

RIVER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 14th @ 6:00pm

Not Meeting on Sunday, Dec 21st or 28th
(Resumes on January 4th)

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE (FOR CAST)

Wednesday, Dec. 17th @ 4:00pm - 5:30pm

ADVENT WORSHIP

Wednesday, Dec. 17th

Meal - 5:30pm, Worship – 6:30pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, Dec. 18th @ 6:30pm

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Saturday, Dec. 20th @ 7:00am

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (DRESS REHEARSAL)

Saturday, Dec. 20th @ 9:00am

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Not Meeting on Sunday, Dec 21st or 28th
(Resumes on January 4th)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, Dec. 21st @ 10:00am

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, Dec. 21st @ 4:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, Dec. 24th @ 4:30pm & 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES & YOUTH GROUP

Resumes Wednesday, Jan. 7th

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Resumes Thursday, Jan. 8th

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:

Burt Hoffmann (Dec 14)

Ava Pettis (Dec 16)

David Arpin (Dec 18)

Dawn Eberhart (Dec 20)

Josie Wiebusch (Dec 20)

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.

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE - Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, River of LIFE packed and delivered 46 shoeboxes this year, sharing Jesus' love and God's message of peace and hope with children around the world. Praise God for every life touched by His Gospel!

FOOD MINISTRY - The Food Ministry Freezer is labeled & now stocked! In the kitchen is a large new freezer being filled with food. If you are someone who could use a meal or two, please take what you need. Maybe someone in your family is sick, and you could use a break, or the week has been crazy & people need to be fed - grab a meal.

ADVENT SERVICE - Please join us for our last Advent services this coming Wednesday, 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 Guatemalan Tacos.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFORMATION - 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.

Sunday, December 14th, 2025
“Third Sunday in Advent”

Welcome

Prayer

Invocation

Call to Worship

Opening Song

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

Confession

Song of Response

“Lord I Need You”

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Week Three “Joy”

Monologue – Mary: *Waiting With Hope Fulfilled*

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10

Romans 5:1-5

Luke 1:26-38

Nicene Creed

Children’s Message

Sermon Song

“The King Is Here”

Monologue – Mary: *“Waiting with Hope Fulfilled”*

Sermon

“The Gift of Joy”

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 (Unspeakable Joy)”

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.