

# RIVER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday @ 10:00am

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday (Women) @ 7:00pm

Wednesday (Men) @ 7:30pm

Thursday @ 9:00am

Sunday @ 6:00pm

### CONFIRMATION

Grades 7 & 8

Sundays @ 8:45am

(Resumes Meeting September 7)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Toddlers-Grade 6

Sundays @ 8:45am

(Resumes Meeting September 7)

### JR & SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Grades 5-8 & Grades 9-12

(Resumes Meeting September 10)



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For appointments outside these hours, please call or email to schedule a time.

# WELCOME

*We're glad you're here*

## Upcoming Events

### SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Saturday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00am

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup> @ 8:45am

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> (during worship)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER COMMISSIONING

Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> (during worship)

### FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45am

### FIRST DAY OF YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Wednesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Wednesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00am

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

Welcome! If you want to learn more about River of LIFE or have any questions, text **WELCOME** to **833-944-3133** and we'll connect with you to answer your questions.

## Celebrating this Week

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Verl Pettis (Aug 28)

Nolan Stenzel (Aug 28)

Eli McQuiggin (Aug 29)

Willa Keating (Aug 30)

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Keith & Katie Stenzel (Aug 25)

Jerry & Shelly Conlon (Aug 26)

Jim & Val Christenson (Aug 30)

*Help us update our records.  
Email the office with your birthdate  
and/or anniversary so that we  
can celebrate with you.*

### **For Our Young Worshipers:**

Coloring sheets, crayons, and clipboards are available at the back of the seating area for children to use during the service. Please return supplies after worship.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GERTENS FALL MUM FUNDRAISER** It's time for our bi-annual Gertens Fundraiser! Your purchases help support our youth programs! Just go online to [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com) and enter the store ID code into the text field and click enter. The **store ID code** for River of LIFE Youth Group is: **1026**. If you have any questions or need assistance with ordering, please reach out to Sarah Peterson. **Last day to order is TOMORROW August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** Next Sunday, August 31, we will celebrate the start of a new school year with a special blessing during worship. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks as we pray for God's guidance and protection in the year ahead. Teachers, school staff, and anyone who serves in a school setting are encouraged to participate, even if you don't have a backpack. This blessing is for all ages and offers a meaningful way to begin the year together.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** We have a First Communion Class scheduled for **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00-10:00**. Please **RSVP** through our website to let us know if this date works for you. If it does not, there will be an option to indicate interest so we can find another time. At River of LIFE, parents decide when their child is ready to receive the LORD's Supper for the first time. Typically, children are in 3rd grade or older before attending this class, but if you have questions contact Pastor Brian.

**YOUTH GROUP HELP NEEDED** We're looking for help with our Youth Group! We especially need help with our Jr High Youth Group (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). We have a main leader in place, but we need a few assistants. **This is absolutely essential for us to continue with this ministry.** Our senior high group is covered, but we have a large group at the junior high level, and we can't keep this great ministry going without more volunteers.

We also need help with the meals we serve each night. Each night we provide a free meal for our youth, which makes it easier to get kids here and gives them time to feel welcome and connect with friends. This is a big part of why our youth group has been so successful, and we want to continue to provide these meals. To do that, we need volunteers to bring meals, help prepare them, and assist with cleanup. More details on meals will be shared soon. For questions, talk to Pastor Brian, Jim Christenson, or Angie or Brian Fogal.

**UPCOMING GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP** Join us for a mission trip to Guatemala on February 9<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Brian soon. An informational meeting will be held sometime in September and we will be purchasing airline tickets shortly thereafter.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** If you have something you'd like us to pray about, please email [prayers@riveroflifelutheran.com](mailto:prayers@riveroflifelutheran.com), or of course, you can always reach out to Pastor Brian at any time.

Please email any announcements or event updates to the office by Tuesday noon for inclusion in next Sunday's bulletin and on the announcement screen.

**Sunday, August 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**  
**“Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost”**

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song

“The Way”

Invocation

Confession

Song of Response

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Scripture Readings

Psalm 67  
Luke 13:22-30

Apostle’s Creed

Children’s Message

Sermon Song

“Forever”

Sermon

“Cornerstone”

Receiving of Offerings

Text to Give # 507-479-7400

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Blessing

Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

“My Chains Are Gone”

Announcements

You are invited to sign up for a Sunday to provide Altar Flowers.

To sign up send an email to **[office@riveroflifelutheran.com](mailto:office@riveroflifelutheran.com)** You can dedicate the flowers for a special event like an anniversary, birthday or simply to remember someone special to you.