



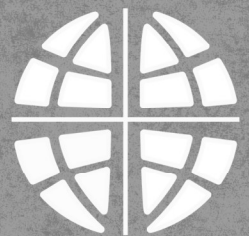
# Lifelines

Lord of Life Lutheran Church



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Monthly Newsletter  
June & July 2026



## A WORD FROM PASTOR PAM *SUMMERTIME*

Yes, it is that time of year again when those who can, head out to cooler places and hit the road. I have come to measure this time by the fact that it is somewhat easier to find a parking spot at Fry's.

This year, I've been thinking about summertime music which brings back lots of memories. Songs like; *In the Summertime* by Mongo Jerry, *Summer Breeze* by Seals & Crofts, *Hot Fun in the Summertime* by Sly & the Family Stone, *Suddenly Last Summer* by The Motels, *Summertime Blues* by Eddie Cochran, and *Summer in the City* by The Lovin' Spoonful, just to name some of my favorites.

Summer around here reminds me of several other things; saying goodbye to friends, praying for their healthy return in the fall, preparing for the ever-present heat that surrounds us, the settling in of a dryness-literal and spiritual. It has been my annual hope that events will slow enough here to be able to sort out my office, bookshelves, and address tasks that have long been set aside to keep up with the daily happenings. But alas, that kind of slowness has not happened yet. There is always more than enough to do.

This summer comes with a new promise for Lord of Life and I am so excited about it. Sometime in August we will meet and greet our Intentional Interim Pastor, Lanny Westphal who will accompany us on our journey in the search for a Senior Pastor. For the past two years, we have engaged in the liminal time of "in between" following the guidance of the Office of the Bishop and a remote interim process. These have been things that are good for us, but they do not take the place of an on-site Intentional Interim who gets to know us and helps us to vision for the future as well as pointing out ways we should consider who we are now and who God is calling us to become. This is absolutely going to be a new and exciting chapter for us. We will have active focus on moving forward under expert guidance.

I am looking forward to this new part of our journey together and to working with Pastor Lanny. He will get to know us more deeply and become part of our community where Pastor Dominic (who was great in his own capacity) was only able to have a few "touchpoints" with us. This will be a time to truly engage in the interim process like we haven't been able to do thus far. This is going to be a very productive summer!

So, while we await Pastor Westphal's arrival, let's continue to pray for our vacationing friends, for wellness among those who remain here, and for the blessings of the Holy Spirit to guide us. God is with us always and may this summer be not only a time of refreshment, but also a time of new discoveries.

Blessings,

Pastor Pam

## **PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS GOOD NEWS!**

I would like to review our pastoral situation here at Lord of Life - the past, the present and the future.

Over the past three years we have gone from three pastors to one. This winter we had Pastor Pam and three part time pastors. In about a month, the three part time pastors will have left. Pastor Pam will be our solo pastor.

Lord of Life has continued to have meaningful worship. Our care and outreach ministries have continued. Our situation is like a swimmer treading water, but who doesn't have the strength to swim.

Our Call Committee has yet to find a viable candidate for our Senior Pastor. They have worked hard, but there are just no pastors available.

Normally, when a senior pastor leaves a congregation, an Intentional Interim Pastor is brought in and leads the congregation in its strengths and works on its needs. This interim pastor prepares the congregation for the new senior pastor. There were no senior interim pastors available when Pastor Steve retired. Pastor Jeff came in as bridge pastor to preach, teach and fulfill other pastoral duties. Lord of Life hasn't had the expertise and guidance of an Intentional Interim Pastor.

Recently, Bishop Hutterer contacted Lord of Life to let us know that one of the best Intentional Interims in the ELCA might be available. His name is Pastor Lanny Westphal and his is completing an interim assignment in Virginia. He is from Minnesota and makes it his home.

Pastor Westphal has 38 years experience. He's served as a parish pastor and has also been a part of the ELCA churchwide staff. The last several years he's been an Intentional Interim Pastor in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

We have come to an agreement with him to become our Intentional Interim Pastor. He will join us in early August. The plan will be for him to be with us until a called senior pastor is found.

He will not be a candidate for the senior pastor position. The Call Committee will continue to fulfill its work. I'm convinced that Pastor Westphal is part of God's plan for Lord of Life.

We will continue to keep you up to date as this unfolds.

Yours in Christ,

Jerry Soma  
Congregational Council President

## **FAREWELL, PASTOR JEFF**

Dear Lord of Life Family;

After two remarkable years at Lord of Life, the time has come for me to say goodbye as your bridge-pastor. What began as a temporary ministry became, by God's grace, a deeply joyful chapter in my life. I arrived knowing that interim ministry is about helping a congregation navigate transition, but what I did not fully anticipate was how profoundly this church would shape and bless me in return. As we have worshiped, prayed, and studied together, I have witnessed your generosity, resilience, humor, and steadfast commitment to one another.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly into your lives. Thank you for the meals shared, the stories told, the laughter, and the privilege of standing beside you in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of ministry. Serving among you has reminded me once again that the church, for all its imperfections, remains one of God's chosen instruments for healing the world.

As I prepare to leave, I do so with gratitude rather than sadness. The gospel teaches us that every ending in Christ is also a beginning. A new pastor will come with new gifts for a new season, and the same God who has guided this congregation through the past two years will continue to lead you forward with mercy and faithfulness.

Please know that I will carry this church with me always. You have been a gift to me beyond words.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with you all.

Pastor Jeff

**Please join us for Pastor Jeff's farewell, it will take place during Happy Hour at 10:30 AM on Sunday, June 28.**

## LENTEN STUDY 2026/2027

A big thank you to all those who participated in this year's Lenten Study, Dying His Death, Living His Life. It was enjoyed by all for the Bible readings and study questions that drew us closer to our Savior. Ash Wednesday came early this year on February 18th culminating in a beautiful Easter on April 5th. Please, mark your calendars NOW for 2027 as Ash Wednesday will arrive even earlier! February 10, 2027 will be Ash Wednesday with Easter Sunday, March 28, 2027. We want to be ready for another great study next Lenten Season. You won't want to miss being a part of it in 2027!

Barb Chase

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED



Lord of Life has a long history of supporting Nadaburg Elementary School District and Thompson Ranch Elementary through tutoring and collecting classroom supplies.

**Nadaburg Elementary School District** is currently in need of pencils, plain and lined paper, and glue sticks.

**Thompson Ranch Elementary** is also requesting a variety of supplies, including pencils, paper, glue sticks, erasers, colored pencils, hygiene items, and notebooks.

Donation bins are located near the Social Hall Annex.



SOS (Survived our Spouses)  
Potluck Social  
**Sundays, June 28 & July 26**  
**4 PM**  
Social Hall



## THANK YOU!



Lord of Life has been recognized as "One of the Most Generous" Congregations for our outreach to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Relief.

## Thank You

Words of gratitude from organizations that have written to thank Lord of Life for our support over the past month:

- Desert Oasis Elementary School
- Hope Women's Center
- LCM Canterbury
- Lutheran Campus Ministry at U of A
- Feed My Starving Children
- Friends of St. Joseph's Family
- Murray County Future
- Navajo Lutheran Mission
- Shepherd of the Desert Evangelical Lutheran Church
- St. Mary's Food Bank
- Thrive Arizona
- Valley View Food Bank
- West Valley Lutheran Thrift Store



**SignUpGenius**

**Want to learn how to use the online SignUpGenius tool to sign up for various Lord of Life activities?**

We have easy step-by-step instructions available – just send an email to [info@lolaz.org](mailto:info@lolaz.org) and we'll be happy to send you the instructions via email! Or you can pick them up at the church office.

## DAYS FOR GIRLS

Recently, Shari Jones, Nancy and Steve Laible went to a day care center in San Jose Costa Rica. The daycare center is located in a very dangerous part of town. The daycare center gives the children a safe place to be loved by the Salvation Army who runs the center.

The Brooklyn Park Rotary funded several projects at the center. Replacing a roof allows 50 more students to attend the school.

The children that attend this school are happy. You can see they are loved. The baby quilt was donated by the LOL quilters.

We moved on to Panama where we went to a Salvation Army church. We distributed Days for Girls kits before the "Joy Hour." The baby quilts made by LOL Quilters will be given to pregnant members of the church.

The Days for Girls quilts were well received. Martha Long was with us, she did the education in Spanish.






# JUNE GRATITUDE GIFT




## SUN CITY WEST COMMUNITY FUND



# JULY GRATITUDE GIFT

## THOMPSON RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



### WHY IS THERE A LOL UNIVERSITY?

As Lutheran Christians, we know it is God’s grace, through Christ’s sacrifice for us, that saves us. So, that’s it. We don’t need to do anything – right? Technically, yes! But how do we participate in this life knowing, loving, and serving God? There are many ways. But, here at LOL, it is believed, we all could use a guide as we journey through the 3rd Chapter of our lives. So, LOL University was born because adult education is crucial for spiritual growth and community engagement. It fosters a deeper understanding of faith, equips individuals for service, and strengthens the church community. Engaging in biblical education helps us deepen our faith and understanding of Scripture. This process encourages personal reflection and application of biblical principles in our daily lives.

In a recent sermon, Pastor Jeff shared that the Kingdom of Heaven is not a place, but an event. We get glimpses of this when two or more are gathered in his name. So worship, fellowship, service to others, and adult education all apply in providing an opportunity to get closer to that Kingdom.

So next time you see a LOL University presentation or class, imagine how it might bring you closer to God’s Kingdom and provide insight and knowledge of His abundant blessings. May it also reassure you that He is still walking beside you, holding you close, and surrounding you with a community of believers who are all pursuing a deeper understanding of Him and His glorious Kingdom.

## June + July BIBLE READINGS

<b>JUNE 7</b> Hosea 5:15–6:6 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	<b>JUNE 14</b> Exodus 19:2-8a Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35–10:8
<b>JUNE 21</b> Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39	<b>JUNE 28</b> Jeremiah 28:5-9 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42
<b>JULY 5</b> Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	<b>JULY 12</b> Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
<b>JULY 19</b> Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	<b>JULY 26</b> 1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## ALTAR FLOWERS



The altar flowers are a beautiful way to enhance the worship experience. Did you know that you can sponsor these flowers in remembrance of, in celebration of or in honor of someone? If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, you can do this by providing the dedication information and the donation in your envelope or by using a pew envelope. You can also bring your request to the main office. A donation of \$50 is requested to sponsor flowers. Also, let us know if you would like to reserve a specific date. A note is in the weekend bulletin about the dedication of the flowers. Thank you for participating in a beautiful and meaningful part of worship. During the season of Lent there are no altar flowers. We also have Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies that you may want to consider sponsoring in the coming year. If you have any questions, please let the office know and we would be happy to provide more information.

## WELCOME, LORI!



Hi, I'm Lori Goodspeed, and I'm so excited to be joining Lord of Life as your new Office Manager! My husband, Dan, and I stay joyfully busy with our four grown children - Rachel, Jake, Alix, and Teagan - along with our two dogs, Otis and Goose, who keep life entertaining.

I live in Sun City and truly enjoy spending time outdoors—whether I'm caring for my plants, being around animals, or heading out for a mountain bike ride. I'm genuinely happy to be here and I look forward to getting to know each of you!

Lori Goodspeed  
Office Manager

## MEN'S BOOK GROUP



Join the Men's Book Group **Tuesday, November 10 at 10 AM** as we discuss the book *"The Great Contradiction: The Tragic Side of the American Founding"* by Joseph J. Ellis. This book discusses the contradiction that existed that as the thirteen colonies armed themselves to defend against the idea of being governed without consent there was a flourishing slave trade and half a million enslaved African Americans who were embedded in the North American population. Also, how could it permit the migration of settlers who understood the phrase "pursuit of happiness" to displace Native Americans from their ancestral lands?

Joseph Ellis is the author of many works of American history, including *"Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation"* which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize. *"The Great Contradiction"* will help us understand the context of the time and the people involved as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and renew our commitment to the ideal it expresses that all men are created equal and have certain onalienable rights.

## LOL BOOK CLUB



In April, we said farewell to our leader and dear friend, Gail Muehling. Gail and her husband, Dennis are moving to Boise, Idaho!

Gail will be missed more than words can express. Through her leadership, we laughed, we cried, and we discovered places, people, and stories we may never have known without the books she thoughtfully selected for us. Month after month, our world expanded through novels, historical fiction, thrillers, mysteries, and memoirs we might never have picked up on our own.

Gail's steady, welcoming spirit helped make the LOL Book Club a place of lively discussion, strong attendance, and meaningful friendships.

Thank you, Gail, for all you brought to our group. You will be deeply missed, and we wish you and Dennis every blessing in this new chapter.

We will on a break for the summer and resume on **September 28 at 1 PM** with a discussion of *The Briar Club*, led by Barb Staupe. Come join us – all are welcome!

# Snapshots of fellowship, fun, and faith from recent months.



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## CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

It's almost that time again... when there's a chill in the air and everything smells like evergreens! Well, maybe that "chill" is coming from the A/C—

but it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the Lutheran Thrift Shop. Our most popular event of the year is just around the corner!

Throughout July, our Holiday Shop will be transformed into a festive wonderland. Shelves and displays will be filled with exquisite holiday ornaments and dishes, twinkling colored lights and unique Nativity sets that beautifully celebrate the season. You'll also find hand-made themed wreaths, elegant table linens, and every imaginable decoration in red, green, silver, and gold adorning our space.

Whether you're a collector or simply love the spirit of Christmas, there's something special waiting for you. Browse through charming collectible Christmas villages, outdoor lighted yard figures, seasonal music, classic holiday movies, and so much more.

Christmas in July is more than just an event—it's a joyful tradition and a wonderful opportunity to find meaningful treasures while supporting the mission of the Lutheran Thrift Shop. We invite you to come experience the warmth, nostalgia, and excitement of the season—no snow required!

Join us all month long and rediscover the joy of Christmas... in July!



## LIVES FOREVER CONNECTED

I recently attended a special memorial event at Banner Del E. Webb Medical Center honoring those who made the generous decision of body donation in support of medical education and research. The ceremony was deeply moving and thoughtfully conducted.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Lord of Life singers for their beautiful and inspiring musical presentation. Your contribution added grace, comfort, and dignity to this meaningful occasion and made the event especially memorable.



Thank you for sharing your talents and helping create such a heartfelt tribute.

Parish Nurse Leoma

## BENEVILLA TOUR

Join us on **Thursday, June 18 at 10 AM** for a special behind-the-scenes tour of local nonprofit Benevilla. Since 1981, Benevilla has been dedicated to empowering older adults, supporting caregivers, and strengthening communities throughout the West Valley.

During the tour, participants will learn more about the many impactful services Benevilla provides, including Life Enrichment Adult Day Centers with specialized programs for individuals experiencing memory loss, Parkinson's disease, or recovering from strokes. These programs also offer valuable respite and support for family caregivers.

Benevilla's outreach extends even further through free home services that help homebound older adults maintain independence, including transportation assistance, grocery shopping, and friendly visitor programs. Additional services include caregiver support groups, educational resources, preschool and childcare programs, and the Benefitness Adaptive Gym.

Come discover how Benevilla is making a meaningful difference in the lives of so many in our community.

Please sign up through the LOL SignUpGenius.

## FATHER'S DAY



We are celebrating Father's Day with Root Beer Floats! Join us in the social hall on **Saturday, June 20 at 4 PM** before service, and on **Sunday, June 21 at 10:30 AM** after service during Happy Hour. Everyone is invited!

## JULY ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Join us for a fun-filled "happy summer" Ice cream Social on **Saturday, July 18 at 4 PM** before service and **Sunday, July 19 at 10:30 AM** after service during Happy Hour! Indulge in a variety of delicious ice cream treats. Bring a friend or make a new one!

# QUARTER 1 BENEVOLENCES

**\$ 128,458**

## Gratitude Gifts

Christmas Giving Tree	\$500
ELCA Good Gifts	\$1,500
ELCA World Hunger	\$124
Feed My Starving Children	\$29,408
Friends of SJF (Haiti)	\$6,280
Nadaburg Unified School District	\$520
Navajo Evangelical	\$935
Thompson Ranch	\$300
Valley View Food Bank	\$45

**\$39,612**

## Budgeted Benevolence

Campus Ministry	\$1,752
Global Missionary Support	\$1,251
Grand Canyon Synod ELCA	\$33,330
Lutheran Social Services	\$1,251
Native American Urban Ministry	\$1,251
Pan De Vida	\$1,500

**\$40,335**

## Other Mission Benevolence

ELCA Disaster Response	\$15
Grand Canyon Synod ELCA	\$600
Lutheran Social Services	\$300
Murray County Future	\$919
Salvation Army	\$500
St. Mary's Food Bank	\$10

**\$2,344**

## Mission Endowment Fund

Benevilla	\$15,000
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	\$2,300
New Freedom Project	\$10,000
Thrive Az	\$10,000

**\$37,300**

## Women's Ministry

Valley View Food Bank	\$ 406
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**\$406**

## 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge

Grand Canyon Synod ELCA	\$8,461
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**\$8,461**

## RUBY LEGACY

Take a look at the picture of our Narthex. This is the space the congregation voted on for a remodel in April. An architecture and a design committee have been working on finalizing plans for this important project and we are excited about the new possibilities that are before us.

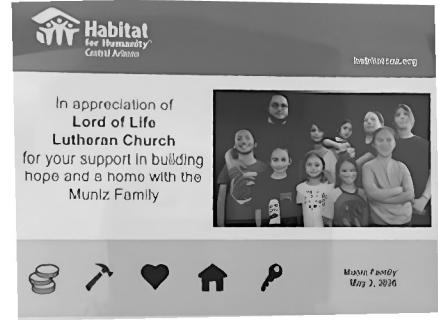
Do you know what the best part of this remodel is? It is a gift to the congregation from a bequest that was left in the will/trust of one of our members. No member will need to give anything but thanks because someone had planned to leave Lord of Life in their estate plans.

Perhaps you are thinking of making, or making changes to your estate plans. The Ruby Legacy is a group of people who have indicated that they wish to leave something to their church in their estate plan. It is not the amount of the gift, but the intent to leave a legacy to the church. If you have any questions about your estate plan, please contact a member of the committee who can help direct you to someone to assist you.

Dave Benson, Sandra Solomon, Jim Lundeen, Ken Kvam, Lori Jensen



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Lord of Life was honored to receive recognition from Central Arizona Habitat for Humanity during the recent dedication of homes for four families supported by LOL's Kitchen Supplies Ministry. Certificates of appreciation were also presented for LOL's support of the Alvidrez, Bithiri, and Dominece families.

## EXERCISE CLASSES

I would like to extend special thanks to Charlotte Versagi for her dedication, encouragement, and commitment to our exercise programs over the years. Her positive spirit and leadership have meant so much to all of us, and she will be greatly missed. We wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement filled with health and happiness.

At the same time, I am pleased to welcome a very special person who will be joining us to assist with the exercise classes at Lord of Life. Her name is Amber, and we look forward to working with her and getting to know her in the months ahead.

Parish Nurse Leoma



### LOL EXERCISE SCHEDULE



**MOVE AND GROOVE**  
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY  
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM



Come and meet our new instructor, Amber!

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all the choir members, whether Worship, Chamber, Sing-along, JuBELLation, small groups such as Chamber Quartet or Five By Faith, instrumentalists, Lord of Life Big Band, individuals or small groups etc. . . who have given of their time, talent and effort to glorify God. It's been great working together with you. Oftentimes, you are here an hour early to make sure we are ready and warmed up. Oftentimes you are at two or even three services.

We also have many people who have said they would help musically this summer. If you want to, we still have slots (weekends) to fill. Thank you in advance.

For the summer or next year, Gloria and Dave are looking for a guitarist to play with congregational music on Saturday, 5 PM WINK services. If you are willing to join us, we'd love to have you. Contact Gloria at 602-418-2989.

On June 28, after the 9:30 AM worship, we'll have a 10 minute break and then have a short program in the Sanctuary for Pastor Jeff's send-off. It will be only 20 - 30 minutes and then we'll go to the Social Hall at approximately 11:05 for some goodies. We are so appreciative of his presence among us for these two plus years.

Have a blest summer and stay in the air conditioning!!!

Gloria and Dave Lien

## QUILTING GROUP



What have your Quilting Ladies accomplished this year to date? Our little group has "manufactured" **30** baby sized quilts, **18** medium sized, **20** Lutheran World Relief quilts, **19** lap quilts and **10** shopping bags (a new product for us). We are proud of our efforts that can help so many.

As our winter visitors have returned to their "far away" homes, we have invited quilters from other churches to join us this summer. Have you considered joining us as well? We meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. So stop by and check us out.

Sally Jo Brown

## THANK YOU LORD OF LIFE



We are overwhelmed by your generosity. Thanks to your donations of new underwear and socks, we can provide dignity and comfort to those in need within our community. You've helped us meet a basic need in a big way.

Undie Sunday has been part of Lord of Life for 7 years. With donations received since 2019, we have collected **11,626** items. Your efforts had made a difference to those less fortunate. Thank you to Lord Life.

Lord of Life's Women's Ministry

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**MENS CARING AND SHARING**  
Monday from 9 - 11:30 AM

**LOL UNIVERSITY: THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**  
Monday at 11 AM - *LAST CLASS JUNE 29*

**ZOOM AT NOON**  
Wednesday at 12 PM

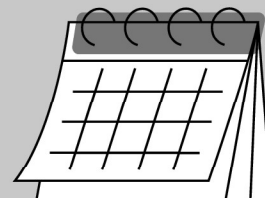
**QUILTING TEAM**  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 8:30 AM

**EYE OPENER BIBLE STUDY**  
Thursday at 7:30 AM - *TAKING A SUMMER BREAK, LAST CLASS IS JUNE 25*

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
Thursday at 1:30 PM

**CENTERING PRAYER**  
Friday at 9 AM

**MAHJONG GAME GROUP**  
Friday at 11:45 PM



# JUNE Birthdays

01 Susan Novak	08 Stan Brown	17 Ron Aron	23 Jerry Peck	29 Karen Peterson
02 Betty Dorsey	Sally Haugan	Edna Bizzigotti	Carol Swanson	David Tiede
Kathy Hahn	Barb Rohloff	Sally Jo Brown	Ron Tellefson	Rondy Voorhees
Gary Retzak	09 Marilyn Sackreiter	Aloise Failing-Wrobel	Boyd McEwen	30 Darlene Smith
Bob Senelly	10 Sue McFadden	Shirley Matthews	24 Joyce Trangsrud	Jim Anderson
Linda Spiridigliozzi	11 Arlene Dixson	18 Gary Brugh	Shirlee Lansing	
03 Missy Hild	Tom Roskens	19 Bob Carhart	John Ereth	
Doug Schiff	Carolyn Lindhorst	Art Nelson	25 Mike Gunnarson	
Kathy Aydelotte	12 Keli Price	Butch Kjelgaard	Jan Hunt	
Janis Harbison	13 David Rossum	Kathy Burke	26 Connie Johnson	
George Peterson	Kay Tolo	20 Leasen Clark	Richard Tucker	
04 Wally Brambilla	14 Sally Hassemer	Sharon Quern	27 Marge Petry	
05 Wayne Schillinger	Linda Tilton	21 Lucy Filippone	Ken Klaasmeyer	
Rene' Kropf	Anada Guse'	22 Ronda Dostal	28 Glenn Austad	
06 Barb Stoll	15 Viv Aarestad	Lloyd Webb	June Fredericksen	
Cheryl Jackson	Merv Nelson	Jae Paselk	Gen Hullstrom	
07 Elsie Burklund	Shirl Piette	Mary Susan Cable		
Chris MacNeil	16 Ralph Plagman			
	Steve Jackson			

# JULY Birthdays

01 Dorothy Donohue	13 Karen Austad	21 Rita Boyd	27 Alice Aho
03 Sandi Zickau	Neil Baumann	Barb Lider	Diane Marx
Pat Griffith	14 Dave Benson	Judy Stacey	Dave Roberts
Judi Rodgers	Werner Knuth	Jude Llamas	28 Marsha Shaw
Bruce Truhlar	15 Robin Weeks	22 Paul Engebretson	Bill Steil
04 Jack Dunford	16 Ron Terranella	Mary Lynn Hedrick	Sharon Maloney
Dave Gigure	17 Glenda Jessen	Dean Lewellen	29 Carole Beghein
Dennis Wise	Roger Quern	Steve Kramer	Bill Shelly
06 Ruth Mohwinkel	18 Annette Bergan	John Sersland	30 Janet Benoit
Stan Robson	Angelo Diasparra	Fred Ruefer	Jim Nelson
08 Dave Smith	Rose Hedden	23 Gary Wiles	Al Opsal
Kimberly Sterner	Janell Petersen	Skip Rickmeyer	Linda Starr
Muriel Underdal	Blanka Schuster	24 Jerome Knudson	Kathy Mandsager
Greg Hoffman	19 Sharon Lamb	Sandra Latvalla	31 Bob Grieve
Phyllis Hibben	Bonnie Foley	Harriet Ham	Darwin Langseth
09 Marilyn Gigure	Dennis Russler	25 Patricia Busse	Eloise Ostrem
Mary Sersland	Candace Ryan	Barb Collins	
Kyle Kroschel	20 Judi Lundstrom	Mary Ann Cotton	
Debi Schurr	Cheryl Hadac	Rozell Doering	
10 Sue Beckman	Lynn Saelens	Lynn Berrier	
	Sarma Salter		
	Rohry Mangan		

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
Treasurer's Report  
April 2026**

**MEMBERSHIP COUNT**

653 FULL  
238 ASSOCIATE  
891 TOTAL

**IN MEMORIAM:**

Glenn Grumann  
Carl Lasiter  
Martha (Jane) Alfrey  
William Dowling  
Michael Boll  
William Beghein  
Kathleen Greenberg  
Marjorie Le Gore  
Carleen Weady  
Charlene Frost  
John Clark  
Don Mills  
Bill Reay  
Carl Burchill  
Donna Mills  
James Young

**SURGERY /  
HOSPITALIZATION SINCE  
LAST NEWSLETTER:**

Marianne Bourgeois  
Doug Gering  
Karen Haumann  
Ron Guse'  
Linda Halverson  
Aloise Failing-Wrobel  
Shirley Marsh  
Sally Jo Brown  
Gary Onnen  
Marilyn Sackreiter  
Diane Worthington  
Lori Jensen  
Dale Oakes

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Marjorie Kellogg  
Julie Eide

**Removal from Membership:**

Jim & Kathy Price

**Income**

	Apr Actual	Apr Plan	YTD Actual	YTD Plan
Envelope Offering	110,792	113,452	415,384	387,020
Loose Plate Offering	2,426	2,040	14,461	11,255
Other Income	2,770	3,125	34,162	27,554
<b>Total Regular Income</b>	<b>115,988</b>	<b>118,617</b>	<b>464,006</b>	<b>425,829</b>

**Expense**

<b>General Expenses:</b>				
Salaries & Benefits	74,305	70,672	280,878	282,409
General Operations	5,550	6,529	22,602	25,197
Regular Ministries	4,300	5,682	14,534	19,333
Building & Grounds	3,543	3,715	23,184	18,850
Utilities	2,009	2,661	9,088	10,748
Insurance	1,836	2,208	7,321	8,776
<b>Sub-Total General Expenses</b>	<b>91,543</b>	<b>91,467</b>	<b>357,607</b>	<b>365,313</b>

**Mission Support:**

G/C Synod Support	11,110	11,110	44,440	44,440
G/C Synod Pass-Thru	2,335	2,335	9,340	9,340
Non-Synod Direct	417	417	1,668	1,668
<b>Sub-Total Mission Support</b>	<b>13,862</b>	<b>13,862</b>	<b>55,448</b>	<b>55,448</b>

<b>Total Regular Expenses</b>	<b>105,405</b>	<b>105,329</b>	<b>413,055</b>	<b>420,761</b>
<b>Net Operating Income - Month</b>	<b>10,583</b>	<b>13,288</b>		
<b>Net Operating Income - Year-to-Date</b>			<b>50,951</b>	<b>5,068</b>

Variance to Month Budget **-2,705**

Variance to Year-to-Date Budget **45,883**

Mission Endowment Fund Balance **2,210,184**

Online Giving **24,378**      **19%**

**GIVING OPTIONS**

It is important to remember it still takes this community to keep the church doors open and working in the world. Please remember to continue your contribution by:

- Donating online at [www.lolaz.org/donate](http://www.lolaz.org/donate)
- Use Bill Pay from your bank
- Ask your financial advisor about a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA
- Talk to us about gifting if you have a 401(k) account
- Mail contributions to 13724 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375
- Drop contributions in the mailbox next to the front door of the office.

Please note that all electronic forms of giving are protected and secured by PCI compliant methods. We are also grateful for the directed gifts from Thrivent Choice Dollars and any other charitable groups through your financial institution.

## SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Sunday Happy Hour: 10:30 AM

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **Worship Services on the Web.** If you are out of town or not able to attend services, visit our website and listen to the service at [www.lolaz.org](http://www.lolaz.org), or subscribe to Lord of Life on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/c/LordOfLifeLutheranChurch](http://www.youtube.com/c/LordOfLifeLutheranChurch).
- **Listening Devices.** Assisted listening devices are available as part of our sound system during worship services.
- **Holy Communion in the Pew.** If you wish to receive Holy Communion in the pew during worship, please notify one of the ushers prior to the beginning of the service. We are always happy to offer the sacrament to anyone who is unable to come forward to the altar.
- **Unisex Handicap Restrooms.** The restrooms in the Chapel are Unisex Handicap Restrooms and are available for people who need family member assistance or are in wheelchairs.
- **Wheelchairs.** Wheelchairs are available in the Narthex for those who may have difficulty walking from the parking lot to the Sanctuary for worship. The door into the Sanctuary on the east side of the building (next to the Columbarium) is handicap accessible for those in wheelchairs, walkers or who have difficulty walking.
- **Pastors on Call.** One of your pastors is on call after office hours, on weekends and on holidays for emergencies. If you need to contact a pastor during those times, call the church office answering system at (623) 584-2000 and leave a message. The on-call pastor will return your call as soon as they are able.
- **Hospitalizations.** If you are having surgery or in the hospital and want us to be aware of it, please call the church office or have someone call on your behalf. You can also request to add your name or those you care about to the prayer list (for any reason), for up to two weeks.
- **Council Minutes and Financial Statements.** These documents are available for your perusal in the church office or on our Member's Only website.
- **Lost & Found.** Check the Narthex counter or come to the church office to claim lost items.
- **Visit** [www.lolaz.org/donate](http://www.lolaz.org/donate) to give today!