



Living Lord Lutheran Church

Make disciples, Serve selflessly, Live faithfully

The Voice



September 2026 Issue

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Doing interim ministry means that sometimes I feel like the apostle Paul, running from place to place and dropping little letters and discussions on the way. It's an opportunity to share Joy and Hope and increase the vision of the faith communities where I serve.

Living Lord is an incredible faith community. Not only is Joy present, but you sincerely love each other and all those who come to you. The holy spirit is present in the gifts that you use and division you have. I know this has been challenged over the last 2 years. But you are in a place that grows and inspires despite that.

Right now there is grief and fear amidst the love and the work of God. Please trust that God has you in his hands through this and is continuing to bring incredible resources and lift up within you new possibilities.

I'm sitting here right now with the country song "you picked a bad Time to leave me Lucille " playing in my head. I had worked to finish ministries and prepare the way, with a timeline of ending my ministry on September 6th. This is probably the hardest thing that I have done, and I am trusting that God's plan for you will be revealed quickly. However, the Episcopal Diocese had asked me to come back and assist in one of their churches, and we needed to make a plan based on what we assumed before the vote. Knowing your faithfulness, you will be able to continue to be a shining beacon of the Kingdom there in Lakewood Ranch. I want to thank you all for your care of Rudy and myself in sickness and in health. I will be bragging about your care of us from here on out. Please know that you will be in our hearts and prayers everyday. You have fed and nurtured us spiritually in ways I can't begin to name. Again I thank you.

Knowing that God's family is infinite and eternal, we will always be one. And may the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ continue to fill your hearts and minds now and forever more.

Pastor Linda



OUTREACH Ministry August 2026

Oneco School is grateful and appreciative that Living Lord supports their students with school supplies, donations and prayers every year!

Thank you Living Lord for your generous giving.

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09/26	Trompke, Steven & Tamara
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There is always something special about the beginning of a new school year, and this year at AGC is no exception! Our halls are once again filled with excitement, preparation, and anticipation as we get ready to welcome our students back.

Over the past several weeks, our wonderful teachers have been hard at work preparing their classrooms and creating beautiful, warm, and welcoming environments for our children. Every detail has been thoughtfully planned with our students in mind, from colorful displays and engaging learning areas to cozy spaces where children will feel safe, loved, and ready to learn.

We have also made an exciting change to our school this year! Our administrative office has been moved to the front of the school. This new location will provide better flow throughout the building and make it easier for families and visitors to connect with our administrative team. We are excited about this change and the many ways it will enhance our daily operations.

Our teachers have also spent time this summer participating in training and professional development workshops. Their commitment to learning and growing as educators is one of the many things that makes AGC such a special place. They are returning with fresh ideas, renewed energy, and plenty of enthusiasm for the year ahead.

As we look around the school, it is hard not to feel excited about all that is to come. The classrooms are ready, our teachers are ready, and our hearts are ready to welcome our students back!



FROM YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

September is **Food Safety Month**. The food supply in the United States is among the safest in the world. However, when certain disease-causing bacteria or pathogens contaminate food, they can cause foodborne illness, often called “food poisoning.” The Federal government estimates that there are about 48 million cases of foodborne illness annually – the equivalent of sickening 1 in 6 Americans each year. And each year, these illnesses result in an estimated 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths.

Know the Symptoms - Consuming dangerous foodborne bacteria will usually cause illness within 1 to 3 days of eating the contaminated food. However, sickness can also occur within 20 minutes or up to 6 weeks later. Symptoms of foodborne illness can include: vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain – and flu-like symptoms, such as fever, headache, and body ache.

Handle Foods Safely - Although most healthy people will recover from a foodborne illness within a short period of time, some can develop chronic, severe, or even life-threatening health problems. In addition, some people are at a higher risk for developing foodborne illness, including pregnant women, young children, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems (such as transplant patients and individuals with HIV/AIDS, cancer, or diabetes).

To keep your family safer from food poisoning, **follow these four simple steps: clean, separate, cook, and chill.**

Wash Hands and Surfaces Often - Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers, and handling pets. Wash your cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and counter tops with hot soapy water after preparing each food item. Consider using paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces. If you use cloth towels, launder them often in the hot cycle. Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running tap water, including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten. Scrub firm produce with a clean produce brush. With canned goods, remember to clean lids before opening.

Separate Raw Meats from Other Foods - Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs from other foods in your grocery shopping cart, grocery bags, and refrigerator. Use one cutting board for fresh produce and a separate one for raw meat, poultry, and seafood. Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs unless the plate has been washed in hot, soapy water. Don't reuse marinades used on raw foods unless you bring them to a boil first.

Cook To the Right Temperature - Color and texture are unreliable indicators of safety. Using a food thermometer is the only way to ensure the safety of meat, poultry, seafood, and egg products for all cooking methods. These foods must be cooked to a safe minimum internal temperature to destroy any harmful bacteria. Cook eggs until the yolk and white are firm. Only use recipes in which eggs are cooked or heated thoroughly. When cooking in a microwave oven, cover food, stir, and rotate for even cooking. If there is no turntable, rotate the dish by hand once or twice during cooking. Always allow standing time, which completes the cooking, before checking the internal temperature with a food thermometer. Bring sauces, soups and gravy to a boil when reheating.

Refrigerate Foods Promptly - Use an appliance thermometer to be sure the temperature is consistently 40° F or below and the freezer temperature is 0° F or below. Refrigerate or freeze meat, poultry, eggs, seafood, and other perishables within 2 hours of cooking or purchasing. Refrigerate within 1 hour if the temperature outside is above 90° F. Never thaw food at room temperature, such as on the counter top. There are three safe ways to defrost food: in the refrigerator, in cold water, and in the microwave. Food thawed in cold water or in the microwave should be cooked immediately. Always marinate food in the refrigerator.

Divide large amounts of leftovers into shallow containers for quicker cooling in the refrigerator.

Report a Problem - If you think that you or a family member has a foodborne illness, contact your **healthcare provider immediately**. To report a complaint or adverse event (illness or serious allergic reaction), visit Industry and Consumer Assistance at <https://www.fda.gov/food/resources-you-food/get-assistance-fda-human-foods-program-hfp>.

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting July 15, 2026

Attendees: Pastor Linda Fernandez, Rae Dowling, Mary Hunter, Rich Jones, Patty Kunkel, Stephney Rose, Scott Smith, Karen Symos (Bookkeeper), Pauline Priest, Lisa Pyeatt. Absent: Shannon Van den Bosch, Ron Gerdes

Opening Prayer & Devotion: Rae opened the meeting and Pastor Linda led us in Prayer.

Minutes Approval: A motion [was made](#) by Patty and seconded by Andy to approve the June 2026 minutes, the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report: The full financial report is available in the office for review. General Funds receipts for the Church through June are \$34,069 more than last year and \$7,338 above budget. Church general fund disbursements are \$55,000 below budget. All God's Children budget is \$46,422 favorable to disbursements through March. Due to a restructuring of our property insurance by the insurance company our premiums have been reduced. We will explore options for the previously budgeted money such as placing the excess in our deductible fund, or purchasing additional insurance based on a recent appraisal of the property.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Linda has been busy with Pastoral Care and with the increased requests for prayers we are starting a prayer team. Please sign up in the narthex if you're interested in being a part of the support team. Pastor submitted a Vision 2 Action grant request to Synod and we will be following with the dinner church model. More information to come on this. Pastor also voiced her appreciation and thanks for the ordination gift and recognition and for all the cards and visits for Rudy during his recent illness.

Team Reports: Team reports were submitted electronically and available in the office for review. Highlights include:

All God's Children – The reworking of the inside of the education building to be able change the office into a classroom and create an office and classroom where a large classroom was previously will begin in August and be completed before the start of the school year.

New toilets will be installed in the education building and a new playset will be installed also before the start of the school year.

Building Improvement Committee An added electronic sign for the SR70 sign is coming. It will [be placed](#) below the existing sign and will more prominently announce activities of the church.

Call Committee – A Pastoral candidate was presented to the Call committee, by Synod. They interviewed the candidate and have recommended him to the Council for consideration. After review of the committee's recommendations and resume, the Council will interview the candidate for further consideration. A tentative timeline moving forward [was discussed](#). If the candidate is available, the council interview will be August 4th.

Discussion Items: Continue to pray for Pauline, Rhoda, Rudy and Rich.

Next Council meeting: August 19th, 2026 – 4pm at Church. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rae Dowling

LLLC BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be **September 2nd at 9:30 am**. We meet in the Activity Hall for discussion with a light snack and beverage. If you like book discussions, join us. Contact Marilyn Jones at 614-570-5483 for information.

Living Lord Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2026

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2025	Jan- July 2026 Actuals	Jan -July 2026 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	244,434.10	251,096.00	(6,661.90)
Church General Fund Disbursements	200,641.53	264,661.00	64,019.47
Net Church General Fund	43,792.57	(13,565.00)	57,357.57
Church Restricted Receipts	28,325.92		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	55.83		
Youth Group Fundraiser			
Church Restricted Disbursements	21,679.69		
Net Church Financial Position	50,494.63		
AGC General Fund Receipts	232,333.80	231,441.00	892.80
AGC General Fund Disbursements	177,399.94	214,023.00	36,623.06
Net AGC General Fund	54,933.86	17,418.00	37,515.86
AGC Restricted Receipts	695.00		
AGC Fundraisers	12,398.14		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	3,301.84		
Net AGC Financial Position	64,725.16		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	476,767.90	482,537.00	(5,769.10)
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	378,041.47	478,684.00	100,642.53
Net LLLC General Fund	98,726.43	3,853.00	94,873.43
Fundraising Balances	12,453.97		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	29,020.92		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	24,981.53		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position(includes restricted)	115,219.79		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2025 VS 2024	Jan- July 2026 Actuals	Jan - July 2025 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	244,434.10	221,139.58	23,294.52
Church General Fund Disbursements	200,641.53	209,294.70	8,653.17
Net Church General Fund	43,792.57	11,844.88	31,947.69
AGC General Fund Receipts	232,333.80	206,661.02	25,672.78
AGC General Fund Disbursements	177,399.94	168,839.08	(8,560.86)
Net AGC General Fund	54,933.86	38,021.94	16,911.92
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	476,767.90	427,800.60	48,967.30
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	378,041.47	377,933.78	(107.69)
Net LLLC General Fund	98,726.43	49,866.82	48,859.61

Church General Fund receipts through July are \$23,000 more than last year and \$6600 below budget
Church General Fund Disbursements are \$64,000 below budget.
AGC is \$54,900 favorable to disbursements through July.

Karen Symos, Bookkeeper



Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

Who is Arthur? Tropical Storm Arthur was a short-lived tropical cyclone that brought flash flooding to portions of the Southern United States. It interacted with a frontal boundary near the Texas coast and became Tropical Storm Arthur on 17 June. It did not last long due to an ill-defined center and being affected by strong wind shear, degenerating into a tropical cyclone. It opened into a trough early the following morning after making landfall near Galveston .At least 4 people were killed as a result of Arthur. Damages are estimated to be greater than 100 million dollars. A warm Gulf, previous wet pattern, and Arthur combined to produce very heavy rains and flash flooding in South Texas, Louisiana, and southern Mississippi. There were 11 confirmed tornadoes in LA, strongest being of EF1 strength. In MS, the Biloxi River rose 30 feet above typical levels. Rainfall totals in LA peaked at 29.06 inches in Cottonport, making it the most rainfall in LA for 24 hours, surpassing the record set by a tropical depression in 1962.

El Nino? El Nino conditions are present and expected to strengthen into the Northern Hemisphere winter of 2026-27. High confidence in El Nino is also linked to anomalously high oceanic heat content and expanding westerly wind anomalies across the equatorial Pacific Ocean. There is a 63% chance of a very strong El Nino during Nov-Jan that would rank among the largest El Nino events in the historical record going back to 1950. The odds favor above normal rainfall in Florida this winter. The strong El Nino of 1997-98 gave Parrish rainfall of 42.78 inches Nov -Mar which was 310% of normal. Stronger upper-level winds tend to suppress hurricane development in the Atlantic Basin. El Nino is likely to have a negative impact on crop yields in Southeast Asia and India where El Nino is associated with below normal rainfall.

Who is the world's biggest dairy producer? India is the global leader in milk production but also is vulnerable to climate change and extreme heat. With temperatures topping 104F, a farmer in northern India watched one of his cows deliver a calf months early. The newborn was tiny and almost hairless. People said it would not survive, but the farmer bottle fed it milk until it slowly recovered. His farm of 6 cows near Delhi was typical of millions in India, the world's biggest dairy producer responsible for nearly a quarter of global supply, where most milk comes from farms with between 2 and 5 cows. The dairy sector accounts for 5% of India's GDP and supports more than 80 million farmers. But extreme heat means cows eat less, make less milk, struggle to conceive, and produce fewer live offspring. Milk production falls by 30% during extreme heat.

Was May another warm month? Globally, May 2026 ranked as the second warmest May on record, trailing only 2024, with a global average temperature 1.93F above the 20th-century average. In the U.S., warmest May on record was recorded at Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas. The CONUS recorded its 6th driest Jan-May on record and driest since 1988. The Sarasota-Bradenton Airport (SRQ) had its warmest May and Spring on record since 1911. We are still in drought with a hopeful change to wet as flow changes from west to east.

Do you want to hike the Grand Canyon? Don't! At the Inner Canyon trails, temperatures can exceed 109 degrees 10 AM to 4 PM. Recent deaths of hikers include an 18-year old man on 3 Jun, a 72-year old man on 12 Jun, and a 67-year old man and 68-year old woman on 16 Jun.

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