

The Lamp Lighter
July 2024
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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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM

From the President, Bob McKinney... Things are going well so far this summer. We just finished with our first Flea Market/Garage Sale. We also had a Bake Sale thrown in. The vendor turnout could have been better, but those who were here were happy with their sales that day and would come back. We had a steady stream of cars coming in to see what was going on most of the day. I am sure the excessive heat played a role in all of it. I want to thank everyone who was involved in the planning and the workers who helped that day. Great job! Hope you all have a great summer!

60th Anniversary Picnic and Open House... Our next function here at Living Lord Lutheran Church will be our 60th Anniversary Picnic and Open House on **Saturday, July 20**, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This function will be open to the public. We will have a Bouncy House, face painting, and balloon animals for the children. There will be a Talent Contest with prizes which should be a lot of fun. The church will be open to the public with information about who we are as a church. We will have new flyers to pass out and will hope again that the congregation takes part.

Disaffiliation from the ELCA...We are getting prepared for our Disaffiliation Vote to leave the ELCA on July 7, 2024. This vote is the beginning of the process and concludes after a second vote on September 8, 2024. We have all the information on this subject posted at the church.

Disaffiliation Process Schedule

- Sunday, July 7, 10:30 am – First Vote on Disaffiliation from the ELCA
- Sunday, August 18, 10:45 am – Meeting with Bishop Barbins
- Sunday, September 8, 10:30 am – Second Vote on Disaffiliation from the ELCA

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, Treasurer Dave Henderson...The books are closed for May 2024. The receipts for May were \$6,516.65 and expenses were \$9,187.84, for a loss of \$2,671.19. Year to date numbers through May had receipts at \$41,503.90 and expenses at \$35,456.21, for a gain of \$6,047.69. We have started the year off well. However, we will continue to have challenges with our budget. Let’s try and keep current on our pledges during 2024.

From the Evangelism/Membership Committee Chairperson, Barb Wright...
FBI Elder Fraud Presentation...Each year millions of elderly Americans fall victim to various types of fraud schemes. Trumbull 100, in partnership with the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, is hosting a public awareness program on Elder Fraud. The FBI will present information about current fraud schemes, ways to protect yourself, families, and communities from such schemes and available victim support resources on **Thursday, August 1**, at 6:00 pm at the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Avenue, NW, Warren, OH 44484 (330-399-8807).

From the Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Pam Gerbetz...
Fellowship...I am moving July Fellowship Sunday to **July 14**. We have our Open House on Saturday, July 20, which will require all of our attention! Summer is proving to be a hot one. I hope everyone is taking precautions against the heat and staying safe.

Monthly Women’s Breakfast...Please join us at our monthly breakfast at Vasilio’s in Cortland on the second Thursday (**July 11**) of every month at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

From St. John Lutheran Church...Join us for a campfire on Saturday, July 27, at 5:00 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, 5734 Mahoning Avenue, Warren, Ohio (just north of Rt. 305 ON Rt. 45 beside Sunoco). There will be food, fun, fellowship, and a campfire. Bring yourself a lawn chair; if you would like to bring a side dish, it’s optional. Please use the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board so we can get a head count. Thank you, Sara Glee Baxter (330-847-9715)

EVENTS IN JULY

Sunday, July 7, 10:30 am – First Vote on Disaffiliation from the ELCA

Sunday, July 14 – Fellowship after Service

Saturday, July 20, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm – 60th Anniversary Picnic & Open House

Sunday, July 21 - **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1 = Kitty Thompson
3 = Nicholas Altieri
4 = Brian Corbin
7 = Dora Muller
9 = Bob Lucas
12 = Pamela Boothe
21 = Harry Leisy
23 = Fred Welter
26 = Karen Bandy & Norma Taiclet
27 = Vincent Prindle

Anniversaries

14 = Love, Bill & May
20 = McCrimmon, Brian & Heather