



Living Lord Lutheran Church

Make disciples, Serve selflessly, Live faithfully

The Voice



December 2022 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

At a recent Evangelism meeting, the team was reviewing its responsibilities as put forth in the Constitution. One of the duties of this team is to "make the Congregation aware that evangelism is every member's responsibility."

Evangelism itself can be a scary word for Lutherans and we all interpret it differently. Basically, it's doing what Jesus calls us to do in the Great Commission – "make disciples of all nations." That, in itself, can seem to be a difficult task to accomplish.

The reality is that we do this each and every day by how we live our lives. Some days we set good examples and others not so much. The real goal is to be more intentional and aware of our actions.

Research shows that people visit a church and often become members because they received a personal invitation. Being invited by a member of the congregation is way more effective than the pastor doing the inviting. A pastor's invitation is somewhat expected, whereas an invitation by others is more unexpected and seen as more genuine.

The words we share at the end of our worship service – "And next week, **Bring a friend**" might seem a little hokey, but they are very intentional. They are intended to serve as a reminder for us that evangelism **is** everyone's responsibility.

From time to time I get a few folks comment that they don't have any friends, and then go on to add, who don't already attend worship somewhere else. I then jokingly tell them that they should bring an enemy. But perhaps there is a bit of seriousness in saying that.

We certainly are not to be sheep stealers (drawing people from other congregations). Evangelism is all about relationships and building new ones. Making disciples is about engaging

with those who aren't practicing Christians.

Lakewood Ranch is "the #1 multi-generational community in the U.S. for five years running" according to

lakewoodranch.com website. The Evangelism Team continues to investigate ways to essentially get our name out there so that people new to the community are aware of us.

Perhaps it starts with you engaging the new people in your neighborhoods by introducing yourself, learning about them, and eventually inviting them to join us for worship or some other ministry event at LLLC.

Some of you may have ideas in this regard. I would encourage you to share them with Patty Kunkel, the Evangelism Team Leader or other members of the Evangelism Team.

Lastly, I believe that people become aware of a congregation mainly through the ministry that it is doing in the surrounding community. So, I leave you with this question to ponder relative to where God is calling us: If LLLC were to cease to exist, who would notice?

Always remember God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Terry



Friends of Living Lord,
**Let's get together on Mondays at
10:00-11:30 AM**

**beginning October 17, 2022 in Activities Hall
for**

"FAITH TALKS"

Beginning in October, we will relate current events to Scripture to create thought-provoking discussions every week. All members and friends are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

What is included in this adult forum experience?

1. In the News. Lessons will present a quick summary of a news topic and cite

sources for more detail. (*Selected by The Wired Word editorial team.*)

2. The Big Questions. We will be challenged with 3-6 critical questions raised by the topic being discussed.

3. Scripture Confronts the News. From Old and New Testament, we will read 5-6 verses to enlighten today's issue. What does God want us to know?

4. Participation. Members explore the ideas presented, raise questions, and relate the Bible message to the issue. We expect diverse opinions, expressed in love and friendship.

5. Closing prayer. We address God and focus on ways He has guided us today.

The Wired Word will select the topic, based on recent news events. All printed lesson materials are provided every week on Mondays to all attending. (An email option is offered also.) Unlike previous courses, there is NO video component for this class. We will depend on active thinkers and lively ideas! There is no cost for participants.

For more information and to register, contact Ruth McConnell, Facilitator, 941-751-8053.

Adult Education Schedule for Christmas and New Year's Holidays :

Cancellations

Sunday — 3 Classes (10:10-10:50 am) are cancelled for December 18, 25, 2022 and January 1, 2023

Monday - 3 Classes (Faith Talks 10:00 - 11:30 am) are cancelled for December 19, 26, 2022 and January 2, 2023

Both Adult Education classes will resume January 8 and 9.

Enjoy your families and blessings!

We Are Praying For You

The staff prays for 7 church families or individuals every week and then sends out postcards letting them know that they have



been prayed for. You are invited to join with us in praying for these families and individuals as well.

This month we prayed for the following:

Bill and Linda Schlitzer

Duane and Kay Scholten

Karla, Daniel and Connor Schrand

Carolyn, Anja and Emma Christenson

Steve, Mari and Monica Scituro

Bob and Carolyn Scott

Ken and Elaine Seamon

Charles and Virginia Serra

Ron and Leslie Silver

Kelly Smith-Williams

Shirley Smith

Richard and Shelah Stage

Todd, Tina and Isabelle Starner

George Stewart

Susan Stodghill

Robert Stumpf

Ed and Joan Sturgeon

Larry and Francine Sullivan

Derek, Toni, Andrew & Laura

Swartzendruber

Lou and Karen Symos

Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer

Edna and George Thomas

Joe and Debi Thomas

Joe Thomas



Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

Dec. 4

10:10 am Children & Youth Faith Formation
12:15 pm Lunch & Play Practice

Dec. 10

10:30 am Dress Rehearsal
12:00 pm Family Christmas Activity:
Nativity Gingerbread Jamboree

Dec. 11

10:10 am Children & Youth Faith Formation
12:15 pm MS & HS Youth: Lunch & Games
1:00 pm MS Catechism & HS Youth Group

Dec. 17

2:00 pm Ice-Skating

Dec. 18

10:00 am Arrive for Program
11:00 am Christmas Program
12:15 pm Birthday Party for Jesus

Dec. 25

No Classes or Activities



“The Sweetest Things: Christmas Edition” Children & Youth Christmas Play Practice

This year the children and youth will be performing the Christmas Program, “The Sweetest Things: Christmas Edition.” They will present the program on December 18 at the 11:00 am worship service. Practices will be:

Sun, Dec. 4 12:15 pm includes lunch (All)
Sun, Dec. 10 10:30 am (Dress Rehearsal)
Sun, Dec. 18 10:00 am Arrive for Program
Sun, Dec 18 11:00 am Christmas Program

NATIVITY GINGERBREAD JAMBOREE



**Saturday, December 10
12:00 – 2:00 pm**

A Family Christmas Event

We will enjoy lunch, play games, hear the Christmas story & each family will make a Gingerbread Nativity.

**Sign up on the bulletin board or
RSVP to Deacon Tara by December 4**



Rock the Universe Universal Studios Orlando

Saturday-Sunday, January 28-29

The Youth (8th – 12th grade) & Young Adults will attend Rock the Universe on January 28, 4:00 pm – 1:00 am. We will spend the night in a hotel and be back at church around 11:00 am Sunday.

Bands: Zach Williams, Matthew West, Dante Bowe, Ann Wilson, We Are Messengers, & Cain

Cost: \$150, plus food

RSVP & \$100 due by December 4



*“She will bear a son, and you
are to name him Jesus, for he will
save his people from their sins.*

Matthew 1:21



Birthday Party for Jesus

December 18, 12:15 pm

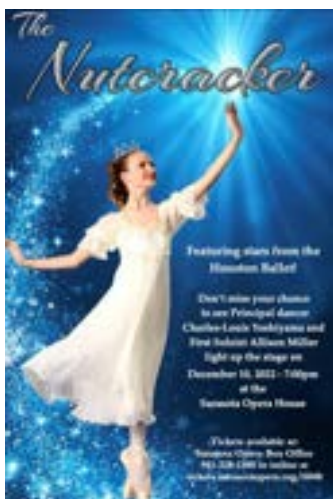
Sing "Happy Birthday" to baby Jesus and enjoy Christmas cookies & a cookie cake!



Children & Youth Christmas Service Project

The congregation is invited to help the children & youth provide new children's books for Oneco Elementary School students. They will be given to students as Christmas gifts. The collection box is outside Deacon Tara's office.

Drop off by Dec. 11.



You are invited to see two of our youth perform in "The Nutcracker" at the Sarasota Opera House on December 10, 7:00 pm



Sarasota National Cemetery

Saturday, December 17, 10:30 am

The youth will be participating in Wreaths Across America at Sarasota National Cemetery. Please arrive by 10:30 am. The ceremony will be at 11:00 am and we will lay wreaths on veterans' tombs after the ceremony. Please let Deacon Tara know by December 4 if you plan to participate. Parking is limited and by pass only.



TreeUmph Adventure Course

Sunday, January 15

1:30 pm

The middle and high school youth will meet at TreeUmph on Jan 15, at 1:30 pm. There are five challenge courses and a zipline.

Cost: \$60/person, includes gloves and water



Children & Youth Ice Skating

Saturday, December 17

Time: 2:00 pm

Children and youth families are invited to join us for an afternoon of ice skating at **Ellenton Ice and Sports Complex** on Saturday, December 17 at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$15 for skating and skate rental, food is additional. **Please email: DeaconTaraFriedrichs@gmail.com by December 11.** Payment can be made by cash or check made out to LLLC.



Children's Faith Formation Class

Sunday Mornings, 10:10 am

Meets in the Conference Room

December 4 & 11

Youth Faith Formation Class

Sunday Mornings, 10:10 am

Meets in Deacon Tara's Office

December 4 & 11

Adult Faith Formation Class

Sunday Mornings, 10:10 am

Meets in the Activities Hall

Video Series

"People of Faith: Christianity in America"

Teacher: Ruth McConnell

December 4 only



It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is already upon us. This is an important time for our teachers to teach our students the true meaning of the holiday. It is also a time for us to reflect on the many blessings that we have and give thanks for our task as educators. AGC has been full of beautiful fall decorations crafted by all of our students. We have had parents coming into the classrooms to help with fun fall activities and of course, we are hearing lots of fall storytelling within the classrooms. The classes also had Thanksgiving feasts with their friends and talked about what they are thankful for!

AGC had a new event this past month. We had an open house dinner for all of our families to come together and meet one another, share a meal, and get to know all of our wonderful staff members. It was a huge success, as the sanctuary hall looked like an Italian restaurant. Our AGP (All God's Parent) group worked very hard to make this event one that brought joy to our parents, staff, and students. AGC could not have had this event without the help of LLLC and Pastor Terry. It was so nice to see our parents get a chance to have one on one time with Pastor throughout the evening. We hope that we will be able to have more events like this in the future.

AGC is starting the season off the right way as we took part in our 12th annual St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Trike-A-Thon. This is an event that everyone looks forward to as it is a day for the children to get outside and ride their bikes with their classmates. As they ride, they are raising money for St. Jude so that the families never have to receive a bill for the care of their loved ones. Our Trike-A-Thon has raised almost \$1400.00 thus far and I could not be more proud. It is also a wonderful way to show our students how to give back to others and why it is important to be kind and a good friend. Our students did such a great job and everyone truly had a fun day. I want to thank all of our AGC families that came out to support our racers with signs and music. It really made an already beautiful day just perfect.



Merry Christmas from your Faith Community Nurses

After the presents have been opened and the festivities of Christmas day are over, most of us pack away our Christmas spirit with the decorations. Our Christmas spirit — you know, that extra cheery, smile and be nice to everyone vibe that we embrace in the holiday season. It's time to tuck it away, right? We have been extra jolly and festively friendly for more than a month at this point. Quite frankly it can be exhausting just maintaining that effort throughout the season. But, the more we think about it, the more we should realize how much better things might be if we all kept that Christmastime cheer with us throughout the year.

Of course, part of the reason it's not so difficult to be a bit kinder at Christmas is that it is a limited thing. It's easy to think, *"I'll be nicer to my cranky coworker because it's Christmas"* or *"I'll smile at the person who stole my parking space because it's Christmas."* Knowing that Christmas cheer is a limited time only offer makes it easier to embrace it. But what if we didn't limit it? What if we kept that spirit all year long?

In reality, we just can't be happy, gift-giving, carol humming elves every single day, right? But what if we could choose SOME of the festive spirit, some of the joy, think about others attitude and intertwine it into the rest of our year? What if we could just keep a little Christmas in our hearts?

The holiday season often reminds us of all that we have to be thankful for: our friends, family, and the collective joy many of us experience at this time of year. If we could keep that attitude in our hearts and hold it with us all year long, we could actually perpetuate some of the Christmas wonders on a daily basis. Perhaps the key is to focus on what we have, what we have been blessed with, and not fixate on what we wish we had. More gratitude, less wishing maybe? We emphasize time together with those that are important to us. Don't our cherished people deserve that priority throughout the year? What if we tried to be more intentional with our time and more present with our people all year long? The season brings out a sense of childlike wonder. Trying to embrace that wonderment all year long, by looking for good bits in every day, is another great way to keep the spirit of Christmas alive.

At Christmastime, people often find themselves being a bit kinder, a little friendlier to those they do not know. We are more inclined to smile at strangers we pass on the street or in the store. We exchange more pleasantries with those we don't know. Treating others with kindness — especially those you don't know, and especially those who don't necessarily treat you with kindness — is a wonderful way to keep the spirit of Christmas alive every single day of the year. Imagine the kindness we would spread if we embraced that month-long attitude all year round!

What if we looked for ways to make a difference, to give of ourselves, to champion change, even when it wasn't Christmas? It doesn't have to be a large presentation, it can be an hour of your time, a single bag of groceries, an extra \$25 gift in an envelope just because. Giving feels good. Knowing we make a difference for someone else feeds our soul. What if we did a little more of that throughout the year just to keep Christmas humming in our hearts all year long?


Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

**Living Lord Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2022**

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2022	Jan - Oct 2022 Actuals	Jan - Oct 2022 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	324,843.24	333,361.30	(8,518.06)
Church General Fund Disbursements	338,505.58	356,447.17	17,941.59
Net Church General Fund	(13,662.34)	(23,085.87)	9,423.53
Church Restricted Receipts	13,877.23	-	
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	27.50		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,185.00		
Forward in Faith Receipts	74,345.00		
Church Restricted Disbursements	46,301.85		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	44,745.03		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(15,274.49)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	196,195.55	197,880.48	(1,684.93)
AGC General Fund Disbursements	176,675.80	190,278.68	13,602.88
Net AGC General Fund	19,519.75	7,601.80	11,917.95
AGC Restricted Receipts	26,769.60		
AGC Fundraisers	10,256.19		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	14,740.67		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>41,804.87</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	521,038.79	531,241.78	(10,202.99)
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	515,181.38	546,725.85	31,544.47
Net LLLC General Fund	<u>5,857.41</u>	<u>(15,484.07)</u>	<u>21,341.48</u>
Fundraising Balances	11,468.69		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	114,991.83		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	105,787.55		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position	<u>26,530.38</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2022 VS 2021	Jan - Oct 2022 Actuals	Jan - Oct 2021 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	324,843.24	332,386.44	(7,543.20)
Church General Fund Disbursements	338,505.58	343,222.36	4,716.78
Net Church General Fund	<u>(13,662.34)</u>	<u>(10,835.92)</u>	(2,826.42)
AGC General Fund Receipts	196,195.55	177,053.81	19,141.74
AGC General Fund Disbursements	176,675.80	146,962.12	(29,713.68)
Net AGC General Fund	<u>19,519.75</u>	<u>30,091.69</u>	(10,571.94)
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	521,038.79	509,440.25	11,598.54
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	515,181.38	490,184.48	(24,996.90)
Net LLLC General Fund	<u>5,857.41</u>	<u>19,255.77</u>	(13,398.36)

Church receipts are \$7500 less than last year and \$8500 less than budget.
The church has spent \$13,000 more than we received year to date.

AGC actual vs budget is favorable by \$12,000. Their receipts are also \$20,000 more than expenses.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper



Forward in Faith Summary

Through October 30, 2022

	#	Amount	%
Pledged	117	\$569,268.00	
Given	95	\$427,402.16	
YTD	81.2%	75.1%	92%

Estate Gift \$41,955.53

Grand Total \$469,357.69

Spent Total \$160,109.61

Balance \$309,248.08

We are currently 92% of the way through our campaign and we have received 75.1% of the money pledged. 81.2% of the people who pledged have given towards the campaign.



The trees are coming down and we are on our way to our new building.





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- ★ 12/03 Dodge Carole ★
- ★ 12/03 Eckstrom Norine ★
- ★ 12/04 Butler Julia ★
- ★ 12/06 Greendonner Heather ★
- ★ 12/07 Berka Rebecca ★
- ★ 12/09 Sahr Barbara ★
- ★ 12/10 Dinger Darrel ★
- ★ 12/11 Chan Susan ★
- ★ 12/11 Schillinger John ★
- ★ 12/11 Starner Tina ★
- ★ 12/13 Bohlmann Michele ★
- ★ 12/14 Howe Larry ★
- ★ 12/14 Olson Ken ★
- ★ 12/15 Pinsonneault Laura ★
- ★ 12/16 Viney Earl ★
- ★ 12/17 Tomasso Danielle ★
- ★ 12/18 Gangnagel Don ★
- ★ 12/20 Viney Donna ★
- ★ 12/25 Driscoll Carol ★
- ★ 12/27 Frohling Diane ★
- ★ 12/27 Walden James ★
- ★ 12/28 Greendonner Carolyn ★
- ★ 12/30 Johnson Leslie ★
- ★ 12/31 Mulligan Jay ★
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- ♥ 12/18 Holloway, Marsha & Edward ♥
- ♥ 12/18 Anderson, Lois & Lon ♥
- ♥ 12/23 Powers, Rebecca & Dan ♥
- ♥ 12/27 Easton, Heidi & Peter ♥
- ♥ 12/28 Dinger, Loraine & Darrel ♥
- ♥ 12/29 Kane, Marty & Paula ♥
- ♥ 12/30 Mork, Bill & Martha ♥
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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 2022

	Online People Reached	In-Person Attendance	Total
9-October	283	128	411
16-October	401	123	524
23-October	302	146	448
30-October	426	154	580

ADVENT SERVICES will be held on Wednesday, November 30th, December 7th and 14th at **6:30pm**.

CHRISTMAS EVE services will be held on Saturday, December 24th with the Praise Band at **4:00pm** and the Traditional service at **7:00pm**.

LESSONS AND CAROLS Join us together with our neighbors from St. Mary Magdalene for a service of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 18th at 4:00pm at Living Lord.

Who do I contact If I am interested in a particular ministry?

Church Council

President	Greg Fisher	567-5357
Vice President	Rebecca Powers	746-1869
Secretary	Rae Dowling	741-8335
Administration	Rich Jones	614-570-6540
Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Education	Shari Medley	920-313-0488
Finance	Bill McConnell	751-8053
Property	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Member At Large	Susan Stodghill	993-4672
Youth Rep	Robert Powers	746-1869
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Cheryl Graham	744-2742
	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
Youth Ministry	Tara Friedrichs	813-947-9789
Worship Assistants	Celeste Betjemann	219-617-3458
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393

Theo Bullington	Josh Myers Behler
Roy & Cindy Wells	Chris Mork
Rob Babel	Shirley Smith
Kristine Mylett	Jeanette Knight
Susanna Scott	Cason Pope
Gordy Havey	Will
Janet Castner	Ivory Anderson
Liz Howell	Nan Fisher
Wyly Pope	Calvin
Linda Henkelmann	Tony Zubricky
Jacob Rodriguez	Deanna Anderson
Suzanne Dietzel	Joe Kitchie
Joanne Mayer	Rade Mallkovich
Cleo Neynaber	Sharlene Jones
Family of John Pinkerton	Shirley Kitsmiller
Nancy Woodworth	Linda Couch
Sue Pinkerton	Gene Rahn
Richard Overstreet	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
Albert Poirier	Jimmy Woodworth
Bill and Janet Burkman	Joan Jones
Don & Wanda Moore	Lori Rapp
Ron Silver	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Andrew Catanese	Becky Berka
Denny Pyeatt	Family of Louise Baar
Family of Don Schindler	Jim Pinto
Family of Bradley Kurtz	Debbie Skelly
Deidre Anderson	Karen Hansing
Family of Roger Masch	Jim Morrison
Laura Apeathy	Anne Davis
Andreas & Anaiya	Nancy Lint
Frankie Vasquez	Jeanne Thum
Family of Harriett Foucher	Valerie Walden
Steve Long	Diane and family
Family of Dick Bernard	Lofgren Family
Nayda Rivera	Family of Ruth Kofoed
Rita Kvenberg	Peggy Smith
Susan Stodghill	Lynn Echols
Patty Kunkel	Family of Lowell Welke
Family of Claudia Gorder	Brenda Moore
	Tracy Allen





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

How did Nicole form and flourish? Hurricane Nicole was a sprawling late-season Category 1 hurricane. Nicole was the 14th named storm and 8th hurricane of the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season. It formed as a subtropical cyclone on 7 Nov from an area of low pressure near the Greater Antilles, becoming a tropical cyclone on 8 Nov. On 9 Nov, the storm made landfall on Grand Bahama, where it strengthened into a Category 1 hurricane. On 10 Nov, it made landfall twice in Florida, south of Vero Beach and then northwest of Cedar Key, after briefly emerging over the Gulf of Mexico. Nicole then weakened to a depression and transitioned into an extratropical cyclone on 11 Nov, before dissipating over northern New England on 12 Nov.

Was Nicole a late bloomer? Nicole became only the third Nov hurricane to make landfall in Florida, along with the 1935 Yankee hurricane and Hurricane Kate in 1985. Nicole crossed the same region in Florida severely damaged 6 weeks earlier by Hurricane Ian. The storm produced 11 deaths, 6 in the Dominican Republic and 5 in Florida. Nicole brought major storm surge flooding to Florida's east coast. Nearly 50 coastal condominiums, single family homes, and hotels in Volusia County collapsed or were put at danger of collapsing due to severe beach erosion caused by Ian and Nicole. The surging ocean also damaged 6-7 miles of State Road A1A and swamped parts of St Augustine. Property damage is estimated at over \$500 million.

How much wind and rain? Recorded winds include 75 mph at Port St John and 72 mph at Melbourne. Other wind gusts include 66 mph at Orlando and 53 mph at Tampa and Bradenton. The highest wind gust, 100 mph, was recorded atop launch pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center, where Artemis I was on the pad. Heavy rains and gusty winds were experienced from Florida north to Pennsylvania. Some heavier rains up north include 3.22 inches at Roanoke VA, 2.80 inches at Altoona PA, and 2.79 inches at Asheville NC. Some local totals in inches include Rye Road (Bill Miller) 4.75, Palmetto 4.54, Parrish 3.00, and 2.21 at the local airport.

Did the West Coast get wet? First Pacific storms of the season 6-9 Nov brought rain to lower elevations and 2-3 feet of snow to the Sierra. Heaviest rains were in the mountains of Southern CA with 9.61 inches at Middle Fork Lytle Creek, 6.87 inches at Palomar Observatory, and 6.40 inches at Lake Arrowhead. Other storm totals in inches include Yosemite Valley 3.33, Blue Canyon 3.22, Pasadena 3.15, Monterey 1.90, LA 1.74, San Francisco 1.26, and San Diego 1.00.

How bad is the drought? More than 80 percent of the continental U.S. is experiencing unusually dry conditions or full-on drought. Portions of southern and western Kansas are suffering in Exceptional Drought. One of the driest locations is Garden City KS with only 5.0 inches of precipitation this year, 27 % of normal. Jul-Oct rainfall total in Wichita KS is only 3.85 inches, 24 % of normal. Heavy rain of 2.27 inches on 4 Nov in Wichita put a dent in the drought.

Does Ole Man River look dry? The Mississippi River reached a record low of -10.75 feet at Memphis TN on Mon/17 Oct, surpassing the previous record low set in 1988. The major shipping waterway had been closed to vessel traffic at two locations in Oct after several barges and boats struck river bottom in the drought-parched river. The closures disrupted the flow of newly harvested corn and soybeans from Midwest farms to export terminals at the U.S. Gulf Coast. It could take until 2024 for all impacts of the low river level to be caught up.

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