

# RIVER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday @ 10:00am

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday (Women) @ 7:00pm

Wednesday (Men) @ 7:30pm

Thursday @ 9:00am

Sunday @ 6:00pm

### CONFIRMATION

Grades 7 & 8

Sunday @ 8:45am

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Toddlers-Grade 6

Sunday @ 8:45am

### JR & SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Grades 5-8 & Grades 9-12

Wednesday @ 6:00pm



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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, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Saturday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00am

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:45am

### YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

### THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> (during worship)

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.

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:**

Jake Anderson (Sept. 15)

Courtlynn Spessard (Sept. 19)

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Nate & Holle Spessard (Sept. 15)

### **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

## **SHARING NEWS OF PASTOR TOM'S RETIREMENT**

Many of you will remember Pastor Tom Braun. Pastor Tom faithfully served here at River of LIFE and was part of planting our church. He has announced his retirement effective October 31, 2025. We would love to send him and Colleen a box of cards filled with love and thanks from our River of LIFE family. A collection box is in the narthex. Please take a moment to write a note (we have some paper provided) or bring a card to share your thanks and encouragement as they enter this new chapter. If anyone has other ideas of how we might honor Pastor Tom, please let us know.

## **GROUP OUTING – EXPERIENCE NOAH ON THE BIG SCREEN**

Sight & Sound presents NOAH, a powerful theatrical experience shown live on the big screen at Spotlight Theatre in Mankato (Old Cine Four). This breathtaking production brings the Bible to life with animals, drama, and inspiration for the whole family. The film will be showing for a full week, but a group from our church is planning to attend together on Saturday, September 20 at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$18 each and can be purchased online. If you would like to join the group, need a ride, or have questions, please talk to Jan Backlund.

## **YOUTH GROUP HELP WITH MEALS & SERVING**

Our youth group kicked off last week. The youth are excited to be getting back together again. An important part of this ministry includes sharing a meal, and we need your help to keep it going. You can sign up to provide a meal or to serve and clean up after the meal. To sign up, go to the Helpful Links section of our website or app and look just below the red line.

## **CLOTHING STORE INTEREST CHECK**

We have had a few requests for our River of LIFE apparel, especially the hooded sweatshirt. Our vendor can print if we have at least ten people interested in the sweatshirt, and they are also willing to reopen the entire online store if there is enough interest. If you would like to order, please email the church office and let us know how many items you might order if we reopen the store. Your replies will help us decide whether to move forward.

## **UPCOMING GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP**

Join us for a mission trip to Guatemala on February 9–16. 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.

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, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**“Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost”**

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song

“What a Beautiful Name”

Invocation

Confession

Song of Response

“The Wonderful Cross”

Scripture Readings

Psalm 119:169-176

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Nicene Creed

Luke 15:1-10

Children’s Message

Sermon Song

“We Are”

Sermon

“Steadfast Confidence in God’s Word”

Receiving of Offerings

Text to Give # 507-479-7400

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Blessing

Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

“Here Is Our King”

Announcements

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

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