



LIFELINE JULY 2026



The Gift of the Ordinary

One of the lesser valued treasures of the Christian life is how God works through ordinary faithfulness. We often imagine that spiritual impact comes from dramatic moments—incredible stories, bold decisions, or extraordinary acts of service. Scripture paints a different picture. God delights in using everyday people doing everyday things.

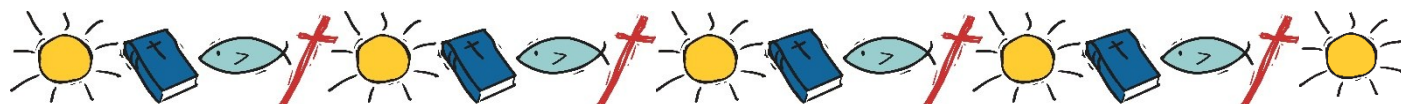
Luther called this the theology of vocation: the idea that God hides himself in the simple, ordinary tasks of our lives. Changing diapers, preparing meals, showing up for worship, praying for a friend, serving on a committee, encouraging a neighbor—these are not small things. They are the very places we find God at work. The sacred is not found by escaping ordinary life, but by entering ordinary life with faith.

In a world that celebrates the spectacular, the outspoken, the famous - the church quietly celebrates the steady. Ordinary faithfulness doesn't make headlines but it builds homes, strengthens congregations, and shapes hearts over time. This is the kind of faith that shows up, week after week, trusting that God is present even when life feels routine.

If your life feels “ordinary,” don't be discouraged. God does his best work through people who simply walk with him day by day. Your faithfulness matters. Your presence matters. And through you, God is quietly doing more than you know.

It's not about what you do, it's about whom you serve. Soli Deo Gloria.

Pastor Wes



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LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday Worship Services

8:30AM Traditional

11:00AM Contemporary

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Did you know we have an app?

What!?!?!? You say. Yes it's true.



Scan the QR code to download and get started using our app.

Don't want another app on your phone? No problem! You can go to this address to

access the same information online:

<https://lordoflifememphis.churchcenter.com>

You will be able to see the church calendar, sign up for events and give to the work of the church. It is a work in progress, so keep checking for new features.

Property

1, 2, 3 CLEAN UP!

The ice machine was repaired on June 1 just in time for summer! Maintenance on the freezer was done on June 2, and the outside of the building was power washed on June 3. Thanks to all who contributed to this effort to make our church look great. Fire inspection took place on June 26.

Church Security

In the interest of keeping us all safe in a changing world, a few changes are in the works. These changes will take place AUGUST 1.

1. The parking lot entrance off Poplar Pike will be blocked with a chain. Please use the Satinwood Dr. entrance.
2. The outer doors to the church will be locked after the beginning of the service.



Thanks to church members for special music during the summer.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN
DEADLINE is Tuesday at noon.

THE NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE is July 20.

Please send your information to
the church office at

lordoflife@bellsouth.net

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

June

7th 62

14th 55

21st 59

28th 64

GIVING

Giving as of 5/31/2026

Projected (May): \$26,000

Actual (May): \$28,678

Projected (YTD): \$130,000

Actual (YTD): \$123,855



If you would like
to use our
giving page,
please scan the
code or go to

Giving in your app.

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY!

Ethan Davis	9
Doreva Krone	10
Chrissy Cunningham	13
Bob Etherton	17
Jenny Davis	18
Al Lyles	30
Ian Cunningham	26
Alexander Johnson	
Madeline Johnson	

Bible Study



The Women at the Well are studying
The Love Stories of the Bible by
Shannon Bream featuring Biblical lessons
on romance, friendship, and faith. Come
and join us Sundays at 9:45!

Monday Morning Bible study: A group meets at
10:30 on Monday mornings to study the Word.

Preschool news



Twenty-six children enjoyed
summer fun at Lord of Life
Lutheran Church Preschool during
June 1-19. Wednesday water day
was a big hit! The second session
is scheduled for July 13-31.

Baby Room shower

The Baby Room shower on
June 14 was a success! Many
new items were added so that
we are ready to welcome
babies to the preschool.



Preschool yard sale

The preschool yard sale on June 27 brought in \$390 for items
needed for the baby room. Thank You to all who shopped and
contributed. Items that were left have been donated to ARC.

8:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE

July 5

Assisting Minister: Brent Bery
Acolyte: None
Crucifer: Naomi Brown
Lector: Sue Hall
Communion: Beth Berry
Sound booth: Aubrey Brown
Usher:

July 12

Assisting Minister: Shirley Lyles
Acolyte: Chloe Collamore
Crucifer: Erica Collamore
Lector: Leah Collamore
Communion: Donna McKinney
Sound booth: Steve Manasco
Usher:

July 19

Assisting Minister: Jim Gienapp
Acolyte: None
Crucifer: Naomi Brown
Lector: Youth
Communion: Georgette
Etherton
Sound booth: Steve Manasco
Usher:

July 26

Assisting Minister:
Acolyte: None
Crucifer: Naomi Brown
Lector:
Communion: Karen Manasco
Sound booth: Stacey Hill
Usher:

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contact the office at 901.754.0669
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*If you are unable to serve on your
designated day, please find someone
to take your place. Please notify the
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11AM WORSHIP SERVICE

July 5

Sound booth: Christian Davis
Usher:

July 12

Sound booth: Christian Davis
Usher:

July 19

Sound booth: Christian Davis
Usher:

July 26

Sound booth: Christian Davis
Usher:



AUDIO-VISUAL

---Team---

We need some volunteers to help do the big video
screen and service recording.

No experience needed, we will teach you what needs to
be done. All volunteers welcome and as soon as possible! Please speak
with Pastor Wes, Stacey Hill or Steve Manasco.

**We will begin having Ushers in August. Ushers will pass the
plate at offering time, ready the communion rail and most
importantly- unlock the door for those who come into the
building during service. Please contact the office if you
would like more information about being an usher for
either service.**

The Flowers in July are given by:



5 – Kookers in memory Mebs and Bill Gide
12 – Teri and Stacey Hill wedding anniversary
19 – Bob and Georgette's anniversary, Bob's Birthday
26 – Howell – Frank Jr, birthday

The Memorial Candle Is Given by:

5 –Bonnie Stevens in honor of freedom
12 –
19 –
26- Frank Howell Jr. birthday



Fellowship

The **Wednesday Morning Ladies Group** Meets on Wednesdays at 10 am in the Adult Sunday School room. We chat, have a snack and generally have a good time in fellowship with each other. Some members bring crafts to work on (crocheting or knitting). Contact Bonnie Stevens or Sue Hall for more information.



TRIVIA NIGHT!

July20, 2026 @ 7:30

Come join us at **Mellow Mushroom in Germantown** for trivia at 7:30 pm on the **third Monday of each month**. Families are welcome!

Please text Victoria if you want to get a place at the table, and monthly reminders for future events! 901-828-0670



Movie night Twenty-one people attended the June 10 movie "David" from 6 to 8 and cooled off with ice cream in the gym. Friends are always invited to share fellowship with us at Lord of Life.



Youth news



REJOICE!

A group of 3 youth and 2 adults will be attending the NALC Youth Gathering in Roanoke, VA July 6 to 11. During their time there, they will meet with other NALC youth to worship, grow in faith and complete service projects. One of the projects is to assemble Hygiene buckets for the NALC disaster Response. The youth collected items for the buckets. We will combine what we collected with the items from other churches to assemble the kits.

Youth Sunday Planning and Practice: July 12, 18

All Youth are asked to come practice for Youth Sunday at 9:45 in the Youth room. We will all have jobs, even if we didn't attend the youth gathering, so please come to practice together.

Youth Sunday: July 19

Come see our Youth in action and hear about their experience at the Youth Gathering.

Community Service



BELTLINE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Sisters of Service are collecting items for the Beltline community. During **June and July** we will collect school supplies (paper, pencils, colored pencils / markers, pens, composition books, erasers, pencil sharpeners, etc).

Please deposit items in the container near the office. If you prefer to make a monetary gift, please put "Beltline Women" on the memo line of your check. We will then purchase and deliver all items for distribution. Thank you so much for your generosity! The community is so grateful for your gifts!

Blessing Boxes

Thank you to all who contributed to the Blessing boxes for the Beltline residents. The next boxes will go out in August.

Toiletry items (for both Men and Women)

shampoo
conditioner
body wash or bar soap
mouth wash
dental floss
toothpaste

toothbrushes
deodorant
Household items
sponges/ dish rags
dish towels
toilet paper

paper towels
dish soap
multi-surface cleaner
Misc
Boxes (paper box size)



Wooden Plate Offering

The FIRST Sunday of each month the Wooden Plate is passed in addition to the regular offering plate.

All money going into the **Wooden Plate** is split between two Community Service local outreach Ministries ONLY. Those Ministries are Memphis Interfaith Association (MIFA) & St. Luke's food pantry. Thank you for your generosity, you make a difference!



MISSION GUATEMALA 2026

Hola and Bienvenidos Guatemala! A group from various churches once again made the trip to Chichicastenango, Guatemala. We were privileged to enjoy the beauty of the Guatemala mountains, as we journeyed to the heart of the Mayan kingdom to work among the people who live in spiritual darkness. We did a little building, food-packing and relaxing. But we mostly shared the love of Christ as we connected with children and families where they live and work. We know that God blessed them by our presence, maybe even as much as he blessed us.



July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 am Ladies group	2	3	4 Happy 4 th of July!
5 8:30AM Trad. 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00AM Cont	6 NO Bible Study Youth Depart	7	8 10 am Ladies Group	9	10	11 8-1 DFS Youth return
12 8:30AM Trad  9:45AM Christian Ed 9:45 am Youth practice 11:00AM Cont	13 No Bible Study	14	15 10 am Ladies Group	16 6 pm Worship and Music	17	18 8-1 DFS 9:45 am Youth Practice
19 Youth Sunday 8:30AM Trad. 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00AM Cont	20 10:30AM Bible Study	21	22 10:00AM Ladies Group	23	24	25 8-1 DFS
26 8:30AM Trad. 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00AM Cont 12:30 Church council Meeting	27 10:30AM Bible Study	28	29 10 am Ladies Group	30	31	



Cydney Beets, Beth Berry,
Brent Berry, Nanci Gienapp,
Carol Guenter, Sarah Gulla,
Frank Howell, Kelli Howell,
Robby Jacquette, Mark Kooker,
Joe Lowry, Phyllis Nichols, Norm Rodriguez,
Don Sass, Laurie Soffos, Mike Tibbets

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Anderson, Shelly -
Baechler, Wendell - former member
Benfield Family, Ben Brian – friends of Joe Lowry
Briser, Tish & Ron – Donna McKinney's sister & BIL
Cavalier, Roy, Angie & Faye – friends of Naomi Mertes
Coleman, Vicki – friend of Floyd Johnson
DeLoach, Katherine - former member
Edgerton, Ruth – mother of Katherine DeLoach
Ellis Family Cousins of Georgette Etherton
Etherton, Jim – Bob Etherton's brother
Froelich, Jack + Gerry – in-laws of Linda Froelich
Haggard, Barbara – friend of Floyd Johnson
Hare, Vicki – friend of Bob & Georgette Etherton
Hoover, Tom – brother of Nanci Gienapp
Howe, Jake – friend of Naomi Mertes
Hugel, Susan – friend of the Bethany people
Inman, Clark – grandson of Marla & Page Inman
Inman, Jack, Emma & family – son & daughter-in-law
King, Scott – friend of Jim Gienapp
Loewenstein, Kim & family - Jim Gienapp's sister
Lois – a Beltline meal recipient who had heart surgery
Loven, Myra - Naomi Mertes' mother
Marsh, Brenda & Bill – parents of Tony Marsh
McNeill, Sr., Phillip – friend of Erin & Ray Schultz
McStay, Lori – daughter of Nanci & Jim Gienapp
Mueller, Shannon – cousin of Jim Gienapp
Pearson, Jeff – Pastor Jim's youngest brother
Rindels, Joyce - friend of Naomi Mertes
Roux, Denis – brother-in-law of Sue Hall
Sanders, Betty – sister-in-law of Kim Sanders
Taylor, Don – friend of Joe Lowry
Taylor, Tony – friend of Naomi Mertes
White, Bill – our former pastor

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

A-3 Brendon Brotherton, Navy – stationed at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, grandson of Mike Tibbets

CDR Eric M. Etherton, USN, is attached to The Joint Services War College in Norfolk, VA, as an instructor. He is the son of Bob & Georgette Etherton.

LCDR Elijah F. Fetzko, stationed on the USS Gerald Ford. He is the nephew of Carol Neison.

Staff Sgt. Fletcher Lewis, Airforce – (stationed at Dyer AFB in Abilene, TX), nephew of Sue Hall

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Dave & Elizabeth Linkenhoker (daughter Grace) (Haiti)

Josh & Nani Harris (Singapore)

Debbie Ward (Panama)

Pastor Didi Panzo– NALC missionary (The Democratic Republic of the Congo)

PRAY for the underground churches in North Korea and their pastors/overseers and families.



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