

Good News

October
2021

Lord of Life
Lutheran
Church
(ELCA)

Worship
Sunday - 9am
Wednesday -
6:30 pm

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Faith Family

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Life Groups Pastor Erika Nilsen

Dear Friends,

After a long Covid year of what felt like isolation and separation from the faith family, it has been so wonderful to have a slightly “normal Fall” – kids running down the halls of the church to Kids Time, the sanctuary full with Confirmation students and families, the fellowship hall filled with hungry folks on Wednesday nights!

And yet we do still find ourselves immersed, in a multitude of unknowns about the future. So - it may be more important than ever to creatively think about how we can stay connected as a family of faith – growing amidst change, deepening despite reasons for despair, focusing on faith rather than fear.

To that end, I'd like you to consider being a part of a 10:10 Life Group in the coming year. John 10:10 reads, “I came that you may have LIFE and have it abundantly.” We know that in Christ we are promised life that is deep and rich and that we can encounter any circumstance that comes our way with trust and hope. We also know that the LIFE that Christ has in mind for us – the abundant life he speaks of in this simple verse is more fully experienced in community – while walking alongside others!

Our hope is that our 10:10 Life Groups will consist of no more than 10 adults covenanting to connect 10 times beginning in January and going for as long as you desire.

Time together in your life group will be



time committed to living into and as an expression of our Congregational Mission Statement which is to deepen and enrich our

- Connection to Christ – through sharing God's Word.
- Community – by paying attention to where there is need in the world and responding in some way.
- And Each other – by listening deeply, sharing honestly, wondering courageously.

We'll be using a resource entitled, “One-Anothering” as we explore the biblical building blocks of life together in community. The scriptures are filled with encouragement to “one-another” – love one another, pray for one another, build one another up, and more. In a world that seems to want to continue to separate and divide along all sorts of lines – we'll discover God's vision of life together as we journey with one-another into a new year!

In the coming months you'll have a chance to sign up to be a part of a 10:10 Life Group and just see where these deep connections will take you!

With an Abundance of Hope,
Pastor Erika

Youth News

Confirmation: Old, New for You!

Confirmands at Lord of Life have been busy gathering on Wednesday nights for our new all-encompassing faith formation experience! We have a brand-new format this year bringing worship and class study into one experience. Our theme for the year is “Old, New & for You” As we look at Bible stories from the past, exploring the New Testament stories and what it means for you today! I want to thank the congregation for being willing to explore this new Wednesday worship format for all of our confirmation families. I can’t wait to see how this year goes!

Club 56 Session One Begins: Bible 101 & Bible Meal

We are back enjoying Wednesday night suppers together at Lord of Life. After taking a year off with all Wednesday night meals due to Covid, we have begun again this past month. This year our Club 56 program is teaming up with our Wednesday night meals to offer a unique faith formation experience happening around the dinner tables at Lord of Life. We are in the middle of our first four-week session as we explore Bible stories that have elements of food or gathering around a table present. All the while learning more and more each day about our Bibles. Thank you to all the 5th & 6th grade families who are involved this year!

Middle School Youth Group September Bash

At the time of writing this article we were busy preparing for our first Middle School Youth Group at Lord of Life. Make sure you check our social media pages for updates on how the night went!

All Are Welcome at Teen’s Upstream This Fall!

Inviting all 9th-12th grade youth on Wednesday nights from 8-9pm for our high school youth group. Teen’s Upstream gathers weekly in the Sonshine room, enjoy a fun atmosphere, faith/life conversations and times to hang out with your friends. Come check it out!

Summer Update: High School Synod Journey & National Youth Gathering Trip

At the end of September, we held an informational meeting regarding the upcoming ELCA National Youth Gathering and NEMN Synod Journey. The National Youth Gathering is held in Minneapolis this year! All students in 9th-12th grade are welcome to sign up. For more information regarding the trip please contact Tim Slinger Youth Director or visit our website.

Synod Journey/ National Youth Gathering Dates: July 21st-28th, 2022

Calendar Update:

October 20th No Wednesday Night Programming MEA Break

October 31st Affirmation of Baptism Service for 10th Grade Confirmation Students

2021 Memorials

Memorials received in 2021 from...

Shirley Hansen in memory of Dorothy Mikkelson, for the General Fund.

Nels Grafstrom in memory of Mel Nefstead, for the Seminary Scholarship Fund

Samuel Grafstrom, in memory of Mel Nefstead, for the Seminary Scholarship Fund

Derrick Comstock, in memory of Mel Nefstead, for the Seminary Scholarship Fund

Beth Vanderlinden, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Music Fund

Clarice Renschler, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Linda Borry Hausmann, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund.

Ginger Augustinack, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund.

Diane Schlichting, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund.

Vicki Brunsvold, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund.

Susan Ziegler, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund.

Marcia Hyytinen, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund.

Ervin Muth, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund.

Anne Pierson, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund.

Jeannine zumBrunnen, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund.

Ardis Sorbo, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund.

Judy Bialka, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Music Fund (August)

Anonymous (Cash), in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Anonymous (Cash), in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Music Fund

Sue Bevans, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

June Larson, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Hubert Olson, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Clarice Hardy, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Leland Russeth, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Shirley Hansen, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for Choir Music

Martha Polsfuss, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Sonja Nefstead, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for for the Music Fund

Michael Myers, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Nathan Lundgren, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Ruth Tiedeman, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Loretta Jerome, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Ruth Nelson, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Brenda Johnson, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for Choir Music

Joan Burnett, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Sandra O'Day, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Pam Braland, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Val Jones, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Lynda Erickson, in memory of Bugs Schmidt, for the Building Fund

Sonja Nefstead, in memory of Shirley Hansen's sister, Carolyn Hansen, for World Hunger

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How to Volunteer

If you would like to get involved here at Lord of Life as a volunteer, we would love to have you! Signing up for volunteer positions that suit your needs and interests can be done in three easy steps and you can control when and how you would like to serve.

Step 1: Let us know!

We are always looking for more people to be a part of our volunteer community here at Lord of Life! If you are interested in being a part of it somehow, we would love to hear from you. Once we know you are interested, we can get you into the volunteer pool.

Step 2: Look for our email or text!

Once you are added to the volunteer pool, we'll start sending you requests to serve. These will come in the form of an email OR a text from 1 (833) 439-8850 and say something about you having a new serving opportunity. Click on the link in the message.

Step 3: Accept or Decline!

You will be taken to LOLConnect, where your open requests are listed. Pick one and accept or decline it. If you want, you can let us know why this doesn't work for you or find another person in the pool to make the shift. This step is very important as it allows us as a Church to know who will be at a service to help us make Lord of Life the best it can be.

When you are on that webpage, you can also let us know if you want to only serve with your family, what days or weeks work for you and when you will be unavailable. We are confident the LOLConnect system will make the volunteer process smoother and more enjoyable for you.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering here at Lord of Life! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tyler Jensen at the Church Office.

Garage Building

Lord of Life would like to thank and recognize the many people who put in their time, talents, and treasure toward finishing the garage building on the west side of our property.

Teams worked intensely to complete this project. From preparing the site and getting permits to pouring the concrete foundation and erecting walls to installing electricity and finishing the inside of the building, Lord of Life members stepped up to make this building a reality.

Many of those who worked on the project are the same people who have used their time and amazing talents in the past to repair, maintain and build new items for Lord of Life.

Among those who volunteered are Rick zumBrunnen, Jack Christofferson, Stan Kalinowski, Jerry Bergstrom, Verdell Bose, Ron Hensel, Joe VanDenBoom, Steve Jones, Sid Johnson, Hawk Hawkinson, Layne Danielson, Bob Johnson, John Mackner, Dave Schliek, Dan Sura, Kelly Story and numerous others.

In addition, we would like to thank all who contributed to this project, building it without any impact on our general budget.

This facility will serve our missions in several ways, from providing a space to house equipment, serving as an additional storage location, and giving us more space to use in supporting our ministries.



October Calendar

Lessons

October 3

Job 1:1-1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 10

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 17

Job 38:1-7 [34-41]
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 24

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

October 31

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

Sunday, October 3

Worship, 9 am
ELCA National Youth Gathering
Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

Monday, October 4

Stephen Leaders Meeting, 3 pm
Driver Improvement Class, 5 pm

Tuesday, October 5

Driver Improvement Class, 5 pm

Wednesday, October 6

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am
Wednesday Worship, 6:30 pm
Club 56, 5:30 pm
Confirmation, 6:30 pm
Micah Group, 7:30 pm
Teen's Upstream, 8 pm

Thursday, October 7

Quilters, 9 am
Men's Fellowship

Sunday, October 10

Worship, 9 am

Monday, October 11

Stephen Ministry, 4:30 pm
Pinetree Patchworkers, 6 pm

Tuesday, October 12

Sarah Circle, 1 pm

Wednesday, October 13

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am
Wednesday Worship, 6:30 pm
Club 56, 5:30 pm
Confirmation, 6:30 pm
Master Class, 7 pm
Teen's Upstream, 8 pm

Thursday, October 14

Quilters, 9 am
Men's Fellowship

Friday, October 15

October Newsletter Article Deadline
(Send Submissions to tyler.
jensen@lolbaxter.org)

Sunday, October 17

Worship, 9 am

Monday, October 18

Stephen Leaders Meeting, 3 pm

Wednesday, October 20

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am
Wednesday Worship, 6:30 pm
Confirmation, 6:30 pm
Master Class, 7 pm
Teen's Upstream, 8 pm

Thursday, October 21

Quilters, 9 am
Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am

Sunday, October 24

Worship, 9 am

Monday, October 25

Stephen Ministry, 4:30 pm

Wednesday, October 27

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am
Wednesday Worship, 6:30 pm
Club 56, 5:30 pm
Confirmation, 6:30 pm
Master Class, 7 pm
Teen's Upstream, 8 pm

Thursday, October 29

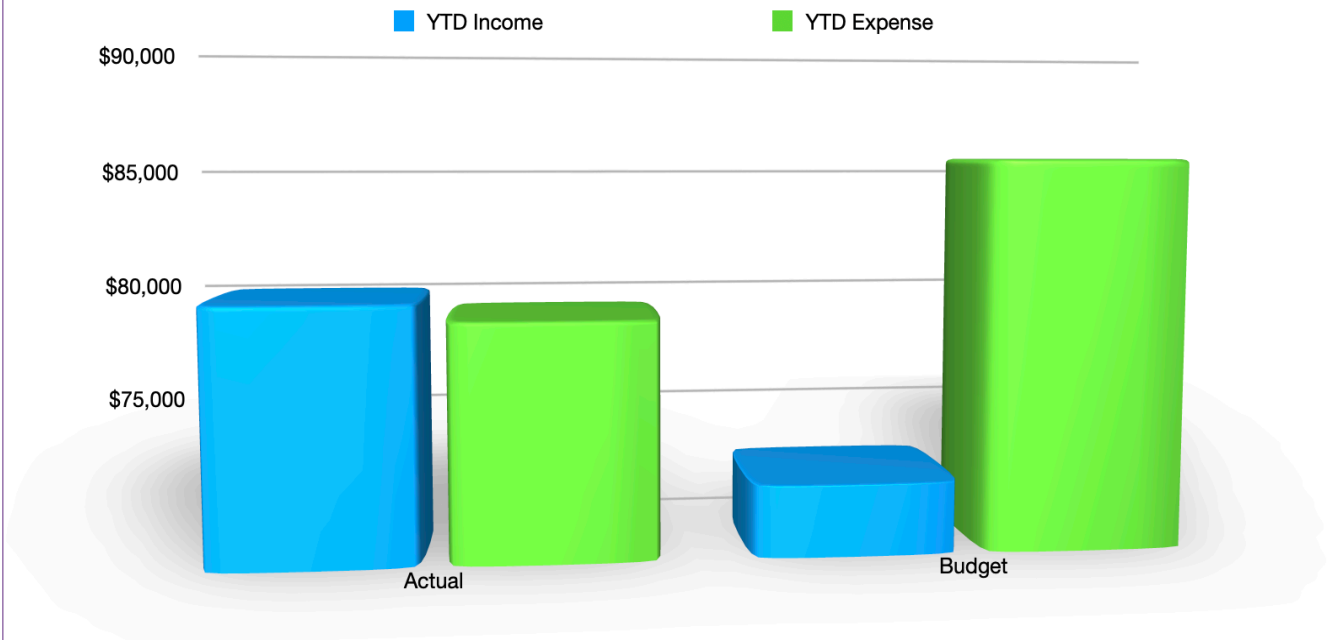
Quilters, 9 am
Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am

Sunday, October 31

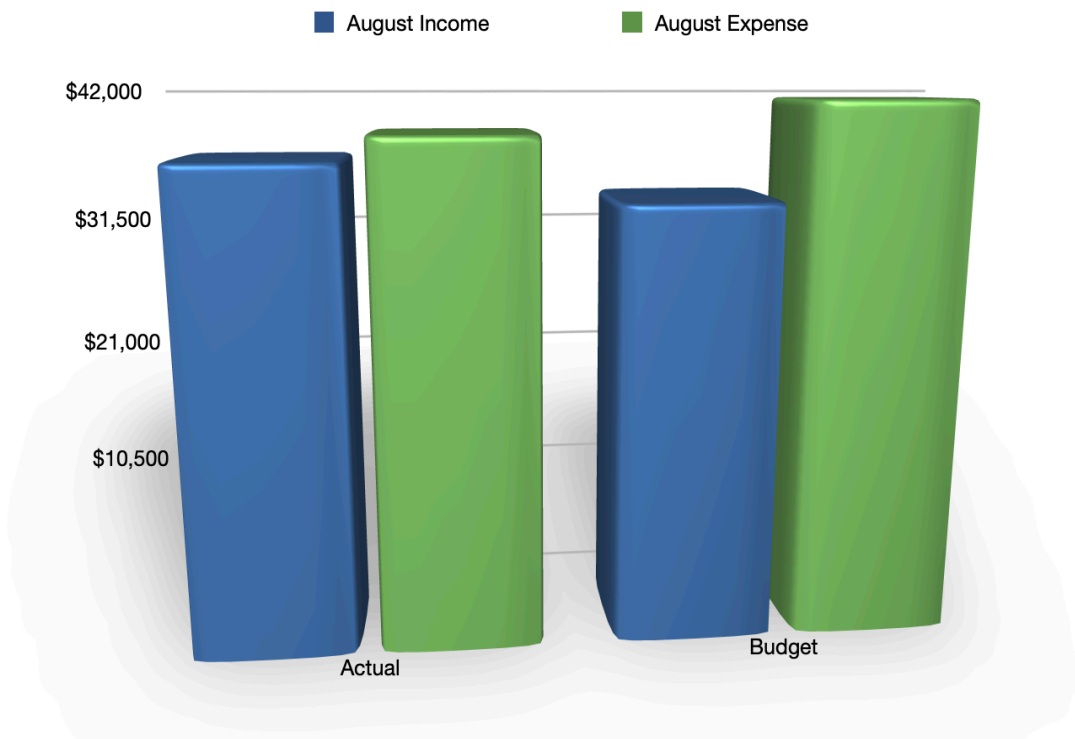
Worship, 9 am
Confirmation Service, 11 am

Finances

August 2021-June 2022 YTD - General Fund



August 2021 General Fund



Groups

- Men's Fellowship - An opportunity for men to meet to discuss the Bible and other religious topics, while enjoying coffee, donuts and fellowship. This group meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons.
- Master Class - A Wednesday evening Bible Study class aimed at helping people understand the mission of the Church and Scripture. Held Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- The Prayer Chain - Members of the Church who issue prayers to God for all those in need as soon as the prayer requests come in.
- Sarah Circle - A Bible Study and fellowship opportunity for women. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The group is starting back up Sept. 14.
- Wednesday Women's Bible - A Bible Study opportunity for women each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. This group starts Wednesday, September 15.
- The Micah Group - A team of Lord of Life members and others, who are working to address racial issues in our community and world. One event the group would like the congregation to be aware of is a forum on racial issues at Central Lakes College Tuesday, October 5th at 7 pm. The group is also participating in a Synod program on racism in regards to indigenous peoples. held every other Wednesday on Zoom from 7-8 pm. email pastor@gloriadeiduluth.org for the Zoom link.