

**The Lamp Lighter**  
**March 2021**  
**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**

**LENTEN EVENING SERVICES – WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM**

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**From Interim Pastor Larry Klinker...**In this newsletter, since I already focused on the Lenten season in my February newsletter article, I want to focus my attention to the central importance of Holy Week. Holy Week holds the central core of our Christian faith and that is why we use liturgy to enact this central story of our faith. In our worship services, we use our liturgy to enter into the story of Jesus. Our services have a specific focus, setting, and symbols to powerfully include the central message of our Christian faith.

We start on **Palm/Passion Sunday**. We call it that because our worship has a twin focus which is first to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem along with the blessing of our palms that we will carry home. Secondly, we listen to the reading of the passion story from the Gospel of Mark.

We return to our worship space to begin what is called the Triduum (the Three Days). We are meant to see the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday (I am aware that Living Lord does not practice this service alone or with others at this time) as one continuous service. There is no benediction that separates them. We leave the worship space each night in silence and return in silence.

**Maundy Thursday means command.** We make our Lenten confession to close the season of Lent. We reflect upon Jesus' command 'to love one another as I have loved you', as enacted in the washing of feet as an act of conscious loving. (Due to COVID-19 we will not wash feet.) Then we will participate in the supper Jesus inaugurates of bread and wine. Finally, we watch the altar being stripped to Psalm 22 and we leave in silence.

**Good Friday or God's Friday, we return in silence.** The focus here is on Jesus' death on the cross. There is the reading of the passion story from John's Gospel. Traditionally, there is a set of prayers called the Bidding Prayers as we pray for everyone in the world. After the closing hymn, again we leave in silence.

We return on **Easter Sunday** to celebrate that God has raised Jesus from the dead as God says Yes! to all.

**First Communion Classes...**It is our practice at Living Lord to prepare our fifth graders and others who have not been prepared to receive Holy Communion for the first time with their families on Maundy Thursday. We usually set aside some time for preparation so that our young people may trust that Christ is present in, with, and under bread and wine as he has promised. We will offer two sessions of preparation for our young people and their parents on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour starting at 9:00 am on **Sunday, March 21, and Sunday, March 28.**

**Lenten Services...**Our Lenten services will be continuing in March on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Because of the continued COVID-19 virus, we will not be offering a Soup Supper preceding our worship experience. The theme for this year's Lenten series is: we are created for communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. Though many of our common Lenten practices rightly invite us to individual acts of repentance, prayer, fasting, sacrificial giving, and works of love, Lent is a time for deepening of our sense of community. This year we will use readings from the Gospel of Mark to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, and with God.

Wednesday, March 3: **In community with all the saints.** Mark 9:2-8: Jesus in conversation with those who have gone before him.

Wednesday, March 10: **In community with our neighbor.** Mark 2:1-12: A community comes together to bring a neighbor to Jesus.

Wednesday, March 17: **In community with those on the margins.** Mark 5:1-20: Jesus crosses barriers to attend to those on the margins.

Wednesday, March 24: **In community with Christ.** Mark 10:32-45: Jesus reminds us that we are walking the way of the cross.

We will use a simple form of evening prayer to help us in our Lenten reflections.

**Holy Week Handouts...**On or around Palm/Passion Sunday, we are making a handout prepared by Holden Village that explains the focus of Holy Week and its relationship to Easter Sunday that gives rise to the shape and focus of our Holy Week worship. This handout is meant to give us an overview of the central drama of our faith based upon Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the making of the Lenten Confession, the washing of feet, the celebration of the supper, Jesus' death on the cross, and his being raised by the power of God on Easter Sunday. Because of COVID-19, some of our practices this Holy Week will have to be modified.

**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 readings from an Older Testament book and then a Newer Testament book. We will start reading the book of First Peter in the beginning of March from the Newer Testament. Then we will begin reading the Older Testament book of Ecclesiastes on Pastor Larry's Bible blog online at <http://klinkerld-pastorlarrysbible.blogspot.com/>. Join us online.

**Interim Pastor Larry Klinker's Office Hours...**Pastor Larry will be in the office on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to noon. You may reach him at 330-550-0077 or email him at [klinkerld@att.net](mailto:klinkerld@att.net).

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**From the President, Nancy Walters...**

**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 the Finance Committee, Treasurer Dave Henderson...**The books are closed for January 2021. Receipts for January 2021 totaled \$11,409.54 and expenses were \$7,805.60, for a net gain of \$3,603.94 We continue to show a monthly gain because we do not have a permanent pastor on payroll. We need to build a pretty good surplus for the time when we do have a pastor's full salary. As the vaccinations roll out in the next few months, hopefully we will return to normal attended worship services. Again, thank you to all who helped keep us going financially and spiritually! Let's hope and pray that 2021 is a better year!

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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...**We have started our prayer chain with five members (if I forgot someone, please let me know): Camille Allen (330-503-1817), Pam Boothe (740-395-3564), Karin McKinney (330-469-6083), Jacquie Thomas (330-609-9805), and Lorraine Bell (330-219-5881). Please call one of the women with the name needing prayer and any concerns your feel are relevant. Be sure to have the permission of that person. That person will pass it on to the next one and it will go on to the next person, etc., so that we are all praying.

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**From the Larry L. Maggiano, M.D., Memorial Scholarship Fund Chairperson, Lorraine Bell ... Scholarship Fund Challenge...**Due to a generous gift by the family of Larry L. Maggiano, the Larry L. Maggiano, M.D., Memorial Scholarship Fund was created. In order for a named fund to be created, a gift of at least \$20,000.00 must be received. That gift is invested, administered by the Scholarship Board, and proceeds from that fund are used each year to award scholarships. In order to grow the principal of the fund, you are asked to help. Envelopes are available for donations to the fund in the basket on the shelf under the bulletin board in the main hallway. Your donation will be invested with the principal. You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office made payable to Living Lord Lutheran Church with the notation "Maggiano Scholarship Fund" in the memo portion. The generosity of the Maggiano family and your generosity in making this opportunity available for the young people of our congregation are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine Bell.

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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 Easter decorations that might cheer up their food trays or for their bulletin boards, and small knickknacks they may put on their dresser or windowsills.

**Easter Food Baskets...**We will begin collecting food for the Easter Food Baskets on **Sunday, March 13**. The last day to bring in items will be **Sunday, March 28**. A chart will be in the hallway for items to bring. If you know anyone in the church or anyone in need, please call or email the Parish Office (330-856-5302 or secretary@llc.org) to order your food basket by **Friday, March 12**. We will pack and distribute the baskets on **Wednesday, March 31**, beginning at 9:00 am. Pickup will be from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. No deliveries. There will be envelopes to donate for the purchase of hams available at the food chart in the hallway. Please mark "Easter Food Baskets" in the memo portion of your check made payable to Living Lord Lutheran Church. You may also place your check in the collection plate. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

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

**Lenten Evening Services...** We will have Lenten Evening Services every Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 pm.

**Bell Choir Rehearsal...** The Bell Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, at 5:15 pm. Thank you, Rollie! The Bell Choir would like to thank Rollie Walters for polishing all the bells. This time-consuming job is much appreciated. The bells look wonderful!

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**EVENTS IN MARCH**

Wednesday, March 10, 10:00 am – Trustees Meeting in Activity Room

Sunday, March 14, 11:45 am – Council in Activity Room/NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/  
Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays**

- 1 = Warner Taiclet
- 2 = Karin McKinney
- 4 = Jean Pfleiderer & Donna Tompkins
- 6 = Drena Smith
- 7 = Carl King
- 9 = Ashley Anderson
- 12 = Rachel Gifford & Neal L'Amoureux
- 17 = Pat Gilmore
- 21 = Pat Lauka
- 22 = Jacob Cox
- 24 = Jack Gilmore & Alberta Lucas
- 25 = Camille Allen
- 26 = Mike Milone
- 28 = Chuck Thompson
- 30 = Ruth Lewis & Barb Wright
- 31 = John Hinely, Jr.

**Anniversaries**

- 4 = Michaels, Dick & Gloria
- 14 = Thomas, John & Jacquie