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

** Our Wednesday night youth activities and Bible studies pause during Advent and will resume Jan 7, 2026.*

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Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm
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, Dec 7th @ 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE (FOR CAST)
Wednesdays, Dec. 10th, 17th
@ 4:00pm - 5:30pm

ADVENT WORSHIP
Wednesdays, Dec. 10th, 17th
Meal - 5:30pm, Worship – 6:30pm

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
Saturday, Dec. 13th @ 7:00am

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Sunday, Dec 14th @ 8:45am

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
Thursday, Dec. 14th @ 9:00am

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, Dec. 18th @ 6:30pm

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (DRESS REHEARSAL)
Sunday, Dec. 20th @ 9:00am

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Sunday, Dec. 21st @ 10:00am

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Sunday, Dec. 21st @ 4:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES
Wednesday, Dec. 24th @ 4:30pm & 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES & YOUTH GROUP
Resumes Wednesday, Jan. 7th

YOUTH WORK TRIP (Belle, West Virginia)
Saturday, June 20th – Sunday, June 28th

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:
Camille Kurtenbach (Dec 07)
Braxton Kurth (Dec 09)
Aubrey Scheurer (Dec 11)

ANNIVERSARIES:

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

PASTORAL ASSISTANT - We are currently hiring for a part-time Pastoral Assistant who will work in the office for 15 hours per week. If you have questions or are interested in the position, reach out to one of the elders. A copy of the job description is posted on the informational bulletin board by the women's restroom.

WELCOMING KATRINA JO LYNN BAUMANN IN BAPTISM - Today, we celebrate the baptism of Katrina Jo Lynn Baumann, daughter of Joe and Kristine Baumann. Her godparents are Kyline Solomon and Elliott Solomon, and the other junior sponsor is Tabitha Baumann. Her grandparents are Cindy and Mike Olson.

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER - The River of LIFE Youth Group is doing a gift wrapping fundraiser! Bring your gifts, and we'll wrap them for you! Please have all gifts clearly labeled, and provide your own wrapping paper and gift tags. Drop-off will take place on Saturday, December 20, from 9:00am to 11:00am in the River of LIFE Youth Room. When dropping off gifts, please bring any boxes needed for the items; we will only have a limited number of boxes available. We will text when your wrapped gifts are ready, and all wrapped gifts must be picked up before noon that same day. The cost is a free will offering with a suggested donation of $3–$10 per gift.

ADVENT SERVICE - Please join us for our Advent services each Wednesday evening through December 17. We begin with a meal at 5:30pm, followed by worship at 6:30pm. The meals are free, and everyone is welcome to attend. Come for the meal, stay for the service, and leave with a heart full of joy and hope. This week's meal will be chili.

ADVENT MEAL TREATS NEEDED - We're looking for volunteers to bring dessert for the Advent suppers on Wednesday evenings. You can sign up on any of the red sheets on the table in the narthex or there is a signup online.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE FOR CAST ONLY - Our Sunday School Children's Christmas Program will take place on December 21 during the 10:00am worship service. Cast rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, December 10 and 17 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm, with a practice for everyone on December 20 at 9:00am. Questions about the program, should be directed to Dawn Eberhart.

YOUR TIME AND TALENTS MATTER - We invite you to take a few minutes to fill out our Time and Talent Survey. This form helps us learn more about your interests, gifts, and the ways you feel called to serve at River of LIFE. Whether you are already involved or looking for something new, your responses will help us connect people with opportunities throughout the year. You can complete the survey online, a link can be found on our website or in our church app.

FREE FOOD AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAYS - Each Wednesday morning, River of LIFE picks up day-old and "best by" dated items from Family Fresh. This includes a wide variety of foods such as pastries, buns, bread, cookies, cakes, and other baked goods. These items are still good, but can no longer be sold in the store. The food is brought to the church every Wednesday, and anyone is welcome to take anything they can use. Our goal is to keep this food out of the dumpsters and to bless anyone who can benefit from it.

Sunday, December 7th, 2025
"First Sunday in Advent"

Welcome	
Invocation	
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Week Two "Peace"
Opening Song	"Midnight Clear (Love Song)"
Confession	
Song of Response	"King of My Heart"
Baptism	
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 7:10–14 Romans 1:1–7 Matthew 1:18–25
Apostles Creed	
Children's Message	
Sermon Song	"Yes I Will"
Joseph Monologue – "Waiting with Obedience"	
Sermon	
Receiving of Offerings	Text to Give # 507-479-7400
Prayers of the Church	
Lord's Prayer	
Communion	
Communion Blessing	
Prayer	
Benediction	
Closing Song	"Joy to the World"
Announcements	

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