



LIFELINE August 2026



The Lifeline of Our Life and Mission

One of the great gifts of our Lutheran tradition is the conviction that God truly meets his people through Word and Sacrament. These are not just church traditions or Christian things we do. They are the means by which Jesus gives himself to us, shapes us, and sends us.

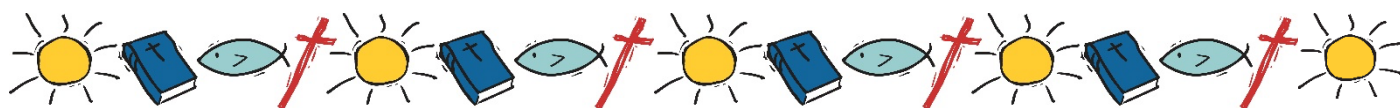
Every Sunday, when we gather around the Scriptures, we are not simply reading some old words. We are hearing the living voice of God. The Holy Spirit speaks through the Word to convict, comfort, and call us deeper into life with Jesus. The Word forms our identity as disciples—renewing our minds, strengthening our faith, and anchoring us in the promises of God when life feels uncertain, hard, or chaotic.

In the sacrament of Holy Communion, Jesus does something even more personal. He feeds us with his own body and blood. He assures us that forgiveness is not something we just talk about—it is given, placed into our hands, received on our lips. At the table, Jesus binds us to himself and to one another. We become the people who live through his grace.

But Word and Sacrament are not only for our individual spiritual nourishment. They also shape our mission. A church centered on Word and Sacrament becomes a church sent into the world with boldness and confidence. We don't share our own ideas—we share the Word that has first transformed us. We do not invite people into a vague spirituality—we invite them into the life of Jesus that we ourselves receive at his table.

So, our mission begins where our life begins: at the font, at the pulpit, at the altar. As we continue to gather faithfully around these gifts, God will continue to form us into a people who carry his presence into Memphis and beyond. Word and Sacrament sustain us, and they send us—so that others may come to know the same grace we receive week after week.

Pastor Wes



**LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND PRESCHOOL**

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Memphis, TN 38119

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Sunday Worship Services

8:30AM Traditional

11:00AM Contemporary

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Hey Church family!

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.

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!

Choir practice will begin on August 27 at 6:30. Come help us lead our congregation in song and worship.

Thanks to all our church members who provided special music during the summer.

Property

Roof fund

We would like to raise \$15,000 to put toward the roof to be done this month. If you would like to contribute, please put roof on your memo line or choose the roof fund on the giving page in the app. Thanks to all for helping us care for the building God has given us to use in our ministry.

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.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN
DEADLINE is Tuesday at noon.

THE NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE is August 24.

Please send your information to
the church office at

lordoflife@bellsouth.net

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

July

5th 48

12th 53

19st 55

26th 57

GIVING

Giving as of 6/26/2026

Projected (June): \$26,000

Actual (June): \$21,794

Projected (YTD): \$156,000

Actual (YTD): \$145,650



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

Giving in your app.

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
July 13-31. Wednesday water day
was a big hit!

Fall start date

The Preschool will begin for the Fall session on August 13 with a
staggered start.

8:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Aug. 2

Assisting Minister: Brent Bery
Acolyte: Erica Collamore
Crucifer: Naomi Brown
Lector: Jill Koch
Communion: Beth Berry
Sound booth: Peter Claverie
Usher: John Houck

Aug. 9

Assisting Minister: Shirley Lyles
Acolyte: Ian Cunningham
Crucifer: Naomi Brown
Lector: Chrissy Cunningham
Communion: Donna McKinney
Sound booth: Aubrey Brown
Usher: Al Lyles

Aug. 16

Assisting Minister: Jim Gienapp
Acolyte:
Crucifer: Naomi Brown
Lector: Jim Gienapp
Communion: Georgette
Etherton
Sound booth: Aubrey Brown
Usher: Tony Marsh

Aug. 23

Assisting Minister: Tony Marsh
Acolyte:
Crucifer: Naomi Brown
Lector: Kathy Marsh
Communion: Karen Manasco
Sound booth: Stacey Hill
Usher: Frank Howell

Aug. 30

Assisting Minister: Karen
Manasco
Acolyte:
Crucifer: Naomi Brown
Lector: Karen Manasco
Communion:
Sound booth: Stacey Hill
Usher:

*If you would like to serve or If you are
unable to serve on your designated
day, please find someone to take your
place. Please notify the church office
with the change, 901.754.0669 or
lordoflife@bellsouth.net*

11AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Aug. 2

Sound booth: Christian Davis
Usher:

Aug. 9

Sound booth: Christian Davis
Usher:

Aug. 16

Sound booth: Christian Davis
Usher:

Aug 23

Sound booth: Christian Davis
Usher:

Aug 30

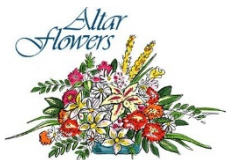
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Usher:



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 August are given by:



2 – Sue Hall, Family birthdays
9 – Donna McKinney, Family birthdays
16 –Kooker family, for a blessed year
23 –Lyles family, Nico and Gabriel birthdays
30--

The Memorial Candle Is Given by:

2 – Bonnie Stevens, Blessing received
9 –
16 –
23—Lyles family
30--



Fellowship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sue Hall	2
Carol Neison	4
Charlotte Brown	7
Carlos Webb	7
Joe Lowry	8
Tracy Lowry	10
Jim Gienapp	13
Debra Webb	13
David Anderson	16
Floyd Johnson	21
Christian Davis	22
Donna McKinney	22
Mary Lou Roth	23
Cheryl Bollenbach	24
Kay Rodriguez	25
Noah Cunningham	26
Naomi Brown	29
Marli Bryant	30
Mackenzie Bryant	30

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!

August 17, 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

Travel to Egypt-virtually! **August 19 @ 6 pm**

Join Jim and Nanci Gienapp to see their pictures from their travels to Egypt. Bring a potluck item to share as we enjoy good food and a virtual trip to the land of Moses and the Pharaohs.



Youth news



REJOICE!

A group of 3 youth and 2 adults attended the NALC Youth Gathering in Roanoke, VA July 6 to 11. During their time there, they met with other NALC youth to worship, grow in faith and complete service projects. We combined our collection with the items from other churches and were able to create 1200 Hygiene kits to send to NALC Disaster Response. We also served God's people by interacting with residents at a care facility and sorting food at a food bank. The Youth had a great time Roaming Roanoke to complete challenges and get to see different parts of the city. The Youth shared about their experience on July 19 at Youth Sunday.

The next NALC Youth Gathering will be July 11-14, 2028 in Rantoul, Illinois.



Community Service



BELTLINE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Sisters of Service are collecting items for the Beltline community.

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

We will meet to pack the boxes and enjoy a potluck dinner on **August 12 at 6 pm** in the Adult SS room.

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!



Lord of Life member, Brandon Furr successfully completed his Private Pilot license in General aviation on July 8, 2026.

Brandon is a Junior at (MTSU) Middle TN State University in Murfreesboro, TN.

Upon Graduation he will have a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Professional Pilot.

He hopes to make a career as an airline pilot.

Brandon is the son of Julie and Mark Furr.

Maternal grandparents are Bob, and Georgette Etherton.

Paternal grandparents are Tim, and Mecky Furr.

Congratulations Brandon!

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30AM Trad. 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00AM Cont	3 10:30 am Bible Study	4	5 10 am Ladies Group	6	7 6 pm-9 pm NALC virtual convocation	8 8-1 DFS
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Cydney Beets, Brent Berry, Nanci Gienapp, Frank Howell, Kelli Howell, Robby Jacquette, Mark Kooker, Joe Lowry, Norm Rodriguez, Mike Tibbets, Bary Oliver

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Baechler, Wendell - former member
Benfield Family, Ben Brian – friends of Joe Lowry
Brister, Tish & Ron – Donna McKinney's sister & BIL
Cavalier, Roy, Angie & Faye –friends of Naomi Mertes
Coleman, Vicki – friend of Floyd Johnson
Ellis Family Cousins of Georgette Etherton
Etherton, Jim – Bob Etherton's brother
Haggard, Barbara – friend of Floyd Johnson
Hare, Vicki – friend of Bob & Georgette Etherton
Holman, Kathy – friend of Pam & David Anderson
Hoover, Tom – brother of Nanci Gienapp
Howe, Jake – friend of Naomi Mertes
Inman, Jack, Emma & family – son & daughter-in-law
King, Scott – friend of Jim Gienapp
Loewenstein, Kim & family - Jim Gienapp's sister
Loven, Myra - Naomi Mertes' mother
Marsh, Bill – Father 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
Pyburn, Barbara & family in New Orleans, lost 2 Sons
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 R. Ford. (Jacksonville, FL) 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)

Rev. Humphrey Mungah (Kenya)

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



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