

The Lamp Lighter
May 2026
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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ADULT FORUM AT 9:00 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM
CHOIR PRACTICE AT 11:00 AM

From the Pastor, Gerald Gammon...Happy May of 2026! Seems hard to believe, doesn't it? I want to begin by thanking all that participated with the functions the church experienced last month. We held our first Games, Grub and Grace session and had a wonderful turnout! There was plenty of food, fun, and support, making the event a true success! Niki Baringer has set the bar very high for herself and us to live up to this wonderful night in the future.

I want to express my deepest and sincerest thanks to all who helped set up, serve, and clean up in readiness for the celebration of life of David Henderson. It was an immense undertaking, but we did it in true Living Lord form. David would have been proud, and I certainly am!

A heartfelt thank you to all who have been working on cleaning out the church of its clutter accumulated over the years. It is said that “cleanliness is next to godliness” and through the efforts of our wonderful volunteers we are getting closer and closer to God!

Our Council members are hard at work getting things done and preparing for more activities at the church. Pray for each of them!

I also express thanks to God for the return of May Love, and celebrate her continued recovery from her accident. The Lord is so good! Let us all give thanks and praise for the many things He does to bless us. And let us ask for His guidance and energy as the church continues to work on His behalf.

I pray that you all have a blessed and joyful month of May and that as we experience more sunlight let us not forget the true light of lights, Jesus Christ. He is the illumination to lead us to Heaven, let us follow His light now and forever.

Pastor Gerry

Monthly Men’s Breakfast...Please join us for our monthly men’s breakfast the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am at Eat-N-Park. All are welcome!

From the President, Bob McKinney...

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...Congratulations Living Lord Lutheran Church members—you have gracefully completed a year of helping to provide food, personal items, and clothing to students in need in the Howland Local Schools. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. God bless you and we plan to continue our efforts for another year of giving! Thank you for your generosity and caring. Go Tigers! The Evangelism/Membership Committee and the In-Reach Committee will be working together to accomplish our goals. With an older congregation, we need to strengthen and adjust our missions to better meet our needs. I’m sure we are all planning to help and support our new Youth Director and her plans for success. What are your ideas for new or successful activities? What would bring new life to our activities? Exercise classes, book clubs, craft activities, game night, cooking classes, bring a guest, you name it, dream on... God bless all Living Lord Lutheran Church members. Thank you for your support and let us know your ideas for finding ways to serve our Lord.

From the Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Nancy Walters...There will be Fellowship on Mother's Day and on Scholarship Sunday. Anyone interested in bringing a treat, please call Nancy at 330-889-3382 or cell 330-469-8838. There will be a wish list on the bulletin board for items needed for fellowships. These include: regular coffee, coffee creamers, canisters of lemonade mix, cold cups, napkins, cake plates, salad bowls, Press-n-Seal roll, sandwich bags, gallon bags, and aluminum foil.

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

From the Parish Education Committee Chairperson, Raymond Boothe...Special thanks to Pastor Gammon and Christian Scheiner for their guidance since last October. The last Adult Forum class before summer will be on Sunday, May 17. Hope to see you in the fall. Have a blessed summer.

From the Worship Committee Chairperson, Darlene Altiere...Hope everyone enjoyed the blessed season. Thanks to Pastor Gerry for the beautiful services throughout Holy Week. Easter was such an enlightening celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is risen, Alleluia! Spring is here! As we prepare to spring clean our homes, it is also a time to spring clean the church. We have already started with the Worship storage areas. Many thanks to Joyce L'Amoureux and Denise Scheiner for all their help with these two areas. Thanks also to Niki Baringer for organizing a cleaning in the Education Wing. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help. And let us not forget Ernie Gerbetz, who went to Home Depot and picked up our shelving units for the Education Wing generously paid for by the Fuchs Fund.

From the Director of Youth Activities, Niki Baringer...Thank you to everyone who played a part in the success of Games, Grub, and Grace. I truly appreciate all of the encouragement and support in helping bring our very first youth event together. I am already working on ideas and plans for our next event and will keep you posted!

Thank you...Thank you all so much for the many cards and prayers! Much love, May

EVENTS IN MAY

Thursday, May 7, 10:00 am – Trustees Meeting in Activity Room

Sunday, May 10, 10:00 am – Contemporary Service/Mother's Day

Saturday, May 16, 9:00 am – Mary Mike Milone Funeral Service

Sunday, May 17 – Fellowship after Service/Council in Activity Room

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost

Sunday, May 31 – The Holy Trinity

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

5 = Madeline Goussios & Keith Muller

6 = Sue Armstrong & Jo Maggiano

8 = Anthony Marrara

Anniversaries

19 = Lucas, Robert & Alberta

29 = Peachman, Frederick & Jean

