

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... Through the four Sundays of August, we will hear God:

1. Give caution, instruction, and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the “unhappy business” of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We understand Baptism as the beginning of our journey with Christ – focused on God’s will and not distracted by everything that flies at us in this world.

Jesus says: Be on guard against greed; be rich toward God, your treasure.

2. God pleads with us and offers us His Kingdom/His perfect world. God kept His promise to Abraham, the early church, and He still keeps His promise to our “little flock” today. We must trust God and accept the gift. It is sad when folks do not trust and walk away from the gift. It requires us to step out in faith on this journey with God.
3. God challenges us on this journey. Sell all you have. God gives you treasures in heaven. How should we do this and care for ourselves and our families as God would have us do?
4. God will challenge us. The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by “so great a cloud of witnesses”. In the word and in the Holy Communion, we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith”.

This last Sunday of August is all about the theology of sanctification. What is sanctification? In the words of Dr. Mark Allen Powell, “Jesus will change you!” We are saved by grace and when we truly accept that gift, we follow Christ and trust in Christ!

God’s word is like fire, like a hammer that breaks rocks.

None of us has such a thick shell around us that God cannot penetrate that barrier. God can operate on all of us!

Finally, remember the Sabbath day. Call the Sabbath a delight. This is the Lord’s day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help, and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Do not trample the Sabbath, but feed the hungry.

Still, Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath and is condemned.

How do we gracefully reveal Christ and work together with Christ to change this world when we are condemned for following Christ? Let's walk this journey together and be changed.

New Photo Directory...Living Lord photo sessions for an updated pictorial directory will be **September 9 and 10**. More details and scheduling to come!

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 Finance Committee, Treasurer Dave Henderson... The books are closed for June 2019. Receipts for June were \$12,635.73 and expenses were \$11,025.82, resulting in a gain of \$1,609.91 for the month. The year-to-date numbers through June 2019 are still looking good. We have income of \$84,549.69 and expenses of \$74,811.64, for a gain of \$9,708.35. As is usually the case, we have some big contributions early in the year which skews our profitability, but in June we rebounded from a down month in May. The summer months are usually not the best months for us financially, but we had a positive gain in June. Let's see if we can keep a positive cash flow in July as well. 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, August 8**, in the Activity Room. We will be making 4 cards. The theme is "Pretty Posies Plus" 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, August 4. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Walters at 330-856-9689.

From the Mission Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson, Michael Taiclet...Greetings and blessings to all from MEF. I hope everybody's summer is continuing to go well. I know I have been enjoying mine thus far. Anyway, I would like to just remind you about our progress since our last meeting. I am still pleased to announce that we have decided upon a 2019 MEF Award recipient. I am still not announcing the name of the recipient. However, mark your calendars! I would like to remind you that the MEF Award Sunday will be on Sunday, October 13 (the second Sunday of October), in which the award will be presented at both services to a representative of the 2019 MEF Award recipient. I would also like to remind you that we will be meeting again in November and I am still looking for names of any groups and/or organizations that could benefit from our award. A list of possible candidates needs to be ready in time for our November meeting in order to approve them as possible candidates. Once approved, we then can sent out the necessary paperwork and applications to these groups in order for them to return the application back in time for our meeting in April. So, I am asking if you know of any groups and/or organizations, please let any member of the MEF Committee know (Michael Taiclet, Missy LaRock, Ronda Leitch, Tootie Rogers, Lamar Shoemaker, Pastor Bill). You may also leave a

note in the MEF mailbox if you would like. Finally, I would like to ask if anyone is interested in joining the MEF to please contact any member of the MEF Committee. Currently there is one vacant spot on the Committee and beginning next February there will be another vacant spot to fill. This is due to term limits being reached. The Committee meets only twice a year on a Thursday night. We meet once in April and again in November. We are flexible to working around schedules. Currently, due to me being in Bell Choir, our starting time has changed to 6:15 pm and we usually meet for about an hour. So please let us know if you are interested.

From the Outreach Committee Chairperson, Judy Shaffer...

School Supply Collection Update...The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to the Howland school supply collection during the month of July. Our Howland community students will surely appreciate the help with school supplies for the new school year.

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.

From the Parish Nurse, Dora Muller...*The tans will fade, but the memories will last forever.*

Summer is finally here. It's time to play outside and enjoy the warmth of the sun. But with the sun, we also need skin protection. The danger from sun exposure is a reality which can lead to burned skin and possible skin cancer. My husband is one of those people who can give a lecture on the exact angle of the noon day sun at specific times of the year and the intensity of the sun's rays. Believe me, after hearing his lecture, we will all run for sunscreen, sunblock, and learn more about SPF factor. But what are the sunscreen and sunblock products and how do they protect us? Both products provide protection from the sun. Sunscreen is chemical and is absorbed into the skin to protect the skin from the sun's UV (ultraviolet) rays. On the other hand, sunblocks are physical barriers in which the main ingredients are zinc and/or titanium and prevent UV radiation from reaching the skin, i.e. remain on the surface of the skin and reflect the UV rays away from the skin. SPF (sun protection factor) is a relative measure of how much time a sunscreen will protect one from UV rays. Deciding which product is better is confusing. Those that are absorbed into the skin versus those that remain on the skin. In either case, prevention of skin damage is necessary. Remember, a high SPF number does not necessarily result in higher protection, but rather is an indicator that we may need to reapply the product or get out of the sun. While we enjoy the warm kiss of the sun, we need to be proactive by caring for our skin and thus avoid damaging the health of our skin.

Thank you...Thank you for the scholarship. Zachary Blythe

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EVENTS IN AUGUST

Thursday, August 8, 2:00 & 6:00 pm – Later Life Card Class in Activity Room

Sunday, August 11, 11:00 am – Council in Activity Room

Tuesday, August 27, 7:00 pm – Witty Knitters in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 28, 6:00 pm – Trumbull Area Lutheran Coalition at Prince of Peace

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 = Gabrielle Mazzola & Patti Rinehart
- 2 = Damien Sheely
- 4 = Alexandra (Rinehart) Matune
- 5 = Susan Henderson
- 6 = Robert Hinton, Jr.
- 8 = Joyce L'Amoureux
- 10 = Lynne Walters
- 14 = Brandon Miller
- 15 = Patsy Pastva
- 18 = Tyler Pesa
- 19 = Tom Altieri
- 20 = Kayla Altieri & Tracy (Taiclet) Montagna
- 21 = Kevin & Kyle Chopko and Michele Lambert
- 22 = Art Taylor
- 25 = Lorraine Bell, Jean Dillon, & Stephen Mazzola
- 27 = Zachary Harden
- 28 = Ronda Leitch
- 29 = Patty Smith
- 31 = Ken Ketcham

Anniversaries

- 4 = Gilmore, Jack & Patricia
- 11 = Pagano, Joseph & Whitney (Crain)
- 12 = Boothe, Raymond & Pamela
- 20 = Marrara, Tony & Diane
- 23 = Muller, Keith & Dora
- 23 = Zingale, James & Jeanne
- 31 = Ketcham, Ken & Donna