

## Mission Statement

*The mission of Swaddling Clothes is to share the mercy of Christ with our neighbors through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship, and the forgiving Word of God.*

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### How does “Swaddling Clothes” work?

From various donors, we assemble a collection of items associated with pregnancy and motherhood—maternity and baby clothes, diapers, formula, bottles, etc... Then, on the first and third Saturdays and fourth Tuesday of each month, River of Life hosts a “shopping day” where you can survey our collection and take whatever you need, up to a certain number of items. If any of the items you take can be re-donated to Swaddling Clothes when you are done with them, we ask that you do so to help those in need after you.

We also partner with a number of other organizations, providing you with referrals if you are seeking counseling, health care, employment, etc... And, of course, being a part of a Lutheran congregation, we are always ready to share pastoral care and a Gospel word with those who need them.



### The Sanctity of Life

God’s eternal Son began His earthly life as an embryo. And when that embryo was a grown man, He shed His blood for the entire world, including those who were nothing more than a few cells in their mothers’ wombs.

For this reason, God never wants abortion to happen. And, as Christians, one of the greatest ways we can help keep our neighbor far from this temptation is by making pregnancy less frightening.

If you’re frightened that you don’t have the resources to care for the child in your womb or the children outside your womb, we’re here to help.

If you’re scared that you don’t know how to navigate this new part of your life, we’re here to help.

If you’re worried about judgment or rejection, we’re here with God’s word of mercy and hope, a word that no one can take away from you.

Christ loved you from your very beginning. He’ll love you to the end. That’s why we’re here.

## About River of Life

The seeds of River of Life Lutheran Church were planted back in 1997 when members from a number of LCMS congregations began meeting together in Channahon, IL, a growing community just west of Joliet. In December of 2010, River of Life called Rev. Hans Fiene to be the congregation’s pastor, and in May of 2014, after spending many years worshipping in temporary locations, we had our first service in our church building.

When it comes to what our congregation believes, we are rooted in the teachings of the Bible, the 66 canonical books of the Old and New Testaments, and the understanding of those books as expressed in a series of writings called the Lutheran Confessions. Because of this, our congregation has a strong emphasis on the Gospel, the good news that God has given us forgiveness, life, salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. And we believe that our congregations exist to cover sinners in that saving blood through the waters of baptism, the preached word, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion that we celebrate each week.

We’d love to tell you more about River of Life. For more information about our congregation, please contact us by phone or email.

To give a donation or ask a question, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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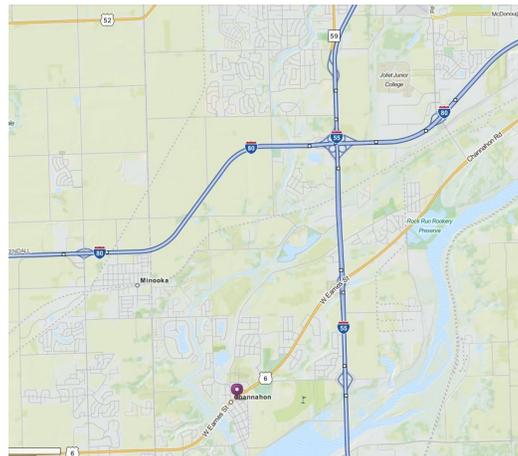
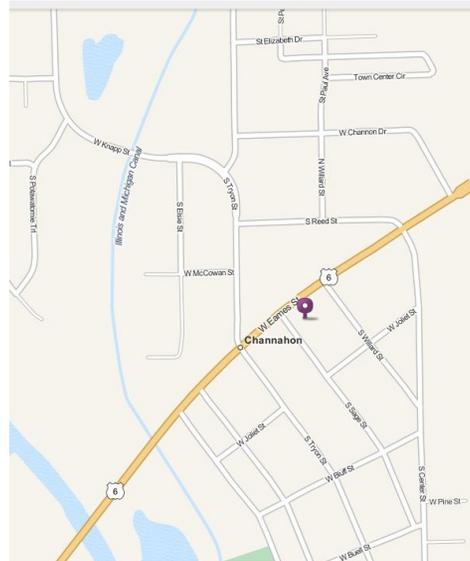
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**You are welcome to join us for worship!**

**Sundays Mornings:**  
Divine Service: 9:00 am  
Bible Class/Sunday School: 10:15 am

**Thursday Evenings:**  
Adult Instruction: 5:30 pm



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*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."  
Matthew 19:14*

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