

The Lamp Lighter
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The Newsletter of Living Lord Lutheran Church
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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:30 AM
ADULT FORUM & SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AGES 13-18 9:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AGES 2-12 10:15 AM

From Pastor William D. Leitch...Our congregation will be committing ourselves to our 2019 financial giving toward support of our mission and ministry. We have set **Sunday, November 18**, as “Consecration Sunday”. We want you to prayerfully and intentionally prepare for your personal financial commitment.

Paul is quick to point out that generous giving is an act of divine grace (2 Corinthians 8:1). It is only as God blesses and enables that we are able to give in the first place.

Paul sets forth guidelines and models of Christian stewardship in 2 Corinthians 8 & 9.

Motivating Christians and congregations not only to give but also to be fiscally responsible in their giving is a difficult enterprise even in the best of circumstances. The needs are seemingly endless, and there are so many competing voices that the average Christian is stymied. Various and sundry organizations put forth their pleas for money constantly, sometimes relentlessly.

The Jerusalem Collection – Paul faced many of these same challenges in his own day. Although he did not request personal support, he spent close to ten years soliciting funds for what is commonly referred to as the Jerusalem Collection. This was a collection he took up among the Gentile churches to help Judean believers who were facing harder than usual economic times as a result of a famine during the mid to late 40s. Paul and Barnabas made an initial famine-relief visit to Jerusalem in A.D. 46 and delivered a monetary gift from the church at Antioch (Acts 11:29-30). At that time, the Jerusalem church expressed the hope that the believers associated with Paul would continue to remember the Judean believers, which Paul was more than eager to do (Galatians 2:10).

Finally, and perhaps more importantly, we are in this together. We are the “Body of Christ”. God has blessed every one of us. Certainly we have been blessed in different ways financially, but every offering is precious. When there is unity of the Body, God’s divine grace becomes even more evident, and we will give praise to God for every good gift.

In Christ,
Pr. Bill

Lutheran Disaster Response...Give now for Hurricane Florence relief. Checks or money orders can be sent to: Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8099; write “Hurricane Response” on the memo line. You can also give by phone at 800-638-3522.

Church Information...Please remember that you can obtain church information from the monthly Lamplighter Newsletter, the Constant Contact emails you receive, on the church website (www.lllc.org), on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Living-Lord-Lutheran-Church-493806727349110/>), and postings on the church bulletin board. Church Council Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board and sent out via Constant Contact. We would like to see a better “open rate” when we send information to you via Constant Contact so that we know you are being informed of the activities that are occurring at the church. If you have any other suggestions on how best to reach out to our parishioners, please see a Council member.

From the President, Bob McKinney...It seems that I just finish one article and it’s time to do another one. I will tell you, time sure seems to go by faster since we have been retired. I tell Karin I don’t know how we got anything done when we were working! We are having a Town Hall Meeting on September 23 following the second service to discuss same sex marriage in the church. We also will discuss the changes our Council has made that will be helpful to all couples getting married in our church. I am hoping many of you will be able to attend and have your input heard. The Community Meal at Emmanuel Lutheran Church is Friday, September 21. We will be providing the food, set up, and clean up. This is a wonderful outreach to our community and we will be serving approximately 125 people. This is one of many things our Outreach Committee does during the year. We are planning another function for the Courtyard in October. This will have a fall theme and will be another fun time had by all. More details will be coming soon! I want to again thank those that participated in our “Ketchup” Sunday, bringing our summer giving current. I am hopeful that we can continue to increase our giving by the suggested amount for the rest of the year.

From the Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Nancy Walters...Thank you to all who helped with the picnic for Rally Day. In the beginning, I was not sure it was going to work out since only 12 had signed up. But it turned out OK with about 35 people attending. The pot luck was a true pot luck. What was brought was what we ate! And what a variety...from lasagna to Texas sheet cake!

TALC Meeting at Living Lord...The Fellowship Committee provided soup and sandwiches for the TALC meeting on August 29. Thanks to Darlene Altieri and Pat Butts for their help in setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Thanks to Bonnie Sanzenbacher and Jan Was for providing the desserts.

Fellowship in October...Our next Fellowship will be on **Sunday, October 28, Reformation/Confirmation**. I have been cleaning and sorting out items in the kitchen and in the Fellowship closet. A wish list will be posted on the bulletin board for items that are needed. Some Fellowships will have mismatched silverware or plates or cups in order to not waste what we have. Maybe the October Fellowship will have the theme “One of these things ain’t like the other”.

From the Finance Committee Interim Chairperson, Pat Was...Okay, the Treasurer can breathe a little easier. Our campaign to “Ketchup” our giving in August worked well. You stepped up to the plate and provided enough money to change our checking account from overdrawn to a surplus of \$1,300.00. Well done! That’s the third month this year we collected enough to meet our monthly expenses. However, before we get overconfident, we have to keep up the good work for the rest of the year. We agreed to meet our budget even though it may have seemed to be a stretch. It wasn’t. Our budget only consists of items required to have a functioning church. It is our job to make it happen, so please continue to do your part to keep us on track.

From the Finance Committee, Treasurer Dave Henderson... The books are closed for August 2018. Receipts for August were \$14,488.38 and expenses were \$11,894.85, resulting in a gain of \$2,593.53 for August. So far, year-to-date through August 31, 2018, we have had receipts of \$99,750.33 and expenses of \$97,706.78 for a year-to-date gain of \$1,043.55. We started off the year as normal with a good winter and the summer months came and hit the giving hard and we fell behind through July. We had a good August as members helped us "Ketchup". So let's see if moving forward we can continue to maintain our giving per our pledges and have a balanced budget month to month through the rest of the calendar year. If we can do that, we will finish the year with positive cash flow.

From the Later Life Committee, Member Lynne Walters...

Card Class...Join us for a card-making class on **Thursday, Oct. 4**, in the Activity Room. We will be making 4 cards. The theme is "Four for Fall (fall colors, themes, and holiday)". Classes will be at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The cost is \$12.00. Please bring adhesives like double-stick tape and liquid glue. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, Sept. 30. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Walters at 330-856-9689.

From the Outreach Committee Chairperson, Judy Shaffer...

Community Meal Update...The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted with the Community Meal at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Friday, September 21. We served approximately 125 people in our community.

Bingo at NSOV...The Outreach Committee will be hosting Bingo at Niles Shepherd of the Valley on **Wednesday, October 24**, at 2:00 pm. We will meet at 1:00 pm to set up. Men and women both are invited to assist. Please see the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board if you are able to help. We are asking for donations of small square tissue boxes, hand or body lotion, and monetary donations to purchase doughnuts. Please make your check payable to Living Lord Lutheran Church and mark "Outreach Bingo" in the memo portion. You may put your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Shaffer at 330-856-3148.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets...The Outreach Committee will again be giving out Thanksgiving Food Baskets. If you know of someone in need of a Thanksgiving Food Basket, please call the church office to get signed up as soon as possible (before **Sunday, November 4**). The Outreach Committee is asking for monetary donations to purchase turkeys and grocery shopping lists are posted on the Outreach Bulletin Board. We will also need 30 brown grocery bags, if you happen to have any you would like to donate. Please turn in your monetary and grocery donations no later than **Sunday, November 11**. Please make your checks payable to Living Lord Lutheran Church and mark "Food Baskets" in the memo portion. You may put your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Distribution of the Thanksgiving Food Baskets will be on **Friday, November 16**, from 9:00 am until noon. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Shaffer at 330-856-3148.

From the Property Committee Chairperson, Rolland Walters...Thanks to Earl Butts and Bob McKinney for painting the women's restroom in the Education Wing. Thanks to John and Dee Ruth for coming in during the week and removing excess wax from the pews in the sanctuary. Thanks to Pat Was for painting the entrance and exit signs by the driveway. Thanks to Earl Butts and Neal L'Amoureux for their assistance in removing the steel pole in the back of our parking lot. It turned out to be a bigger job than we expected. The new furnace and air conditioning unit has been installed. We need to pass one more inspection for it to be complete. As winter approaches, the Property Committee will be focusing on inside jobs. Any suggestions on what needs to be done can be directed to any Property Committee member.

From the Worship Committee Chairperson, Jan Was...

Sunday, November 11 – Veterans Day...Sunday, November 11, is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I. On that day, we will join other churches around the nation in remembering this occasion and honoring our veterans. We would like all veterans to fill out the form below (including all bases) and return it to the church office by October 28. Thank you.

Living Lord Lutheran Church
Military/Veteran Registry

Name _____ Branch of Service _____

Active Duty _____ Retired _____ Veteran _____ Rank _____

Years of Service from _____ to _____ Job Description _____

Duty Stations/Bases (Name, City, State, Country)

From the Parish Nurse, Dora Muller... *"We do not heal the past by dwelling there; we heal the past by living fully in the present."* M. Williamson

Our population is facing major life changes. As we age, there are new challenges that usually few are prepared to face. Loneliness may set in due to loss of a spouse, grown children moving on, retirement, and the onset of age-related diseases. All of these factors can lead to emotion distress. As we approach the latter stages of our lives, or the "golden years", we need to recognize the opportunities available to live a meaningful life by putting ourselves first. We need to be our own best friend. During our productive years of raising a family and accumulating for the future, we are often left with a heavy toll – sometimes our unwise life choices and behaviors from the past should not dictate our future. We all had dreams and aspirations for a great life. However, life happens and sometimes may be painful. As we approach retirement and settling into a slower paced lifestyle, sometimes dictated by our health or wealth, we need to learn how to let the past go and face our new stages of life with optimism. Post-traumatic syndrome disorders occur with some unlucky women who were protected and provided for most of their life before the death of a spouse. This may result in difficult times. However, there can still be hope. We need to be kind to ourselves and face the new challenges in our lives. An elderly widowed woman can learn how to drive, balance a checkbook, develop a new circle of friends, and attempt new hobbies that include more than cooking or cleaning. On the other hand, a male can learn how to cook, clean, iron his own shirts, and develop new friendships. Developing a new vision for our lives and learning how to be self-sufficient is essential to find happiness and serenity. We sometimes are our own worst enemy by not letting go of emotional baggage so that we continue to suffer the same emotional pains that may have afflicted us in the past and are carried into the present. We must let the past be only a memory and work to create a new and healthier future.

Thank You... Thank you for your support and help on our school supplies giveaway and cook-out. You helped make a big impact in our community. Terry Wentworth, Emmanuel Lutheran Church

2018 LIVING LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

President – Robert McKinney

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Outreach Chairperson – Judy Shaffer

Parish Education Chairperson – Darlene Altieri

Property Chairperson – Rolland Walters

Worship Chairperson – Jan Was

Treasurer – Dave Henderson

Financial Secretary – Terry King

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Sunday, Oct. 14 – MEF Award Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 21 – **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Wednesday, Oct. 24 – 1:00 pm Bingo at Niles Shepherd of the Valley

Sunday, Oct. 28 – Reformation/Confirmation/Fellowship

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 2 = Jill Gifford
- 3 = Jean Christopher-Difford
- 6 = Heather McCrimmon
- 8 = Jack Stauffer
- 9 = Earl Butts, Dick Michaels, & Rachael Sheets
- 11 = Darlene Altieri, Rose Baringer, & Jeremiah Drotleff
- 17 = Kay Fisher
- 19 = Terry King
- 21 = Lee Offerdahl
- 26 = Brycen Prasky
- 27 = Corinne McCrimmon
- 28 = Lee Sheets & Matt Walters
- 29 = Michael Prindle

Anniversaries

- 12 = Miller, Brandon & Meghan
- 20 = King, Carl & Louise
- 21 = Drotleff, Mike & Darcy
- 22 = Griffin, Robert & Cynthia