

The Lamp Lighter
April 2020
The Newsletter of Living Lord Lutheran Church
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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:30 AM
ADULT FORUM & SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 AM

HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday – April 5 – 8:00 & 10:30 Worship/Lent Boxes to be Returned - 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Special Congregation Meeting**

Maundy Thursday – April 9 – 7:00 pm Worship

Good Friday – April 10 – 7:00 pm Worship

Easter Sunday – April 12 – 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship

From Pastor William D. Leitch...*God’s call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose--that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

Genesis 12:1-4a *“The Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you, I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him”*

Every Veteran’s Day I give the invocation at the Veteran’s Day service. I am informed by what God called Abram and Sarai to do, “to be a blessing”! As is the tradition, we invoke God to “Bless America”, but my prayer is that we will be informed by God that we are to be blessed so that we might be a blessing to the rest of the world. So I have always concluded the invocation with, “Lord, please bless America so that we might be a blessing to the world.”

By the time you read this, we will have conducted two Town Hall meetings. During those meetings, we should have come to see how we have been blessed. Also, we should have come to a better understanding of how we are to be a blessing in our world and in our community.

Our next step in carrying out God’s mission and ministry is to agree upon a strategic plan that will give us unity, vision, and purpose. Our prayer is that we will agree to a mutual ministry, written down in an updated “Ministry Profile”. A mission that we are committed to as one body in Christ.

We will do this at a Special Congregation Meeting called by our Congregation Council on Palm Sunday, April 5, soon after 9:00 am and as soon as we get some breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

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 Chairperson, Bob McKinney...The books have been closed for the first two months of the year. Through February, we have a net gain of \$4,940.14, so we are in a positive cash flow. As I have said many times, cash flow for us is very important. We appreciate you keeping up with your pledges and continue to do so during the rest of the year. **ATTENTION: DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES IN OUR COUNTRY WITH THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND OUR CHURCH SUSPENDING ALL WORSHIP SERVICES, EVENTS, AND GATHERINGS FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS OR SO, PLEASE MAIL YOUR OFFERING TO THE CHURCH. THANK YOU AND PLEASE BE SAFE AND WASH THOSE HANDS.** As you probably know, we have changed our format in the Sunday Announcement Page showing the weekly and year-to-date numbers. This should make it easier for us to understand. Dave Henderson will be working with Brandon Miller to show him the ropes of the Treasurer’s position. This way Brandon can step in when needed. We appreciate Brandon stepping up for this. If anyone has any questions, concerns, or suggestions for me, please let me know. If I do not know the answer, I will find out.

From the Finance Committee, Treasurer Dave Henderson... The books are closed for February 2020. Receipts for February 2020 were \$15,127.14 and expenses were \$12,185.20, resulting in a gain of \$2,941.94 for the month. Year-to-date through February, receipts have totaled \$29,118.14 and expenses were \$24,177.40, for a net gain of \$4,940.74. We have started out the year with a positive cash flow. Let’s continue throughout the year to meet our commitment to giving.

From the In-Reach Committee, Member Lynne Walters...
Card Class...Due to the Coronavirus, there will be no Card Class in April.

From the Larry L. Maggiano, M.D., Memorial Scholarship Fund Chairperson, Lorraine Bell ...
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 26, 2020**. Please direct any questions that you may have to Lorraine Bell at 330-372-0227.

From the Outreach Committee Chairperson, Judy Shaffer...
Bingo at NSOV Update...The Outreach Committee was asked to postpone their Bingo at Niles Shepherd of the Valley on Wednesday, March 18, due to the Coronavirus. All future events at all Shepherd of the Valley locations are currently suspended.

Easter Food Baskets...We began collecting food for the Easter Food Baskets on Sunday, March 22. The last day to bring in items is **Sunday, March 29**. We will pack and distribute the baskets on **Wednesday, April 8**, beginning at 9:00 am. Pickup will be from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. No deliveries.

From the Parish Nurse, Dora Muller... *"Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon."* Doug Larson

To keep up with the 2020 theme of alphabet vitamins, April is dedicated to Vitamin B. Although not very academic, I did my research through popular magazines such as Prevention, Women’s Health, Men’s Health, Parents, plus those pamphlets found in doctors’ waiting rooms, all of which can be confusing. These varied sources and the sales pitch from the young man at the health store made me unsure of what to write about. Thus, I decided to review my nutrition class notes and deal only with the basics. The world of Vitamin B12 is very complex. It is comprised of different vitamins which offer distinct benefits to our health. We are all familiar with the term complex B12. But how does complex B12 work? Some of the types of Vitamin B (thiamin, riboflavin, biotin, pantothenic acid pyridoxine, and niacin) are components that help in the release of energy from food. But what happens when we lack complex B? When there are major deficiencies, it can result in anemia, memory lapses, mood changes (mental confusion, agitation), and poor muscle coordination. And for those women in the childbearing ages, a lack of Vitamin B9 or folic acid can lead to birth defects. Vitamin B12 is stored in the liver and can be there for several years. Pyridoxine (B6), biotin (B7), folate (B9), and cobalamin (B12), all complex B, can be found in whole grains (brown rice, barley, millet), meat (red meat, poultry, fish), eggs and dairy products, legumes (beans, lentils), seeds and nuts (sunflower seeds, almonds), dark leafy vegetables, citrus fruits, and also in avocados and bananas. We all agree that Vitamin B complex supplements are beneficial to our health and the venue to acquire these supplements is through a diet rich in vitamins. However, first discuss the use of B vitamins with your doctor instead of the guy from the vitamin shop at the local mall.

2020 COUNCIL

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EVENTS IN APRIL

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday – 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship/Lent Boxes to be Returned,
9:00 am Breakfast, 9:30 am Special Congregation Meeting

Saturday, April 11 – Council in Activity Room 10:00 am

Sunday, April 12, Easter Sunday – 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship

Sunday, April 19 – NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 2 = Logan Pastore
- 5 = Brian McCrimmon
- 8 = Nicholas Altieri & Kimberly Roberts
- 10 = Lee Sanzenbacher
- 11 = Evelyn Walters & Jim Zingale
- 12 = Tom Lauka
- 15 = Judy Shaffer
- 18 = Vickie Prindle & Shirley Secrist
- 24 = Raymond Boothe, Ernie Gerbetz & Mary Ulam
- 26 = Pat Butts

Anniversaries

- 5 = John, Larry & Audrey
- 26 = Glinn, Ryan & Lauren

<p>Living Lord Lutheran Church 851 Niles-Cortland Road, N.E. Warren, OH 44484 330-856-5302</p> <p>Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Adult Forum & Sunday School 9:00 am</p> <p>Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-11:00 am</p>

Prayer for a Pandemic
by Cameron Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced,
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors,
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home,
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health
or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their
schools close,
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips,
Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the
economic market,
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home,
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
Let us choose love.