

September 2026

LIFELINES

The monthly newsletter of Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

September is a doorway month.

Summer is still hanging around, but fall is already clearing its throat. The mornings are cooler, school is back, football is underway, and somewhere a pumpkin spice latte is being served before anyone actually asked for one.

Fall reminds us that change is part of life.

The leaves change. Schedules change. Families change. Churches change. We change. And while we usually enjoy change when it involves colorful trees and sweatshirts, we are less enthusiastic when it involves uncertainty, loss, new routines, or plans that did not quite go the way we expected.

Ecclesiastes reminds us, "For everything there is a season."

Not every season is easy, but every season is a place where God can meet us.

Maybe the trees have something to teach us. They do not spend October desperately trying to staple the leaves back onto the branches. They let go and trust the season.

Sometimes faith asks us to do the same.

We may not know what this fall will bring, but we know who walks into it with us. Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday and today and forever."

So enjoy the changing leaves. Break out the sweatshirt. Cheer for your team. Have the pumpkin spice—or courageously resist it.

And remember: **Seasons change. God's grace does not.**

Whatever comes next, we do not walk into it alone.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Chip

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

Ian Clyne

- Contemp. Keyboardist

Karel Suchy

- Music Director

Nancy Cerninara

- 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.



Saturday Contemporary Worship
at 5:00 p.m. returns every week on
Saturday, September 12

Sunday School begins
Sunday, September 13
(during worship)

Potluck Brunch
Sunday, September 13 after worship

Community Meal
Sunday, September 13th
at 3:45 p.m.
Living Faith Lutheran Church 2915
Wright Ave, Racine.

Confirmation Meeting with parents
Monday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bagels & Bibles
Saturday, September 19 at 8:00 a.m.

Recycling Event
Saturday, September 19
9:00 a.m. – Noon

Confirmation Classes begin
Sunday, September 20th
from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Monthly Trivia Night Returns
Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk
Saturday, September 26

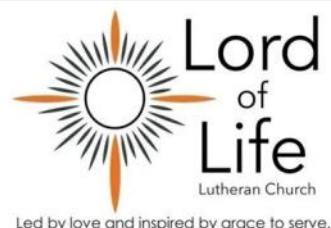
Adult Education
Beginning date TBD

Adult Confirmation
Begins Monday, October 5
at 6:00 p.m.
Will meet monthly on the first Monday

PB&J at the ELCA Outreach Center
Every Friday at 11:15 a.m.
6218 26th Avenue
Join us to serve pizza & a Bible study

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Saturday,
September 19, 2026
9:00 AM - NOON
5601 Washington Rd.
Kenosha, WI



RAIN or SHINE!



RECYCLE ANYTHING WITH A PLUG!

All information on Hard Drives, Sim Cards, Flash Drives, etc. will be erased/destroyed
Apple products should have iCloud account removed prior to drop off

FREE TO RECYCLE:

Anything Metal	Flag Poles	Shelving
Appliances	Garbage Disposals	Snow Blowers
Batteries	Hair Dryers	Speakers
Metal Bed Frames	Hand Tools	Staplers
Bikes	Ironing Boards	Stereos
Cables	Irons	Stoves
Calculators	Keyboards	Tools
Car Parts	Lamps	Table Saws
Cell Phones	Laptops	Tillers
Chain Saws	Plugs	Trailers
Chairs (metal)	Pots & Pans	Treadmills
Coffee Machines	Power Cords	Tricycles
Computers	Power Tools	Washing Machines
Cordless phones	Printers	Water Heaters
Dryers	Saw blades	Weight Benches
Electric Motors	Scooters	Weight Sets
Exercise Equipment	Screen Doors	AND MORE

SMALL FEE TO RECYCLE:

CRT Monitors	\$10
LCD Monitors	\$10
TV Under 30"	\$10
TV Over 30"	\$10
Console TV	\$20
Projection TV	\$20
Bare Tubes	\$40
Refrigerators	\$20
Freezers	\$20
Dehumidifiers	\$10
A/C Units	\$10

NOW ACCEPTING:

(free)
CDs
DVDs
VHS
VIDEO GAMES
VINYL

We Do **NOT** Accept: Light bulbs, Alkaline
Batteries, Trash, PCB Material, Liquids



PROUD MEMBER OF WISCONSIN DNR E-CYCLE WI

B3 Recycling

920.246.7143 recyclenow.com



**OUTREACH
FOR HOPE**
RIDE RUN WALK 2026
HOPE ON THE MOVE



Morning of Saturday, September 26

Join all of your friends at the Outreach for Hope 2026 Family Ride Run Walk, and help fundraise \$175K for grants to ministries serving communities experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.

- **Kenosha:** Meets at Petrifying Springs Park

Each site offers a **road** (8:30 am) and/or **trail bike ride** (9:30 am) unless otherwise noted, a **5K fun run** and a **walk** (10:30 am), followed by a **picnic** (11:30 am). There are also **fellowship-only participant** and **volunteer** options.

There is **no registration fee** - but we encourage you to donate and/or fundraise towards our \$175K goal! **Every dollar raised supports our Ministry Partners' work** of clothing, feeding and caring for our neighbors in need.

Register + learn more at OFHRRW.org



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WHAT'S COMING UP



SAVE THE DATE

Harvest of Hope

AN EVENING TO BENEFIT THE
ELCA OUTREACH CENTER
AND GIVE THANKS TO OUR
DONORS, VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 5TH 2026 | 5:30PM

Parkway Chateau – Kenosha, WI

Invitations available September 15th



Craft & VENDOR Fair

SHOP • SUPPORT • ENJOY

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2026** 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

- FREE ADMISSION
- FOOD CONCESSIONS
- GIFT CARD RAFFLE
- BAKE SALE featuring delicious treats from R&M Orchards of Pleasant Prairie

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
5601 WASHINGTON ROAD
KENOSHA, WI 53144

At the Southeast corner of Green Bay & Washington Roads, across the street from CVS & McDonald's.

STAY CONNECTED

Update
your
Information



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.

We have streamlined our new member process to allow for people's busy schedules. If you are interested in becoming a member at Lord of Life, see Pastor Chip or Angie (usually found behind the soundboard on Sundays) and we'll get the process started. Or contact the office at (262)656-1995 or office@lordoflifekenosha.org



**Your
Name Here**

If you'd like a nametag to wear during worship, please sign up on the clipboard on the small table next to the name tag board and one will be ready by the following weekend. Please note that the nametags attach by a magnet, so if you have a pacemaker or similar medical device, please indicate this on the sign up and we will provide an alternate method to wear it.

Dear Friends,

September is recognized as National Cholesterol Education and Awareness month. This month I would like to discuss with you some facts about Cholesterol and Low-Fat Diets. Your blood cholesterol level has a lot to do with your chances of getting heart disease. Many studies have shown that people who lower their blood cholesterol levels (by drugs, exercise and /or diet) can reduce their risk of heart disease and death.

When there is too much cholesterol (a fat-like substance) in your blood, it builds up in the walls of your arteries. This can cause "hardening of the arteries" so that the arteries become narrowed and blood flow to the heart is slowed down or blocked. Blood carries oxygen to the heart, and if enough blood and oxygen cannot reach your heart, you may suffer chest pain. If the blood supply to a portion of the heart is completely cut off by blockage, the result is a heart attack.

Everyone aged 20 and older should have their cholesterol measured at least once every 5 years. It is best to have a blood test called a "lipoprotein profile" to find out your cholesterol numbers. This blood test is done after a 9 to 12 hour fast and gives information about you:

Total Cholesterol Level - which should show a reading of less than 200 mg/dL – desirable

LDL (bad) cholesterol – the main source of cholesterol buildup and blockage in the arteries. Levels below 100 mg/dL are considered near optimal; below 70 mg/dL may be recommended for those at high risk of heart disease.

HDL (good) cholesterol – helps keep cholesterol from building up in the arteries. Levels 40 -50 mg/dL or higher are considered protective; ideally levels 60-80 mg/dL

Triglycerides – another form of fat in your blood. Levels below 149 mg/dL are desirable

What Affects Cholesterol Readings?

- ✦ DIET- Saturated fats and cholesterol in the foods you eat makes your blood cholesterol rise. Check the food labels for saturated, cholesterol and trans-fat which are the culprits in raising levels. (Organ meat such as liver, egg yolks, and full-fat dairy products are foods high in cholesterol) TIP: Increasing your soluble fiber in your diet can reduce cholesterol levels. Good sources of soluble fiber include oats, certain fruits (such as oranges, kiwi and pears) and vegetables (such as Brussel sprouts and carrots), and dried peas and beans.
- ✦ WEIGHT – Being overweight is a risk factor for heart disease and raised cholesterol. Having a large waist measurement (more than 40 inches for men and more than 35 inches for women) is a risk factor.
- ✦ PHYSICAL ACTIVITY – regular activity for 30 minutes every day can reduce levels
- ✦ HEREDITY – High blood cholesterol can run in families. Genes can partly determine how much cholesterol your body makes.
- ✦ AGE and GENDER – As we age our cholesterol levels rise and women over menopause show LDL levels rising to meet same age men cholesterol levels.



The Lord has graciously given us all good things to sustain our physical, emotional and spiritual lives. May your feasting, on healthy foods, strengthen your bodies in energy for service, your relationships in love and especially your spirits in hope. If you have any questions or concerns about this topic, please contact me.

Shalom,

Nurse Sue, RN, FCN

Aurora Faith and Health Team

September is National Cholesterol Education Month



- ✓ Get your cholesterol checked
- ✓ Choose heart-healthy foods
- ✓ Stay active
- ✓ Talk with your provider

**Small steps = Big
heart health benefits!**

September 1

Brian & Laura Lynch

September 2

Donald & Ashlie Hurlbut

September 5

Dan & Michelle Santelli

September 9

Zack & Melissa Miller

September 12Joe & Jill Falduto
Jerry & Deanna Springer

Happy Anniversary

September 16

Fred & Judy Bacher

September 17

Tim & Heidi Konz

September 20

Chris & Leanne Dunn

September 24

John & Jodi Iorio

September 29Joe Nosalik &
Jennifer Johnson

- 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 Jamie Lutz
- 16 Paxton Holst, Janet Meyer
- 17 Richard Bushey, Shelby Jantz
- 18 Jodi Iorio, Patsy Kolner, Asher Frese
- 19 Thomas Erickson
- 21 Nick Capelli, Nathan Klimisch, Matt Ley
- 23 Melanie Gentry, Alyson Kolaske
- 25 Elke Gramza, Rob Wikstrom, Hannah Schiappacasse
- 28 Keyaira Hofmann
- 29 Amy Wikstrom, Norman Hermann

Welcome, New Members

With joy, we welcome the individuals and families who have joined our church family this year, giving thanks for the gifts they bring and for the ways God is calling us to grow together in faith, love, and service.



Margie Breckenfeld



Phyllis Fonk



Karen Oglesby



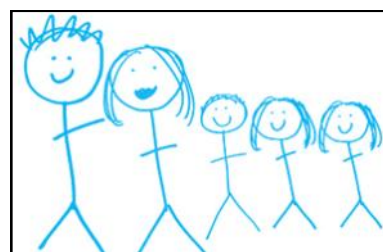
Greg & Elizabeth Simmons



Garriet & Viola Dreger

Richard Tool &
daughter, Debi HendricksOwen & Lisa Berendes
Cecilia & Sarah

Mary Esser



Brian & Christine Kolaske

COUNCIL'S CORNER

Caring for our church home is an important part of caring for our ministry. Thanks to your generous support, recently we have been able to replace the 35-year-old carpet in the entire original part of the building and address rotting siding at the far west end of the building. Maintenance may not be exciting, but it is necessary—and your generosity helps ensure our church remains a welcoming and well-cared-for home for ministry.



AUGUST 2026 FINANCIALS

ASSETS

Funds on Hand		
Cash on Hand - General Fund		\$34,109.43
Savings Acct - Temp Reg Cash	\$30,092.65	
CD - Temp Reg Cash	\$27,953.79	
Total Temp Cash	\$58,046.44	
Savings Acct - Restricted	\$53,760.32	
CD Restricted	\$47,953.78	
Total Restricted Cash	\$101,714.10	
Total Savings Acct		\$83,852.97
Total CD		\$75,907.57
Restricted Accounts		
MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 8,482.37	
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	\$ 1,277.22	
WOMEN'S TEA	\$ 1,098.75	
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	\$ 552.85	
YOUTH FUND	\$ 5,838.21	
KINGFISH GAME	\$ (14.00)	
HIGH FIVERS	\$ 169.01	
RESTRICTED GIVING 23-25	\$ 20,000.00	
RESTRICTED MAINT PROJECTS	\$ 16,765.85	
RESTRICTED MEMORIAL PROJECTS	\$ 43,750.00	
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS	\$ 877.93	
FOOD OUTREACH	\$ 1,915.91	
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 100,714.10	
Scrip Account		\$10,849.11
Scrip Card Inventory		\$20,390.00

LIABILITIES

Credit Card Balance	\$ 8,452.48
Payroll Withholdings	\$ -
Mortgage Balance	\$ 811,642.25
Total Liabilities	\$ 820,094.73

August

YTD Income - YTD Expenses

YTD Income	\$ 305,898.35
YTD Expenses	\$ 283,399.80
YTD Revenue	\$ 22,498.55

MEMBERS GIVING YTD \$23,457.99 OVER BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD \$17,561.80 OVER BUDGET (PAID \$24,730.02 ADDITIONAL MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL)
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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!



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS

September 12	September 19	September 26
Usher/Greeter		
OPEN	Steve & Patsy Kolner	OPEN
Lesson Reader		
Chris Daugherty	OPEN	OPEN
Communion Wine		
Kathy Sadowski	1 Needed	1 Needed
Altar Care		
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
SCRIP sales		
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
A/V		
OPEN	Ralph McCarthy	Jonah Sens

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Usher/Greeter			
Norma & Cliff Lundstrom	Dan Lein	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	OPEN
Lesson Reader			
Pam Leonard	Beth Files	Joyce Behlke	John Meyer
Communion Wine (2)/Bread Servers			
Kathy Miller (wine) Pam Leonard (wine) 1 Needed (bread)	Norma & Cliff Lundstrom (wine) Beth Files (bread)	Kathy Miller (wine) Judy Schaefer (wine) 1 Needed (bread)	Kim Sly (wine) Gary Kovacs (wine) John Meyer (bread)
Altar Care			
Kathy Miller	Kim Sly & Gary Kovacs	Kathy Miller	Michelle Eisenhower
Coffee Hour Host			
Michelle Eisenhower	POTLUCK BRUNCH	Joy Buttke & Karen Oglesby	OPEN
SCRIP sales			
Jean Garretto	OPEN	Kim Sly	Kim Sly
Communion Bread			
Kathy Miller	Beth Files	Kathy Miller	OPEN
A/V			
Angie Wollschlager	Angie Wollschlager	OPEN	OPEN

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



LOL CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	3 9:00 a.m. Comfort 4a Cause Quilters 7:00 p.m. AA	4	5
6 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship	7  Labor Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	8 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	9 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	10 7:00 p.m. AA	11 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	12 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
13 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. POTLUCK BRUNCH 3:45 p.m. Community Meal @ Living Faith	14 6:00 p.m. Confirmation meeting with parents	15 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	16 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	17 7:00 p.m. AA	18 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	19 8:00 a.m. Men's Bagels & Bibles 9:00 a.m. Recycling Event 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
20 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Class	21	22 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	23 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia	24 6:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. AA	25 11:15 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jesus @ Outreach Center	26 OFH Ride Run Walk 5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship
27 9:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Class	28	29 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m. Our Harmony Club	30 12:00 p.m. Ladies of Lydia			

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



The Veteran Market at Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin, located in Racine, supplies Veterans and Surviving Spouse households with food, cleaning products, hygiene products, and other household items. They proudly serve over 400 households per month.

Their most needed items are:



Peanut butter
Jelly
Chunky soups
Pancake mixes
Pancake syrup
Boxed/bagged noodle or rice dinners
Full size toiletries
(Shampoo, body wash, bar soap,
deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)
Dish soap



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



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

Worship
WITH US

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



Led by love and inspired by grace to serve.



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.



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