

The Lamp Lighter
August 2025
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 Pastor, Gerald Gammon...Here we are getting ready for August of 2025! It seems that it was just May yesterday! This summer has been filled with unusual weather, which I feel has made my biological calendar confused. But August is upon us and promises to be filled with activity.

On **Saturday, August 2**, we have the annual Party on the Patio. This year's theme is country and western and promises to be a good time. The event is scheduled from 3:30 to 5:30 pm so ya'll come wrestle up some grub and share in Fellowship!

On **Saturday, August 16**, the First United Church of Christ is holding their last annual picnic as a church and have invited Living Lord to attend. The picnic will take place in the Howland Park (northwest corner pavilion) from noon to 4:00 pm. It is suggested that place settings be brought with you. Of course, we will continue to have our Sunday services here at the church at 9:30 am. We sure love seeing everyone and hope that you'll be there if you can. Feel free to invite family members and friends to join us!

August, like most of summer, is filled with so many things to do before the more dormant weather hits us. Please make time to enjoy some of it and to spend as much of it as you can with our creator. Set aside some quiet time for you and the Lord each day and just enjoy each other. Give Him thanks and praise for the beauty in creation and for always being with you in every season.

I pray that you all enjoy what we have left of summer and that you remain forever committed to our God. For He is to you.

Blessings to one and all!
Pastor Gerry

From the President, Bob McKinney...

Party on the Patio...Please mark your calendar for our annual Party on the Patio on **Saturday, August 2**, 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Our theme this year is Country & Western. The church will provide the burgers, hot dogs, and beverages. Please bring a side dish to share. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

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 Evangelism/Membership Committee Chairperson, Barb Wright...A very hearty THANK YOU to our Living Lord members for their generous donations of personal care items to Howland Local Schools' Paw Pantry! The Paw Pantry services the schools in the Howland District, as well as our students attending TCTC. Your contributions of personal care items will be distributed to those students in need and will be distributed through referrals from teachers, family members, and students (through Google Form located on the Howland School District's website). Your efforts and generosity are greatly appreciated! For the months of August, September, and October, we will be collecting food items. The list of most requested items is posted on the narthex bulletin board. They include: boxes of noodles/spaghetti, jars of spaghetti sauce, mac-n-cheese, Ramen Noodles, canned items (soups, cream soups, Spaghettios), peanut butter, jelly, cereal, breakfast bars, granola bars, any individually wrapped snacks or cookies. Thank you for your past generosity! It is greatly appreciated! Keep up the good work! God bless!

From the Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Pam Gerbetz...It is hard to believe we are talking about August already. Summer sure has a way of moving fast. Our Party on the Patio is planned for **Saturday, August 2**, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. We always have an abundance of food to enjoy and good conversations. Please plan on joining us and bring a dish to share. We have ice cream left over from our last luncheon to enjoy also. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board so we can plan on the hot dogs and hamburgers. Come have some fun! United Church of Christ has invited us to their picnic in Howland Park on **Saturday, August 16**, from noon to 4:00 pm. Another fun picnic to enjoy, so mark those calendars!

Monthly Women's Breakfast...Please join us at our monthly breakfast at Vasilio's in Cortland on the second Thursday of every month (**Aug. 14**) at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

EVENTS IN AUGUST

Saturday, August 2, 3:30-5:30 pm, Party on the Patio

Saturday, August 16, 12:00-4:00 pm, UCC Picnic at Howland Park

Sunday, August 17 – **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Thursday, August 21, 10:00 am – Council in Activity Room

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1 = Gabrielle Mazzola
5 = Susan Henderson
8 = Joyce L'Amoureux
15 = Diane Corbin & Patsy Pastva
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