



LIFELINE September 2026



The Gospel Comes Near

One of the important moments in our worship each Sunday is the reading of the Gospel. It's so important that it is the only required reading whenever we celebrate Communion. It may seem simple—just a short passage read aloud—but it carries a deep missional meaning. When the pastor (or deacon) steps among the congregation with God's Word, we are reminded of something incredible: Jesus humbled himself and came among his people. He did not shout his love from a distance. He came near—walking dusty roads, touching the sick, eating with sinners, and speaking hope to all of creation.

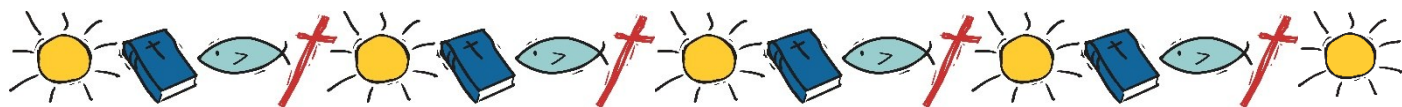
When the Gospel is read in the middle of the congregation, we are highlighting the fact that Jesus has come near to his creation. We are confessing, "Jesus still comes among us." His Word is not locked away at the front of the sanctuary. It is carried into the midst of his people, because the good news is always meant to be close, personal, and present.

This moment also points outward. As the Gospel is proclaimed among us, we are reminded of our calling to go among the people with the story of Jesus' life. Mission is not only something that happens overseas or in far-off places. Mission begins right where we live—at our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, in our families. Just as the Gospel is carried into the congregation, we are sent out to carry Jesus's love into the world. We go with the same message: Jesus has come near, and his grace is for all.

On great feast days and holy celebrations, our Gospel procession grows even larger and more joyful. We lift the Word of God high, we sing, and we move together as a people shaped by the Word. These processions remind us that the Gospel is not only read—it is celebrated, carried with reverence, and sent out with joy.

May God make us a people who carry his Gospel into every place he sends us.

Pastor Wes



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8:30AM Traditional

11:00AM Contemporary

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<https://lordoflifememphis.churchcenter.com>

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!

Choir Practice has started on Thursdays at 6:30. Come help us lead our congregation in song and worship. Join the Choir group on the app or contact Nancy Bergeron for more information.

Bible Study



The Women at the Well are studying **With god Nothing is Impossible** by Shannon Bream. 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.



Property

Thanks to all for helping us care for the building God has given us to use in our ministry.



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'Like' our page so you can get updates on activities and share events with your friends

Youth news

Word & Witness Young Adult Mission Trip:
May 29–June 5, 2027 | Edmonton, Alberta

BYLD High School Leadership Gathering:
July 12–17, 2027 | Beaver, Pennsylvania

NALC Youth Gathering: July 11-14, 2028 Rantoul, Illinois

Preschool news

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

DEADLINE is Tuesday at noon.

THE NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE is September 21.

Please send your information to the church office at

lordoflife@bellsouth.net

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

August

2nd	61
9th	58
16th	60
23rd	46
30th	50

GIVING

Giving as of 7/31/2026

Projected (July): \$26,000

Actual (July): \$23,107

Projected (YTD): \$182,000

Actual (YTD): \$168,757



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

Giving in your app.

Happy 25th birthday to the Lord of Life Preschool!

Praise and thanks to God for 25 years of Lord of Life Lutheran Church Preschool. We celebrate the 25th anniversary of its opening on September 4, 2026!



The Preschool began the week of August 9.

For the first time, we have babies in the building.

The children have been enjoying chapel with Pastor Wes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nanci Gienapp	10
James Caughlin	11
Carol Guenter	12
Naomi Mertes	13
Bonnie Stevens	16
Maruta Krastins	17
Marlys Smith	17
Payton Cully	19
Wendell Baechler	19
Chloe Collamore	20
Leah Collamore	20
Tony Marsh	20
Georgette Etherton	25
Kathy Marsh	27

Fellowship

The **Wednesday Morning Ladies Group** Meets on the 2nd and 4th 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!

September 21, 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

Wednesday night Dinner

Join us at 6 pm on the first Wednesday of the month for dinner. You can sign up on the app (you can pay there too!) or on the sheet at church.



No prep, No cooking!

\$9/person; \$25/family

Sept 2, 2026-Spaghetti

Oct 7, 2026

NALC Convocation

This year was the last year for an online Convocation. Delegates from the various NALC churches met online to approve the NALC budget and elect members to the NALS board.

Kathy Marsh and Pastor Wes attended. Bishop Dan encourages us to renew our church, equip our members and transform our community by sharing the love of Christ. Next year the NALC convocation will be August 9-13, 2027 in Orlando, Florida.

Community Service



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!



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 **November 11 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)



Thanks to all who came to help pack the August blessing boxes. We were done in record time and enjoyed a meal afterwards.

Let's all pull together! Worship leaders and assistants

	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27	5 th Sunday
Asst. Minister	Brent Berry	Shirley Lyles	Jim Gienapp	Tony Marsh	Karen Manasco
Communion assistant	Beth Berry	Donna McKinney	Georgette Etherton	Karen Manasco	Terri Hill
Lector	Sue Hall	Donna McKinney	Jill Collamore	Chrissy Cunningham	
Acolyte	Charlotte Brown	Charlotte Brown	Leah Collamore	Ian Cunningham	
Crucifer	Naomi Brown	Naomi Brown	Chloe Collamore	Naomi Brown	
Usher	John Houck	Al Lyles	Tony Marsh	Frank Howell	Jim Gienapp
Sound Booth	Peter Claverie	Peter Claverie	Aubrey Brown	Stacey Hill	
Recording	Kenny Friend	Kenny Friend	Kenny Friend	Kenny Friend	Kenny Friend
Usher (11)					
Sound Booth (11)					

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



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.

The Flowers in September are given by:



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| 6 | |
| 13 | Brown Family, Naomi's birthday |
| 20 | Toni Pitman, Payton's birthday |
| 27 | Kooker family, birthdays |

The Memorial Candle Is Given by:

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| 6 | |
| 13 | Bonnie Stevens, family birthdays |
| 20 | |
| 27 | Mary Tibbets |



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 6:30 pm choir DFS parent meeting	4	5
6 8:30AM Trad. 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00AM Cont	7 NO Bible Study Labor Day	8 6 pm Council	9 6 pm Wed. night Dinner	10 6:30 pm choir	11	12 8-1 DFS
13 8:30AM Trad  9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00AM Cont	14 10:30 am Bible Study	15	16 10 am Ladies Group 7 pm Yahtzee tournament	17 6:30 pm choir	18	19 8-1 DFS
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Cydney Beets, Nanci Gienapp, Frank Howell, Kelli Howell, Robby Jacquette, Mark Kooker, Joe Lowry, Norm Rodriguez, Mike Tibbets, Barry 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
Kilgour, Sue – mother of Tracy Lowery
King, Scott – friend of Jim Gienapp
Loewenstein, Kim & family - Jim Gienapp's sister
Loven, Myra - Naomi Mertes' mother
Marsh, Bill – Father of Tony Marsh
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
Schaefer, Billy – friend of Ray and Erin Schulz
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)

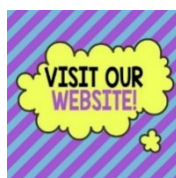
Rev. Humphrey Mungah (Kenya)

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



Request Prayer

Prayers will stay on our list for 1 month. Please request again if prayers are still needed.



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