LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

LIFELINE November 2026

NALC
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Pastor's Corner

Adventus – "Coming" or "Arrival"

As the excitement of Christmas begins to build, the Church invites us into a different rhythm. Before we celebrate Christmas, we first walk through Advent, a season of preparation and anticipation. Advent reminds us that we are not only preparing for a holiday. We are preparing our hearts to welcome the arrival of our King, Jesus.

One of the first things you may notice at Lord of Life during Advent is the color blue. While many churches use purple, our congregation (along with many others) uses blue as a symbol of hope and expectation. Blue reminds us of the dawn sky - anticipating the sunrise. The world is still waiting in darkness, but the light is coming. Advent calls us to live in that hopeful expectation as we look back to Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and forward to the day when he will come again in glory.

Each week of Advent, we light another candle on the Advent wreath. These candles help tell the story of God's promises and prepare us for the celebration of Christmas. As each additional candle is lit, the growing light reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The wreath itself, with its unending circle, points to God's eternal love and faithfulness.

Advent is also a wonderful season for families. In a culture that often rushes straight to Christmas morning, Advent invites us to slow down and make room for Jesus. Consider setting aside a few minutes each day to read Scripture together, pray as a family, or talk about what it means to wait for God's promises. Simple practices can have a lasting impact, helping both children and adults focus on the deep meaning of this season.

To help you in this journey, Advent devotionals are available at the church as well as two opportunities to experience an interactive Advent walk. These daily readings and interactive walk can guide your family through the weeks leading to Christmas and provide opportunities for meaningful conversations and prayer.

As we enter this holy season, let's resist the temptation to rush ahead. Instead, let us embrace Advent as a time of preparation, reflection, and joyful anticipation. The King is coming. Let us prepare him room, celebrating with gratitude the birth of Jesus and looking forward with hope to the day when he comes again.

Pastor Wes

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Sunday Worship Services

8:30AM Traditional

11:00AM Contemporary

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

You can go to this address to access the same information online: https://lordoflifememphis.churchcenter.com

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.
Work is underway to repair the parking lot from the broken sewer line.
Outdoor Cross-relighting project complete; repainting project underway

Please contact John Houck with Property questions and concerns.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE is Tuesday at noon.

THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is November 23.

Please send your information to the church office at **lordoflife@bellsouth.net**

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

October

4th	**53**
11th	**49**
18th	**72**
25th	**56**

GIVING

Giving as of 9/30/2026

Projected (Sept): $26,000

Actual (Sept): $21,991

Projected (YTD): $234,000

Actual (YTD): $216,270

If you would like to use our giving page, please scan the code or go to Giving in your app.

NALC News

www.thenalc.org

Next year the NALC convocation will be August 9-13, 2027 in Orlando, Florida.

Advent Services and events:

Wednesday night worship: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23 @ 6:30 pm

Discover Jesus; an Advent Journey: 2nd and 16th , 5:30 to 6:30 and after service til 8:30

Candlelight service Dec 24 @ 7 pm

Lessons and Carols: Dec 13 @ 8:30 am

Patriotic Tree

Please take and sign a card (or bring one of your own). Hang it on the tree. Donate the saved postage (no mailing a card to everyone at church!). The donations are divided between Lutheran Military Families and Fisher House.

American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED classes

Classes are available through the church. Contact Kathy Marsh (gssunfish@yahoo.com) to find out when the next class is scheduled and for more information.

Classes available:

Adult and Pediatric 1st Aid/CPR/AED (Nov 8 1-4, Dec 20 1-4; pre-class online work required)

Babysitter (Dec 19, 8-6)

Wilderness and Remote First Aid (Disaster preparedness) (Nov 14-15, 8-5 each day; Basic first Aid and CPR required-see above)

Fellowship

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY!

Landon Davis	1
Kelli Howell	5
Cydney Beets	7
Anna Marie Ford	7
Peter Claverie	8
Erin Schultz	8
Beth Kooker	10
Michael Tibbets	14
Aubrey Brown	19
Phyllis Nichols	19
Betty Bilger	20
Cooper Bryant	21
Wes Brown	22

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! **November 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 second 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
November 11, 2026
Chef Curt Davis
Chicken, potatoes, vegetables

Youth and Family Ministries

Youth and families are encouraged to invite friends to attend Advent services and our Advent activity: Discover Jesus, an Advent Journey. This devotion will take place on Dec 2nd and 16th. It will be available before service from 5:30 to 6:30 and after service until 8:30. This multimedia experience combines music, dramatic narration, and worship experiences to discover Jesus through the varies perspectives of those who were touched by his life.

Word & Witness Young Adult (18 to 30 yrs) 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

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!

Love. Grow. Serve.
In the Belt Line

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 5 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)



BELTLINE THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 21 at the
Beltline Community Resource Center
427 Boston & Mt. Pleasant Baptist

Event Schedule:
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
Noon - Thanksgiving Meal

Side dishes will be provided by Lord of Life Church through Superlo Foods. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the side dishes please memo your check or envelope with *Thanksgiving Beltline Lunch* and place it in the offering plate. Thank You.

Superlo turkey dinner will be available from a serving line, and guests will be seated at tables inside like the years before COVID instead of picking up carry-out boxes.

Festival Sponsors: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Mt. Pleasant Baptist, Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, Jacob's Ladder Community Development Corporation

Preschool news

Lord of Life Church and Preschool had an Autumn Family Night on Wednesday, October 28.









Let's all pull together! Worship leaders and assistants

	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29
Asst. Minister	Brent Berry	Pastor Jim	Jim Gienapp	Tony Marsh	Karen Manasco
Communion asst.	Beth Berry	Donna McKinney	Georgette Etherton	Karen Manasco	Terri Hill
Lector	Sue Hall	Donna McKinney	Jill Koch	Chrissy Cunningham	Jim Gienapp
Acolyte		Naomi Brown	Chloe Collamore	Ian Cunningham	
Crucifer	Charlotte Brown	Charlotte Brown	Leah Collamore	Naomi Brown	
Usher	John Houck	Jim Gienapp	Tony Marsh	Frank Howell	Jim Gienapp
Sound Booth	Peter Claverie	Steve Manasco	Aubrey Brown	Stacey Hill	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 October are given by:



1	Sue Hall – Barbara + Debbie bday
8	Toni Pittman – Alan bday Kookers birthdays
15	Etherton – Bob + Georgette family
22	Marsh family Birthdays
29	Advent 1

The Memorial Candle Is Given by:

1	Howells birthday
8	
15	Etherton-blessing of grandchildren
22	
29	



November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints sunday** **8:30AM** Trad. **9:45AM** Christian Ed **11:00AM** Cont	2	3	4	5 **6:30 pm choir**	6	7 8-1 DFS
8 **8:30AM** Trad. **9:45AM** Christian Ed **11:00AM** Cont 1 pm 1st aid/CPR	9 **10:30 am** Bible Study	10	11 **10 am Ladies Group** **5 pm beltline box packing** **6 pm** Wed. Night Dinner	12 **6:30 pm choir**	13	14 8-1 DFS 8-5 Wilderness first Aid
15 **8:30AM** Trad **9:45AM** Christian Ed **11:00AM** Cont 8-5 Wilderness First Aid	16 **10:30 am** Bible Study	17	18	19 **6:30 pm choir**	20	21 8-1 DFS 11 am Beltline Thanksgiving
22 **Christ the King Sunday** **8:30AM** Trad. **9:45AM** Christian Ed **11:00AM** Cont	23 **10:30AM** Bible Study	24	25 **10 am Ladies Group**	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 **8:30AM** Trad. **9:45AM** Christian Ed **11:00AM** Cont 12:30 pm Council	30 **10:30AM** Bible Study					



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
Dianne S. – friend of Marla and shirley
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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DARING TO SHARE *Jesus*



MARK 16:15 KJV

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Sharing Jesus can feel intimidating.

What if I say the wrong thing?
What if they're not interested?
What if they reject me?

But God doesn't call us to have all the right words.
He calls us to be willing. To listen. To love.
To point people to Him.

Most people aren't looking for a debate.
They're looking for someone who cares enough to listen.
Someone who will be real, kind and unafraid to speak what matters most.

You don't have to be bold in front of a crowd to be faithful in your everyday life.
A smile. A conversation. A quiet invitation.
They all matter to God.

Those moments aren't interruptions.
Sometimes they're invitations.
What if it's simply about being willing when God opens the door?

Be still... and walk through.

BE STILL AND REFLECT

What is one way God might be inviting you to share Jesus with someone this week?

TODAY I WILL PRAY FOR...



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