

Lord of Life Lutheran Church—ELCA

Lifelines



He *has*
made

everything

beautiful
in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11, NIV

The Monthly Newsletter for

May/June 2025

**MEETING
MINUTES**

April 13th, 2025

Members Present: Ben Hegel, Tyler Surrell, Roy Kesterson, Janyce Luebke, Norm Lyon, Larry Stoltenberg, Candy Wehrle, Vicar Amber Wichmann, Brenda Johnson, Joe Hauge

Roy motioned to start the meeting, Tyler seconded. Meeting called to order at 11:02 am with devotions read by Ben.

Secretary's Minutes: The March minutes were reviewed, Candy moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Larry. No further discussion, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed March Treasurer's report, all looks good. The Drainage Fee was paid, it will show up on next month's report. Norm moved to accept the treasurer's report, Roy seconded.

President's Report: Ben will sign an agreement for the grand piano on loan from the Surrell family. See attached.

Vicar's Report: Amber has been busy with phone calls, texts, hospital visits, coffee with pastors, Ray N. funeral, and 2 upcoming weddings at Chapel In The Hills.

Committee Reports:

Education: The puppet show has been moved to May 3rd. The last day of Sunday School and Confirmation will be May 11.

Property: Thank you to our lawn care volunteers. Tom is getting a bid to paint the exterior of the church.

Family Fellowship & Social Outreach: 12 people attended the March Bingo night, planning another Bingo night for April 25th. Fellowship committee will help with Mother's Day Breakfast.

Finance & Stewardship: All good.

Music & Worship/Altar Guild: The piano was delivered and installed. Brenda will order a new light and cleaning supplies for it. A new coffee maker was purchased for the fellowship hall.

Ministry Site Committee: All good. Amber will meet with the committee on Friday (4/18)

Old Business & Special Projects: Ben talked with Casey C. about the replacement of lights in the sanctuary. They will purchase lights from Lowe's and plan on an evening to start installing them.

New Business: Faith Community Church contacted Brenda asking about church sharing. A committee (Amber, Ben, Tyler) has been created to meet with them.

Next meeting is May 4 at 11:00 am with devotions ready by Candy.

Janyce motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tyler seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 am with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by
 Janyce Luebke
 Church Council Secretary



Financial Report for Lord of Life Lutheran Church 2025

	Income	Expenses
Jan-25	\$20,091.00	\$10,881.36
Feb-25	\$7,398.00	\$8,730.49
Mar-25	\$8,132.00	\$9,619.05
Total	\$35,621.00	\$29,214.81
Amount Ahead 2025	\$6,406.19	

March 2025	
<i>CHECKING ACCOUNT</i>	\$29,630.42
<i>SAVINGS ACCOUNT - 0.01%</i>	\$5,424.76
<i>SAVINGS CD</i>	\$20,000.00
<i>SAVINGS CD</i>	\$15,373.77
<i>MEMORIAL ACCOUNT CD</i>	\$5,559.95
TOTAL FIRST INTERSTATE BANK	\$75,988.90

From Vicar Amber



Greetings to you, dear church!

“For everything there is a season, and time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

We have several events coming up, that I'd love to invite you to attend! First, on Mother's Day, we'll have breakfast before church. On Father's Day, we'll have a potluck lunch after church. We might have some more bingo nights sprinkled in, too.

As I write this, the buds on the trees are starting to come to life, my day lilies are sprouting and pasque flowers can be found in the Black Hills. I am thankful for this coming change of season and welcome in rain instead of snow.

Weather changes aren't the only seasons in which we experience change. This is a well-known fact and recorded in Ecclesiastes. There are a bunch of times to do one or other listed in chapter 3. There are many “changing seasons” in the chapter. There is a time for baby bison to be born in the spring and a time for them to be round up in Custer State Park, there is a planting season and a harvest season, there is a time for laughter and a time for sadness, there are times to give and times to spend, there is a time to watch perennials bloom and a time to watch them wither. God is with us, and His creation, through it all.

Our warmer weather isn't the only change of season happening right now. This summer, you may be witness to graduations, babies being born, and weddings to mark the start of a marriage. These are all wonderful life events and ways our lives ebb and flow through the course of time.

This is the business God has given to mankind and that He has made everything beautiful in its time. A highlight of Ecclesiastes is that God is in control through all these seasons of life and that He promises good to us. God sees it all working from His angle, a better and eternal perspective, and He makes everything beautiful in its time!

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

Vicar Amber



Mission of the Month

For the month of **May**, we will donate items to The Cornerstone Rescue Mission who has a Veterans Ministry that houses homeless vets. Please consider donating what you can from the list below that will go directly to veterans at the mission. Please bring donations to church by **Sunday, June 1st**.

- Coffee
- Creamer
- Lotion
- Shoes/Backpacks -- new or gently used.
- Sugar
- Deodorant



Mission of the Month

For the month of June, we will donate the following items to **Church Response food pantry**. Please bring your donations to church by **Sunday, June 29th**.

- Pasta Salad Mix
- Canned Chicken/Tuna
- Pringles
- Canned Peaches
- Brownie mix



THERE WILL BE A CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ON **SUNDAY, MAY 4TH** AND **SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH** RIGHT AFTER CHURCH.

Everyone is invited to come and sit in.



Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Blessing Bags service project for Lent. We have 39 bags that will be divided between the Men's Rescue Mission and the Women/Children's Rescue Mission.



The Church Fellowship Committee will be holding a meeting on **Sunday, June 1st** 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!

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!!



Check us out online at 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.



The last day of Sunday School Class will be Sunday, May 11th at 9:15 a.m.

A BIG thank you to Nancy Hellekson, Betty Woodden and Nicole Hegel for being their teachers this year. Have a great summer and we will see you back in the fall.



Mother's Day Breakfast Sign-up

There will be a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 11th at Lord of Life from 9-9:45 am.



There is a sign-up sheet by the Secretary's Office if you are planning on attending. Thank you.



We will have graduate recognition on Sunday, May 11th. Please contact the church with your graduates name and also indicate which high school or college they are graduating from. Please let us know also of any educational future plans and if they will be able to attend the service that week.

Thank you!



Bingo Night

Friday, May 30th
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 night in April. We will have prizes and popcorn.

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



Summer
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

We will be starting our
Summer Worship
Schedule on
SUNDAY, May 25th
(Memorial Day Weekend)

Our worship time will be
at 9:00 a.m.
This schedule will
continue until the end of
August.



Lord of Life's Annual Father's
Day Picnic at Lord of Life Church
on June 15th starting at 10:30 a.m.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and
Bottled Water will be provided.

Please bring a Salad or Dessert to share.

We will have games for everyone to enjoy!!

***PLEASE USE THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE CHURCH ENTRANCE
SO WE KNOW HOW MANY HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS
TO GET. THANK YOU!!**

****There will also be an outdoor service that morning at 9:00 a.m.
weather permitting. Please bring your lawn chairs.***

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

Thank you!



✝ Congratulations & God's Blessings to...



Chantz and Rachel Dirk
on the baptism of their son,
Jett Timothy on Sunday,
April 27th.

Jett's sponsors are
Blake & Kristin Hellekson
and
JT & Emily Paris.



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.


Sending Our
SYMPATHY

Our sympathies go out to
the Ray Neumiller Family.
He passed away on
March 29th.
His service was held at Lord
of Life Church on April 4th.
Please keep Lorraine and
their family in your prayers.
Thank you!

thank you

Almost 40 years ago, Owen Seeley, along with his 3 children, Karl (Frances), Jon (Beth) and Mary Wasserburger (Wayne) donated the Eternal Light in honor of their mom, Elizabeth "Betty" Seeley.

After years of endless flame, the holder had broken beyond repair. On Easter Sunday, the Seeley family donated a new (replacement) Eternal Light honoring the memory of Betty and Owen Seeley.



Thank you to the Surrell Family for loaning our church this beautiful baby grand piano that belonged to Tyler's mother. It sounds amazing!!!



Lenten Skits at Lord of Life



“The Masters”

On Wednesday evenings during lent, members from our church performed skits in which you met a new craftsperson from Jerusalem in 33 A.D. These individuals unknowingly created the very items that were used for Jesus’ crucifixion. The scripts explored the complex emotional relationship between the objects and the One for whom they were destined. The congregation met a leather tanner, a weaver, a winemaker, blacksmiths, and a stonecutter. These episodes provided us with a unique perspective on Jesus’ final days. Thank you to everyone who participated and to Karen Olson, Virginia Conlee and Jeff Glanzer who helped with props!



First Wednesday in Lent

“Leather Tanner”

Rueben

Brad Johnson

Elias

Jeff Schumacher

Roman Soldier

Bruce Conlee

John

Roger Soucy

**Second Wednesday
in Lent**

“Weaver”

Asher

Matt Luebke

Hannah

Janyce Luebke

Daniel

Kurt Luebke

Customer

Marcus Hegel



**Third Wednesday
in Lent**

“Winemaker”

Selah

Nancy Hellekson

Benjamin

Carl Hellekson

Judas

Roy Kesterson

John

Roger Soucy

Tirus

Allen Olson





Fourth Wednesday in Lent
“Blacksmiths”

Aaron - Joe Hauge, **Jeremiah** - Cole Biberdorf
Matthias - Sam Biberdorf, **Customer** - Jeff Glanzer



Fifth Wednesday in Lent

“Stonecutter”

Rocky
 Ben Hegel
Ester
 Nicole Hegel
Elizabeth
 Leah Hegel
Joseph of Arimathea
 Terry Biberdorf
Rebecca
 Stacey Biberdorf

“Meet the Best”

On the 5 Sundays during lent, we had a series of short 3-5 minute dramas in which we focused on how Christ’s redemption offers forgiveness, transformation, and purpose. This comic but intensely human

look at Christianity’s central symbol reminded seeking hearts that what you see is not always what you get when God is doing the giving. The scene was a TV studio and we were the audience. Thank you to Shirley Hauge who played Starling, the talk show host and Tyler Surrell who was the voice of TC (the cross).

Thank you also to Candy Wehrle, Chuck Wehrle, Jen Schumacher, Betty Wooden, and Sue Lyon who helped with this skit.



Pictures from Easter



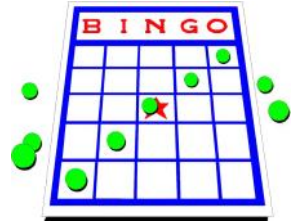




Pictures from Bingo on Friday, May 28th



Pictures from Bingo on Friday, April 25th



MAY
Birthdays

1	Betty Woodden	13	Paislee Johnson
2	Matt Luebke	20	Jill Surrell
4	Barb Jung	23	Noah Johnson
8	Karl Seeley	25	Michael Jung
12	Stacey Biberdorf		

MAY
Anniversaries

May 5th
Bruce & Terri Hegel

JUNE
Birthdays

3	Brad Reipke	23	Mary Wasserburger
8	Norm Lyon	23	Tom Woodden
9	Karen Olson	24	Shelly Reipke
10	Roger Soucy	28	Janyce Luebke
12	Carl Hellekson	28	Matthew Peters
13	Edna Hedrick	30	Candy Wehrle
13	Jaxon Jung		

JUNE
Anniversaries

6	Carl & Nancy Hellekson
10	Bruce & Virginia Conlee
30	Pastor Bruce & Pam Baum



Calendar of Events for Lord of Life Church May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <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	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day  <u>9-9:45 am</u> Mother's Day Breakfast <u>9:00 am</u> Confirmation Class <u>9:15 am</u> Sunday School <u>10:00 am</u> Traditional Worship Service & Graduate Recognition	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <u>10:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 <u>9:00 am</u> Traditional Worship Service	26 Memorial Day 	27	28	28	30 <u>6:30 pm</u> BINGO	31



Calendar of Events for Lord of Life Church June 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 <u>9:00 am</u> Traditional Worship Service <u>10:00 am</u> Family Fellowship Meeting	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <u>9:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service <u>10:00 am</u> Council Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14 
15 Father's Day  <u>9:00 am</u> Outdoor Praise & Worship Service <u>10:30 am</u> Father's Day Picnic	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <u>9:00 am</u> Traditional Worship Service	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <u>9:00 am</u> Praise & Worship Service	30					



Serving in May

Date	Usher and Greeter	Acolyte	Reader	Communion Assistant
10:00 a.m. Worship				
May 4	Tom Woodden and Carl Hellekson	Isabelle Quam	Jen Schumacher	Shirley Hauge
May 11	Jeff & Jen Schumacher	Danika Wichmann	Sadi Curtis	
May 18	Allen & Karen Olson	Kurt Luebke	Kurt Luebke	Janyce Luebke
9:00 a.m. Worship				
May 25	Tom & Betty Woodden	Wilson Hunzeker	Karen Olson	



Serving in June

Date	Usher and Greeter	Acolyte	Reader	Communion Assistant
9:00 a.m. Worship				
June 1	Matt & Janyce Luebke	Isabelle Quam	Matt Luebke	Sue Lyon
June 8	Terry & Stacey Biberdorf	Emma Hellekson	Sam Biberdorf	
June 15	Ben & Nicole Hegel	Kurt Luebke	Candy Wehrle	
June 22	Marcus & Leah Hegel	Wilson Hunzeker	Leah Luebke	
June 29	Bruce & Virginia Conlee	Kurt Luebke	Shirley Hauge	

Puzzle!

A FATHER'S INSTRUCTION

**Although babies don't come with instructions,
God tells parents how to raise their children.**

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

"... _____
 2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2

_____ _____
 6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3

_____ _____ _____
 5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1

_____ _____ _____ _____
 4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3

_____ _____ _____ _____
 3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1"

Ephesians 6:4, NIV

Answers: "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4, NIV



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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship Service
(starting May 25th Memorial Day Weekend)

