

The Lamp Lighter
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WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE RECORDED ON TUESDAYS AT 10:00 AM

From the President, Nancy Walters...Hi everyone! Another month has gone by and we are still in shut-down mode. The Council met on September 13 and, after a long discussion on the safety of returning, has decided to wait until the first Sunday in November to reopen for in-person worship services. You of course are welcome to come to the recording on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. We will meet again in October to revisit the subject. This subject has been brought up every month since we closed again in July. The Council feels that it would not yet be safe even though we all want to return. Schools have just opened, and the news shows many new cases with deaths over 200,000! When we return, we will really need to follow the protocols put in place. The church has purchased a forehead thermometer for use in the doorway as you come in and face masks and social distancing will be required. Pastor Larry Klinker will start as the interim pastor on the first Sunday in November. That Sunday is All Saints Sunday. If you have lost a loved one this past year, please let Lynn Golen know in early October. Pastor Klinker has also suggested that we bring pictures of those loved ones so that we can see who they were. Please stay safe and wear a mask so that we can return soon!

St. Paul Lutheran Church...Dear Friends, I am writing with some bittersweet news. I will no longer be your pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church. My last Sunday will be October 18. The Lutheran Bishop of Southern Ohio, Rev. Susanne Dillahunt, and the Episcopal Bishop of Southern Ohio, Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal, have asked me to start a joint Lutheran-Episcopal congregation in the city of Troy, Ohio. I have received a call and am very excited to accept this challenge. This has come about because the priest of Trinity Episcopal Church (Troy, Ohio) has just retired. There is a large, modern facility at Trinity Episcopal Church, which has been a parish in Troy for 189 years. The ELCA church was disbanded some years ago when a NALC church took its place. For some time, Bishops Dillahunt and Breidenthal have been looking for a Lutheran pastor to take on this innovative call. Troy, Ohio, is the place where my daughter lives with her husband and my two grandsons. I am filled with joy at the chance to live near them in the same hometown! Family is such a blessing! During the time that I have served in Warren, we have been travelling 2 hours to a halfway point to see each other about every 6 weeks. My move will put us just 2 miles apart! I can hardly believe that I have served St. Paul Lutheran Church for just about 10 years! The time has flown by, and while I can no longer be your pastor, please continue to count me as your friend. May God bless you richly as you continue to do ministry in Warren. Peace and health, Rev. Ann Marie Winters

New Northeastern Ohio Synod Bishop...The Rev. Dr. Laura Barbins, Mentor, Ohio, was elected September 12, 2020, to serve a six-year term as the fifth bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The bishop-elect has served as pastor of Celebration Lutheran Church in Chardon since 2001 and adjunct faculty at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, since 2018. Trinity is one of seven ELCA seminaries. Barbins served as interim pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Park, Ohio, from 1999 to 2000 and associate pastor for youth at Holy Trinity Lutheran in Nashville, TN, from 1995 to 1997. The Rev. Dr. Barbins received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Roanoke College in Salem, VA, in 1990 and a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran

Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (now United Lutheran Seminary) in Gettysburg, PA, in 1994. United is one of seven ELCA seminaries. She received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, in 2004. Bishop-Elect Barbins is married to the Rev. Dr. Paul Barbins, pastor of the Latvian Baptist Church of Cleveland and Program Coordinator of the Spiritual Program for Adults at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio. The Rev. Barbins have four daughters and live in Mentor, Ohio.

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 Call Committee Chairperson, Robert McKinney...The Call Committee status is in limbo awaiting actions from the Synod.

From the Finance Committee, Treasurer Dave Henderson...The books are closed for August 2020. Receipts for August 2020 were \$7,007.65 and expenses were \$8,491.69, resulting in a loss of \$1,484.04 for the month. Year to date through August, receipts have totaled \$92,678.29 and expenses were \$90,243.82, for a net gain of \$2,434.47 year-to-date. Thanks to everyone who sent their offerings in through the mail in August during this COVID-19 crisis. We are still positive for 2020. We restarted in-person worship services at the church in June and part of July, but now that we are closed again, please continue to mail in your offerings to the church office. Hopefully we will get back to normal sometime in the near future. Stay safe!

From the In-Reach Committee Chairperson, Lorraine Bell...Please notify Lorraine Bell at 330-219-5881 (cell) or 330-372-0227 (home) (or the church office) of any members who are hospitalized, ill, etc., so a card can be sent from the church.

Prayer Chain...The In-Reach Committee is going to start a phone prayer chain. This will be a way to share our loved ones’ prayer concerns for family and the church. We need volunteers to serve, so if you are interested, please call Lorraine Bell at 330-219-5881 (cell) or 330-372-0227 (home). She will set up a list with the rules to be distributed in October. Thank you for considering this ministry.

From the Outreach Committee Chairperson, Judy Shaffer...Due to COVID-19, we have not been able to go to Shepherd of the Valley to host our Bingo. In place of our visits, Shepherd of the Valley has been holding their own Bingo but have no prizes to give to the residents. We have been collecting and dropping off Bingo prizes. It is time to restock. If you are able to pick up some of these items while you are out shopping for yourself, call Judy Shaffer at 330-856-3148 to make arrangements to get them to her. Items we are collecting: lip balm, small pocket packs of tissue, lotions and hand creams, SOFT candy like Kit Kat bars, Three Musketeers, Hershey chocolates, Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups, bags of hard candy, small individual packets of crackers (nothing spicy) and cookies, small fall decorations that might cheer up their food trays, small pumpkins, leaves, something bright and cute, fall decorations for their bulletin boards, and small knickknacks they may put on their dresser or window sills.

From the Parish Nurse, Dora Muller...*Hang on to your hat. Hang on to your hope. And wind the clock, for tomorrow is another day.* E. B. White

Summer is finally over, and we all agree that it has been a summer to remember and mostly for the wrong reasons, i.e. coronavirus (COVID-19), did not go away with the hot weather. In order to adapt to the presence of the virus, we learned new behaviors: keep six feet apart, wear a facial mask, wash hands frequently, and practice social distancing, all of which became part of the new norm. Our lives were disturbed, and the fear of contamination kept us apart. The community started to feel overwhelmed with the restrictions placed to restrain the spread of the virus. We all agree, it is time to return to our comfortable zones of relishing the company of friends and family, going out for lunch, and enjoying sports events. Autumn not only brings the new school year, Friday night football, a bounty of the harvest, and cool nights, but also another flu season. As a nurse, I fear the coming months. Influenza on top of COVID-19 could result in havoc in our lives. My advice is for everyone to continue to practice social distance, wear a mask, wash hands frequently, and avoid close contact with others, especially those from the high-risk groups such as the elderly, the very young, and those with compromised immune systems. Let's plan on our annual flu shot to minimize the risk of obtaining influenza. We don't want to imagine how COVID-19 and influenza could in the coming months occur like a perfect storm. The plan for the next months is to be active, adhere to a balanced diet, avoid crowded situations, keep busy, and stay in touch with friends and family. With a few basic preparations, we have hope that the coming season can be enjoyable and healthy.

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EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Thursday, October 8, 9:30 am – Trustees’ Meeting in Activity Room

Sunday, October 11, 11:45 am – Council in Fellowship Hall

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 2 = Jill Gifford
- 3 = Jean Christopher-Difford
- 6 = Heather McCrimmon
- 8 = Jack Stauffer
- 9 = Earl Butts & Dick Michaels
- 11 = Darlene Altieri & Rose Baringer
- 12 = Xahria Easton
- 19 = Terry King & Michael Smith
- 26 = Brycen Prasky
- 27 = Corinne McCrimmon
- 28 = Lee Sheets & Matt Walters
- 29 = Michael Prindle

Anniversaries

- 12 = Miller, Brandon Meghan
- 20 = King, Carl & Louise
- 22 = Griffin, Robert & Cynthia