

Lord of Life ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the Week of December 28, 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

This class is taking a break and will resume 1/11.

Adult Bible Class

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

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

This class is taking a break and will resume 1/11.

You're Invited!

Charles and Dixie Hacker joyfully invite the Lord of Life congregation to join in celebrating the marriage of their son, Ethan Hacker, to Olivia Payne. The wedding will take place here at Lord of Life on Friday, January 2nd, at 3:00 p.m. All are warmly welcome to attend and share in our joy.

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 of two arrangements. 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.

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.

Poinsettias

Please remember to take home your poinsettias if you have not already done so. Please note "poinsettias" on your payment of \$15 each, which may be left in the offering plate or in the office.

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.

Charlie Abbott

The memorial service for Charlie Abbott will be at Lord of Life on January 12, 2026 at 11AM. There will be a luncheon following.

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:	Ambrose Shaltanis
Altar Guild:	Charis Bennett, Kathy Hite
Elders:	Greg Moudy, Doug Hite
Acolytes:	Sean Tweedie
Greeters:	Stu and Sandy Ehrett, Sue Parson and Haley Moore
Ushers:	Mike Sparks, Marty Buckmeier
Sound:	Russ Wilkerson, Gideon Selvaraj

This Week at Lord of Life - Today, Dec. 28, 2025

8:00 AM Early Worship Service
9:30 AM Christmas FOR YOU program
(Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)
10:45 AM Late Worship Service

Wednesday, December 24

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25

10:00 AM Christmas Day Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Jan. 4, 2026

First Reading:	1 Ki. 3:4–15
Epistle:	Eph. 1:3–14
Gospel:	Luke 2:40–52



Altar Flowers

The flower arrangements on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Gary Nuschler in celebration of Kristof's birthday; and by the elders