

**The Lamp Lighter**  
**March 2019**  
**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...**The first Sunday in March is Transfiguration Sunday.

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory in the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God. (*Sundays and Seasons*)

Next, we begin the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday services.

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today’s readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent, the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning in which we are washed in God’s mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come. (*Sundays and Seasons*)

Our Wednesday Lenten Services will use Holden Evening Prayer as our worship format. The message each evening will cover one part of Luther’s Catechism.

It was the first century church’s tradition to teach new believers about the faith in Jesus Christ. So for 40 days they would go through intense training. Then, during Holy Week, they would be baptized. On Good Friday, they would renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the forces of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw us away from God.

On Easter Morning, the baptismal candidates would then be baptized and make the solemn oath to continue in this covenant God makes with us.

We need to remember the details of this covenant and how we have promised to live it out. If we do not take the time to remember this in detail, we will drift off, forget about, and break the covenant with God. It would make me sad if one would treat this covenant as if it did not matter. Imagine how we break God’s heart when we treat our relationship with God as just a one-time event and not a life-time relationship/commitment.

**Ash Wednesday, March 6...**We will have Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 12:00 noon and 6:30 pm at Living Lord Lutheran Church.

**Lenten Evening Worship Service & Soup Supper...**Beginning on **Wednesday, March 13**, we will have Soup Suppers at 5:30 pm followed by Lenten Evening Worship Service at 6:30 pm at Living Lord Lutheran Church. We will need four crocks of soup each Wednesday. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you can volunteer to bring soup.

**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](http://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 January 2019. Receipts for January were \$25,365.40 and expenses were \$13,766.81, resulting in a gain of \$11,598.59 for the month! What a great start to 2019! As is usually the case, we have some big contributions early in the year which skews our profitability. Let’s see if we can continue to build on our surplus so we can have a year where the treasurer isn’t screaming like Chicken Little that the sky is falling!

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

**Card Class...**Join us for a card-making class on **Thursday, March 7**, in the Activity Room. We will be making 4 cards. The theme is “Floral Fun Folds”. 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, March 3. 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...**The Outreach Committee will be hosting Bingo at Niles Shepherd of the Valley on **Wednesday, March 13**, at 2:00 pm. We will meet at 1:30 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 or bake cookies. We are asking for donations of cheese cracker packs, peanut butter cracker packs, crossword or word find puzzle books, square tissue boxes, chapstick, body lotion, hand lotion, and medium size gift bags to hold two of these items (plain colors like red, green, blue, yellow, purple, etc.). If you have any questions, please contact Judy Shaffer at 330-856-3148.

**Easter Food Baskets...**We will begin collecting food for the Easter Food Baskets on **Sunday, March 17**. The last day to bring in items will be **Sunday, April 14**. A chart will be in the hallway for items to bring. If you know anyone in the church or anyone in need, please call or email the Parish Office (330-856-5302 or [secretary@lllc.org](mailto:secretary@lllc.org)) to order your food basket by **Friday, March 29**. We will pack and distribute the baskets on **Wednesday, April 17**, beginning at 9:00 am. Pickup will be from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. No deliveries. There will be envelopes to donate for the purchase of hams available at the food chart in the hallway. Please mark “Easter Food Baskets” in the memo portion of your check made payable to Living Lord Lutheran Church. You may also place your check in the collection plate. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

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**From the Larry L. Maggiano, M.D., Memorial Scholarship Fund Chairperson, Lorraine Bell ...**

**Scholarship Fund Challenge...**Due to a generous gift by the family of Larry L. Maggiano, the Larry L. Maggiano, M.D., Memorial Scholarship Fund was created. In order for a named fund to be created, a gift of at least \$20,000.00 must be received. That gift is invested, administered by the Scholarship Board, and proceeds from that fund are used each year to award scholarships. In order to grow the principal of the fund, you are asked to help. Envelopes are available for donations to the fund in the basket on the shelf under the bulletin board in the main hallway. Your donation will be invested with the principal. You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office made payable to Living Lord Lutheran Church with the notation "Maggiano Scholarship Fund" in the memo portion. The family of Larry Maggiano has issued a challenge to each of you. Each dollar you contribute to the fund, the family will match up to \$1,000.00. The generosity of the Maggiano family and your generosity in making this opportunity available for the young people of our congregation are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Committee: Lorraine Bell, Ronda Leitch, and Jo Maggiano.

**Scholarship Applications...**Attention High School seniors and current college students: Applications and stipulations for the Larry L. Maggiano, M.D., Memorial Scholarship are available in the Parish Office. Completed forms must be returned by **Sunday, April 28, 2019**. Please direct any questions that you may have to Lorraine Bell at 330-372-0227.

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**From the Parish Nurse, Dora Muller...***"It's never too late to take your heart health seriously and make it a priority."* Jennie Garth

This past month was dedicated to a rising awareness of heart disease in women. However, we should keep in mind that we all are at risk of developing some heart disease or condition. The human body is a perfect machine with organs interacting to perform vital functions and the heart was made to never skip a beat. Some chronic diseases can lend to difficulty in breathing and locomotion. Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) is a chronic disease that affects the heart pumping system. The primary function of the heart is to pump precious fuel to keep the human body functioning. The classic symptoms of CHF are retention of fluids as evidenced by weight gain, edema of the legs, and difficulty in breathing. One of my fond memories of my father is that he and my brother took extreme care of their Volkswagen. They almost weekly would remove and clean the motor to help maintain it in perfect running condition. We can compare the human body and a car motor. However, like any machine, we can expect some wear and tear. CHF does not mean necessarily that the heart is about to fail, but rather the heart may be weak and the effort to pump blood is difficult. The best maintenance to keep our hearts in optimal working condition is to recognize the symptoms of CHF and be proactive to help maintain a healthy heart by following preventive measures such as better eating habits, physical activity, and weight control which help us live longer lives.

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**Thank you...**Dear Congregation, Thank you for your gift of \$429.86 received on January 30, 2019, for Camp Frederick. We are grateful and humbled by your faithful stewardship of God's good gifts. Your prayers and gifts make a difference! As we thank you for your financial support, we do ask for your prayers. Please regularly include our year-round staff, our summer staff, and all of our guests in your prayers. Finally, we ask that you spread the word in your church family about summer camp and also about the facilities which are available for rent here at Camp Frederick. We have found that "word of mouth" is by far the best way to advertise what we have here. Thank you again for including Camp Frederick in your giving plan. Blessings of peaceful grace, Matt Miller, Director, Camp Frederick

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**2019 LIVING LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL**

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**EVENTS IN MARCH**

Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday – 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm Worship

Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Saving Time Begins

Monday, March 11 – 6:00 pm Council in Activity Room

Wednesday, March 13 – 1:30 pm Bingo at NSOV;  
5:30 pm Soup Supper; 6:30 pm Lenten Evening Worship

Sunday, March 17 – NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Wednesday, March 20 – 5:30 pm Soup Supper; 6:30 pm Lenten Evening Worship

Wednesday, March 27 – 5:30 pm Soup Supper; 6:30 pm Lenten Evening Worship

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### **Birthdays**

- 1 = Warner Taiclet
- 2 = Karin McKinney
- 4 = Jean Pfliederer & Donna Tompkins
- 7 = Carl King
- 9 = Ashley Anderson
- 12 = Rachel Gifford & Neal L'Amoureux
- 17 = Pat Gilmore
- 20 = Hana Hakeem & Alexis Stredney
- 21 = Pat Lauka
- 22 = Jacob Cox
- 24 = Jack Gilmore & Alberta Lucas
- 25 = Camille Allen & Michael Boker
- 26 = Laverne Kubli & Mike Milone
- 28 = Lindsey Hinton & Chuck Thompson
- 30 = Ruth Lewis & Barb Wright
- 31 = John Hinely, Jr.

### **Anniversaries**

- 4 = Michaels, Dick & Gloria
- 22 = Sheets, Dennis & Rachael