

The Lamp Lighter
September 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 & SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM
ADULT FORUM AT 8:45 AM

From the President, Bob McKinney... We have had a remarkably busy summer here at Living Lord. First, we had our Flea Market in June, which went well considering how hot it was that day. We had a lot of folks pull in and check out the vendors and the bake sale. The bake sale went well, and we sold about \$500 of items. I requested that any money from the bake sale should be placed into the 60th Anniversary account to help pay for our Open House. Our second project was the Open House. I was a little disappointed at the turnout. But still, our name was out there through advertising, flyers, etc. I have noticed over the past several months we have had many visitors come through the church on Sunday morning. Many are still coming to Sunday services. I believe we have had more people visit us than we have had in a long time. I am hoping that all the advertising we have done this late spring and summer has had something to do with that. Rally Sunday is coming on September 22, with Fellowship after service. We will hold our Second Vote on disaffiliation from the ELCA on **Sunday, September 8, 2024**. This Sunday, August, 25, I will discuss one more time and rebut several things the Bishop said on her visit to Living Lord on August 18.

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 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.

From the Evangelism/Membership Committee Chairperson, Barb Wright...
Transportation Team...Do you have an appointment and your car won’t start? Do you want to come to church but your car is in the shop? You want to worship with your friends at Living Lord, but you have no way to get to church? Well, we have some wonderful volunteers to drive you if you are unable to drive to your destination. 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). You may call one of the volunteers listed and make arrangements with them for your needed trip. Discuss thorough and precise plans and enjoy the service provided. Thank your provider and God!

From the Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Pam Gerbetz...Summer sure has flown by fast and falling temps and leaves are around the corner. We will have September’s Fellowship on **Sunday, September 22**, Rally Day. I am planning a small brunch with sloppy joes and a few sides. Please plan on joining us after our service. Still considering selling Christmas cookies in early December. I think that is something a lot of people are interested in purchasing. More info to come. Please enjoy the last of the warm days of September. We all know what is coming-brrr.

Monthly Women’s Breakfast...Please join us at our monthly breakfast at Vasilio’s in Cortland on the second Thursday (**September 12**) of every month at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

From the Parish Education Committee Chairperson, Raymond Boothe...Adult Forum will begin on **Sunday, September 8**, at 8:45 am. We will be studying Revelation, using study booklets and a video power point. Please come and join us!

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 8, 10:30 am – Second Vote on Disaffiliation from the ELCA

Sunday, September 15, 10:30 am – Council in Activity Room/**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Sunday, September 22 – Fellowship after Service

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1 = Tootie Rogers
7 = Jean Peachman
15 = William Hawley
18 = Zachary Blythe
25 = Janice Adgate & Nancy Hinely
26 = Robert McKinney

Anniversaries

3 = Smith, Michael & Drena