

**The Lamp Lighter**  
**November 2020**  
**The Newsletter of Living Lord Lutheran Church**  
**Real God. Real Faith. Real Life.**  
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**WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAYS AT 8:00 AND 10:30 AM**  
**ADULT FORUM & SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 AM**

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**From the President, Nancy Walters...**Summer is over, the leaves have fallen, and it is time to pull out those winter clothes. Before you know it Hanging of the Greens will be here. The church will be opening for **IN-PERSON** worship on **Sunday, November 1**, at 8:00 and 10:30 am. We will have the following protocols in place:

- Masks are required in the building
- Social distancing must be maintained. If you want to visit, meet in the parking lot
- Thermometer is to be used for temperature checks
- Hand sanitizer is to be used upon entering the building

Let's follow the protocols in order to stay safe.

I would like to thank Lynn Golen for going above and beyond since Pastor Bill retired. She has uploaded the worship services to YouTube and Facebook (sometimes with great difficulty). She has also reminded the Council of some of their duties (sometimes more than once). She has kept the church running, which has been more difficult with the pandemic. We really appreciate all that she does.

**Interim Pastor...**Our Interim Pastor, Larry Klinker, is scheduled to begin on November 1. He will lead **IN-PERSON** worship services on **Sunday, November 1**, at 8:00 and 10:30 am. Please remember to wear your mask and to maintain social distance. Interim Pastor Klinker is a graduate of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, with a BS in Elementary Education. He graduated from Concordia Seminary Seminex, St. Louis, in 1976 and was ordained in June 1977 when he was called to serve Lutheran Church of the Covenant in Maple Heights, Ohio. Interim Pastor Klinker had served Zion Lutheran Church in New Middletown, Ohio, until his retirement in February 2019. Presently he is serving as Interim Pastor at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Youngstown, Ohio. An important aspect of his ministry has been his emphasis on education and spiritual formation. He received training in contemplative prayer groups from Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in 1995. He received his certification as a Spiritual Director also from Shalem in 1998. He has been active in leading labyrinth workshops since the late 1990s. He was also sent out (their term for completing their program) as a member of the Living School class of 2014 from Richard Rohr's Center of Action and Contemplation. Interim Pastor Klinker is still pursuing the role of wisdom in our spiritual formation for himself as well as the effect of maintaining practices that keep us spiritually awake and present. Interim Pastor Klinker married his wife, Joan, in April 1982. They had an adopted son, David, who died in December 2019.

**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 Interim Pastor Larry Klinker...**I want to take this opportunity as your Interim Pastor to help us begin to move us to some normal rhythms and practices since Pastor Bill retired. Each congregation is a unique expression of the people of God gathered around Word and the Sacraments. Each congregation has their own unique way of expressing themselves through their rituals, practices, and liturgies even while identifying with a larger identity of being Lutheran and western catholic Christian. I want to learn some of the ways that you at Living Lord Lutheran Church practice forming Christian disciples of Jesus through Worship, Catechesis, and Individual prayer.

Part of the task of an Interim Pastor is to assist the congregation to identify and reflect on what ways they need to close their chapter in their ministry of the previous minister. What are the ways we still need to celebrate the ministry of Pastor Bill and what was accomplished to strengthen the congregation and together to share the gospel with the community.

The second concern of an Interim is to help the congregation identify what are the current issues facing the congregation, like the effects of the COVID-19 virus on the life of the congregation. What new missional questions must we ask ourselves to prepare us for the next chapter in the ministry of Living Lord, like what will be the role of virtual worship and education events? How will we reflect on questions like: **Why** is the congregation of Living Lord called to be here by God? **What** are the elements of our faith tradition that will be used to help describe the important aspects of being people formed to be Christ for our neighbor? **How** will we practice our faith together? We will be reflecting together on the Why, What, and How of being Lutheran Christians together.

The third task of being the Interim Pastor is preparing the congregation to call the next Pastor. The Interim is to help point the congregation and its members to what the next chapter in their ministry will be in an open way. In this task, the Interim is to help the congregation to prayerfully listen to the call of the Spirit as to the future call and direction of the congregation by God.

As your Interim Pastor, I will attempt to carry out these three tasks to the best of my ability all the while carrying out Pastoral ministry and leadership with the constraints of limited time. We are negotiating difficult times as we move through this pandemic of the COVID-19 virus. We will treat this virus as real and dangerous. We will require safety protocols like the taking of temperatures, mask wearing, social distancing, and hand sanitizing, knowing this will have an effect on our ministry together. My commitment is to having a congregational response to God’s gospel in Jesus Christ that is faithful and growing.

**Pastor Larry’s Bible Blog...**Pastor Larry offers you an opportunity to read your way thru scriptures with him each day at his Bible Blog. The readings alternate between reading from an Older Testament book and then a Newer Testament book. We are just finishing reading the book of 2 Kings from the Older Testament. Then we will begin reading the Newer Testament book of 2 Thessalonians on Pastor Larry’s Bible Blog online at: <http://klinkerld-pastorlarrysbible.blogspot.com/>. Join us online. When we complete these two planned books, we will start the Older Testament book of Ezra.

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**From the Call Committee Chairperson, Robert McKinney...**A quick update from the Call Committee. We are waiting for our meeting with Rev. Karl Biermann, who handles the Call Process with congregations looking for pastors. Once that meeting happens, we sit back and wait for referrals from the Synod.

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**From the Finance Committee Chairperson, Robert McKinney...**It is hard to believe we are through the third quarter of the year. We have been open and closed and open and closed and will open again on November 1 for in-person worship at 8:00 and 10:30 am. The one constant throughout the year has been your support for our church. Through September we ended on a positive note...see the Treasurer's report below. We will be starting our Stewardship Drive later this month. You will be receiving information in the mail. Please prayerfully consider the amount you pledge financially so that Living Lord Lutheran Church can continue to do what love requires of us to do by sharing God's love with even more people and making a positive difference in the lives of everyone in our community and beyond. Look forward to seeing you in November.

**From the Finance Committee, Treasurer Dave Henderson...**The books are closed for September 2020. Receipts for September 2020 were \$7,076.00 and expenses were \$5,405.56, resulting in a gain of \$1,670.44 for the month. Year to date through September, receipts have totaled \$99,755.88 and expenses were \$95,649.38, for a net gain of \$4,106.50 year-to-date. Thanks to everyone who sent their offerings in through the mail in September 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. It looks like we will be back for in-person worship services on November 1 at 8:00 and 10:30 am. Stay safe!

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**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 November. Thank you for considering this ministry.

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**From the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Robert McKinney...**The Nominating Committee has met, and we have the following positions open: Evangelism/Membership Committee Chairperson, Property Committee Chairperson, Secretary of Council, and Worship Committee Chairperson. I know there will be many of you who will want to sign up for these positions, so I would suggest you get your name to me as soon as possible. You know I am joking, but we really need these positions filled so we have a full Council and all our Committees are up and running. If it has been a while since you have been on Council or you never have been on Council, please consider taking one of these positions and join us. Please see me for descriptions of committee/secretary duties.

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**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, and bags of hard candy, small individual packets of crackers (nothing spicy) and cookies, small winter/Christmas decorations that might cheer up their food trays or for their bulletin boards, and small knickknacks they may put on their dresser or window sills.

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets...**The Outreach Committee will again be giving out Thanksgiving Food Baskets. If you know of someone in need of a Thanksgiving Food Basket, please call the church office to get signed up as soon as possible. The Outreach Committee is asking for monetary donations to purchase turkeys. We will be collecting 15 large cans of sweet potatoes, 30 cans of cranberry sauce, 30 boxes of Stove Top stuffing, 30 cans of corn, 30 boxes of instant mashed potatoes, 15 packages of cookies, and 30 jars of turkey gravy. We will also need 30 brown grocery bags, if you happen to have any you would like to donate. Please turn in your monetary and grocery donations no later than **Sunday, November 15**. Please make your checks payable to Living Lord Lutheran Church and mark "Food Baskets" in the memo portion. You may put your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Distribution of the Thanksgiving Food Baskets will be on **Friday, November 20**, from 9:00 am until noon. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Shaffer at 330-856-3148.

**Angel Tree...**Due to COVID-19, unfortunately we will not be doing the Angel Tree this year. We felt it would be irresponsible of us to ask our parishioners to go out and shop. We are looking forward to being able to have the Angel Tree next year. Tootie Rogers & Missy LaRock

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**From the Worship Committee Chairperson, Jan Was...**

**Hanging of the Greens...**Hanging of the Greens will take place on **Saturday, November 21**. We will start with coffee and donuts at 8:30 am with decorating to begin at 9:00 am. Please let Jan Was (330-856-6158) know if you are able to assist.

**Worship Assistants...**If you have been scheduled to serve in November, but are not ready to return to in-person worship, please call the office.

**Poinsettia Sale...**Poinsettias will be available to purchase for Christmas. These flowers will be used to decorate the Worship Space for Christmas Eve. **The flowers are to be paid for when placing your order.** The cost is \$14.75 for a 7.5 inch pot with two plants and nine blooms. You may place your check made payable to Living Lord Lutheran Church and marked "Poinsettia" in the memo portion in the offering plate. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is **Sunday, November 22**.

**Bell Choir...**The bellchoir has resumed our weekly rehearsals and we're starting to prepare for the holidays! If you have been interested in joining the bellchoir, this is a great time! We practice social distancing and wear masks to keep our members safe. Please call me at 330-856-9689 if you're interested in joining this fun and dedicated group. Lynne Walters

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**From the Parish Nurse, Dora Muller...** *"The road that is built in hope is more pleasant to the traveler than the road built in despair, even though they both lead to the same destination."* Marion Zimmer Bradley

Every year in November I retrieve my Bon Appetit magazines looking for Thanksgiving feast ideas. For younger people not familiar with Bon Appetit, it is the bible for elegant and one-of-a-kind special dish recipes. But this year will be different. With the COVID-19 virus in full swing, it is not wise to have traditionally large family gatherings to share the Thanksgiving meal. The risk of transmitting the virus and infecting our loved

ones is real. We all want to share the blessing of being together. However, the price can be high and not worth putting our families at risk. Technology has empowered us to still be together, share a meal, exchange old and new stories, and build memories. Let's wait for a safer time to once again get together and enjoy the company of friends and family. For this holiday, I suggest keeping in touch without actually being physically together. We can share our valued moments via technology with phone calls or virtual meetings. This will minimize the risk of loneliness and maintain the sense of togetherness while still respecting social distance. Please continue to count our blessings of health, happiness, and the sharing of good news. Despite the many adjustments that COVID-19 imposes upon us, my husband and I are thankful for 2020. We remain healthy, continue to enjoy our outdoor hikes, our son is now married, and we may choose not to have a large gathering this Thanksgiving. However, we are blessed with technology to be able to see each other without the risk of being infected or infecting others. I am sure that despite COVID-19, we all will count our blessings.

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**Thank you...**Dear Friends of Camp Frederick, Thank you for your Hole Sponsorship of \$100.00 received on September 25, 2020, for Camp Frederick's Golf Outing. 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 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

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## **2020 COUNCIL**

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**EVENTS IN NOVEMBER**

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Sunday – Open for In-Person Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 am

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day – Polls open at 6:30 am/Office Closed

Thursday, November 5, 9:30 am – Trustees’ Meeting in Activity Room

Sunday, November 8, 11:45 am – Council in Activity Room/**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Friday, November 20, 9:00 am – Thanksgiving Food Basket Pick-up

Saturday, November 21, 8:30 am – Hanging of the Greens

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays**

- 1 = Eric Babinchak
- 2 = Bridget LaRock
- 5 = James Holmstrom
- 9 = Christopher McCrimmon
- 12 = Michael Taiclet
- 14 = Audrey John, Diane Marrara, & Jan Was
- 15 = Missy LaRock
- 20 = Amy Pesa & Lauren Quinton
- 21 = Pamela Gerbetz
- 22 = Luke & Thomas Gifford
- 23 = Mary Ann Roberts & Reed Rooks
- 27 = May Crain Love
- 28 = Evan Burns
- 29 = Erika Sheets

**Anniversaries**