

The Lamp Lighter
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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...As September arrives, let us be mindful of how blessed we have been as a Church. Together we have celebrated the grace of our Lord in many ways--of course, our Sunday services, our Fellowship gatherings, and let's not forget our Party on the Patio! We have truly been blessed to gather as a family of faith, and to share in Christian love with one another.

We have shared in happy times, and we have mourned together. But through it all, we did it as a family. It is my prayer that the coming months will bring us more opportunities to come together and build upon the foundation that has been laid within the past year. Unfortunately, we are getting to the point where we have less people either capable or willing to do many of our activities. I assure you, though, that I will step in where I can. We have been so blessed to have our brothers and sisters who have brought us this far, and I will do all in my power to not let their efforts be diminished.

I also invite our friends who attend our church to join our family in a more committed relationship with us. Please consider full membership of Living Lord Lutheran Church. We love having you attend with us, but we would really love to call you our own!

I ask all to pray for the youth in our area. It is the time of year that they will soon be returning to the classrooms. Let us pray that God watch over them and protect them from harm and the many influences that exist that might dissuade them from embracing our faith.

As always, it is truly my privilege and honor to serve as your servant leader, and I thank God Almighty for letting me include each of you in my family. I wish you all the best in September and all the days that follow.

Pastor Gerry

From the President, Bob McKinney...

Special Congregation Meeting... Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Special Congregation Meeting on **Sunday, September 14**, at 10:30 am. We will be voting on revising language in several of our founding documents and on Pastor Gammon's continuing employment. We hope to see everyone in attendance.

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... For the months of September and October, we will be collecting food items for the Howland Schools' Paw Pantry. 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...Fall is around the corner with cooler temps, leaves falling, and school starting. Where did the summer go? I am certainly looking forward to the cooler temperatures. Our Fellowship Sunday will be September 21. The theme for this day is Football Fun. We are planning some football favorites and always good fellowship. Please wear your football shirts and support your favorite team.

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

From the Parish Education Committee Chairperson, Raymond Boothe...We will be postponing the start of the Adult Forum in September as we are looking for an interested person to teach the class. Currently that class begins at 8:45 am on Sundays. Please contact Pastor Gerry or Pam Boothe if you would be interested in teaching that class. Thank you.

Thank you...Many thanks for all your calls, cards, and prayers on my behalf. I had a serious fall in May which resulted in hospitalization and rehab. I am now home, receiving weekly therapy and loving care. I hope to be able to enjoy church fellowship soon. I ask for your continued prayers. Again, many thanks, Donna Wright

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Thursday, Sept. 11, 10:00 am – Trustees Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 14, 10:30 am – Special Congregation Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 18, 10:00 am – Council in Activity Room

Sunday, Sept. 21 – Fellowship/**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1 = Tootie Rogers
7 = Jean Peachman
15 = William Hawley
17 = Capri Simone
18 = Zachary Blythe
19 = Marian Gammon
25 = Janice Adgate & Nancy Hinely
26 = Robert McKinney

Anniversaries

3 = Smith, Michael & Drena