

**The Lamp Lighter**  
**November 2018**  
**The Newsletter of Living Lord Lutheran Church**  
**Real God. Real Faith. Real Life.**  
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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**

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**From Pastor William D. Leitch...**November is always an amazing month in the seasons of the Church. We begin by remembering and giving thanks for saints who have gone before us – All Saints Sunday. We grieve their loss, but remember how they helped to nurture our faith and bind us as the Body of Christ.

We finish the month with the last Sunday of the Church year. Yes, the Church year ends in November and the new year begins the first Sunday in December – the season of Advent. The last Sunday in November is Christ the King Sunday. We remember Jesus as who He was sent to be our heavenly king, not an earthly king.

As we focus on who Jesus is and who we are, we will highlight how to live this faith life in good stewardship for the mission and ministry God has called us to do.

First, Jesus taught us to love one another. We do everything out of love. Love is not always an easy thing to do. I challenge us all to reflect and examine how our actions (everything we do or say) show the love of Christ. Paul tells the Corinthians to give themselves to the mission and ministry of Christ out of love, in turn, it will give you great joy. He did not say it would make you rich; however, if you believe in the mission and ministry and support it out of love, it will give you great joy. Why? Because we own it. We have taken ownership of the ministry that Jesus called us to do.

Paul tells us to give sacrificially as Jesus gave his life. Jesus illustrates that sacrificial giving with the widow who gave everything. Even though it was not much by our wealthy standards, she gave everything. How can you give sacrificially, and out of love, and be joyful? Trust! Faith and trust that we are in this together and that in our time of need the Body of Christ will fulfill what we need.

November begins with All Saints Sunday and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that the predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

**Stewardship Campaign for 2019...**You are receiving this message in the November Newsletter at the same time you will be receiving a letter in the mail concerning our financial support for our mission and ministry of Living Lord Lutheran Church.

In the letter you receive, you will find a 4 x 6 card for you to record your “estimate of giving”, often referred to as a “pledge” for 2019. We ask that you give this campaign for financial support high priority. Please plan for your financial giving for 2019 and either send your pledge to the church office or bring it forward during our time of Offering on **Sunday, November 18, 2018**. This will be our Consecration Sunday.

Your offerings are precious and holy. They represent your trust, love, joy, sacrifice, and your bond with the Body of Christ. We treat your offerings as precious and holy. Together we can give all we need to financially support the mission and ministry plans that the leaders of our Council and ministry teams have dreamed to accomplish in 2019.

Without your promise, we must move along slowly and cautiously in order to remain fiscally sound and we will miss opportunities to execute our mission fully.

With everyone’s responsive support, our congregational leaders can plan boldly, take advantage of opportunities, and stretch your offering even greater.

The “Preliminary Budget” that is also included in your letter gives you a bare-bones budget that pays for the operations of the “brick and mortar”, salaries, and office operations. Without the full support of our ministry programs (Evangelism/Membership, Fellowship, Finance, Later Life, Outreach, Parish Education, Property, Worship, and Youth & Family), we are just another building on State Route 46. This bare-bones budget is what we at least hope to attain in 2018, based on our giving history thus far in 2018. This is the budget of a dying congregation.

In spite of working within a bare-bones budget for the past years, our Outreach team was recognized as a Legacy Award nominee in the Mahoning Valley. We have a congregation of folks with great hearts who execute their ministry with great sacrifice, love, and joy.

Please begin pledging and giving intentionally toward a more vibrant and supported ministry. Together we can grow into a more vibrant Church that makes a great difference in our community.

**Addresses Needed for Parish Directory...**Please provide the church office with your adult children’s current address, phone number, and email address. As their Pastor, I need to be able to make contact directly with them. If they are away at college, please provide that address so the Evangelism/Membership Committee can send them Christmas cards come December. These are our current young adult members we are trying to reach out to in order to have discussions about what they would like to see in worship, parish education, etc., to make them excited about coming to church and bringing their friends.

**Youth Lock-In...**The Eastern Conference Youth Lock-In will be held on **November 17-18** for all youth in 7-12 grades at Zion Lutheran Church, 3300 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511. All youth are encouraged to attend the 8:30 am worship at Zion together before departing for the morning. We will meet to worship, fellowship, and grow together in faith for an overnight event. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another or catch up with old friends. The cost will be \$10 to help cover the cost for food and recreation for the evening (to be paid at registration desk upon arrival). Please RSVP by November 10 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eastern-conference-lock-in-tickets-50262328979> or by calling or texting 330-442-7924. We are also looking for any and all adults, parents, or guardians who are able to come for the evening or short shifts throughout the night. If you can assist or will be attending, please call or text Pastor Erin at 330-442-7924. If you have any questions, please see 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.

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**From the Finance Committee, Treasurer Dave Henderson...** The books are closed for September 2018. Receipts for September were \$9,733.59 and expenses were \$13,069.89, resulting in a loss of \$3,336.30 for September. So far, year-to-date through September 30, 2018, we have had receipts of \$108,483.92 and expenses of \$110,776.67 for a year-to-date loss of \$2,292.75. 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”. September came and we did not have a good month. 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.

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

**Card Class...**Join us for a card-making class on **Thursday, Nov. 1**, in the Activity Room. We will be making 4 cards. The theme is “Holiday Sparkle” (3-4 Christmas, with maybe one fall for Thanksgiving). We will have another class on **Thursday, Nov. 29**, with the theme “Christmas Cards”. 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, Oct. 28. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Walters at 330-856-9689.

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**From the Outreach Committee Chairperson, Judy Shaffer...**

**Bingo at NSOV Update...**The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted with the Bingo at Niles Shepherd of the Valley on Wednesday, October 24. The residents thoroughly enjoyed themselves and loved our costumes!

**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.

**Angel Tree...**We can help make Christmas a special time for area children. Our Angel Tree will be up on **Sunday, December 9**. Stop by the tree, choose an angel, sign them out, and have fun shopping! We will have 20 children to buy for. All gifts must be returned UNWRAPPED by **Sunday, December 16**, with the angel tag attached. If you have any questions, please contact Tootie Rogers at 330-545-1135. If you are unable to be in church on December 3 and would like to participate, please call Tootie and she will mail you an angel.

**NSOV Christmas Party...**The Outreach Committee will be hosting the annual Christmas Party at Niles Shepherd of the Valley on **Thursday, December 12, 2018**, beginning at 12:00 pm. We will be collecting **new** gifts for this event. Also, we will need Christmas gift bags. Some gift suggestions are **new** gloves, hat, and scarf sets, lotion sets, jewelry sets, and gift sets. If you would like to donate money, we will do the shopping for you. Place your check, made payable to Living Lord Lutheran Church with the notation "NSOV Christmas Party" in the memo portion, in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Please place your items in the basket under the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Shaffer at 330-856-3148.

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**From the Parish Education Committee, Member Pat Was...**The Adult Forum will begin a new Ray Vander Laan series titled "Cultures in Conflict" beginning on November 4. The five-part series follows Paul as he travels through Greece and Israel spreading the Gospel in a world totally at odds with what he is preaching. It offers us an opportunity to understand how we can cope with the issues of our present society if our belief is strong enough.

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**From the Worship Committee Chairperson, Jan Was...**

**Hanging of the Greens...**The Hanging of the Greens will take place on **Saturday, December 1**, at 9:00 am. We will begin with coffee, juice, and doughnuts at 8:30 am. Please consider donating one hour of your time to this event. Your help is appreciated.

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**Thank You...**Friends at Living Lord, We want to thank you for cooking and serving our free lunch at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Friday, September 21. The food was delicious and it was so good to see and visit with all of you. You are certainly a blessing to us and to our clients. Sincerely, Randy & Sue Engler, Kitchen/Pantry Coordinators

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## **2018 LIVING LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL**

President – Robert McKinney

VP / Youth & Family Chairperson – Stacey Altieri

Secretary – Warner Taiclet

Finance Chairperson – Pat Was, Interim

Evangelism/Membership Chairperson – Arlene Barkan

Fellowship Chairperson- Nancy Walters

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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

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**EVENTS IN NOVEMBER**

Sunday, Nov. 4 – All Saints Sunday/Daylight Saving Time Ends

Monday, Nov. 6 – Election Day

Sunday, Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

Friday, Nov. 16 – Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution 9:00 am – Noon

Sunday, Nov. 18 – Consecration Sunday-Pledge Cards Due/**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Thursday, Nov. 22 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, Nov. 25 – Christ the King Sunday

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays**

- 1 = Eric Babinchak
- 2 = Bridget LaRock
- 5 = James Holmstrom
- 9 = Christopher McCrimmon
- 12 = Michael Taiclet
- 13 = Reva McConnell
- 14 = Ryan Glinn, Diane Marrara, & Jan Was
- 15 = Missy LaRock
- 20 = Amy Pesa, Lauren Quinton, & Serenity Sheets
- 21 = Darcy Drotleff
- 22 = Luke & Thomas Gifford
- 23 = Mary Ann Roberts & Reed Rooks
- 24 = Becky Easton
- 25 = Betty Hinton & Elizabeth Sheets
- 27 = May Crain Love
- 28 = Evan Burns
- 29 = Erika Sheets

**Anniversaries**

- 13 = Milone, Paul & Mary (“Mike”)