

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 10:00 AM

From the Pastor, Gerald Gammon...Happy Birthday America! Wishing you another prosperous 250 years ahead!

We as Americans are so blessed. We live in a country that affords us many freedoms that others envy. Our economy and military strength make us a world power to be reckoned with. Our people and their compassion for others is tremendous! God certainly shines down on the United States!

Throughout our history as a nation, we have stood for the very principles that the Lord set before us. We protect and serve those that cannot defend themselves, we aid those facing disasters, we work to ensure the safety of the world through many different means. While we lag in some areas, we certainly do not in character.

I truly believe that our accomplishments and way of life are born from our faith. Christianity may not be as strong as it once was in this country, but it still molds many of the values held today. I pray that our faith will rise in numbers and strength, but I really hope for the time when we can all come together as one despite our differences as long as we are pleasing in the eyes of our Lord.

Sure, we have our differences! We were told by Jesus Himself that this would happen. It is only through recognizing these differences that we can grow in our faith. We don't need to be hurtful to one another, but we also cannot just roll over with the times. The strength of our nation comes from our strength as families. The Evil One is working hard to dissolve our traditional family values and make someone always an outcast. Jesus never told us to mind the business of others, or to hate and spread it. No, He told us to stay true to Him and to not let ourselves be persuaded to falter in our faith.

These are the same attributes of our country. We are steadfast in our commitment to one another, our neighbors, and our allies. We are very blessed to have the natural resources that we have; we are blessed to have climates that produce good growing seasons; we are blessed that we are able to mix cultures and yet remain one country. Let us be mindful of the blessings we receive and let us abundantly share them with those who need assistance.

May almighty God bless you and may He continue to bless the United States of America!
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...I sure hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. The weather has turned hot and everyone be careful being outside during this heat period. I love it hot in the summer because we don't get a lot of hot weather anymore. And it is supposed to be hot in the summer. Lots going on at Living Lord this summer as pastor and I have told you. Our two big projects funded by the Fuchs Fund this year have been approved and very shortly the outside of the building will be painted and will look fresh and beautiful, and the floor in the narthex will be replaced which should make a major new look for the inside of the building. Will let you know when both projects get started. Landscaping will continue to be worked on over the next few weeks, and we should then be able to wrap that up. We are also working on a few committees to bring them up to speed with the right number of committee members so they can function better; those are MEF, Maggiano, and the Memorial Committees. Niki Baringer, our Director of Youth Activities, is working on her next youth gathering at the end of July and we are having a church picnic at the end of August with special guests being invited which will make for a good time for all. Our Party on the Patio will be back on Saturday, August 8, between 4:00 and 7:00 pm. To keep in line with our 250-year celebration of the USA, this will be an all-out patriotic party, so wear your red, white, and blue clothing. This will be an old-fashioned American cook-out with hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausages which will be provided by the church along with beverages. You bring the potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni salad, baked beans, and your favorite dessert. And whatever else you can think of! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so you can sign up on Sundays. Let's have fun! USA! USA! USA! Thanks everyone for your help and support, I love it!

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...

Games, Grub & Grace Summer Night Event on July 31... Here is a list of items needed for our next Games, Grub & Grace event: 20 individual bottles of bubbles; 5 bags of large marshmallows; 1 box of graham crackers; 1 box of vanilla wafers; 1 container of chocolate chip cookies; 2 containers of marshmallow fluff; 1 package of mini marshmallows; 1 package of chocolate chips; 6 Hershey chocolate bars; 6 Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups; 1 large bag of regular M&Ms; 1 squeezable caramel sauce; 1 squeezable chocolate sauce; 1 jar of sprinkles. Please see Niki Baringer with any questions.

From the Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Nancy Walters... I would like to thank everyone for all of their help at the funeral luncheon for the family and friends of Earl (Willy) Butts. It takes a crew to set up, provide desserts, serve, and clean up. We have had Sunday treats each Sunday instead of just on a designated Sunday. Thanks to all who have helped with providing those treats. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex (hint, hint). I would also like to thank everyone for bringing in Fellowship supplies. It sure helps me stay within my budget! If anyone has any ideas for something we can do with Fellowship, please let me know. We have expanded our normal items that have included fruit trays, sandwiches, a charcuterie board, and veggie trays. You want it (within reason), you got it! If anyone is interested in joining the F Troop (another name for the Fellowship Committee), please let me know. The F stands for many things: Fellowship, Friends, FOOD, Fun, Bra cup size (threw that in there to see if you were paying attention), Family, Fabulous, Fantastic, and Funeral Luncheons. Did I mention FOOD? Have a great month of July and Happy 250th Birthday to the USA!

Monthly Women’s Breakfast... Please join us at our monthly breakfast at Vasilio’s in Cortland on the second Thursday of every month (**July 9**) at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

From the Director of Youth Activities, Niki Baringer...Summer Nights: Games, Grub & Grace, Friday, July 31, 6:30 – 8:00 pm... Please join us for our final Summer Nights of the season! Gather with your church family for an evening of games, great food, laughter, and meaningful fellowship. We’ll enjoy summer games, delicious food, fun summer activities, and end the evening with a build-your-own s’mores bar. Most importantly, it’s an opportunity to slow down, encourage one another, and grow together in our faith. Everyone is welcome—bring your family, invite your friends, and introduce someone to our church family. We’d love to spend the evening with you! For more information, contact Niki at 330-984-5376.

Christmas Play... Looking ahead to fall, our youth will begin rehearsals in September for “What’s in Your Cart?”—a Christmas play centered on the true meaning of Christmas. The play will be presented during the contemporary worship service in December, and we are excited to see our youth share this meaningful message with the congregation.

Thank you... What can I say? When I started this journey, I was thinking much time would elapse. I thought easy-peasy—just lay around and be waited on like a queen. You, as a congregation, stepped up with prayers, cards, and food over so much time. Also encouraging Bob and Rob. It did not help when I fell and broke my left wrist. I could see how hard this was on Bob, especially the first few months. Now it has been almost 8 ½

weeks. I see the doctor on June 22 and see what's next. I am somewhat walking with a boot but also using a walker. It is hard because of my broken left wrist which I can't put much pressure on. I am also doing therapy on my wrist and foot. I can't wait until I can wear regular shoes. It probably will be another month or so. Thank God I have all your love and support! You have shown how much you love the McKinneys. Again, thanks! Karin, Bob, & Rob McKinney

Thank you... Thank you so much for awarding me the Larry L. Maggiano, M.D., Memorial Scholarship. I'm credibly grateful for your generosity and support. The funds will be put towards my college tuition and will help me continue pursuing my education and future goals. Thank you again for your generosity and support. I am truly grateful for this blessing and thank God for the opportunity to continue pursuing my education with the help of your kindness. Sincerely, Emma Walters

EVENTS IN JULY

Thursday, July 2, 1:00 pm – Trustees Meeting in Activity Room

Sunday, July 12, 11:00 am – Council in Activity Room

Saturday, July 31, 6:30 pm – Games, Grub & Grace Summer Night Event

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 = Kitty Thompson
- 3 = Nicholas Altieri
- 4 = Brian Corbin
- 7 = Dora Muller
- 9 = Bob Lucas
- 12 = Pam Boothe
- 13 = Taylor Owen
- 17 = Colbie Harvey
- 21 = Harry Leisy
- 23 = Fred Welter
- 26 = Karen Bandy
- 27 = Vincent Prindle



Anniversaries

- 2 = Gammon, Gerald & Marian
- 14 = Love, Bill & May
- 20 = McCrimmon, Brian & Heather
- 24 = Scheiner, Christian & Denise