

RIVER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday @ 10:00am

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday (Women) @ 7:00pm

Wednesday (Men) @ 7:00pm

Thursday @ 9:00am

Sunday @ 6:00pm

CONFIRMATION

Grades 7 & 8 @ 8:45am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Toddlers-Grade 6 @ 8:45am

JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Grades 5-8

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Grades 9-12

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm



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WELCOME

We're glad you're here

Upcoming Events

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, December 15th @ 8:45am

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, December 15th @ 6:00pm

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES-CINEMARK 8

Tuesday, December 17th @ 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

Wednesday, December 18th @ 4:00pm

ADVENT SERVICE

Wednesday, December 18th
5:30 – Free Meal, 6:30 – Worship Service

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, December 19th @ 9:00am

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Saturday, December 21st @ 7:00am

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

Saturday, December 21st 8:30-11:00am
(see email for your child's specific time)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 22nd 10:00am

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 22nd @ 4:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24
4:30pm & 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

Celebrating this Week

BIRTHDAY:

Ava Pettis (Dec 16)
David Arpin (Dec 17)
Dawn Eberhart (Dec 20)
Larry Walsh (Dec 20)
Josie Wiebusch (Dec 20)
Kenzie Link (Dec 20)

ANNIVERSARY:

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



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

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The River of LIFE Board of Directors is seeking individuals who are interested in serving on the board. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the leadership and mission of our church. If you feel called to serve, please speak with Pastor or one of the current board members to learn more about this important role.

SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES

Mark your calendars for a fun evening with your church family! We're hosting a free movie night featuring *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* this **Tuesday, December 17th**, at 6:00pm at the Mankato Cinemark River Hills Mall Movies 8. We've reserved two theaters just for River of LIFE, and this event is completely free for you to attend! To make sure we have enough tickets for everyone, if you haven't already, please let us know how many will be coming from your family.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Are Joy to the World, Silent Night and We wish you a Merry Christmas some of your favorite songs to sing? We need you for the best River of Life caroling experience ever! The whole family is invited! We will meet at 4:00 pm on December 22nd at River of Life. We will carol for about an hour and a half and then meet up again at church for pizza and Christmas treats. If you know of someone who would like us to visit them, please reach out to Kim Wernsing or Jim Christenson.

GARAGE SALE ITEMS

Are you cleaning out your closets, decluttering your house, or planning to donate to a thrift store? Consider bringing your items to church to support the River of LIFE Youth Group's Huge Spring Garage Sale Fundraiser! Proceeds will go toward their July 2025 trip to New Orleans. Donations of clean, good-condition items can be placed in the hallway across from the water fountain. The sale is tentatively scheduled for the week after Easter. Thank you for supporting the Youth Group's trip to The Gathering!

DECEMBER GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Did you know that nearly 30% of charitable giving occurs in the month of December? This past Tuesday, we kicked off our end of the year fundraising campaign. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Mission of River of Life Lutheran. Your contributions go far beyond the Sunday Morning service. We offer bible studies, outreach in the community and fellowship opportunities. The board and staff have some great ideas that we would like to implement in 2025. We are currently in need of \$50,000 to keep our budget on target.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

Those participating in the Christmas program should plan to attend the dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 21. Music Performers practice in the sanctuary from 8:30–9:00. The Cast will work on costumes and run through the play with the Choir from 8:30–11:30am. Preschoolers, Kindergarteners, and Children's Choir (1st–6th grade) will practice from 9:00–10:00am. Preschoolers and Kindergarteners will be dismissed around 9:30am and Choir kids by 10:00am.

HELP WITH REFRESHMENT CLEANUP

We are looking for a few more people to help with refreshment cleanup after the worship service. It isn't a hard job, just emptying the coffee containers and making sure things are put away around that area and in the kitchen. It only takes about 5–10 minutes. We hope to get enough people on the list so that you would only need to serve in that role once every few months, much like the vacuum rotation for the church.

Sunday, December 15, 2024
“Third Sunday In Advent”

Welcome

Opening Song

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

Advent Candle - Joy

Invocation

Confession

Song of Response

“Lord I Need You”

Prayer

Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 7:18-35

Apostles’ Creed

Children’s Message

Sermon Song

“The King Is Here”

Sermon

Receiving of Offerings

Text to Give # 507-479-7400

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Blessing

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

“Joy to the Worl (Unspeakable Joy)”

Announcements

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

To signup 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.