

Lord of Life ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the Week of December 14, 2025

Little Lutherans - Children ages 2 - 4 years old

Little Lutherans class begins at 9:25 AM in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 AM parents may pick up preschoolers from Room 110.

Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 AM in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 AM parents may pick up K – 5th graders from Room 113.

Jr & Sr IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 AM in Room 122 with Scott Peters.

Special Needs Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 AM with Sandy Ehrett in the Library.

Adult Bible Class

At 9:30ish, Pastor Shaltanis leads an adult class in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the Epistles of John at 9:30 AM in Room 115.

LWML MITES

The focus for December 2025 is on the LWML grant Growing Together to Share Braille and Large Print- \$100,000. Lutheran Braille Workers is committed to providing Christian Materials in braille and specialized large print worldwide at no cost. This grant will allow LBW to produce and freely distribute approximately 10,000 volumes of Bibles and other Christian materials. Your mites count! Mite offerings will be collected on the second Sunday of each month or may be turned into the office. Each member of LOL is encouraged to collect their mites as the widow in the Bible, and prayerfully support the mission service projects of the LWML, Lutheran Women in Mission.

Women's Tuesday Bible Study

Women's Tuesday midday Bible study group starts a new study on January 13, 2026 at noon. *Strong and Courageous, Studying God's Promises in Joshua*, by Donna Snow. Workbooks are about \$18, available from Charis or order your own. Bring your lunch and study God's word with friends. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or let Charis Bennett know if you plan to attend and if you need a workbook.

Christmas FOR YOU

Come and support the youth and children of Lord of Life Lutheran Church as they present the Christmas story and the importance of Christ in the manger FOR YOU! This short 20-minute program will take place during the Sunday school hour on December 21, starting at about 9:45 AM. There will be a reception after the program in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!

2026 Flower Chart is Available in the Narthex

The flower chart consists of monthly pages in a “Flower” binder on a table in the narthex. Each monthly page has the Sundays listed with space for your name and the occasion you wish to recognize for each arrangement. We have made a change in florists. The new suggested donation is \$55 per flower arrangement and may be made when the occasion is near by placing a check in the offering plate with a “flowers” notation.

Advent Services Wednesdays at 1PM & 7PM

Please join us at one of these services each Wednesday for Advent worship. There is also a soup supper at 5:45PM.

Poinsettias Available for this Christmas Season

Poinsettias are available to dedicate in “thanksgiving for” or “memory of” someone you designate, for \$15 each. You may then take a poinsettia home after Christmas. Please sign up in the narthex.

Israel anyone?



As some of you may remember, we had a trip to Israel planned in 2020 that was derailed by the pandemic. Since we are past the pandemic, and political events in the Middle East have cooled down, we have decided to try again to organize a trip to the Holy Land led by Pastor Shaltanis. We have tentatively set the date for this trip as October 13-22, 2026. This 10 day trip to Israel will hit all the highlights and follows the same itinerary we had planned for the previous trip. If you are interested in going on this tour, or if you just want some additional information, contact Doug Hite or Pastor Shaltanis.

Stewardship Thought in the Church Year

Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

A Life Thought in the Church Year

Being a Gospel-motivated voice for life means loving all our neighbors, regardless of their size, condition, or past. As servants in the Master’s house (Matthew 24:43), we not only need to be prepared for Christ’s coming (Matthew 24:44; Romans 13:11), we should be eager to make all others ready, preaching the Gospel to them, inviting them “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:3) that they, too, might be brought into the safety of the ark of the holy Church.

Christ for You this Week on KFUO.org

It's time for a new series on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT)! "Yearning for the Day of Christ's Returning" will begin airing this week, with a focus on Paul's two epistles to the Thessalonians. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) for a new study on the book of Malachi! Don't forget to join us this weekend for Concord Matters (12/6 at 10 a.m. CT). In our current study of Luther's Large Catechism, we are taking a deep dive into the Lord's Prayer. Listen in as we discuss the 1st Petition. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app.

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:	Rev. Joel Shaltanis
Organist:	Victoria Frinsko
Altar Guild:	Clarice Lundquist, Kathy Hite, Joanna Smith
Elders:	Eric Wilde, Doug Hite
Acolyte:	Emily Scarth
Greeters:	Phaedra Shaltanis, Mark and Kathy Plagens
Ushers:	Don Bunger, Andrew Short
Sound:	Brian Wolf, Gideon Selvaraj

This Week at Lord of Life - Today, Dec. 14, 2025

8:00 AM	Early Worship Service
9:30 AM	Little Lutherans (2-4yrs, Room 110) Children's Sunday School (K-5th Gr, Room 113) Jr & Sr IMPACT Class (Room 122) Special Needs Class (Library) Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115)
10:45 AM	Late Worship Service
12:00 PM	Voters' Assembly

Tuesday, December 16

12:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
6:00 PM	Handbells

Wednesday, December 17

1:00 PM	Midweek Advent Worship Service
5:45 PM	Soup Supper
7:00 PM	Midweek Advent Worship Service
7:30 PM	Adult Choir

Friday, December 19

9:00 AM	Comfort Makers
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Next Sunday's Readings December 21, 2025

First Reading:	Is. 7:10-17
Epistle:	Rom. 1:1-7
Gospel:	Matt. 1:18-25



Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Holly Nance in celebration of her birthday on Dec. 15; and by Marty Buckmeier in celebration of Marty and Angie's 37th anniversary.



Advent

About the Cover: Jesus responded to John's question concerning His identity by pointing to the scriptural prophecies in Isaiah. "The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them" (Matthew 11:5). When we have questions, the Lord wants us to go back to His sure Word. His Word alone brings faith in Him and reminds us of the forgiveness of sins and salvation that He accomplished for us through His death on the cross and resurrection.