Please visit www.lordoflifekenosha.org/craft to sign up.

Dear Beloved in Christ,

As the cool winds of autumn sweep through our neighborhoods, painting the trees with shades of gold, orange, and crimson, we are reminded of the beauty that accompanies change. Nature, in its wisdom, gently teaches us that change is not something to be feared but something to embrace. The seasons shift, and in the process, they reveal the grace and rhythm of God's creation.



Autumn, in particular, speaks to us in a profound way. It is a time when the world around us seems to prepare for rest, yet it does so in full splendor. The leaves, though falling, do not do so in despair. They fall in beauty, reminding us that even in letting go, there is something deeply sacred.

Our lives, too, are filled with seasons of change. Sometimes these changes are anticipated, and we welcome them with open arms. At other times, they come unexpectedly, leaving us feeling uncertain or unsettled. But just as the trees know when to shed their leaves, so too must we trust that God is at work in every shift and transition of our lives.

The changes we experience may take many forms—relationships, work, health, or even our spiritual journeys. We may feel the loss of things once familiar, and the uncertainty of what lies ahead may weigh heavily on our hearts. Yet, just as the trees will soon stand bare, waiting for the renewal of spring, we are invited to trust that new growth will come in our lives as well.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, we read: *"To everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."* This wisdom reminds us that life is not static. Change is part of the divine plan, and within each season, there is purpose. Autumn teaches us that there is beauty even in endings and transitions. It whispers to us that God's presence is steady, even as the world around us shifts.

As a community of faith, let us walk together through whatever changes this season may bring. Let us encourage one another to find hope in the midst of uncertainty and to celebrate the beauty that can emerge from letting go. And most importantly, let us rest in the assurance that just as autumn gives way to winter and winter to spring, God's hand is guiding us, transforming us, and preparing us for the seasons yet to come.

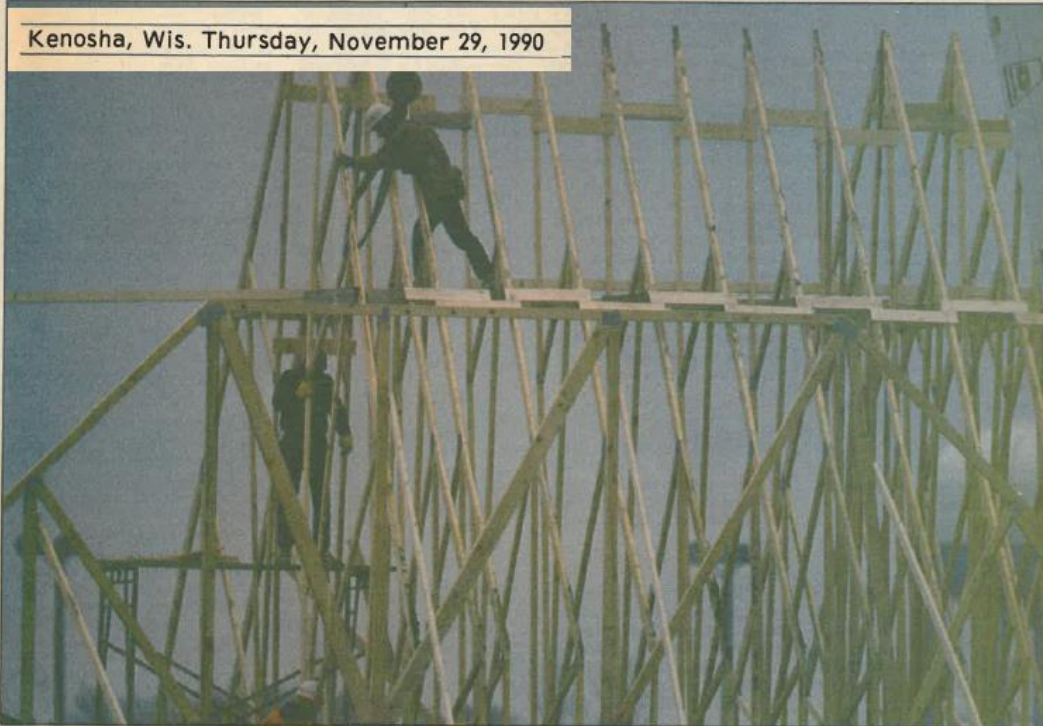
May this autumn be a reminder to all of us to trust in the One who never changes, even as the world around us does. May we find peace in His constant presence and joy in the beauty of the journey.

With grace and peace,
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.

Kenosha, Wis. Thursday, November 29, 1990



Kenosha News photo by Paul Williams

There is the church, there is the steeple ...

It will be five months before you can open the doors and see all the people at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. The church is being built on the southeast corner of Washington Road and Highway 31. The Rev. Jack Ottoson said the 6,500-square-foot church will

seat about 200 and will have classrooms, a multipurpose room and offices. Ottoson said the congregation, which has been meeting at Bullen Junior High School, 2804 39th Ave., began with 30 people in 1985 and has grown to 230.



Kenosha News photo

Here's the church, but where's the steeple?

This is what is left of the steeple to the 6,500-square foot Lord of Life Lutheran Church being built on the southeast corner of Washington Road and Highway 31. An early morning storm Monday toppled the steeple and roof rafters. Kathy Ottoson, wife

of the Rev. Jack Ottoson, said this morning the congregation plans to re-start construction as soon as possible. She anticipates the storm damage will delay completion of the church by about a month.

12-3-90

Dear friends,

October has gently arrived and so has the cold and flu season. There are three immunizations available this fall and winter season to help the immune system fight major respiratory viral diseases such as Covid -19, respiratory syncytial (RSV) and influenza. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) highlights that, based on age, pregnancy status, medical state and risk, group immunization delivers the best protection for lessening the risk of serious illness, hospitalizations, long-range complications and death. There can be vaccine side effects, but they tend to be minor and short-term.



The COVID-19 vaccine dosing is based on age, immune status and vaccine history. There are two brands that are offering the vaccine, Pfizer and Moderna at this time but Novavax will be coming soon. To protect against serious COVID illness or long COVID, ages 5 and older should receive one dose of vaccine to be current. There might be side effects from the vaccine such as a sore arm, low fever, and body aches.

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) is a familiar respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Although little babies, toddlers and elderly can really get sick and be hospitalized with this virus. We saw an uptick of cases in older adults in southeastern WI last year. Parents, grandparents and pregnant ladies need to think about a prevention plan as this virus circulates this winter. The CDC recommends a vaccine for people 75 and older and for adults ages 60-74 with chronic illnesses. Early fall is a good time to get this vaccine before the virus season begins.

The INFLUENZA vaccine is a trivalent vaccine in the U.S.A. The trivalent flu vaccine protects against three flu viruses (an A(H1N1) virus, An A(H3N2) virus, and a B/Victoria virus. People 6 months and older can get the influenza vaccine unless advised otherwise by a health care provider. A FluMist has been approved to be given, by a health care provider, as nasal spray for people 2 through 49 years of age. FluMist has the same vaccine components but does have a weakened live influenza virus.

Remember if you have a fever or influenza cold-like symptoms stay at home until you are fever free. Pull out your masks if coughing becomes an issue to prevent spreading droplets. Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow bend when sneezing or coughing. Wash your hands often with soap and water as you sing the happy birthday song for longevity and effectiveness.

Stay healthy, stay safe, I am praying for you!

Shalom,

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



♥ stay
healthy.
stay ♥
safe.

October 5

Ralph & Lisa McCarthy
Doug & Cindy Terrell

October 8

Matt & Kerry Bieneman
Matt & Amanda Ley

October 9

Felma & Doni Degefa

October 12

Tory & Meghan Bilotta

October 15

Bill & Julie Chase
Steve & Patsy Kolner

**October 16**

Dan & Kristi Kleutsch
Jeff & Angie Wollschlager

October 17

Norman & Janet Hermann

October 19

Trevor & Brianne Norgaard

October 20

Mac & Cheryl McCoy

October 21

Scott & Judi Johnson

October 22

Eugene & Lori Capelli

October 25

James & Deanna Hawlish

October 29

Trent & Kathryn Barnhart

- 1 Abby Swihart, Brianne Norgaard
- 2 Lily Erickson, Molly Ley
- 4 Bev Estes, Christopher Urso, Jonah Ley
- 5 Savannah Moran
- 7 Carol Gumbinger, Gianna Van Sickle
- 8 Jeff Wamboldt, Cheryl McCoy, Emma Brewer
- 9 Libby Nelsen, Quinn Gonsalves
- 13 Kim Skendziel, Amber Walentowski, Steve Ketterhagen
- 14 David Claeys, Rick Walentowski, Avriel Frese, Oskar Sarafin-Johnson
- 16 Carrie Anderson, Demarcus Fowler
- 19 Julie Remiker, Tammy Paul
- 20 Bill Andres



- 21 Liam Barnhart
- 22 Amanda Kancian
- 23 Russ Brewer, Ashley Claeys
- 24 Jennifer Johnson, Cullen Norgaard, James Hawlish
- 25 Jonah Harmsen, Jack Cooper, Dan Santelli
- 26 Doni Degefa, Randy Gross, Zachary Carter
- 27 Jacob Wollschlager, Veronica McCarthy
- 28 Katy Schneider
- 29 Aaron Sens
- 30 Mark Sinnen
- 31 Kathy Miller

COUNCIL'S CORNER

There was no Council meeting held in September.

August ASSETS

Funds on Hand

Cash on Hand - General Fund		\$	30,412.79
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$	22,139.50	
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$	39,888.14	
Total Savings Acct		\$	62,027.64

Restricted Accounts

MEMORIAL FUND	\$7,588.35	
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$483.79	
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	\$888.85	
Total Restricted Funds	\$39,888.14	
Scrip Account		\$17,637.05
Scrip Card Inventory		\$12,550.33

LIABILITIES

Credit Card Balance	\$62.09
Payroll Withholdings	\$(110.87)
Mortgage Balance	\$1,065,271.18
Total Liabilities	<u>\$1,065,222.40</u>

YTD Income - YTD Expenses

YTD Income	\$259,994.27
YTD Expenses	\$238,122.51
YTD Revenue	\$21,871.76

MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$38,282.36 OVER BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$6,896.61 UNDER BUDGET
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ELCA Benevolence Paid \$6,666.64

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!



SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS			
October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Usher/Greeter			
Connie & Jurey Wittmus	Steve & Patsy Kolner	OPEN	OPEN
Lesson Reader			
Connie Wittmus	Julie Chase	OPEN	Chris Daugherty
Communion Wine Servers			
Connie & Jurey Wittmus	Julie Chase ONE NEEDED	Kathy Sadowski, ONE NEEDED	Chris Daugherty, ONE NEEDED
Altar Care			
Connie & Jurey Wittmus	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
SCRIP Sales			
OPEN	Connie Wittmus	OPEN	OPEN
Communion Bread			
Kathy Miller	Beth Files	Not needed	Not Needed
A/V			
Chris Daugherty	TBD	TBD	Jonah Sens

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS			
October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Usher/Greeter			
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom Wilma Jenewein, greeter	Russ & Becky Brewer	Pam Leonard	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs
Lesson Reader			
Pam Leonard	Beth Files	John Meyer	OPEN
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers			
Pam Leonard, Kathy Miller Beth Files (bread)	Norma & Cliff Lundstrom John Meyer (bread)	2 Needed (wine) John Meyer (bread)	2 Needed (wine) 1 Needed (bread)
Altar Care			
Kathy Miller	Kerry Bieneman	OPEN	OPEN
Coffee Hour Host			
Joy Buttke & Kat Seremjian	Beth Files	Sue Q. Celebration	OPEN
SCRIP Sales			
Pam Leonard	Pam Leonard	Kim Sly	Kim Sly
Communion Bread			
Kathy Miller	Beth Files	Not needed	Not needed
A/V			
Angie Wollschlager	Matt Bieneman	Angie Wollschlager	Matt Bieneman

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 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	2 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	3 7:00 p.m. AA	4 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ ELCA Outreach Center	5 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
6 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	7 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	8 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	9 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	10 7:00 p.m. AA	11 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ ELCA Outreach Center 6:00 p.m. GIGGLES Game Night	12 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
13 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee 10:15 a.m. Ministry Fair 3:00 p.m. Community Meal @ Living Faith	14 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	15 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	16 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	17 7:00 p.m. AA	18 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ ELCA Outreach Center	19 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
20 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee—Sue Q. Celebration 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	21 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	22	23 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 6:30 Cantata Rehearsal	24 6:00 p.m. Trivia Night 7:00 p.m. AA	25 11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ ELCA Outreach Center	26 8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels & Bibles 12:00-2:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
27 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	28 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	29	30 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 6:30 Cantata Rehearsal	31  Happy Halloween 7:00 p.m. AA		

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and we will be collecting items from the wish list of Women and Children's Horizons (WCH). The mission of WCH is to provide support, shelter, education, training and healing services to victims of sexual and domestic abuse, their families and the community.

The below items are needed for their emergency shelter, which has been a safe haven for victims and child witnesses of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking since 1976.

- ✦ Plastic twin size mattress covers
- ✦ Twin sheets, blankets, and comforters
- ✦ Nightlights
- ✦ Pillows & pillow protectors
- ✦ Garbage bags
- ✦ Full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, women's deodorant
- ✦ Women's disposable razors

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