

Lord of Life Lutheran Church—ELCA

Lifelines

God shows

his love for us
in that while
we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8, ESV



The Monthly Newsletter for

March/April 2026



For those who would like to donate a flowering plant for our Easter Celebration, please have them at the church by Good Friday services on April 3rd.

You may dedicate your plant to a loved one if you choose. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the secretary's office. Please be signed up by Palm Sunday. Thank you.



Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday Services

Sunday, April 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Worship Service



Hop on over to our Easter Breakfast Fundraiser!

The Women's Softball Team is serving up a tasty breakfast to raise funds for our season.

Great food, Great cause,
Great Fellowship.

Please signup in the hallway
by the offices.





From Vicar Amber



Greetings to you, dear church!

Wednesday night Lent services have begun, and they are highlighted with skits, after soup suppers. As you are able, please feel welcome to join us for the Wednesday suppers and services. On Sundays, we will be leading up to Palm Sunday on March 29th and Easter on April 5th. All are welcome and welcome to bring friends and family!

From his book, *"The Way of Rest,"* Jeff Foster offers this observance titled: *Stop*. I've shortened it a bit, but as you read through it, what comes to your mind as you move through the Lenten Season?

"Whatever is happening in the circumstances of your life, stop. Just for a moment. Bring your attention to the here and now. Let the moment become fascinating. Gently begin to acknowledge what is happening where you are . . . Notice the sensations, feelings, and thoughts that are present right now. Stay awake in the messy, intense, joyous and heartbreaking sensations. Stop, though, to figure everything out at once."

Jesus was a patient teacher but could also run out of patience for those who rebuked him and denied him. Jesus knew that God would come to his rescue even when he cried out: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me" (Psalm 22:1). Jesus trusted in the guidance of the Holy Spirit to work on His behalf and ours. In this church season, bring your attention to what is happening now, rejoice in the glimmers of hope you see each day. Be present in, with, and for God's creation.

May you remember God's unfailing promise of hope, mercy and forgiveness. It may be a baptismal remembrance, celebrated with Holy Communion and hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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

Vicar Amber



Church Council 2026



L-R: Ben Hegel - President, Joe Hauge - Treasurer, Sadi Curtis, Roy Kesterson - Secretary, Mary Wasserburger, Vicar Amber, Candy Wehrle, Tyler Surrell, Jen Schumacher and Brad Johnson



Financial Report for Lord of Life Lutheran Church 2026

	Income	Expenses
Jan-26	\$12,810.86	\$11,062.81
Total	\$12,810.86	\$11,062.81
Amount Ahead 2026	\$1,748.05	

January 2026

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$10,160.04
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - 0.01%	\$10,225.97
SAVINGS CD - 3.00%	\$26,500.69
SAVINGS CD - 3.00%	\$16,076.82
MEMORIAL ACCOUNT CD - 3.00%	\$5,946.58
TOTAL FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	\$68,910.10



Mission of the Month

For the month of **March** we will donate to **WAVI....
Working Against Violence Shelter.**

Please bring the following items to church by
Sunday, March 29th. Thank You!

- Hair Brushes
- Toilet Paper
- Reusable Bags
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Men's and Women's New Underwear



For the month of April, we will donate to the
Church Response Food Pantry.

Please bring the following items to church
by **Sunday, April 26th.**

- Canned Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Hot Roll mix
- Canned Green Beans
- Cake Mix/Frosting



“Personal Care Kits” Ministry

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

- Dark Colored Bath Towel
- 2 Bars of Soap (4-5 ounce bars)
- Toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 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!

LIFELINES NEWSLETTER INFO

Starting January 1st, we will be getting the newsletter to you differently. Since postage has been increasing, we have decided to have the newsletters here at the church to pick up every two months. We will also have it available on our website. If you are not able to receive it any of these ways, we can email a pdf of it or continue to mail it to you. Just let us know. Thank you!

ELCA World Hunger's

40 DAYS of Giving



Lenten Service Project

Once again we will be asking everyone to take a coin box on the table in the narthex that shaped like a barn and fill it with coins during the 40 days of Lent. We will collect the filled boxes on Easter Sunday. The money will go towards the ELCA good gifts specifically to buy baby chicks to donate to families who live in desperate situations all over the world.



Please join us during the Lenten season for our Soup Suppers. We will offer a delicious soup supper before our mid-week Lenten services.

The supper begins at 5:30 pm.

We are looking for volunteers to provide soup, bread and bars for 5 Wednesdays. We need to have 3 people/families to sign-up for each of the 5 Wednesdays. It would be safe to say each person/family signed up should bring enough soup, bread and bars to serve at least 25-30 people. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by church office. This is a wonderful time for fellowship with your Lord of Life family.



THERE WILL BE A CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ON **SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH** AND **SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH** RIGHT AFTER CHURCH.

Everyone is invited to come and sit in.



The Church Fellowship Committee will be holding a meeting on **Sunday, April 26th** after the church service. The meeting will take place in the class rooms by the church entry way.

Everyone is invited to come and help plan fun things for our church to do!



Bingo Night

Friday, March 27th

And Friday, April 24th

from 6:30-8:00pm



Come and have a fun

evening of Bingo at Lord of Life Church.

The Family Fellowship Committee will be having a free Bingo nights this year. We will have prizes and popcorn.

Please bring your own drinks. We hope to see you all there!

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.

Check us out online at www.lordoflifelutheranrc.org

We are also on Facebook at

Rapid City Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

We are streaming our 10:00am Worship Service live on Sundays.

WELCOME

New Members



On Sunday, February 8th, we welcomed Jonny & Kaleh Knutson and daughter, Quinn as new members of Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

We are very blessed and excited to have you as a part of our church family!



On Saturday evening, March 7th, when you go to bed, please move your clocks forward 1 hour. This will start daylight savings time.

If you would like to help and support Lord of Life Church electronically, please scan this QR Code.



Thank you!



Sending Our
SYMPATHY

Our sympathies go out to the
Mike Howe Family.

Mike passed away on
February 18th.

His Celebration of Life Service will
be held at the Alano Society in
Rapid City on March 1st.

Please keep Greta and her family in
your prayers.

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!!



On Sunday, February 15th, our
confirmation class blessed us with
a puppet show during the worship
service that brought smiles to
many faces—especially the
children, who really loved it.



Getting to know your Congregation



Bruce & Virginia Conlee

Bruce and Virginia have been active members of Lord of Life since 1998. Bruce grew up in Kadoka, SD, and Virginia in Chamberlain, SD. Bruce graduated from the School of Mines with an Electrical Engineering degree, and Virginia graduated from Black Hills Teacher's College. Virginia taught elementary education in Deadwood, and Rapid City. Bruce and Virginia were married in 1964 at the Lutheran Church in Chamberlain, SD. Bruce

worked for Black Hills Power. Bruce accepted an engineering job with Snohomish Power in Everett, WA,

In 1970 they moved to Kadoka, SD, and purchased the Kadoka Telephone Company. They were terribly busy in the beginning, as they did all the office business, the rebuilding, the updating of the switchboard for 500 customers, and raising three children. They were also regularly active in their community betterment programs, and their church. Bruce served as mayor, city council, and county commissioner. Virginia became very much involved on the local and state level and local level as an advocate for children with developmental disabilities, working to bring change, and betterment in their lives.

Bruce and Virginia owned and operated the Kadoka Telephone Company until 1997. They then retired and moved to Black Hawk, SD. Here they enjoyed the Black Hills, traveling, and their cabin in Rochford. In 2002 they moved into Westhills Village Retirement Community.

Bruce and Virginia have three children. Brenda (daughter), and husband Brad Johnson, Charles Conlee (son), & wife Jan, and Christopher (son), who is deceased. They also have five grandchildren, Andrew, Bryce, Bailey, Sarah & Carson. Also, five amazing great-grandchildren.

Bruce is a ham radio enthusiast, and enjoys contacting people from around the world. He also enjoys archery and puzzling. Virginia is active in the Quilters Guild and enjoys baking. Together they enjoy travel, spending time with family, and enjoying the activities at Westhills. They are active members of Lord of Life and say they are very thankful and blessed to be a part of the church family and worship that LOL provides.

Getting to know your Congregation

Candy Wehrle



Candy is a charter member of Lord of Life. She was in high school when her family became members.

Candy grew up in the Air Force. They moved about every 2-3 years. When they came to Ellsworth, Candy started high school. She was glad her Dad soon retired and she could go all 4 years of school at Douglas High School. After high school she went to Black Hills Beauty College in Rapid City.

Her mom, Kay, played the piano for church regularly until 6 months prior to her passing. Her Dad (Chuck) is our Power Point operator here at church. Candy is on the church council, singer in the praise band, coordinator of outreach ministries, on the Family Fellowship and Worship committees, coordinator of the LoL Coffeehouse and she picks up tumbleweeds from time to time that clog our entrance at church...haha

Candy has been a self-employed hair stylist for many years and can say that she still truly loves her job.

One of her favorite pastimes is scrapbooking. Candy loves going on scrapbooking retreats. She has made several books, mostly ones of all of her travels which is another thing that she loves to do. She also loves to read and go to concerts too.

All of Candy's immediate family lives here, so with nieces and nephews she get to attend lots of ball games, birthday parties and concerts.

Candy says she loves Lord of Life. Knowing she has support from her faith friends has helped her through various struggles.

She would like you all to know that her church family is not just her congregation, but her family, too. ❤️





Pictures from our Valentine's Luncheon



Thank you to everyone who attended our Valentine's luncheon on Sunday February 15th. We had a wonderful time!

Thank you to all who helped set up, decorate, brought desserts and helped clean up. And thank you for all the donations on our "Coffee House" Sundays. We use those donations to have our fellowship events! God Bless!









MARCH

Birthdays

3	Sam Biberdorf	16	Bruce Baum
6	Carla Jakeway	24	Brandee Johnson
8	Bruce Hegel	25	Kathy Dvorak
10	Lisa Krokell	29	Alice McCoy



APRIL

Birthdays

2	Eileen Kienzle	15	Sadi Curtis
4	Rocky Curtis	18	Fred Ferrara
5	Michael Hauge	22	Danielle Akason
8	Chris Speirs	22	P. Dwayne Hunzeker
10	Zella Krokell	23	Baylor Johnson
11	Dale Jakeway	29	Andy Hageman



APRIL

Anniversaries

27	Ben & Nicole Hegel
29	Blake & Kristin Hellekson



Calendar of Events for Lord of Life Church March 2026



Sun Mon Tue Wed Th Fri Sat

1 <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:00 am</u> Adult Bible Study <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service	2	3	4 <u>5:30 pm</u> Supper <u>6:30 pm</u> Lenten Worship Service	5	6	7
8 <i>Daylight Savings</i> <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:00 am</u> Adult Bible Study <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service <u>11:00 am</u> Council Meeting	9 <u>5:30 pm</u> Girl Scouts	10	11 <u>5:30 pm</u> Supper <u>6:30 pm</u> Lenten Worship Service	12	13	14
15 <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:00 am</u> Adult Bible Study <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Traditional Worship Service	16	17 	18 <u>5:30 pm</u> Supper <u>6:30 pm</u> Lenten Worship Service	19	20	21
22 <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:00 am</u> Adult Bible Study <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service	23 <u>5:30 pm</u> Girl Scouts	24	25 <u>5:30 pm</u> Supper <u>6:30 pm</u> Lenten Worship Service	26	27 <u>6:30-8:00 pm</u> BINGO	28
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:00 am</u> Adult Bible Study <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Traditional Worship Service	30	31				



Calendar of Events



April 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4
				<u>6:00 pm</u> Maundy Thursday Worship Service	<u>6:00 pm</u> Good Friday Worship Service	
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <u>9:00 am</u> Easter Breakfast <u>10:00 am</u> Traditional Worship Service	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <u>9:00 am</u> 1st Communion Class <u>9:00 am</u> Adult Bible Study <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service <u>11:00 am</u> Council Meeting	13 <u>5:30 pm</u> Girl Scouts	14	15	16	17	18
19 <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:00 am</u> Adult Bible Study <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service with 1st Communion	20 <u>5:30 pm</u> Girl Scouts	21	22	23	24 <u>6:30-</u> <u>8:00 pm</u> BINGO	25
26 <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:00 am</u> Adult Bible Study <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service <u>11:00 am</u> Family Fellowship Meeting	27	28	29	30		



Serving in March



Date	Usher and Greeter	Acolyte	Reader	Communion Assistant
10:00 a.m. Worship				
Mar 1	Tom Woodden Carl Hellekson	Emma Hellekson	Roger Soucy	Janyce Luebke
Mar 8	Ben Hegel Fred Ferrara	Oakleigh Quam	Sadi Curtis	
Mar 15	Allen & Karen Olson	Isabelle Quam	Allen Olson	Shirley Hauge
Mar 22	Matt & Janyce Luebke	Wilson Hunzeker	Stephanie Ferrara	
<i>Palm Sunday</i> Mar 29	Marcus & Leah Hegel	Emma Hellekson	Leah Hegel	



Serving in April



Date	Usher and Greeter	Acolyte	Reader	Communion Assistant
10:00 a.m. Worship				
<i>Easter</i> Apr 5	Bruce & Virginia Conlee	Isabelle Quam	Candy Wehrle	Sue Lyon
Apr 12	Norm & Sue Lyon	Emma Hellekson	Matt Luebke	
Apr 19	Terry & Stacey Biberdorf	Wilson Hunzeker	Karen Olson	Jeff Glanzer
Apr 26	Jeff & Jen Schumacher	Oakleigh Quam	Roger Soucy	

PUZZLE



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV


























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| 1. Jesus | 5. cross |
| 2. weary | 6. endured |
| 3. endured | 7. scorning |
| 4. opposition | 8. shame |



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| 1. Jesus | 5. perfecter |
| 2. lose | 6. him |
| 3. pioneer | 7. faith |
| 4. sinners | 8. hand |



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| 1. eyes | 5. right |
| 2. us | 6. grow |
| 3. joy | 7. God |
| 4. heart | 8. throne |

"... fixing our  1 on  1, the  3 and  5 of  7. For the  3 set before  6 he  3 the  5  7 its  8, and sat down at the  5  8 of the  8 of  7. Consider  6 who  6 such  4 from  4, so that you will not  6 and  2  2  4."

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

Answer: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV



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Sunday Worship Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday Lenten Services

- 5:30 p.m. Soup Suppers
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship Service

Maundy Thursday Service

April 2nd 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Good Friday Service

April 3rd 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

