

The Lamp Lighter
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The Newsletter of Living Lord Lutheran Church
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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:00 AM

From Pastor William D. Leitch... Tell me about a time you encountered God in your life! Sometimes there are such unbelievable events in our lives that we think, “No one will believe this!” Too many times, I believe that folks never share those strange events because it seems too trivial and that it really doesn’t count as an encounter with God.

Let me encourage you to tell your story because even the most bizarre stories can be conversation prompts that give you permission to speak of your faith.

Many of you have already heard my John 3:16 story, but if you have not, let me tell you how I use it:

My father bought a John Deere 316 around 1980. He mowed three acres every week for about twenty years; then I inherited the tractor. The bearings were worn, I was having charging problems, and I thought it would be a good idea to sell it and get a new tractor.

Then my neighbor asked me during his son’s high school graduation party, “Did you buy your tractor because you are a pastor?” I responded, “Duh? What?” He replied, “Because it’s a John 316!”



I never gave it a thought before. My Dad and I never gave it a thought! But now, I couldn’t sell my John 316. I trouble shot the electrical problem and fixed that. I replaced all the mower deck bearings. This spring, it was time to clean and repaint the scratches and scuffs.

I pulled the fenders, hood, and side panels off.



I cleaned and scrubbed off all the built up dirt. After painting the fenders, hood, and side panels with John Deere Green, I reinstalled them. Thus, the resurrection of "John 316"!!!





So, what use is a silly story like this? Well, I use it to start a conversation. I call this a “Faith Flag”. Many laugh because they know John 3:16, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”*

Some hesitate, but give you “the look”. You know “the look” – “Tell me more?” Now you have permission to speak, and I tell them about the central belief of Christians, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”*

And that is all I do, unless they ask more or tell their faith story, then we go deeper into “Talking about Faith”. Just to let you know how excited I am to teach people how to speak of faith, I actually finished this article 11 days before it was due. Now I should check the AED in case Lynn Golen has a heart attack.

Living Lord Veterans Roster...The following past and current members of Living Lord Lutheran Church have been identified as having served in the U.S. Military. If you know of any others, please contact Rich Baringer, Rollie Walters, or Pat Was:

Altiere, Michael
 Altieri, Thomas
 Anderson, Shelby
 Bandy, Kara
 Bandy, Kenneth
 Baringer, Richard
 Beasom, William
 Bell, Johnny R.
 Blice-Baum, Rev. Christine
 Bock, Robert
 Brown, Kenneth
 Butts, Earl
 Clane, William
 Cox, Jacob
 Cox, Joshua
 Cox, Kathryn
 Cox, Louis
 Cummings, Cassandra
 Cummings, Rory

Darby, Mark
 Dawson, Doris
 Dillon, William
 Fedorchak, Richard
 Gerbetz, Ernest
 Harvey, Joseph
 Henderson, James
 Holmstrom, James
 Jackson, Shaun
 John, Larry
 Johnson, Allan
 Kubli, Fred
 Lageson, John
 L’Amoureux, Neal
 Lauka, Thomas
 Lauka, Thomas J.
 Leisy, Harry
 Leitch, Rev. William
 Lewis, David T.

Lewis, John B.
 Marrara, Anthony
 McKinney, Robert
 Michaels, Richard
 Michaels, Richard (son)
 Milone, Paul
 Morgan, Leroy
 Muller, Keith
 Pinto, Scott
 Radtka, Raphael
 Sanzenbacher, Lee
 Seekins, William
 Sheets, Roger Lee
 Smith, Dennis
 Thompson, Charles
 Thompson, John
 Walters, Rolland
 Was, J. Patrick

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.

Camp Frederick Events...Saturday, June 8, 7:30 am, Camp Frederick’s 7th Annual Wilderness 5k Trail Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk. Every dollar raised helps send kids to camp. Registration opens at 7:30 am, race and fun walk begin at 9:00 am. Cost: 5k timed race (pre-register \$20; at event \$25), fun walk (pre-register \$10; at event \$15). The first 100 people to register for either event will receive a free T-shirt. There will be awards for both male and female participants. Register online at www.active.com. If you have any questions about either event, please contact the camp office at the 6996 Millrock Rd., Rogers, OH 44455, phone: 330-227-3633, fax: 330-227-9005, or infor@campfrederick.com.

From the Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Nancy Walters...We will have Fellowship between services on **Sunday, June 2,** in honor of our graduates and the Maggiano Scholarship Award recipient.

From the Finance Committee, Treasurer Dave Henderson... The books are closed for April 2019. Receipts for April were \$12,869.22 and expenses were \$11,816.55, resulting in a gain of \$1,052.67 for the month! The year-to-date numbers through April 2019 are still looking good. We have income of \$62,641.31 and expenses of \$48,113.09, for a gain of \$14,528.22. As is usually the case, we have some big contributions early in the year which skews our profitability, but in April we held our own and ended the month with a gain! Let’s see if we can continue to build on our surplus. Let’s all try and keep current with our commitment to giving!

From the Later Life Committee Chairperson, Lorraine Bell...We still have some “I Love My Church” yard signs if anyone would like some. Look at the ones at the front of the church. **Free to you!** Use this as an opportunity to witness to your neighbors. Feel free to take as many as you would like; they are located by the parking lot entrance doors.

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

Card Class...Join us for a card-making class on **Thursday, June 6,** in the Activity Room. We will be making 4 cards. The theme is “Special Occasions” 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, June 2. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Walters at 330-856-9689.

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

Scholarship Award Presentation...The Maggiano Scholarship Award Presentation will be held on **Sunday, June 2,** at the **10:00** am worship service. The scholarship is a grant from the Larry L. Maggiano, M.D., Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship goes to eligible college or trade school students as determined by the Scholarship Fund Board.

From the Outreach Committee Chairperson, Judy Shaffer...

Tea Party at HSOV Update...The Outreach Committee would like to thank all who assisted with the Tea Party at Howland Shepherd of the Valley on Wednesday, May 8. It was a huge success enjoyed by all.

Niles Shepherd of the Valley Summer Picnic...Join us for some summer fun on **Wednesday, June 26**, at Niles Shepherd of the Valley. We will gather at 11:00 am to begin setup and start the grill. We are looking for helpers and two grill masters (it is a gas grill). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please join us for a good time and help make the day a bright one for our friends at Niles Shepherd of the Valley. For more information, please contact Judy Shaffer at 330-856-3148.

From the Parish Education Committee Chairperson, Raymond Boothe...

Vacation Bible School...This year's Vacation Bible School is going to be held at Living Lord Lutheran Church **July 7-11** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for children up to the 6th grade. This year's theme will be "Moose on the Loose". Please join us for an exciting week of crafts and games. If you would be interested in volunteering to teach, lead crafts, lead games, set up and serve snacks, and lead the opening and closing, please contact Raymond Boothe at 740-988-8898. Please register your children by filling out a registration form located on the ledge under the main bulletin board and return it to the church office by **July 1**. Invite your friends and neighbors. This is FREE!

From the Property Committee Chairperson, Rollie Walters...

Medical Kits...Medical kits have been installed in the hallway across from the kitchen by the drinking fountain and on the wall by the Council mailboxes. A third kit will be installed shortly in the Education Wing hallway across from the women's restroom.

Mowing Schedule...We need volunteers to help with the mowing. The more people that cut, the fewer times each person has to cut. There will be a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board under the Property section.

From the Worship Committee Chairperson, Meghan Miller...

Worship Assistants...Please contact Meghan Miller at 330-618-5668 to let her know when you will be away on vacation or any dates you will not be available to serve.

Summer Worship Schedule...We will begin our Summer Worship Schedule on **Sunday, June 2**. We will have services at 8:00 and **10:00** am.

Thank you...Dear Congregation, Thank you for your gift of \$382.51 received on April 24, 2019, for Camp Frederick's Campership Fund. 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

Pastor and Church Family, Lamar and I want to thank you all for your help and prayers. Your calls and visits were appreciated. We are blessed to have such a great church family. God bless all, Lamar & Marge Shoemaker

2019 LIVING LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

President – Stacey Altieri

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Evangelism/Membership Chairperson – Arlene Barkan

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Later Life Chairperson – Lorraine Bell

Outreach Chairperson – Judy Shaffer

Parish Education Chairperson – Raymond Boothe

Property Chairperson – Rolland Walters

Worship Chairperson – Meghan Miller

Youth & Family Chairperson – Vacant

Treasurer – Dave Henderson

Financial Secretary – Terry King

EVENTS IN JUNE

Sunday, June 2 – Summer Worship Schedule of 8:00 & 10:00 am Begins/Senior Recognition/Maggiano Scholarship Award

Thursday, June 6, 2:00 & 6:00 pm – Later Life Card Class in Activity Room

Saturday, June 8 – Friday, June 14 – Servant Week

Sunday, June 9 - Pentecost

Friday, June 14 – Saturday, June 15 – NEOS Assembly

Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day/Ugly Tie Contest

Wednesday, June 26, 12:00 pm – Annual Summer Picnic at Niles Shepherd of the Valley

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 4 = Donna Ketcham
- 7 = Raphael Radtka
- 9 = Dave Henderson
- 14 = Jillian Anderson & Lori DiTunno
- 16 = Gloria Michaels
- 17 = Marjorie DeScenna
- 20 = Arlene Barkan & David DeScenna
- 21 = Carolyn Parker & Dennis Sheets
- 23 = Robert Griffin & Taylor Stredney
- 26 = Shannon Neff
- 29 = Jamie Prasky
- 30 = Ariana Rinehart

Anniversaries

- 1 = DeScenna, David & Marjorie
- 8 = Harden, David & Leona
- 15 = Shoemaker, Lamar & Marge
- 15 = Smith, Don & Patty
- 20 = Baringer, Rich & Rose
- 21 = McKinney, Bob & Karin
- 21 = Thompson, Chuck & Kitty
- 22 = Neff, Jason & Shannon
- 23 = Welter, Fred & Judie
- 29 = Leitch, Bill & Ronda

