



Living Lord Lutheran Church

Make disciples, Serve selflessly, Live faithfully

The Voice



May 2025 Issue



Dear Friends in Christ:

The empty tomb is not the only exciting thing about the Easter story. It is basic and important, but it is meant to lead us to the rest of the story. The story continues with Jesus interacting with Mary outside the tomb. Hearing her name on the lips of Jesus motivates her to action from her grief to joy at the truth of the resurrection. Jesus continues to be with us giving us guidance and his love. Jesus did all the work to save us. Now he asks us to work for the good of his kingdom. We need to take the joy of Easter and carry it everywhere we go so that others may see and come to know that He Is Risen and what a difference it makes in our lives. Mary went and did as Jesus told her. We can too! And we do not go alone, for Christ is with you. So, this Easter go and tell the Good News. Jesus is Risen and in your heart.

Read John 20:11-18 and always remember that God loves YOU and so do I.

In Christ's love: Pastor Ed



05/04	Valino	Amy
05/07	Bohlmann	Sam
05/07	DeLosh	Lee
05/10	Jones	Marilyn
05/10	Symos	Lou
05/11	Saum	John
05/12	Daly	Carol
05/12	Frei	Anna
05/12	Silverstein	Marc
05/12	Wells	Don
05/13	Goff	Karen
05/14	Taylor	Jeff
05/15	Gangnagel	Barb
05/23	Marino	Thomas
05/27	Chan	William
05/27	Tomasso	Allison
05/28	DeLosh	Bob
05/29	Black	Tricia
05/29	Duck	Donald
05/30	Anuszewski	Peggy



05/02	Langsen, Bruce & Kate
05/02	Mastrangelo, Annette & Gary
05/03	Viney, Earl & Donna
05/06	Pinsonneault, Wayne & Janice
05/18	Duck, Donald & Audrey
05/27	Gieschen, Mary & Paul
05/29	Fetterman, Carole & Robert
05/30	Copeland, James & Susan

PRAYER REQUESTS

Theo Bullington	Josh Myers Behler
Rob Babel	Chris Mork
Susanna Scott	Shirley Smith
Gordy Havey	Will
Liz Howell	Lori Rapp
Wyly Pope	Joe Kitchie
Roger Henkelman	Becky Berka
Linda Henkelmann	Tony Zubricky
Nancy Woodworth	Bradley
June Hartlieb	Tracy B.
Ron Silver	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Charlie Croatman
Kathy Murgatroyd	Denise
Meri Capithorne	Gay Jeffreys
Jan Hillman	Call Committee
Ron	Mike
Angie	Troy and family
Connie T.	Sean
Sandy & family	Kyle & Cathy
Bonnie	Resentreter
Gayle	Family of Malcolm Doyle
Nan	Ronald Hansen
Marty Mork	Family of Edward Smith
Glenn Price	Barb & Olivia Sahr
Lori Norgart	Family of Gen Huston
Barb Kunkel	Alexas and Anaiya
Lon Anderson	John and Melody
Family of Debbie Carsile	James, Danielle, Lavardo
David Gangnagel	Kelly and Brian Miles
Martha Illg	Lisa Pyeatt
Helen Acheson	Family of Elaine Seamon
Jack Polonsky	Jacob Kudrin
Richard Thumm	Jon Thumm



All God's Children Preschool had their 5th annual Spring Carnival Fundraiser on Saturday March 8th. We started planning for this event all the way back in December and our team of parents and staff worked tirelessly to make sure that this was the grandest carnival yet.



We transformed the church and preschool parking lot into a magical carnival full of games, bounce houses, face painters, a photo booth, balloon twisters, a petting zoo, three food stations, and everyone's favorite, a dunk tank. As soon as the carnival started at 11am, many AGC families came through the entrance ready to have fun. It was so wonderful to watch our students, and even children that are not AGC students, play games, laugh together, and play. Our DJ was spinning records the entire day and the music brought another level of joy to the carnival.

Our adult carnival goers also had a great time watching their children, helping them with games, dancing to the music, and of course bidding on our silent auction items. The silent auction was a sight to see. All items were donated by local businesses, ranging from arts and crafts, reading corners for children to orchestra and wine tasting for the adults. We had over 70 items to bid on and there were a few friendly bidding wars.



When our families were hungry, they could stop at our food area and get pizza donated by Marco's, or a Mexican bowl donated by The Guac Shop. We also had popcorn, Italian ice, and delicious cookies. The day could not have been better, the weather was perfect, the decor was colorful and bright, and the sense of community was all around. We could not have been happier with the turn out.

AGC has the spring fundraiser in order to raise money to beautify the school. Thanks to these events, we have been able to update the inside of the education building with new floors, classroom furniture, technology, and so much more. Outside we have been able to add awnings to the building, pavers to our walkway, turf to the playground, add shade structures, and new purchase playground equipment.

There are so many people to thank for the success of this event. We had over 15 corporate sponsors this year, which is the most we have ever had. These businesses are represented with banners on the playground fence. Without our AGP (All God's Parent) organization, this event could have never taken place. Their dedication to planning and executing every detail was crucial and I could not be more thankful for their hard work. The AGC staff and AGC school board were also extremely helpful. We give thanks to Living Lord Lutheran Church for supporting our event, providing a cookie table as well as helping us clean up. AGC is blessed to have so much love and support from our families and community. We hope to see everyone next spring!

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

The second Thursday of the month, the LLL Lunch Bunch meets for lunch. Our next luncheon will be on May 8th, at 11:30. We will meet at Geckos located at 4310 E SR 64, Bradenton. This luncheon is open to all who wish to attend. There is a signup sheet posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Miller at 616-540-1745.

PARISH LIFE

Attention: All Team Leaders

On Tuesday, May 6th our follow-up meeting will be held at 2:00pm in the Activities Hall.

Please bring the write up that you have prepared of your team's job description.

A snack and beverage will be provided.

ANNUAL FLORIDA BAHAMAS SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Will be held June 12-14, 2025 in Kissimmee, FL. Delegates from each congregation are encouraged to attend. If you would like to participate this year, reach out to Pastor Ed at 941-753-9365.

The Living Lord Chancel Choir - March 2025



CHRISTIANITY

As Told by the Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

On, Mondays, IN ACTIVITIES HALL 10:00-11:30 AM.

Learn and experience Jesus, who transcended humble origins, showed us God's love, paid the price for our forgiveness, and transformed his followers forever.

FREE Bring a friend! Because God's gifts are FREE!

Now through April 7: **Understanding New Testament Gospels**

Lectures by professors of Christian theology and history to enhance your reading of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. Discussion of texts.

April 14: MOVIE **"THE GOSPEL OF JOHN"** Come and see this very spiritual movie with our Monday Adult Class. Christopher Plummer narrates the Good News Bible word-for-word. Carefully researching the biblical time of Christ, every aspect of the production—from costume design to ancient architecture and historic music—shows what it was like when the Son of God walked on earth. Henry Ian Cusick portrays Jesus in complex and emotional situations with clarity and insight.

Observe your Holy Week with us at Living Lord.

Easter Monday April 21, 2025 NO CLASS

April 28 and May 5, 2025 TO BE ANNOUNCED (Sacred Journeys?)

Easy to see videos on 85 inch TV. Ruth McConnell 941-751-8053

BENEFIT CONCERT at LLL - Sarasota-Manatee Alumnae Chapter - SIGMA ALPHA IOTA Music Fraternity. Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Will feature the following: The Gulf Coast Flute Choir, Carole Cornman Fetterman, soprano; Brooke Palmtag, soprano; Lily Grigsby, soprano; and Thomas Pizzi, piano/accompanist. Tickets sales between services over the next several Sundays \$15. Proceeds go to music organizations in the community that specialize in creating programs for music education. Such programs include Perlman Music Program of Sarasota, Venice Chorale Young Artists, AMICCO, Sarasota Orchestra and more! Come and learn more about SAI and how we keep the music playing for the community and around the world! For more info call: 941-350-7489.

Living Lord Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2024

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2025	Jan -Mar 2025 Actuals	Jan - Mar 2025 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	98,353.61	94,581.43	3,772.18
Church General Fund Disbursements	85,153.42	87,506.79	2,353.37
Net Church General Fund	13,200.19	7,074.64	6,125.55
Church Restricted Receipts	12,079.96		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	492.53		
Youth Group Fundraiser			
Church Restricted Disbursements	33,078.75		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(7,306.07)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	114,304.81	56,961.66	57,343.15
AGC General Fund Disbursements	77,296.79	53,844.20	(23,452.59)
Net AGC General Fund	37,008.02	3,117.46	33,890.56
AGC Restricted Receipts			
AGC Fundraisers	18,842.48		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	2,908.37		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>52,942.13</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	212,658.42	151,543.09	61,115.33
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	162,450.21	141,350.99	(21,099.22)
Net LLLC General Fund	<u>50,208.21</u>	<u>10,192.10</u>	<u>40,016.11</u>
Fundraising Balances	19,335.01		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	12,079.96		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	35,987.12		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position(Includes restricted)	<u>45,636.06</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2025 VS 2024	Jan -Mar 2025 Actuals	Jan - Mar 2024 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	98,353.61	92,957.19	5,396.42
Church General Fund Disbursements	85,153.42	82,412.85	(2,740.57)
Net Church General Fund	<u>13,200.19</u>	<u>10,544.34</u>	2,655.85
AGC General Fund Receipts	114,304.81	98,334.62	15,970.19
AGC General Fund Disbursements	77,296.79	56,698.41	(20,598.38)
Net AGC General Fund	<u>37,008.02</u>	<u>41,636.21</u>	(4,628.19)
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	212,658.42	191,291.81	21,366.61
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	162,450.21	139,111.26	(23,338.95)
Net LLLC General Fund	<u>50,208.21</u>	<u>52,180.55</u>	(1,972.34)

Church general fund receipts through March are \$5400 more than last year and \$3700 over budget.

Disbursements are \$2300 less than budget.

AGC is \$37,000 favorable to disbursements through March

Karen Symos, Bookkeeper

GENERAL OFFERING #4010		
YEAR-TO-DATE	2025 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL
March 31, 2025	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024
\$90,777.65	\$85,629.56	\$82,155.76

FROM YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

May is International Mediterranean Diet. The Mediterranean Diet emphasizes foods high in antioxidants, fiber, and healthy fats, including whole grains, fruits, vegetables, beans, herbs, spices, nuts, fish, and olive oil. Additionally, it recommends eating yogurt, cheese, poultry and eggs in moderation and red meat and sweets much less frequently than the average American diet.

The Mediterranean Diet because offers wonderful health benefits associated with lowering your risk for several chronic diseases.

- Aids in weight loss or weight maintenance
- Lowers the level of LDL cholesterol in the body, which is the bad cholesterol that builds in your arteries
- Reduces risk of heart attack and stroke
- Reduces incidence of cancer
- Protects against developing diabetes

Lowers risk for developing Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease

The reason this diet is so beneficial is because it is high in vitamins and minerals, high in healthy fats, low in salt, and low in refined foods.

Mediterranean Shopping List:³

Here are some items you can buy at the grocery store to make your own Mediterranean meals!

- Whole Grains
 - o barley, brown rice, buckwheat, bulgur, couscous, faro, oatmeal, polenta, quinoa, wheat berries, whole grain, stone-ground breads, rolls, tortillas, and pasta
- o Fruits
 - o apples, bananas, berries, cherries, citrus, dates, figs, grapes, melons, nectarines, peaches, pears, pomegranates
- o Vegetables
 - o artichokes, asparagus, avocados, beets, bell peppers, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, celery, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, fennel, green beans, green leafy vegetables, lettuce, mushrooms, olives, onions, peas, potatoes, radishes, squash, tomatoes, turnips
- o Legumes, nuts, and seeds
 - o almonds, black-eyed peas, cashews, chickpeas (garbanzo beans), hazelnuts, kidney beans, lentils, lima beans, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios, sesame seeds, sunflower seeds, split peas, walnuts
- o Herbs and spices
 - o basil, chili powder, chilies, cinnamon, cloves, cumin, dill, garlic, ginger, fennel seed, marjoram, mint, nutmeg, oregano, parsley, pepper, rosemary, saffron, sage, tarragon, thyme
- o Fish and shellfish
 - o Clams, crab, halibut, lobster, mussels, salmon, scallops, shrimp, sole, tilapia, trout, tuna
- o Dairy products
 - o low-fat milk, low-fat yogurt, reduced-fat cheese
- o Oils
 - o canola, extra-virgin olive, grapeseed, and sesame

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