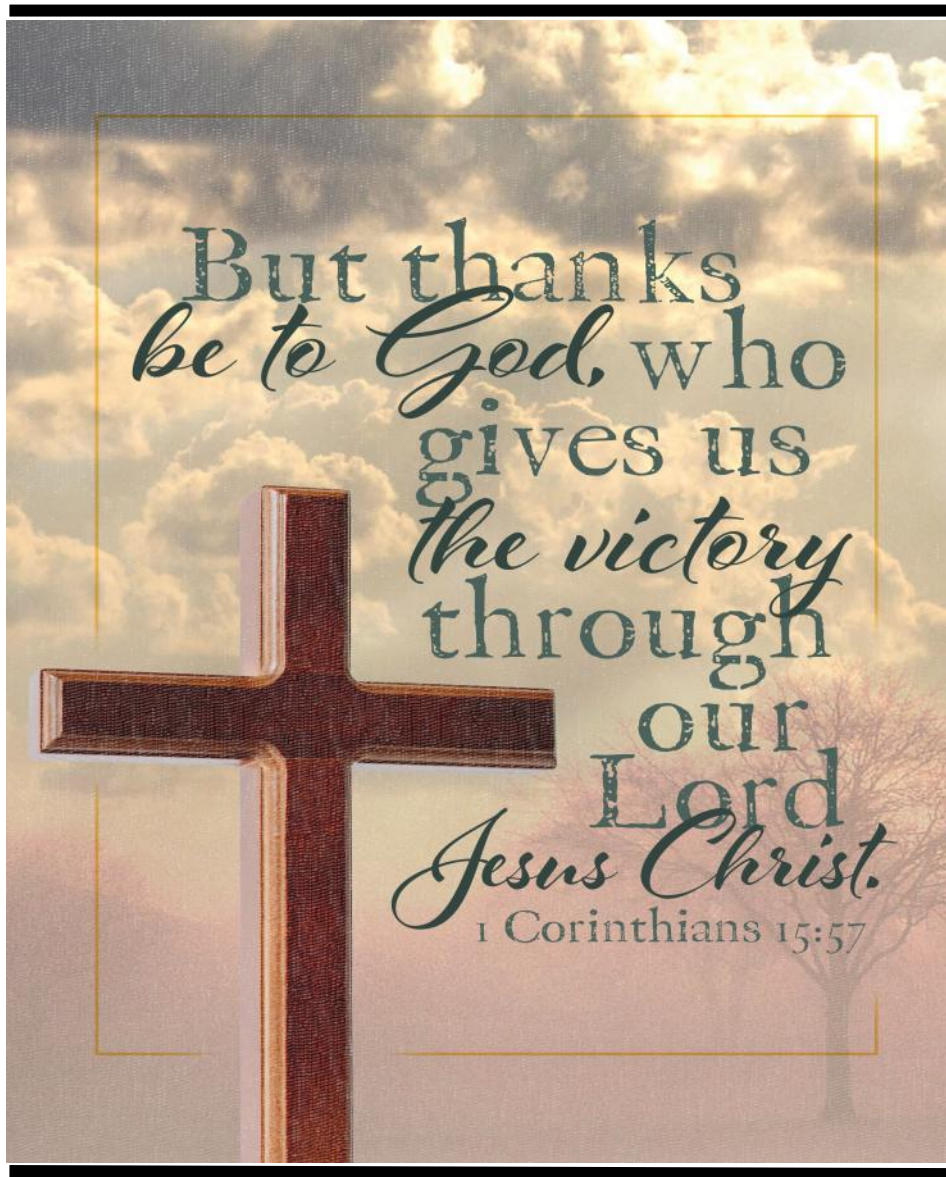


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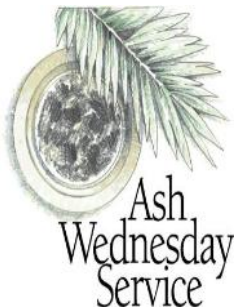
# Lifelines



But thanks  
*be to God*, who  
gives us  
*the victory*  
through  
our  
Lord  
*Jesus Christ.*  
1 Corinthians 15:57

The Monthly Newsletter for

**March/April 2025**



Lenten Worship will begin **Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** at Lord of Life starting at **6:00 p.m.** for our Ash Wednesday Service. We will continue through Lent to have our Wednesday evening services with Lenten Dramas at 6:30 p.m. following our Soup Suppers.



Please join us starting **Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 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.



**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 18<sup>th</sup>.**

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.



SERVICE  
PROJECT



## Blessing Bags for Homeless

During Lent we will ask members to fill Ziplock gallon bags with essentials for the homeless. Please take a bag on Ash Wednesday and bring your filled bag back on Easter Sunday.

You can definitely get more gallon sized bags of your own and fill too.

We are just providing you with the initial one.

A checklist is provided with each bag.

These bags will be taken to the Men's Mission homeless shelter and the Women/Children's homeless shelter.



**Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Good Friday Services

**Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

Easter Worship Service

## Easter Breakfast

You are invited to a breakfast on Easter morning at 9:00am. There will be a free will offering taken for the Lord of Life Women's Softball team.

They will be serving homemade biscuits and gravy and fruit.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway so we know how many people to prepare for. We hope to see you there!

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Check us out online at [www.lordoflifelutheranrc.org](http://www.lordoflifelutheranrc.org)

We are also on Facebook at

**Rapid City Lord of Life Lutheran Church.**

**We are now streaming our 10:00am Worship Services  
live on Sundays.**



Lord of Life

# MEETING MINUTES

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Members Present:** Jen Schumacher, Al Olson, Stacey Biberdorf, Norm Lyon, Larry Stoltenberg, Ben Hegel, Nancy Hellekson, Janyce Luebke, Joe Hauge, Vicar Amber Wichmann, Brenda Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 10:54 A.M. by President Al Olson with devotions read by Ben Hegel.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The December minutes were reviewed. Nancy moved to accept the minutes which was seconded by Ben. No further discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** looked at report for the annual meeting. May want to add money to building and Grounds, supply pastor and 3% raise for Vicar Amber and Brenda. Our church is sitting in a pretty solid spot right now. A question was brought up about taking VBS budget out as we haven't done it for a few years. There was further discussion about finances and the proposed 2025 Budget. Ben moved to propose a 5% increase for our valued employees Vicar Amber and Brenda which was seconded by Norm. No further discussion. All in Favor, motion passed. Jen made a motion to remove the VBS funding from the proposed budget which was seconded by Janyce. No further discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

**President's Report:** Discussion of changing next meetings date as it falls on the same Sunday as Valentine's celebration on February 9. The next Council Meeting will be on Sunday, February 9 at 9:00 A.M.

**Vicar's Report:** making phone calls, texts, emails, and cards to some members of the Congregation. Been to coffee with the Pastor's. J term starts tomorrow. It would be good to have delegates from our church for the SYNOD, Joe and Shirley Hauge volunteered.

## **Committee Reports**

**Education:** no news to Report

**Property:** Nothing new to report

**Family Fellowship and Social Outreach:** Valentine's celebration is February 9, meeting at the end of the month

**Finance and Stewardship Committee:** Terry Biberdorf would like to remain on the audit committee

**Music and Worship:** starting to look at Lenten services and skits. Music is planned and figured out.

**Ministry Site Committee:** met last week

### **Old Business**

1. Any news on lights, need to talk to Casey.

### **New Business**

1. Replacing Council Members- we are losing Nancy, Al, and Stacey. Nicole and Brenda have spoken to some possible congregation members to fill these spots.
2. Will install new council members in February.
3. Look through Annual meeting booklet and let Brenda know by Thursday if anything needs to be changed.

Next meeting is February 9 at 9:00 A.M. with devotions read by Janyce.

The Annual meeting is January 19 after the church service.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 11:21 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Stacey Biberdorf  
Church Council secretary



## From Vicar Amber



Greetings to you, dear church!

Beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>, we'll add Wednesday night services as an opportunity to come together as a church family, walking together through Lent to Easter. On Ash Wednesday – March 5<sup>th</sup> – we'll have an evening service with ashes and communion. Starting on March 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll have services highlighted with skits, after soup suppers. On Sundays, we'll celebrate the Sundays of Lent leading up to Palm Sunday on the April 13<sup>th</sup> and Easter on April 20<sup>th</sup>. 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? What comes to your mind as you prepare for 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



## Financial Report for Lord of Life Lutheran Church 2025

	Income	Expenses
Jan-25	\$20,091.00	\$10,881.36
Total	\$20,091.00	\$10,881.36
<b>Amount Ahead 2025</b>	<b>\$9,209.64</b>	

<b>January 2025</b>	
<i>CHECKING ACCOUNT</i>	<b>\$32,628.54</b>
<i>SAVINGS ACCOUNT - 0.01%</i>	<b>\$5,424.67</b>
<i>SAVINGS CD</i>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<i>SAVINGS CD</i>	<b>\$15,373.77</b>
<i>MEMORIAL ACCOUNT CD</i>	<b>\$5,559.95</b>
<i>TOTAL FIRST INTERSTATE BANK</i>	<b>\$78,986.93</b>



## Mission of the Month

For the month of **March** we will donate items to The Working Against Violence Shelter. Please bring the following items back to church by **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**.

- **Apple Juice**
- **Cereal**
- **Kids Snacks**
- **Paper Plates**
- **Women's Underwear**
- **Full Size Quilts**



## Mission of the Month

Please bring donations to church by **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**.

We will donate the following items to **Church Response food pantry**:

- **Large can of Chili**
- **Saltine crackers**
- **Canned corn**
- **Corn bread mix**
- **Brownie mix**



THERE WILL BE A CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ON **SUNDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>** AND **SUNDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>** RIGHT AFTER CHURCH.

Everyone is invited to come and sit in.





The Church Fellowship Committee will be holding a meeting on **Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** after the church service. The meeting will take place in the classrooms by the church entry way.

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



### **“Personal Care Kits” Ministry**

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!

## **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!!



## Pictures from our Valentine's Luncheon



Thank you to everyone who attended our Valentine's luncheon on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful time!

Thank you to all who helped set up, decorate, bring desserts and 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!















# Church Council 2025



L-R: Roy Kesterson, Norm Lyon, Larry Stoltenberg, Jancye Luebke - Secretary, Vicar Amber, Tyler Surrell, Candy Wehrle, Jen Schumacher- V. President, and Ben Hegel - President



On Saturday evening, March 8th, when you go to bed, please move your clocks forward 1 hour. This will start daylight savings time.

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







# MARCH

*birthdays*

3	Sam Biberdorf	24	Brandee Johnson
6	Carla Jakeway	24	Mary Lou Smith
8	Bruce Hegel	25	Kathy Dvorak
10	Lisa Krokell	29	Alice McCoy
16	Bruce Baum	31	Lacey Slaba

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# APRIL

*birthdays*

2	Eileen Kienzle	11	Dale Jakeway
4	Rocky Curtis	15	Sadi Curtis
4	Kyler Hegel	22	Danielle Gayton
5	Michael Hauge	22	P. Dwayne Hunzeker
8	Chris Speirs	23	Baylor Johnson
10	Mike Howe	26	Teegan Mark
10	Zella Krokell	29	Andy Hageman

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# APRIL

*anniversaries*

27	Ben & Nicole Hegel
29	Blake & Kristin Hellekson



# Calendar of Events for Lord of Life Church March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
<b>2</b> <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service <u>11:00 am</u> Family Fellowship Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <u>6:00 pm</u> Worship Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service <u>11:00 am</u> Council Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <u>5:30 pm</u> Supper <u>6:30 pm</u> Lenten Worship Service	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Traditional Worship Service	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <u>5:30 pm</u> Supper <u>6:30 pm</u> Lenten Worship Service	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Traditional Worship Service	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <u>5:30 pm</u> Supper <u>6:30 pm</u> Lenten Worship Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service	<b>31</b>					



# Calendar of Events for April 2025



Sun


Mon Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2 <u>5:30 pm</u> Supper <u>6:30 pm</u> Lenten Worship Service	3	4	5
6 <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service	7	8	9 <u>5:30 pm</u> Supper <u>6:30 pm</u> Lenten Worship Service	10	11	12
13 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Traditional Worship Service <u>11:00 am</u> Council Meeting	14	15	16	17 <u>6:00 pm</u> Maundy Thursday Worship Service	18 <u>6:00 pm</u> Good Friday Worship Service	19
20 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <u>9:00 am</u> Easter Breakfast <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Service 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Traditional Worship Service	28	29	30			



# Serving in March



Date	Usher and Greeter	Acolyte	Reader	Communion Assistant
<b>10:00 a.m. Worship</b>				
<b>Mar 2</b>	Allen & Karen Olson	Emma Hellekson	Karen Olson	Shirley Hauge
<b>Mar 9</b>	Jeff & Jen Schumacher	Isabelle Quam	Jen Schumacher	
<b>Mar 16</b>	Norm & Sue Lyon	Danika Wichmann	Kurt Luebke	Sue Lyon
<b>Mar 23</b>	Ben & Nicole Hegel	Wilson Hunzeker	Sam Biberdorf	
<b>Mar 30</b>	Marcus & Leah Hegel	Kurt Luebke	Leah Hegel	



# Serving in April



Date	Usher and Greeter	Acolyte	Reader	Communion Assistant
<b>10:00 a.m. Worship</b>				
<b>Apr 6</b>	Tom Woodden and Carl Hellekson	Danika Wichmann	Matt Luebke	Janyce Luebke
<i>Palm Sunday</i> <b>Apr 13</b>	Terry & Stacey Biberdorf	Emma Hellekson	Al Olson	
<i>Easter</i> <b>Apr 20</b>	Bruce & Virginia Conlee	Kurt Luebke	Brad Johnson	Jeff Glanzer
<b>Apr 27</b>	Matt & Janyce Luebke	Wilson Hunzeker	Roger Soucy	

# Puzzle!



Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6

Psalm 78:45

Matthew 23:24

Judges 14:8b

Acts 12:23

Leviticus 11:22

Leviticus 11:22

Deuteronomy 7:20

Exodus 16:20

1 Samuel 24:14

Isaiah 50:9

Isaiah 59:5

Leviticus 11:22

Leviticus 11:22



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O	L	S	P	I	D	E	R	S	B	E
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S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S



Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggot, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket



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## Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Confirmation  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

## Ash Wednesday Service

March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## Wednesday Lenten Services

*Starting March 12<sup>th</sup>*

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

