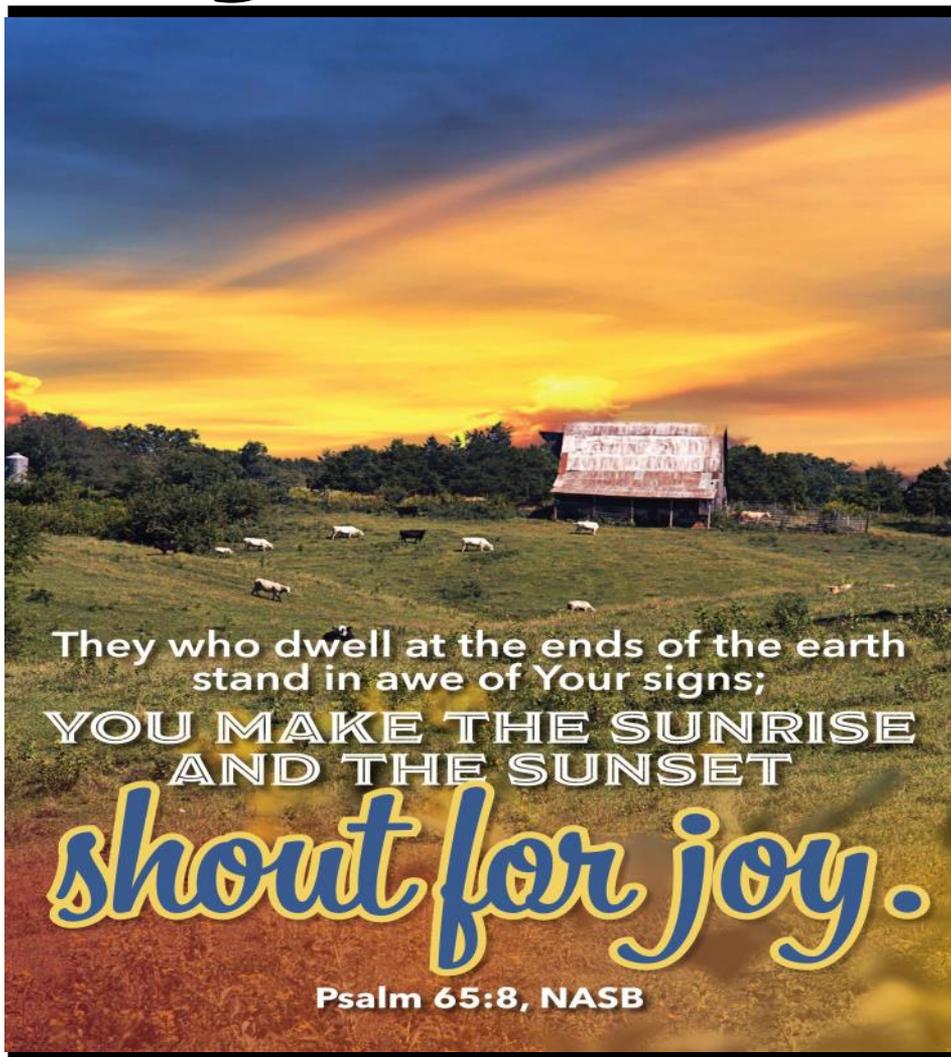


Lord of Life Lutheran Church—ELCA

Lifelines



They who dwell at the ends of the earth
stand in awe of Your signs;

**YOU MAKE THE SUNRISE
AND THE SUNSET**

shout for joy.

Psalm 65:8, NASB

The Monthly Newsletter for
August 2023

From Vicar Amber



Greetings to you, dear church!

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” – 2 Timothy 3:14-17

As teachers and students look toward the end of summer vacation and the start of a new school year, these words from Timothy can guide everyone’s thoughts and actions, as we all turn the calendar toward Autumn. It is my honor and privilege to walk along side you, to help deliver the message that God’s gift of life and love is for you, His people. The life that God gives us has multiple parts to it: eternal life through Lord Jesus, a lifelong journey of faith, daily life with its unique relationships and responsibilities, and life together as we join with one another in our church.

God has called and placed each of us here at Lord of Life to give, receive, and celebrate this foundational gift of being. We trust in Jesus, as one reason among many, for the promise of eternal life that we have through Him. Our destination is sure and secure. We will arrive at our heavenly

home, no matter what happens during our earthly life. This promise of eternal life gives us perspective. We are individually and together, heading towards the same destination. This is a most wonderful promise! That promise, though, also helps us recognize that we have not yet arrived at our destination. We move and live towards the promise of eternal life, on a lifelong journey, with our faith as the steady in the calm and storms.

We are each at different stages of that journey: some are just beginning and others are near to the destination. Life has a way of challenging us. Our faith can keep us buoyed and as we lean into it, and as we lean into faith, we may be more able to find the blessings in the everyday. As we move on our journey of life, we go forward one day at a time. Our daily life is a way that we can show God's gift of life and love to those around us. In our relationships, responsibilities, and tasks, we have been called and claimed by the God who made us and loves us.

Each day we move through our daily lives. Have peace! We are not walking alone. We have each other and we have our Triune God! This church has been a blessing to those that have come, are present now and who will come. Here our gifts can be given and strengthened, and our spirits renewed. We come together to worship, to learn, to share, and to be with one another. This is the destination of eternal life, the lifelong journey to reach it, the walk-through daily life, and being present with one another as we support and encourage each another as one season closes and one more opens.

Thanks be to the triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Vicar Amber Wichmann



Lord of Life Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 11, 2023

In attendance: Al, Amber, Nancy, Ben, Stacey, Candy, Janyce, Norm, Brad, Brenda.

Meeting called to order by president Al Olson, devotions by Nancy.

Minutes of last meeting reviewed, Candy made first motion to accept the May minutes, Janyce seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joe had provided the May financial report and noted the financial contributions were a bit down in June, which is common for summertime. He pointed out that contributions were not nearly as down this June as it was a year ago. We will continue to monitor things, but at this point, we are sitting in pretty good shape. Norm made first motion to accept the treasurer's report, Nancy seconded, all approved and motion carried.

Council President's Report: Things are going well.

Vicar's Report: Amber attended the VBS training at Calvary Lutheran. She requested Council's approval to be gone the second Sunday in July, and Pastor Becky will be here that Sunday. She will also be taking time off during the first week in August.

Education Committee: We are promoting the VBS program at Calvary Lutheran for children of our congregation.

Property Committee: Concrete got poured between parking lot and new picnic shelter—looks great. Many showed up to help. Discussion about getting locks on the outside electrical outlets, as more frequent witnessing of transients loitering near the front door using the outlet for charging personal electronics. One of the basketball backboards was broken, it will need to be fixed. Ben may have one to donate. With continuing development of the playground area, more and more children are using it throughout the week. Discussion about liability insurance, yes we are covered. Brenda was given approval to purchase two more Blink security cameras to observe the playground and picnic shelter area. May also require signal booster placed in belltower for good wireless signal.

Family Fellowship and Social Outreach: Today is clean up day, there is a list of inside and outside tasks posted on the bulletin board. Next week is outside service for Father's Day followed by a picnic—everyone is encouraged to bring salads and desserts, burgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Finance and Stewardship: All good, nothing to report beyond the treasurer's report.

Music and Worship/Alter Guild: Everyone appreciated Emily Luebke providing piano accompaniment for the singing during a recent Sunday service. She did an excellent job.

Ministry Site Committee: All good, nothing to report.

Old Business: Bell tower: Ben has spoken to a contractor about the cosmetic external work to be done and will get the work scheduled for the fall timeframe.

New Business: Janyce reported on some web site upgrades and search engine results. We have the opportunity to update and bring current the church history information.

Date of next meeting will be July 9th. Candy will lead devotions. Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Brad Johnson, Council Secretary.

Ingredients for True Success

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

—George Washington Carver



Financial Report for Lord of Life Lutheran Church 2023

	Income	Expenses
Jan-23	\$7,518.00	\$6,069.81
Feb-23	\$7,199.00	\$6,573.92
Mar-23	\$10,125.00	\$8,396.62
Apr-23	\$14,334.60	\$7,946.29
May-23	\$11,841.50	\$11,090.73
Jun-23	\$7,591.00	\$10,003.55
Total	\$58,609.10	\$54,972.04
Amount Ahead 2023	\$3,637.06	

June 2023	
<i>CHECKING ACCOUNT</i>	\$24,998.44
<i>SAVINGS ACCOUNT - 0.01%</i>	\$20,422.66
<i>MEMORIAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT - 0.01%</i>	\$2,145.75
<i>MEMORIAL ACCOUNT CD (12-month) - 0.15%</i>	\$3,431.99
TOTAL FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	\$50,998.84



Mission of the Month



For the month of **August** we will donate supplies to
**The Women and Children's
Rescue Mission.**

Please bring the following items to church by Sunday, August 27th.

- **Coffee**
- **Cereal**
- **Sugar**
- **Laundry Soap**
- **Dish Soap**
- **Baby Wash/Lotion**
- **Kleenex**
- **Clorox Wipes**

“Personal Care Kits” Ministry **REVISED LIST**



Please remember to donate the following items for this ongoing ministry sponsored by Lutheran World Relief.

- Dark Colored Bath Towel
- Large Wide-toothed Comb
- Nail Clipper

All these items are rolled up in the towel and sent to a Lutheran World Relief warehouse to then be delivered to people who are survivors of disasters all over the world. Please help keep this ministry going. Thank you!

Check us out at www.lordoflifelutheranrc.org
We are also on Facebook as
Rapid City Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Prayer
Shawl Ministry



If you have someone in your life who needs some extra comfort and prayers, please take a Prayer Shawl from the display in the narthex to give to them. Everyone is welcome to do so at anytime.

Lord of Life Coffee House

When we have a "Praise and Worship Sunday", we have our LOL Coffeehouse set up so you can get a yummy cup of gourmet coffee to go along with your worship experience.

We use the money that we receive from coffee sales to fund various projects at church such as: shipping costs for LWR Personal Care Kits, supplies for coffeehouse, food for various picnics/dinners and printing of business cards. Thank you for supporting the LOL Coffeehouse!!



Taking Off Pounds Sensibly meets Saturday mornings at 8:00 to 8:15 for weigh in and 8:15 to 8:45 for meetings. All meetings take place at Lord of Life Church. Low cost and high support! **The first meeting is free.** For more information, please contact Shelly Labine @ 484-0354.



THERE WILL BE A CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ON **SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH** RIGHT AFTER CHURCH.

Everyone is invited to come and sit in.



REFLECTIONS

by Dennis Green

It is with much sadness to inform everyone that Dennis Green has passed away. Dennis's contributions to the newsletters since February 2013 and his service to the church are undoubtedly cherished and greatly appreciated. His poems have touched the hearts of many and will continue to be a testament to his talent and creativity. We will miss Dennis very much and thank him for all the years of service to Lord of Life. This is Dennis's first poem he submitted to me in February of 2013.



Fishing

sometimes fishing is a part of life
that helps you through the daily strife,
of rushing here and there
and sometimes getting nowhere.

it can have a calming effect
that can also help to protect
from life's daily struggles.

it is disappointing when you don't get a bite
but that doesn't keep you from trying,
the next time you might!

it can also be the norm
for keeping you in life's top form,
as shown above
because of God's love.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Please join us on August 20th, during our 9am Worship Service, to have your school backpacks blessed by Vicar Amber. This will be a great way to send our children off to school with prayers for a safe and successful year of learning.



Lord of Life Women's Softball Team
places 3rd in the City Church League
Tournament. Congratulations!!





Congratulations to
Ray & Lorraine Neumiller
who celebrated their
70th Wedding Anniversary
on Sunday, July 23rd.
We wish you both many
more happy years
together!



In
Christian
Sympathy

Our sympathies go out to the Dennis Green Family.
He passed away on July 22nd.
A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date.

Please keep his family in your prayers. Thank you!

Pictures from Cleaning Day on June 11th



Thank you to everyone who stayed after church and helped make our church and grounds look great!



Special thanks to Al and Karen Olson for hauling away all the debris.



The cleaning day ended with a lunch provided by the Fellowship Committee.



Thank you to Virginia Conlee for submitting the pictures.





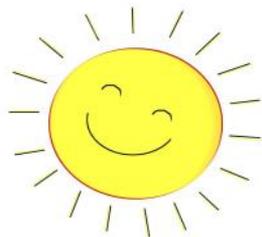
Pictures from our Outdoor Father's Day Service and Picnic

We had a great turnout for our Father's Day outdoor service and potluck picnic.

We grilled hot dogs and hamburgers that were donated to us by some special people. Thank you to everyone who brought in salads and desserts.



It was a great day of fun and fellowship!



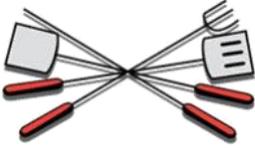




Happy
Fathers
Day

Thank you
to
Virginia Conlee
for the pictures.

Thank You
to our
Father's Day
Grillers!



August
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nancy Hellekson
- 1 Dona Winger
- 5 Kurt Luebke
- 6 Mary Buckley
- 12 Mike Kraye
- 16 Brett Johnson
- 17 Jen Schumacher
- 20 Marcus Hegel
- 20 Beth Hendricks
- 23 Nicole Hegel
- 25 Shirley Hauge
- 30 Cole Biberdorf
- 31 Tyson Steiger



August
ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mike & Greta Howe
- 3 Jeff & Jen Schumacher
- 16 Andrew & Kaycee Johnson
- 21 Terry & Stacey Biberdorf





Calendar of Events for Lord of Life Church August 2023



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 <u>8:00 am</u> TOPS
6 <u>9:00 am</u> Worship Service	7	8	9	10	11	12 <u>8:00 am</u> TOPS
13 <u>9:00 am</u> Worship Service <u>10:00 am</u> Council Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19 <u>8:00 am</u> TOPS
20 <u>9:00 am</u> Worship Service with blessing of school backpacks	21	22	23	24	25	26 <u>8:00 am</u> TOPS
27 <u>9:00 am</u> Worship Service	28	29	30	31		

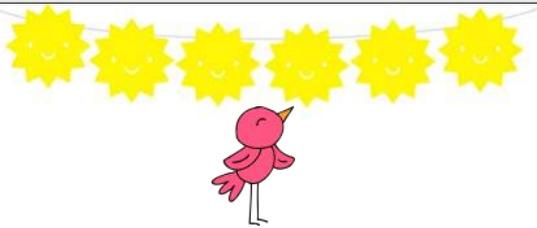


Serving in August



Date	Usher and Greeter	Acolyte	Reader	Communion Assistant
9:00 a.m. Worship				
Aug 6	Matt & Janyce Luebke	Danika Wichmann	Matt Luebke	Jeff Glanzer
Aug 13	Norm & Sue Lyon	Kurt Luebke	Carla Jakeway	
Aug 20	Bruce & Virginia Conlee	Emma Hellekson	Brad Johnson	Betty Woodden
Aug 27	Marcus Hegel and Leah Luebke	Wilson Hunzeker	Leah Luebke	

If you are unable to make your assignment, please call someone to trade dates and let the office know. Thank you!





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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service

August