

October 2025

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The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

As we wait for the crisp air of October to arrive, we are reminded once again of the beauty of God's creation in transition. The trees, in their bold display of reds, oranges, and golds, teach us that change can be both breathtaking and necessary. Autumn is a season of passage—between the warmth of summer and the stillness of winter—and it invites us to reflect on the passages and transitions in our own lives.

In Scripture, we see many moments of transition: the Israelites moving through the wilderness toward the promised land, Ruth leaving behind her homeland to follow Naomi, the disciples leaving their nets to follow Jesus. Each story reminds us that transitions can be both unsettling and grace-filled. They call us to let go of what is familiar and to trust in God's guidance for the road ahead.

As a congregation, October often feels like a month of passage for us, too. We settle into new rhythms of school and work, ministries and programs find their footing after the start of fall, and we begin looking toward the close of another church year. In all of this, God is present. The same God who guided Israel through the desert and the disciples through their doubts is walking with us through our own passages—big and small.

So, I encourage you this month to take time to notice the ways God is present in your transitions. Where do you see God's hand steadying you? Where might God be calling you to release something old to embrace something new? And how can we, as a church family, support one another through these passages of life with grace, encouragement, and prayer?

May this October be for you a season not just of falling leaves but of deepening faith. And may we trust that in every change, the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

With you in Christ,

Pastor Chip

**SATURDAYS
5:00 P.M.**
Contemporary Worship

Worship
WITH US

**SUNDAYS
9:00 A.M.**
Traditional Worship

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

Gary Dennison
- Contemp. Music Lead

Nancy Cerninar
- Custodian

Church Council

Matt Ley
- President

Ralph McCarthy
- Vice President &
Treasurer

Tanya Brady
- Secretary

Russ Brewer
Kathy Cooper
Lynn Kancian
Gary Kovacs
- 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.

come **serve** with us

Community Meal

Sunday, October 12
at 3:45 p.m.

Living Faith Lutheran Church
2915 Wright Ave, Racine

PB&J at the ELCA

Outreach Center

Fridays at 11:15 a.m.

6218 26th Avenue

Join us to serve pizza & a short Bible study.

BAGELS & BIBLES MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, October 18
at 8:00 a.m.

Adult Confirmation

Are you ready to take a deeper step in your faith journey?

This fall we're offering an Adult Confirmation Class that meets once a month on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., beginning October 20th, 2025. Come, learn, ask questions, and grow with us.

Visit <https://lordoflifekenosha.org/adult-confirmation> for more information and to register.

Trivia Night!

Thursday, October 23
6:00 p.m.



Protect What Matters Most: Faith, Family, & Your Digital Life

In today's world, our phones, laptops, and even household devices are constantly connected. With that connection comes risk — but also an opportunity to learn how to safeguard your digital life in a way that honors your values.

Join us for a **Christian-centered workshop on digital safety & cybersecurity basics**. In a safe and welcoming environment, we'll explore how to:

- ✦ Protect your personal data from online threats
- 📱 Keep mobile devices safe and secure
- 🌐 Defend your home's IoT (Internet of Things) devices, from smart TVs to Wi-Fi cameras
- 👤 Practice stewardship and responsibility in the digital world

This is more than just a technology class — it's about **guarding your family, your faith, and your future**. No prior technical experience required.

Location: Lord of Life Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall

Dates & Time: Wednesdays, October 15, 22 & 29 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

(3 class series)

Admission: Free will offering to Lord of Life

Instructor: Joe Martinez, Ph.D - Lead Faculty of Information Systems Security at Milwaukee Area Technical College

Please register by leaving a message at the church office
(262) 925-3821 or send an email to office@lordoflifekenosha.org



Ladies, join us for a GIGGLES
(Girls in God Growing Loving Eating Sharing)
Halloween Bash!

BRING A SPOOKY DISH TO PASS
COSTUMES OPTIONAL

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 24TH
6:30 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



With both gratitude and sadness, we share that our Music Director, Kerry Bieneman, will be concluding her ministry with us on Sunday, October 26th. During worship that morning, the choir will offer a special gift of music, and following the service, we invite you to stay for cake and a time of fellowship as we thank Kerry and wish her well in her next chapter. (Then visit the Ministry Fair! See pg. 4) We are deeply grateful for the ways she has shared her musical gifts and blessed our congregation over the past 7 years.



JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FRIENDLY TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025
NOON - 2:00 P.M.**

Lord of Life Lutheran Church Parking Lot
5601 Washington Road
Kenosha, WI 53144

Join us for an afternoon filled with decorated cars, kids in costumes, and tons of treats! Bring your family for an unforgettable Halloween experience with spooky decorations and exciting activities for all ages.



IF YOU'LL BE DISTRIBUTING TREATS, PLEASE SIGN UP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE TO THE LEFT. THERE IS ALSO A CLIPBOARD IN THE NARTHEX.



2025 Chili Fundraiser October 26th, 11:00-12:00

Trinity Lutheran Church - 7104-39th Avenue, Kenosha
(Available for pick up at west entrance doors)

All dinners are \$15 each and are enough for one person.
\$6 for an extra cup of chili. Kid's meals \$7

Chili Dinner includes:

16 oz. chili, Dinner roll, Taffy Apple Salad, Pumpkin Square

Kid's Meal includes:

Kraft Mac 'n Cheese, Taffy Apple Salad, Cookie

*Please call or text/call to pre-order - Gayle 262-237-9448

The last date to order is Wednesday, October 22nd.

*Payment at the door -

- Check (made out to Trinity Lutheran Church)
- Exact cash amount (in envelope)

AMERICAN TEENAGER



HOW TRANS KIDS ARE
SURVIVING HATE AND FINDING JOY
IN A TURBULENT ERA

NICO LANG



Book Reading & Author Q&A

Sunday, Nov. 2, 5:00 PM
at Mt. Pleasant Luth. Church
1700 S Green Bay Rd, Racine

or
Monday, Nov. 3, 6:30 PM
at Spirit Alive! Church
4600 60th St, Kenosha

Award-winning journalist and author Nico Lang shares stories from their powerful new book, "American Teenager." This moving work celebrates the resilience, courage, and joy of trans youth navigating today's challenging world. Together, we'll explore ways our community can uplift and support queer and trans kids — and leave with tangible ideas for creating a safer, more joyful future for all youth.

COMMUNITY HEALTH
TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES:
LEARNING ABOUT OUR HEALTH

JOIN US!

FREE 1-hour education on
Brain Health



FREE GIFT TO ATTENDEES!

**November 3, 2025
10:00am-11:00am**

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
5601 Washington Road
Kenosha, WI
Topic: Brain Health

Better Brain Health

While age is the number one risk factor for dementia, dementia is NOT a normal part of aging. Many individuals maintain high levels of cognitive function well into their late years, but what you do with lifestyle matters! This one-hour educational session will teach participants what they can do to lower their dementia risk and keep their brains healthy.

Registration Requested
office@lordoflifekenosha.org
262-656-1995



Craft & Vendor Fair

**Saturday, November 8, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Free Admission

Food Concessions ~ Gift Card Raffle
Bake Sale featuring delicious treats from
R&M Orchards of Pleasant Prairie

Bakers and volunteers are needed to make this event a success! A sign up can be found at www.lordoflifekenosha.org/craft

If you are a crafter or vendor and would like to have a table, visit the same website for the application form.

Dear Lord of Life Faith Family,

2025 has felt heavy at times for many of us. The uncertainty ... financial stressors ... overscheduled work and family life ... health challenges ... political strife at home and around the world ...

It's a LOT!

In times of stress or turmoil, what do we REALLY have to worry about? After all – a beautiful artwork hanging near fellowship hall reminds us to “Fear not tomorrow, for God is already there.” What a comfort to know! This is reassurance that “God is able to bless [us] abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that [we] need, [we] will abound in every good work” (Corinthians 9:8).



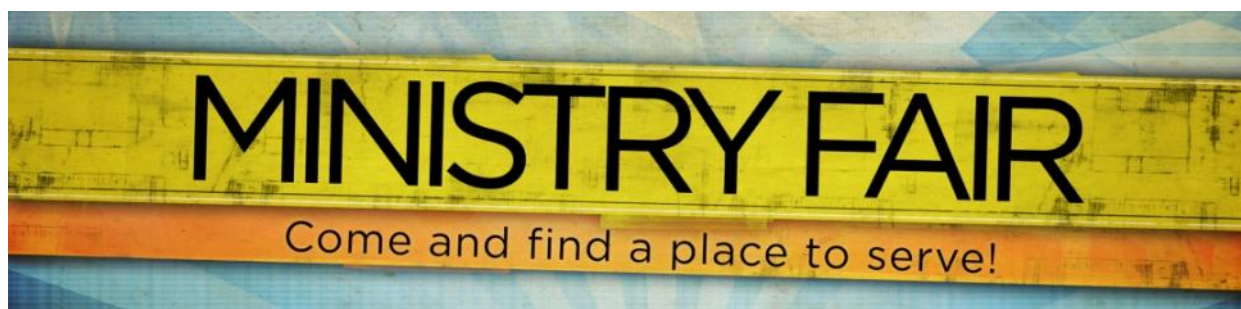
As we begin our season of Stewardship, let's **BLESS IT FORWARD**.

Each of us at Lord of Life have so much to celebrate and to share, even in times when we feel we are standing on shaky ground – God is with us. He blesses us immeasurably with gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

The Stewardship Team is excited to BLESS IT FORWARD this year. Each week from October 4th – November 9th, we invite you to join us in taking stock of our blessings. Let us inspire each other to share our gifts for Lord of Life and our community. Let us lift each other up in gratitude, give generously, and empower each other to serve. Let us find peace by making time to be a blessing to others.

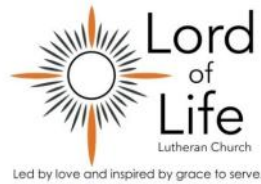
We are blessed by God – and together we will pass our blessings on!

In God's love,
Your Stewardship Team (Russ Brewer, Pat Demos, Gary Kovacs, Laura Rasch).



**Sunday, October 26th immediately following
worship in Fellowship Hall.**

**Join us to learn about opportunities to serve
both inside and outside of our church walls.**



Mortgage Debt Reduction Update

By the grace of God and YOUR generosity, by the end of 2025, we will pay
AT LEAST additional **\$67,942** towards our mortgage principal!

If you are able to contribute, please consider using your smart phone camera on the QR code or visit www.lordoflifekenosha.org and click the DONATE button.

SEPTEMBER 2025 FINANCIALS

ASSETS

Funds on Hand

Cash on Hand - General Fund		\$31,571.24
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$44,389.55	
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$38,687.21	
Total Savings Acct	\$	83,076.76

Restricted Accounts

MEMORIAL FUND	\$	8,482.37
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$	854.31
WOMEN'S TEA	\$	442.94
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$	552.85
YOUTH FUND	\$	6,518.21
KINGFISH GAME	\$	10.00
HIGH FIVERS	\$	169.01
RESTRICTED GIVING 23-25	\$	20,000.00
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$	877.93
FOOD OUTREACH	\$	779.59
Total Restricted Funds	\$	38,687.21
Scrip Account		\$8,032.23
Scrip Card Inventory		\$20,965.00

LIABILITIES

Credit Card Balance	\$	104.18
Payroll Withholdings	\$	-
Mortgage Balance	\$	943,907.42
Total Liabilities	\$	944,011.60

September

YTD Income - YTD Expenses	
YTD Income	\$ 361,638.88
YTD Expenses	\$ 342,474.90
YTD Revenue	\$ 19,163.98

MEMBERS GIVING YTD
\$8,891.55 OVER BUDGET

TOTAL EXPENSES YTD
\$44,832.21 OVER BUDGET
(PAID \$65,925.76 ADDITIONAL
MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL)

ELCA Benevolence Paid \$7,499.97

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,

I have two upcoming opportunities I'd like to invite you to attend.

The first is a companionship training workshop on Thursday, October 23rd from 9 am to 2pm at St Mary's Lutheran Church, 2001 80th Street Kenosha, WI.



Companionship is a Pathways to Promise program, a multifaith and multicultural mental health support organization. It aims to address the need for comprehensive mental health support for individuals living with mental health conditions and their support networks.

We use this workshop to educate faith and health working leaders practices, guidelines, and settings for responding relations to others who are experiencing difficult times (isolation, loneliness, suffering) and in need of healing support.

The session's goals are:

- To inform Faith and Health work leaders about the various challenges individuals face when they are in distress.
- To equip Faith and Health work leaders with five practices of Hospitality, Neighboring, Journeying Side by Side, Listening, and Accompaniment, and demonstrate how to integrate these practices when responding to individuals in need of healing and recovery.
- To train Faith and Health working leaders to utilize their natural abilities to establish relationships with people, especially in the fast pace of life and walking with someone facing a mental health challenge.
- To emphasize the significance of healthy relationships for good mental health and well-being and to promote self-care for leaders.

Please register by calling 262-658-3555 by October 20th. Leave name, email, and phone number. Lunch and snacks will be served that day. Sandwich choices will be asked at registration.



BETTER BRAIN HEALTH

The fall season has arrived and the crispness in the morning air is present. The seasons in our lives are changing, and our minds and bodies are changing too. We sometimes worry about what we will gain or lose in the process. Developing dementia symptoms is a concern for numerous folks and many are caregivers to loved ones in the thick of cognitive decline.

While age is the number one risk factor for dementia, dementia is NOT a normal part of aging. Many individuals maintain high levels of cognitive function well into their late years, but what you do with lifestyle matters!

Coming Monday, November 3rd at 10 am at Lord of Life Lutheran Church there will be a free presentation on Better Brain Health. I will teach participants what they can do to lower their dementia risk and keep their brains healthy.

Please register by calling the church office 262-656-1995 or email the office at office@lordoflifekenosha.org in advance so you can secure your seat and material. Dress casually. Free educational hands outs, giveaways and refreshments will be provided. See you soon!



Shalom,

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

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 Steve Ketterhagen, Kim Skendziel, Amber Walentowski,
- 14 Rick Walentowski, Oskar Sarafin- Johnson, Avriel Frese, David Claeys,
- 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, James Hawlish Cullen Norgaard,
- 25 Jonah Harmsen, Jack Cooper, Dan Santelli
- 26 Doni Degefa, Randy Gross, Zachary Carter
- 27 Jacob Wollschlager, Veronica McCarthy
- 29 Aaron Sens
- 30 Mark Sinnen
- 31 Kathy Miller



Welcome to the world Lorenzo Armani Vargas, who was born on August 17, 2025. Congratulations parents, Brianna Daugherty & Ricky Vargas!



Our Ladies of Lydia quilters donated 31 quilts to the annual Lutherdale Quilt Auction, which raised \$2,300! Here are just a few photos of the beautiful quilts our talented ladies made to help support Lutherdale's largest annual fundraiser for their ministry and camp programs.



Update
your
Information



Stay connected! Life changes quickly, and we don't want to lose touch with you. If you've recently updated your phone number, moved to a new address, or started using a new email, please let the church office know. Keeping your information current means you'll never miss what's happening in our church family! Send any updates to office@lordoflifekenosha.org or call the office at (262)656-1995.

SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS			
October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Usher/Greeter			
Jurey & Connie Wittmus	OPEN	Steve & Patsy Kolner	OPEN
Lesson Reader			
OPEN	Kathy Sadowski	Chris Daugherty	OPEN
Communion Wine Servers			
OPEN	Kathy Sadowski 1 Needed	OPEN	Kathy Sadowski Jan Niederloh
Altar Care			
Jan Niederloh	OPEN	Chris Daugherty	OPEN
SCRIP sales			
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
A/V			
Connie Wittmus	OPEN	Aaden Maedke	Jonah Sens

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS			
October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Usher/Greeter			
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom	OPEN	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Russ & Becky Brewer
Lesson Reader			
John Meyer	Joyce Behlke	John Meyer	Beth Files
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers			
Kathy Miller (wine) Chris Daugherty (wine) John Meyer (bread)	Norma & Cliff Lundstrom Lori Vogel (bread)	Kathy Miller (wine) Pam Leonard (wine) Chris Daugherty (bread)	Lori Vogel (wine) 1 Needed (wine) Beth Files (bread)
Altar Care			
Kathy Miller	Lori Vogel	Kathy Miller	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs
Coffee Hour Host			
Jamie Lutz	Joy Buttke & Pat Westimayer	Vogel Family	Kerry Farewell
SCRIP sales			
Lori Vogel	Jean Garretto	Pam Leonard	Becky Brewer
Communion Bread			
Kathy Miller	Not Needed	Kathy Miller	Beth Files
A/V			
Matt Bieneman	Angie Wollschlager	Angie Wollschlager	Matt Bieneman



To sign up to volunteer,
visit <https://lordoflifekenosha.org/serve>

LOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	2 7:00 p.m. AA	3 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Ctr.	4 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service
5 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education	6 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	7 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club 6:00 p.m. Financial Literacy Ministry	8 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	9 7:00 p.m. AA	10 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Ctr.	11 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service
12 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Education 3:45 p.m. Community Meal @ Living Faith	13 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	14 6:00 p.m. Financial Literacy Ministry	15 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 6:00 p.m. Cyber Security Workshop	16 7:00 p.m. AA	17 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Ctr.	18 8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels & Bibles 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service
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26 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Ministry Fair	27 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	28 6:00 p.m. Financial Literacy Ministry	29 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia 6:00 p.m. Cyber Security	30 7:00 p.m. AA	31 	

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HORIZONS

Advocating for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence

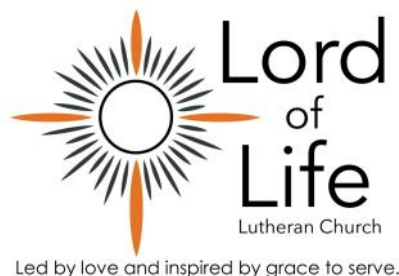
October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and we will be collecting items from the wish list of Women and Children's Horizons (WCH). The mission of WCH is to provide support, shelter, education, training and healing services to victims of sexual and domestic abuse, their families and the community.

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.

- ✦ Cleaning supplies: Disinfectant wipes & sprays, mops, brooms, rags/sponges.
- ✦ Liquid laundry detergent
- ✦ Pillows & pillow protectors
- ✦ Twin sheets & blankets
- ✦ Full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, women's deodorant
- ✦ Gas & grocery gift cards (can purchase through Scrip!)

Donations can be placed in the Ministry of the Month chest in the sanctuary.

If you're reading this electronically and would like to shop from an Amazon Shopping List and have things shipped to Lord of Life, [CLICK HERE](#).



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