

**The Lamp Lighter**  
**August 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**

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**From the President, Bob McKinney...**To update members who might not know the result of the July 7 Special Congregational Meeting, the resolution to disaffiliate from the ELCA passed with 36 Yes votes and 9 No Votes. That calculates out to an 80% Yes and a 20% No vote. We are now required to have a second meeting with Bishop Barbins on **Sunday, August 18**, and a required Second Vote on **Sunday, September 8, 2024**.

**Disaffiliation Process Schedule**

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

**IT'S BACK! PARTY ON THE PATIO!** You are invited to join us for our Party on the Patio on **Saturday, August 10**, 4:00 to 7:00 pm. We will provide the meat. Please bring with you a side dish or dessert to round out the meal. Wear your Disco attire and be ready to boogie! Please sign up on the bulletin board what you are bringing and how many are coming so we can plan accordingly. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**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 June 2024. The receipts for June were \$7,339.00 and expenses were \$3,827.99, for a gain of \$3,511.01. Year to date numbers through June had receipts at \$48,842.90 and expenses at \$39,279.20, for a gain of \$9,563.70. 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.

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**From the Evangelism/Membership Committee Chairperson, Barb Wright...**  
**New – Transportation Team...**We have begun a "Transportation Team" of drivers willing to drive folks to church, local doctor appointments, local grocery shopping, etc. If you are in need of transportation, please call one of the following: Darlene Altieri (330-856-9704 or 330-984-7797), Ernie Gerbetz (330-856-7506 or 330-647-3008), Pam Gerbetz (330-856-7506 or 330-647-3138), Neal and Joyce L'Amoureux (330-824-1643), or Karin McKinney (330-469-6083).

**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).

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**From the Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Pam Gerbetz...**I just have to thank again all of the bakers who supplied items to our Bake Sale. It was a success even with the terrible heat that day. We made \$350 for our efforts. Good job! July's Fellowship was also a success with strawberry and blueberry treats. I think everyone enjoyed this and I will certainly repeat that one again. In August we are planning our potluck Party on the Patio. This will be our August Fellowship gathering. Check the bulletin board in the narthex for details and a food sign-up sheet. I have been thinking of attempting to sell Christmas cookies in early December. We would need 10-12 bakers. More info to come this fall. I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful summer God has given us!

**Monthly Women's Breakfast...**Please join us at our monthly breakfast at Vasilio's in Cortland on the second Thursday (**August 8**) of every month at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

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**EVENTS IN AUGUST**

Saturday, August 10, 4:00-7:00 pm – Party on the Patio

Sunday, August 11, 10:30 am – Council in Activity Room

Sunday, August 18 – Second Meeting with Bishop Barbins/Fellowship after Service/  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

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**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays**

- 1 = Gabrielle Mazzola
- 5 = Susan Henderson
- 8 = Joyce L'Amoureux
- 14 = Brandon Miller
- 15 = Diane Corbin, Patsy Pastva, & Delaney Rooks
- 19 = Tom Altieri
- 20 = Tracy Taiclet Montagna
- 22 = Art Taylor
- 25 = Jean Dillon
- 29 = Patty Smith

**Anniversaries**

- 4 = Gilmore, Jack & Patricia
- 16 = Boothe, Raymond & Pamela
- 20 = Marrara, Tony & Diane
- 23 = Muller, Keith & Dora
- 23 = Zingale, James & Jeanne