

Welcome to Lord of Life!

We are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

MINISTERS
The Lord of Life
Faith Family

WORSHIP TIMES
Sunday
Morning
9:30 am

Wednesday
Evening
6:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS
Mondays, Tuesdays,
and Thursdays:
8:30 am - 5 pm

Wednesdays:
11 am - 5 pm

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The Good News at Lord of Life

October 2024

As we kicked off another year of Confirmation ministry this Fall, we leaned into our theme Build Us Up, Lord! And because confirmation is FUN, we built a tower as we talked about why we do what we do in confirmation!

Our tower started (as do our lives and God's church) with a strong foundation. Our foundation of faith is formed in our Baptism and then built upon through the baptismal promises that parents make to their children! In our baptism, God CLAIMS US as God's very own, NAMES US beloved, and promises to REMAIN WITH US forever.

This promise comes from love, is poured out in forgiveness and experienced in unconditional inclusion and that is grace indeed!. That's where we start! That's our foundation! And then the Spirit of Christ builds from there!

We are built up through the practices of the faith – through participation in worship, receiving the sacraments, dwelling in community with other believers, learning and living God's word, and growing in the basics tenets of the faith.

In confirmation, we, as a church, build up young believers by inviting them to worship every Wednesday evening and then drawing them together as a large group and in small groups to grow relationally with each other and with God.

We also build up young believers by encouraging them and supporting them in acts of love and service to their church and their community. Our Confirmation students serve as our worship assistants on Wednesday evenings – greeting, ushering and serving communion!

They also help serve in the kitchen when we have a Wednesday Fellowship meal once each month. Beyond these acts of service, we ask them to volunteer in the community – to put their faith into action for the sake

of the world. We know that serving our neighbors builds faith and strengthens relationships.

Finally, each night of confirmation ends with prayer and blessing. These foundational building blocks come together to support and strengthen our young people SO THAT, they might learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace!

Because of YOU, and your generosity, faith and hope – each week through our confirmation ministry, the Lord is building up the body of faith as we build up these young believers! I'm so grateful to be a part of it all!

May our prayer continue to be, "Build us up, Lord!"



October Readings

First Readings

October 6th

October 13th
Hebrews 4:12

October 20th
Isaiah 53:4-12

October 27th
Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms

October 6th
Psalm 1

October 13th
Colossians 1:6-8

October 20th
Psalm 91:9-16

October 27th
Psalm 126

Second Readings

October 6th
Galatians 5:22-23

October 13th
1 Peter 2:2

October 20th
Hebrews 5:1-10

October 27th
Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel Readings

October 6th
John 15:1-8

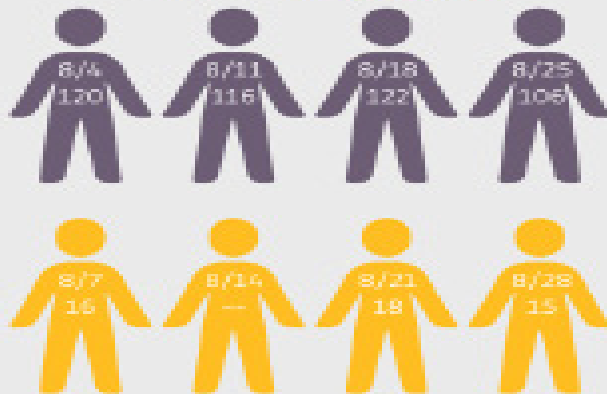
October 13th
Mark 4:1-20

October 20th
Mark 10:35-45

October 27th
Mark 10:46-52

August Attendance

Sunday **Wednesday**



August Online Attendance



October Calendar

Wednesday, October 2

Women's Bible Study, 1 pm
Worship w/ Confirmation, 6:30 pm
Club 56, 7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 3

Quilters, 9 am
Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am
Parkinson's Support Group, 1 pm

Friday, October 4

Men's Breakfast, 7 am
Al-Anon, 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 5

Heartland Conference, 9 am
Lots of Love AA, 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 6

Sunday Worship, 9:30 am
3rd Grade Bible Class, 10:45 am
Soup Kitchen Serving, 11 am

Monday, October 7

Grief Support Group, 11 am

Tuesday, October 8

Sarah Circle, 1 pm

Wednesday, October 9

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am
Finance Team Meeting, 4 pm
Worship w/ Confirmation, 6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 10

Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am
Fall Clothing Giveaway, 1 pm
Martha Circle, 1 pm

Friday, October 11

Men's Breakfast, 7 am
Al-Anon, 7:30 pm
Fall Clothing Giveaway, 9 am

Saturday, October 12

Fall Clothing Giveaway, 9 am
Lots of Love AA, 7 pm

Sunday, October 13

Sunday Worship, 9:30 am
3rd Grade Bible Class, 10:45 am

Monday, October 14

Grief Support Group, 11 am

Wednesday, October 16

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am
Worship, 6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 17

Quilters, 9 am
Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am
Tech Help Ministry, 11:15 am
Grief Support Group, 1:30 pm

Friday, October 18

Men's Breakfast, 7 am
Al-Anon, 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 19

Lots of Love AA, 7 pm

Sunday, October 20

Worship, 9:30 am
New Member Conversation, 4 pm

Monday, October 21

Grief Support Group, 11 am

Wednesday, October 23

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am
Worship w/ Confirmation, 6:30 pm
Club 56, 7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 24

Quilters, 9 am
Men's Fellowship, 9:30 am
Church Council, 6 pm

Friday, October 25

Men's Breakfast, 7 am
Al-Anon, 7:30 pm

Saturday, October 26

Lots of Love AA, 7

Sunday, October 27

Worship, 9:30 am
Middle School YG, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, October 30

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am
Worship w/ Confirmation, 6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 31

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

Our Team

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Youth Ministry

All Youth Gathering

NEMN Synod All Youth Gathering November 23rd & 24th

Open To: 6th-12th Graders

Cost: \$100

Registration Deadline: Sunday, October 20th

Here is an exciting opportunity for 6th-12th graders at Lord of Life to gather with hundreds of youth from across our NEMN Synod.

This overnight event is hosted right here in our community at Cragun's Resort! This event will include large group sessions with speaker

Peer Ministry Training

Lord of Life hosted Lyle Griner, youth leaders, and high schoolers from across the NEMN Synod on Saturday, September 20th!

This day long training was possible thanks to a grant from the Anderson Brothers Family Foundation.

Throughout the day participants were equipped with

Rev. Mike Carlson focused on our theme, "Let Us Run the Race." Participants will enjoy engaging worship led by a praise band!

Learning clusters to dive deeper into the theme and lessons! Last but not least hotel life, stay up late with friends participating in various games and activities in the past has included: inflatable games, human foosball, swimming at the pool, dance party, 9 -square, Wii, crafting stations and so much more!

knowledge and skills of as we think about relational ministry.

Ways in which to connect and communicate with those who are in our life from church to school to places of employment

Fall Programming

Fall has officially arrived! Thank you for taking a moment to learn more about youth ministry happening at Lord of Life!

For more information regarding programs and events this month check our good news weekly, website and social media pages for updates.

The excitement of families gathering together for a meal, worship and then hurrying off to their respective programs never gets old!

Our school year programming has launched and is off to a great start.

Programs which included club 56 for our 5th and 6th graders, confirmation 7th-9th and high school youth group 9th-12th!

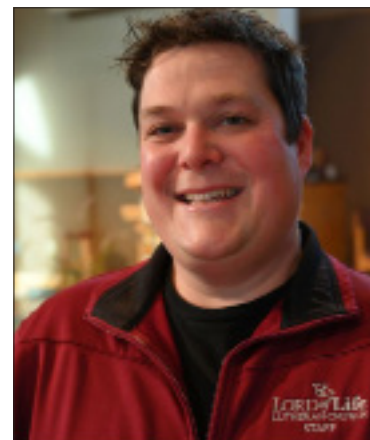
Across our Wednesday night programming we have been exploring the fall theme at Lord of Life which is Build Us Up Lord!

Confirmation Program
Wednesday Nights
Worship at 6:30, group activities from 7:30 to 8

Middle School Youth Group

Throughout the school year, Lord of Life hosts a Middle School Youth Group.

Typically on the final Sunday of the month from 5:30 to 7 pm, this event is a chance for kids to grow in faith, while having a lot of fun together.



Tim Slinger,
Youth Director

Ministry News

Heartland Conference

Lord of Life in Baxter will host the Heartland Conference Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 5th. Registration and coffee will begin at 8:30am, followed by brunch at 9:00am. The cost will be \$10.

Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Steve Newcom, Pastor of Justice Ministries at First Congregational Church in Brainerd and the Founder of the Kaleo Center for Faith, Justice, & Social Transformation at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities.

His theme is "For the Life of the World" and will reflect upon the church's transformative role in public life as we are called to embrace our mission of justice, mercy, and love as a dynamic force for good in the world. We will also have a communion service and short business meeting.

Please be willing to give generously! Our offering will be divided between Relationship Safety Alliance (formerly Women's Shelter), The Lakes Area Justice Table, and the Micah Group, along with the Heartland Conference and the NE MN Synod. To make life a little easier for everyone, there will not be a silent auction.

To get to Lord of Life, go west on Hwy 210 and turn right on Knollwood Dr. If you are coming from the west, going east on Hwy 210, you have to go past the church and turn left on Inglewood Dr. then left on Fairview, the frontage road in front of the church.

Looking forward to seeing all of you. Hope you can come for a morning of food, fellowship, and inspiration. (Promise we will be done about noon)

Micah Group

October 6-12 - 2024 Annual Clothing Give-away. low the presentation in Lord of Life's Commons.

There are signup sheet for shift workers and other needs on CCB and in the Narthex. This year's Give-away hours are expanded to allow for more shoppers to be involved. Bring gently-used, clean men's/women's/children's clothing, including shoes and accessories to the East door at Lord of Life on Sunday, October 6, from 9:00am-12:00noon or Monday through Wednesday from 9:00am-3:30pm.

October 7, 7:00-8:30pm - Mondays with Micah Group features Jan Kurtz presenting "We and They are Us!" Jan calls herself a "bilingual optimist." She has taught Spanish and Latin American Studies, led student travel, worked with Central American refugees on the Overground Railroad of the 1980s, and organized Latino Festivals at CLC. She founded the CLC Cultural Thursday series 26 years ago. Spanish is key to the stories in her book, Northern Shores/Southern Borders: Revelations of a Bilingual Life. Her presentation will invite consideration of how important cultural context is to comprehension. Questions and discussion will fol-

October 14 - Micah Group is collaborating with county and community people for a special Indigenous People's Day event. Watch for specific information in the Micah Group Word and the Brainerd Daily Dispatch.

October 16, after Wednesday worship, the CLT (Core Leadership Team) will meet in the Commons. Anyone interested in serving with Micah Group is welcome.

October 28, 7:00-8:30pm - Mondays with Micah Group features Reese Glynn, a Brainerd High School Senior. She will present the AP Seminar Capstone Project she completed during her junior year, "Indigenous Women and Sexual Violence." Capstone scholars are required to identify a problem, research it, and come up with solutions. Again, questions and discussion will follow in Lord of Life's Commons.

All Saints Services

November 3rd and 6th

If you would like someone recognized, send their name to tyler@lolbaxter.org

Fellowship Meal
Wednesday, Oct. 23rd
At 5:30 pm

All Are Welcome!

August Council Minutes

Present:

Jane Peterson
Pr. Steven Rye
Erica Dolven-Kolle
Pr. Erika Nilsen
Greg Bennett (late)
Eric Davidge
Andy Iasckson

Guest:

Anne Laechel

Absent:

Matt Delaney
Guy Kelm
Landon Stoen

Pr. Erika Nilsen offered the devotion, "Build Us Up, Lord."

Eric Davidge made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/25/24, Jane Peterson made a second, All Ayes. (CC.08.22.2024.01)

Knife River Parking Lot - Completion is delayed due to rain, parking lot hopefully will be done by Sunday. Pr. Steve motion to approve the parking lot payment of \$110,000, Erica Dolven-Kolle second, All Ayes. (CC.08.22.2024.02)

Budget -

We are within \$5,200 of balancing the budget due to an increase in \$56,500 in pledges from members. We will schedule a congregational meeting once the council approves a balanced budget. Congregation did not approve the budget

originally, due to the need to cut the Youth Director's position to balance the budget, but currently members have pledged enough to balance the budget and keep the Youth Director.

Greg Bennett makes the motion to approve the budget with the changes made tonight and set the congregation for September 22nd, Pr. Erika Nilsen seconds, All Ayes (CC.08.22.2024.03)

Coffee -

Eric Davidge made a motion to buy a coffee pot and coffee in the amount of \$2,530 and eliminate our current contract with Viking coffee, Jessamyn Foley seconds, All Ayes (CC.08.22.2024.04)

Missions Committee -

• Koreann Martin has accepted the position as the choir director;

• A table on rally Sunday at the Rally Fair will be staffed by church council members and other group members;

• **Columbarium-** Working on getting a final proposal in front of the church council;

• Hops and Hymns is taking place at Roundhouse Brewery this Sunday, 8/25/2024 at 7pm;

• Sunday after church and on Tuesday had a meeting/discussion about what youth

and High School children to think about what ministry can look like. Pr. Steven gave some good ideas, and got them thinking. Thoughts on a Summer Mission trip and God's Work, Our Hands were asked for.

Pr. Steven would like to see them take ownership of their program, invite them to envision and provide input to get them invested;

• A Personnel Committee was discussed and the council will think about what bringing that back will look like and how it would function. The history was discussed including that a separate Personnel Committee had been changed to the Executive Committee at one point. We can add a separate Personnel Committee back in by a two-third vote; and

• Capital Campaign- timeline is yet to be defined, but

we may call a special online or in-person meeting to discuss this before next month's meeting.

Next meeting tentatively rescheduled for September 23rd at 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

AUGUST 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		
Fiscal Year - July 2024-June 2025	Actual	Budget
Income	\$44,881	\$48,368
Expense	\$47,146	\$48,627
YTD Income	\$100,584	\$101,737
YTD Expense	\$90,370	\$97,087

MORTGAGE STATUS	
August Interest Paid	\$2,407.50
August Principal Paid	\$3,275.50
Balance 8/31/2024	\$578,189.62



Walking Together:



50 Years of ELCA World Hunger

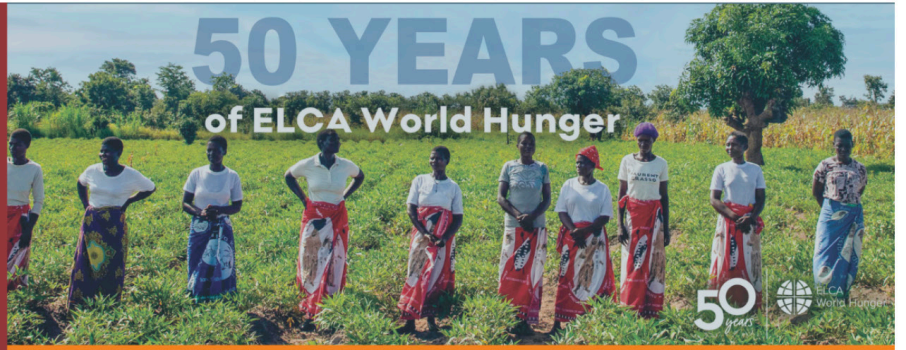
Saturday, Oct 12, 2024

Lutheran Church of the Cross
Nisswa, MN

8:00am - 3:00pm

Registration opens August 2024

50 YEARS
of ELCA World Hunger



Join the celebration as we give thanks for 50 years of
ELCA World Hunger! The day will include:

- Worship with Global Music
- Workshops with ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Advocacy-MN, EcoFaith Network, Together Here & Sumud Northland
- Hunger Simulation
- Action Center & Silent Auction
- Public Art Project



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