

The Lamp Lighter
October 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...Well, I was not expecting to have this kind of year. I knew we were stuck in the mud, so to speak, and we needed to get out somehow. We suggested to the congregation a means to get out and move forward and they agreed. The voting is over and we are no longer part of the ELCA. We are now an independent Lutheran church. Now the hard work comes and that is moving us forward and start to build on our successes. We have reviewed our constitution and by-laws and have removed any reference to the ELCA. We have also made some suggestions that are minor here and there. We will get this document prepared and have our attorney review it for legality and a few other items we would like him to review. And we will have him review our tax exempt status to see if we need to do anything on that matter. I will be calling a Special Congregation Meeting on **Sunday, September 29**, to put before you the hiring of Pastor Gerald Gammon as our part-time pastor. This is an especially important first step to getting us back on track. We will continue to update you on the constitution and the start of our Stewardship Campaign for this year. This will be an especially important year for Stewardship. We need to make sure we can be a force for our community.

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 August 2024. The receipts for August were \$6,660.60 and expenses were \$7,544.37, for a loss of \$883.77. Year to date numbers through August had receipts at \$62,741.75 and expenses at \$56,960.42, for a gain of \$5,781.33. We are still positive through the summer. 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...Wow, that was a fast summer! October finds us looking forward to the busy holiday season of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the start of 2025. There will be a sign-up sheet around October 1 for bakers who would like to bake cookies to sell in early December. More info coming. Fellowship Sunday in October is on **October 20**. This will be “Pie Day”. That was a hit last fall and I am staging a rerun. Mark your calendars.

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

From the Outreach Committee, Member Pam Boothe...The Senior Valley Choir, sponsored by Scope, will present a concert at Living Lord Lutheran Church on **Friday, October 18**, at 6:00 pm. The Senior Valley Choir consists of about 30 senior citizens who love to sing. Pastor Sam Mohn is the Director, and Carolyn Hartzel is the pianist. The church will collect items needed by the Animal Welfare League of Trumbull County. Needed items include litter scoops, litter boxes, soft cat treats, nylon collars (all sizes), 6 ft. leashes, dog toys (no rope toys), cat toys (no cat nip), dry food for dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens, canned food for dogs and cats, hand soap, and peanut butter. A full list can be found on the AWL website under the Donate tab. A link to AWL’s wish list on Amazon can also be found there. Come join us and help support local animals in need. We look forward to seeing you!

From the Parish Education Committee Chairperson, Raymond Boothe...Please come join us! We are studying Revelation. Adult Forum meets at 8:45 am every Sunday. Each participant gets his/her own study booklet. We also have a video and a power point presentation to address our learning. Hope to see you.

From the Worship Committee Chairperson, Nancy Walters...I would like to thank all of the volunteers that help make our worship experience run smoothly every week. The greeters, the choir, the organists, the lectors, the assistant ministers, the communion assistants, the altar care, the bread bakers, and all who help behind the scenes. We are always looking for additional help so that we don't overwhelm the current volunteers. And if you don't feel comfortable serving in front of the congregation, there are many "jobs" that don't require your presence up front. If you would like to volunteer, please see me at church or give me a call at 330-889-3382. We will make sure that you are trained and assigned to another member to help you until you are comfortable. If there is a particular hymn that you would like to sing, see either myself or May Love and we will try and fit it in. I would like to continue singing Sunday School songs. We could even get the choir to help us become kids again! I am looking for bow makers to help with making new bows for this Christmas. I will supply the ribbon. We might even want to have a bow party before Hanging of the Greens in November! Date to be determined. We will gladly accept donations of our communion wine at any time. We use Manischewitz Concord Grape wine which you can purchase at Giant Eagle.

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Sunday, October 13, 10:30 am – Council in Activity Room

Saturday, October 18, 6:00 pm – Scope Senior Valley Choir Performance

Sunday, October 20 – Fellowship after Service/**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Sunday, October 27 – Reformation/Return Pledge Cards

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 3 = Jean Christopher-Difford
- 6 = Heather McCrimmon
- 9 = Earl Butts
- 11 = Darlene Altieri & Rose Baringer
- 19 = Michael Smith
- 26 = Brycen Prasky
- 27 = Corinne McCrimmon

Anniversaries

- 22 = Griffin, Robert & Cynthia