

**The Lamp Lighter**  
**November 2021**  
**The Newsletter of Living Lord Lutheran Church**  
**Real God. Real Faith. Real Life.**

**Mission Statement**

As the body of the Living Lord, Jesus Christ, we seek to reflect and share God's grace, love, and forgiveness with one another near and far.

**Vision Statement**

We are a community of faith committed to strengthening faith, strengthening lives, strengthening relationships, strengthening families, and thus, strengthening the community into which God has placed us.

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**ADULT FORUM AT 8:45 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM**  
**CHOIR PRACTICE AT 10:30 AM**

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**From Interim Pastor Larry Klinker...**As we move into November, we are making our final shift of the Pentecost season. We are moving into the part of Pentecost season known as Kingdomtide. The focus of Kingdomtide is to bring both the end of the church year before we begin a new church year on the First Sunday of Advent and the end of time where God finally brings the reign of God as King into full and final being.

The two lesser festivals of Kingdomtide are All Saints Sunday and Christ the King Sunday, or the newer name Reign of Christ Sunday, which ends the church liturgical year. On All Saints Sunday, we remember those from within the congregation of members and friends who have died since last All Saints Sunday. We are asking for

families to bring a picture that will be placed on a table and kept there until Christ the King Sunday. On All Saints Sunday, their names will be read, and a family member will place a flower they have received on the table by their picture; you may retrieve the flower after the service and take it with you. Their names will also be read as part of the Prayers of Intercession. Also on All Saints Sunday, we will all participate in the Affirmation of Baptism as our creedal response to listening to God's Word.

As Christians who are Lutheran, we always want to temper our focus on the end of the process of our life of discipleship, while we want to fully celebrate those who have been faithful in making the journey through life growing into their full identity of being a child of God, we also want to encourage those who are still actively on the Christian path. We Lutherans have a special paradoxical way of looking at Christians still walking their path as Christian disciples. We affirm that at the same time we are both Saints and Sinners. Ultimately, the sinner in us will die and what will be left is the saint we have been in the making.

The Final Sunday of the Church Liturgical Year is always Christ the King Sunday. The coming of Christ at the end of time to reign as King to the glory of God the Father is the end point of all history. All time began with God as the creator and owner of creation and now with the reign of Christ as King of all creation is returned to God the Father through the death, resurrection, ascension, and the return of Christ. As Paul says in the letter to the Philippians: **"Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."**

This is the goal of all history as we who are Christians understand the world. Some days this looks like we are growing closer to the full reign of Christ and on other days it looks like we are just falling apart, and evil seems to have the upper hand. Our liturgy as we celebrate keeps the vision of the true God as King in Christ before our eyes so we can trust in the real outcome of our world that Christ will reign as King at the end of time no matter how bumpy the road will be to getting there.

**Public Laying on of Hands and Anointing of Oil for Healing...**On Sunday, November 14, we will offer as part of our public worship our first of two public offerings of Laying on of Hands and Anointing of Oil for Healing. Some of you have already received this as a private act before surgery or when I have visited you in the hospital. Now I want to expand this to my normal practice of offering twice a year, first in the fall and then in the spring, an opportunity for members and friends of the congregation to receive Laying on of Hands and Anointing of Oil as a Public Rite during our worship. The Ministry of Healing in our Lutheran tradition includes: Confession and Absolution, Readings from Scripture, Prayers, Receiving Holy Communion, and the Laying on of Hands and Anointing of Oil. So, you can see with the inclusion of Laying on of Hands and Anointing of Oil, we will be offering the full ministry of healing from our tradition. After the sermon hymn, those who wish to receive the Laying on of Hands and Anointing of Oil will be asked to come forward to receive this Rite. At the conclusion of the Rite, we will continue with the Prayers of Intercession by the Assisting Minister.

**Community Thanksgiving Service...**We have been invited by St. Paul Lutheran Church to join them with their ecumenical partners and other area Lutheran churches for a Community Thanksgiving Service to be held on **Tuesday, November 23**, at St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are still working on the details, so look for more information in your Sunday bulletin and by Constant Contact email.

**Christmas Toys for Someplace Safe...**We need to announce that we will not be having an Angel Tree from Salvation Army this year. We would like to thank Tootie Rogers and Missy LaRock for their many years leading the Angel Tree project. To keep our focus on those who have a genuine need at Christmas time, we are planning to collect toys to be donated to Someplace Safe. We still need to contact Someplace Safe to determine what toys they will find useful and then we will post a list for those who are willing to donate. For next year, if you would be willing to lead the Salvation Army Angel Tree project, please contact the church office.

**The Story of the Week...**One of the things that we, as Christians, who are people of the Book (Bible) really could use is a disciplined way for us to learn the many core Bible stories from the Scriptures. The book "Bible Stories for the Church Year" by Kristen Johnson Ingram does just that by tying Bible stories to the Sunday lectionary we use every week as part of worship. We will continue to offer a Bible story each week that is read as part of our liturgy to be learned called The Story of the Week. At some point, with more children present, we can even use these stories as the basis of children's sermons and a Sunday School program. We plan to put out about ten copies each week and as the demand grows, we will make more copies available.

The Story of the Week for November:

November 7: The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

November 14: Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6)

November 21: The Trial of Jesus (John 18:33-37)

November 28: Being Ready (Luke 21:25-26; the First Sunday of Year C)

December 5: Birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-25, 57-76)

**Mid-Week Bible Study...**We are reading together the Gospel of Luke, which will be the Gospel starting in Advent of this year on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, just bring a version of the Bible you are comfortable working with. We are still in early chapters of the Gospel of Luke, so you haven't missed much if you still would like to join us.

**Thrivent Members...**If you are a Thrivent member and would be interested in using your Thrivent Choice Dollars to support the ministries of Living Lord Lutheran Church, please call Pr. Klinker at 330-550-0077 or the church office. If you would be interested in using Thrivent Action Grants to help support the ministries of Living Lord, please also call Pr. Klinker or the church office. Pastor will meet with you to discuss how to go about setting up these support systems.

**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 have been reading the Older Testament book of Jeremiah in October and will continue reading it in November 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...**How nice it is to hear all of the voices in the congregation singing the hymns and the service! It is also nice to see all of the people together in one service – and getting to know each other. If you see someone that you don't know, please have someone introduce you or introduce yourself – they probably don't know you either! Stay after the service for coffee and fellowship. The cooler days are right around the corner. The church will be warm and welcoming. The snow should be plowed before you arrive (only needed plowed once last season) and the walkways will be shoveled and salted, so please be careful as you enter. There are a few openings on Church Council for the next two-year term. If you are interested in serving, please see Bob McKinney, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, or any of the Council members. They will be able to tell you what position is open and what the job involves. Please be sure to check out the bulletin board in the Education Wing! Darlene Altieri spends many hours in preparing the board and does a wonderful job.

**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 September 2021. Receipts for September 2021 totaled \$7,672.60 and expenses were \$7,946.91, for a net loss of \$274.31. Year-to-date through September, income is \$75,466.60 and expenses are \$69,267.87, for a gain of \$6,198.73. We continue to hold our own 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. If you can, please keep your pledges up to date. Again, thank you to all who continue to help us keep going financially and spiritually! Let’s hope and pray that 2021 continues to be a better year!

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**From the Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Donna Wright...**Here we are in the fall season cleaning up our gardens, raking leaves, and putting our summer clothes in the back of our closet. Fellowship before and after the 9:30 am worship service continues. Please take a moment to sign up to make coffee and clean up on a Sunday. Thanks to all the Coffee Angels who have already jumped in. November Fellowship is Sunday November 21, just before Thanksgiving. Till next time, “Happy Thanksgiving!”

**Fellowship Sunday...**We will have Fellowship after the 9:30 am service on the third Sunday of each month (November 21).

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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), Karen Bandy (330-856-4835), 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 you 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 Outreach Committee Chairperson, Judy Shaffer...**

**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. Please turn in your monetary and grocery donations no later than **Sunday, November 14**. 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 19**, from 9:00 am until noon. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Shaffer at 330-856-3148 or cell 330-883-0123 or leave a note in her mailbox.

**Angel Tree...**We need to announce that we will not be having an Angel Tree from Salvation Army this year. We would like to thank Tootie Rogers and Missy LaRock for their many years leading the Angel Tree project. For next year, if you would be willing to lead the Salvation Army Angel Tree project, please contact the church office.

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**From the Parish Education Committee Chairperson, Raymond Boothe...**

**Adult Forum...**The Adult Forum meets each Sunday at 8:45 am. We plan to begin the video series “Martin Luther and the Reformation” in November. In 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Castle Church door, challenging the religious system of the day – an act that would turn the world on its head. In a matter of months, Luther would become a household name and a European-wide phenomenon. Discover the remarkable story of a pious monk who would come to question the unquestionable – forever changing the future of the Christian faith. Please plan to join us to learn more about Martin Luther!

**Sunday School...**Sunday School for children is offered during Sunday morning worship at 9:30 am. We will be using The Story of the Week based on the worship service’s Scripture lesson.

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**From the Property Committee, Member Rolland Walters...**The Property Committee would like to thank all of the lawn cutting crew for keeping the church yard looking beautiful this year. Thank you for volunteering!

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**From the Stewardship Committee Chairperson, Robert McKinney...**

**2022 Stewardship Program - Where Your Heart Is – Storing Up Treasures:** *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.”* Matthew 6:19-20. Beatrice ran the store for 20 years. Full-time. One woman and a slew of volunteers. She had a knack for sniffing out good estate sales. The second-hand store was filled with treasures stored up over lifetimes and then abandoned. She began to gather the needed resources. Her church offered support. Others volunteered to run the store, organize the merchandise, and keep inventory. The store met a need in the community. These were affordable items that provided dignity to families, comfort to people making new homes for themselves in this country, and encouragement to many others. Second-hand items but not hand-me-downs. There was respect here. This second-hand stuff, gathered together in Jesus’ name, generated amazing dollar amounts that were used for a variety of mission projects over the course of two decades. A modern reminder of an ancient “boy-with-the-lunch project”. Baskets of bread and fish. Boxes of good used stuff gathered in Jesus’ name. God works with what is offered. In the end, everyone gets what they need. Though Beatrice’s work was focused on gathering tons of worldly goods, her heart was clearly focused on a treasure more lasting. God blessed her efforts, and many were served in Jesus’ name. A good example of what Christ’s servants are called to be and do.

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**From the Worship Committee Chairperson, Karin McKinney...**Worship services continue to be held at 9:30 am. Our members seem to be adjusting to this change. Adult Forum, led by Raymond Boothe, is ongoing and the Choir, led by May Love, is doing well. The supply pastors for September 26 and October 3, Pastors Lang Collins and Bernie Dougherty, were well received by the congregation. Due to my COVID-19 test on September 24 being positive, my hip surgery has been indefinitely postponed. Being fully vaccinated, my symptoms were few. I thank the congregation for their prayers and well wishes. In my absence, everything ran smoothly in the church due to our fellow members. Thank you to all!

**Hanging of the Greens...**Hanging of the Greens will take place on **Saturday, November 20**. We will start with coffee and donuts at 8:30 am with decorating to begin at 9:00 am. Please let Karin McKinney (330-469-6083) know if you are able to assist. Unhanging of the Greens will be on Saturday, January 8, at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed for both days.

**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 \$15.50 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 21**.

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### **EVENTS IN NOVEMBER**

Sunday, November 7 – All Saints Sunday/Daylight Saving Time Ends

Wednesday, November 10, 10:00 am – Trustees Meeting in Pastor's Office

Sunday, November 14 – Last Day to Bring in Thanksgiving Food Basket Items/Council/  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Friday, November 19, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm – Thanksgiving Food Basket Pick-up

Saturday, November 20, 8:30 am – Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 21 – Fellowship after Service/Deadline for Poinsettias

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### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

#### **Birthdays**

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

#### **Anniversaries**

## **Council Members**

President – Nancy Walters

Vice President & In-Reach Committee Chair – Lorraine Bell

Finance Committee Chair – Bob McKinney

Secretary – Pam Boothe

Evangelism/Membership Committee Chair – Jacquie Thomas

Fellowship Committee Chair – Donna Wright

Outreach Committee Chair – Judy Shaffer

Parish Education Committee Chair – Raymond Boothe

Property Committee Chair – Vacant

Worship Committee Chair – Karin McKinney

Youth & Family Committee Chair – Darlene Altieri

