



# Living Lord Lutheran Church

Make disciples, Serve selflessly, Live faithfully

## The Voice



November 2023 Issue



Dear friends in Christ: We have begun a journey together. How long it will take we do not know. Exactly where it will lead, we do not know. What direction we are going, we do not know. Wow! There seems to be a lot we do not know.

However, there are some things we DO know. We do not travel alone. There is a congregation full of us that want to see God's will accomplished at the end of this part of our journey. There are a number of people from the Florida Bahamas Synod that want the same thing. And, then, there is God who walks with us through it all. God, who directs the universe and all things in it also direct us.

We will do a survey, a retreat, much praying and a lot of behind the scenes work by our council and eventually a call committee. I ask you to do some thinking about the past and what was good for you and what was... less than good. What brings you joy at Living Lord and what does not. We will learn to travel light by not carrying around those things that do not bring joy, facing our disappointments and our fears and living with a renewed sense of God's presence and work in and through us.

To that end, please pray for your Church Council, church staff, each other, and me. We need to care for one another and show the love of Jesus in all we do.

Through it all, God will be guiding us to his intended purpose. I am looking forward to our time together and for the outcomes that God has planned for us.

In Christ's love:  
Pastor Ed

**FAREWELL and BEST WISHES to Deacon Tara Friedrichs** on her new call. She was such a blessing to Living Lord. We are sad to see her go but happy for the ministry she will share with her new church.



**HANDICRAFTS FUNDRAISER**

Help support our ministry “A Stitch and a Prayer”.

We always need additional material and supplies for future quilts, shawls and other projects that we provide for our community and for Lutheran World Relief.

**SILENT AUCTION and RAFFLE**

Tickets will be sold on November 26th and December 3 between services and after the I am service. Winners of the silent auction and raffle items will be announced on Dec 3 at 12:15am.

Ticket prices:

\$5 for 1 raffle ticket

\$20 for 5 raffle tickets

**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.

Last month we prayed for the following:

- Dan Rebecca, Katie and Robert Powers
- Denny and Lisa Pyeatt
- Doreen Quirk
- Roger and Carmen Raddatz
- Patrice Ranellone
- Mel Reinoehl
- Nayda Rivera
- Jerry and Maureen Ronning
- Stephney Rose
- Barbara Sahr
- Jud and Linda Salmon
- Ed and Carol Sanders
- John and Marlene Saum
- Ralph and Kathy Schimmoller
- Duane and Kay Scholten
- Karla, Dan and Connor Schrand
- Steve and Mari Scitunno
- Bob and Carolyn Scott
- Ken and Elaine Seamon
- Ron and Leslie Silver
- Shirley Smith
- Ron and Carol Starry
- Robert Stumpf
- Ashley & Hayden Symons
- Lou and Karen Symos
- Jeff and Nancy Taylor
- Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer
- Melody Tillotson
- Mary Torke
- Barbara VanBuren
- Earl and Donna Viney
- Thomas Widmann
- Vaughn Williams
- Janice Zipp



## Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News



**Begins October 1**

### **During the 11:00 am Worship Service**

Beginning October 1, children in Preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade are invited to participate in Children's Church. A teacher will lead the children out of the 11:00 am worship service after the children's message and they will return for Holy Communion or to receive a Blessing. Children will learn more about the Old Testament or Gospel Lesson, do crafts, play games, or do other fun activities. They will meet in the Conference Room.



**July 16-20, 2024  
New Orleans, LA**

**For Youth in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**



**Sunday mornings, 10:05 – 10:50 am**

**PreK – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Children, PreK – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, will meet for Children's Church during the 11:00 am service.

**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** The older elementary/middle school students are using Connect Curriculum and will complete an in-depth study of the Old Testament this school year. Class meets in Conference Room.

**High School:** The high school youth will be using Faith Lens weekly blog from the ELCA. Class meets in the Youth Room.

**Adults:** The adult class will begin on October 1. They will be studying either the Psalm or Epistle lesson each week. Roger Raddatz will be the leader. Class meets in the Activities Hall.

*“Plant your roots in Christ and let him be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful.”*

*(Colossians 2:7, CEV)*





Fall is officially here and that means our school will be filled with pumpkins, apples, farming and Halloween activities and adventures for our students. October is always a great time of year as our students are really comfortable and getting used to the routine and schedule of a school day. October also brings many fun topics to learn about and cool themes the teachers can take advantage of.

As autumn rolls on, we like to learn about farming, harvesting, and of course start to prepare for the holiday season by teaching our students how to be kind and give back. We have started a collection for local families in need of Christmas gifts called The Magic of Mitten. This organization is wonderful and helps so many families, we are so happy to be a part of it and it is a great way to start the season off right. Another subject is learning about pumpkins. Our students have been studying the life cycle of a pumpkin. They are figuring out how pumpkins grow and the process for having a pumpkin farm. It is perfect timing as Halloween and Thanksgiving get closer. Our 3 year old class just did a fun lesson about apples. They learned about apple orchards, and even did an apple taste test. They also washed pumpkins to be decorated. I have watched the students have hands-on lessons and activities that have been so interesting and of course fun, tasty, and even a little messy. Our VPK students are also learning about nocturnal animals like spiders, bats, and even hedgehogs. There are so many interesting things about these special creatures.

Of course, I cannot talk about October without mentioning Halloween. This is definitely a time of year that the students love. We look forward to celebrating with our students and families this year with a "Boo Costume Parade" in front of the playground. We will have tables and trunks decorated for the students to visit and get treats. This will be a really fun event for everyone, even the parents and teachers. The staff at AGC wishes everyone a happy harvest season!



**COME LEARN** Turn plastic grocery bags into beautiful sleeping mats (and pillows)! These mats are appreciated by people experiencing homelessness, soldiers and campers, and also enable us to keep all this plastic out of our landfills! First, we turn the bags into “yarn” and then learn to make a mat. Please save your plastic bags and bring them to the class and crochet hooks #N and #P, if you have them. We will meet again on Tuesday November 14th at 1:00pm.



## From your Faith Community Nurses

Designated in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan, November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. At the time of designation, there were less than 2 million people afflicted with the disease; there are now nearly 6 million.

Alzheimer's disease is a type of dementia that leads to memory, thinking, and behavior problems. It is the most common type of dementia, making up 60-80% of all cases, and is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States.

Alzheimer's is a progressive disease that gets worse over time until the person is no longer able to manage daily tasks. The disease typically occurs in people over the age of 65, however, thousands have been diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's that occurs prior to the age of 65. While there currently is not a cure for Alzheimer's Disease, there are treatments available that slow the progression of the disease.

A goal of Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month is to educate the public about the symptoms of the disease so that people can identify a loved one who may be developing it.

### **Symptoms include:**

- Memory loss
- Difficulty planning or solving problems
- Confusion with time or place
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks
- Misplacing things, and inability to retrace steps
- Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
- New problems with words in speaking or writing
- Decreased or poor judgment
- Withdrawal from work or social activities

Mood and personality changes

Leading up to Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in November, organizations like the Alzheimer's Association organize "memory walks" to raise awareness about the disease, as well as to raise money for research. The Alzheimer's Foundation of America also promotes its National Memory Screening Program, which is available throughout the country and provides confidential memory screenings to anyone who is interested.

During the month of November and all throughout the year, being aware of the signs of Alzheimer's disease and joining in the fight against it is something we all can do.

Source: Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses

**Living Lord Lutheran Church  
Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2023**

<b>OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023</b>	<b>Jan - Sept 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>Jan -Sept 2023 Budget</b>	<b>Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</b>
Church General Fund Receipts	301,613.33	309,446.00	(7,832.67)
Church General Fund Disbursements	329,191.88	314,913.10	(14,278.78)
Net Church General Fund	(27,578.55)	(5,467.10)	(22,111.45)
Church Restricted Receipts	9,852.18		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	676.40		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,730.36		
Forward in Faith Receipts	129,258.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	21,287.83		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	270,930.80		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<b>(178,924.35)</b>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	196,337.58	177,250.00	19,087.58
AGC General Fund Disbursements	170,092.42	175,119.76	5,027.34
Net AGC General Fund	26,245.16	2,130.24	24,114.92
AGC Restricted Receipts	81,011.80		
AGC Fundraisers	(407.76)		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	71,767.24		
Net AGC Financial Position	<b>35,081.96</b>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	497,950.91	486,696.00	11,254.91
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	499,284.30	490,032.86	(9,251.44)
Net LLLC General Fund	(1,333.39)	(3,336.86)	2,003.47
Fundraising Balances	1,999.00		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	220,122.35		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	364,630.35		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position(includes restricted)	<b>(143,842.39)</b>		
<b>YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022</b>	<b>Jan - Sept 2023 Actuals</b>	<b>Jan - Sept 2022 Actuals</b>	<b>Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</b>
Church General Fund Receipts	301,613.33	294,153.00	7,460.33
Church General Fund Disbursements	329,191.88	297,118.41	(32,073.47)
Net Church General Fund	(27,578.55)	(2,965.41)	(24,613.14)
AGC General Fund Receipts	196,337.58	167,521.25	28,816.33
AGC General Fund Disbursements	170,092.42	147,839.58	(22,252.84)
Net AGC General Fund	26,245.16	19,681.67	6,563.49
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	497,950.91	461,674.25	36,276.66
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	499,284.30	444,957.99	(54,326.31)
Net LLLC General Fund	(1,333.39)	16,716.26	(18,049.65)

Church general fund receipts through September are \$7500 more than last year and \$7800 less than budget. Expenses are \$14,000 more than budget. Our disbursements are \$27,000 more than receipts. AGC receipts are \$26,000 favorable to disbursements.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper.

## Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes October 11, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Ed Holloway, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter, Patty Kunkel, Rhoda Olson, Stephney Rose, Kathy Schimmoller, Mike Gutzler, Karen Symos.

Absent: Brook Palmtag The meeting was opened, by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:00pm.

Chapter one of Max Lucado's "Traveling Light".

Approval of the minutes: The minutes from our special meetings July, 11<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup> and our August council meeting approved unanimously with minor changes (attendee corrections).

**Team Reports:** All reports were submitted electronically. The following are additional notations.

Evangelism: Please spread the word about the Jazz Concert on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Mike G. will plan to have it added to the Peridia October newsletter for \$75

Parish Life: The Quilting & Sewing team would like to have a silent auction to raise money for materials and supplies. Council approved the request. The evangelism team will put together advertising with assistance from the Parish Life team.

Education: All is ready for the Fall Festival. It will be a great event – Plan to attend on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteer Recognition** – Rae, Beverly and Stephney have put together a plan to recognize volunteers on Stewardship Sunday (10/15) during each of the 3 services.

### All God's Children:

- All God's Children's parents have formed AGP – All God's Parents, that is a 'PTA like' group.
- Picture day was October 11<sup>th</sup>
- There is a staff conference for all staff in Orlando Oct 10 – 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Fall Festival is Oct 28<sup>th</sup>,
- State of Florida did a surprise visit and review of the program and AGC passed with Straight A's – Great Job AGC!!!!

A trike-a-thon will be held on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> with proceeds benefiting St. Judes.

The island in front of AGC entrance will be redone.

**Financial Report:** The budget process is underway. All team leads have been provided worksheets for 2024 budget request. Those should be returned to Lynn/Mike by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Forward in Faith accounting was reviewed with the team and 2 remaining items (dumpster enclosure and electric power to the shed) will be complete by the end of the month and FIF will be closed out. Any new contributions will be deposited in the Building Improvement Fund.

The new bookkeeper John Von Schorr, has begun shadowing Lynn Fisher 2 months early. Since this is part time until he takes over full time, the council agreed to pay him 1/2 of the stipend that he will receive beginning in Dec. We will pay him \$200 per month for Oct and November.

**Call Process:** The executive team is working on plans for a Congregational Retreat in early 2024

Congregation updates will be provided on the first Sunday of each month going forward. Except Oct 2023, which will be done on Oct 15, 2023.

Transition Checklist – Rich Jones will be the administrative keeper of the checklist and make sure we stay on track. Mike Gutzler will oversee the financial items on the checklist.

There are 5 policies on the checklist that all council members must review. They should be done by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please advise Rich when you have completed the review or he will follow up with you.

**Constitution Update:** The Synod Model Constitution changes have been incorporated into the LLLC constitution. Those changes will be voted on by the Congregation at the Annual meeting in January, and then forwarded to Synod for acceptance.

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

### Church Council

<b>President</b>	Rebecca Powers	913-306-5415
<b>Vice President</b>	Rich Jones	614-570-6540
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike Gutzler	978-857-7172
<b>Secretary</b>	Rae Dowling	741-8335
<b>Evangelism</b>	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
<b>Education</b>	Kathy Schimmoller	941-756-4248
<b>Property</b>	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425
<b>Member At Large</b>	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177
<b>Stewardship</b>	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
<b>Parish Life</b>	Stephney Rose	782-8005
<b>Youth Rep</b>	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
<b>Faith Community Nurses</b>	Karen Hansing	748-5806
<b>Fellowship</b>	Pam Lange	404-358-1124
<b>Outreach</b>	OPEN	
<b>Stephen Ministry</b>	Helen Howe	315-427-9513
<b>New Members</b>	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marlene Saum	753-1393
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	OPEN	
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	Karen Symos	410-370-8666

Theo Bullington	Josh Myers Behler
Rob Babel	Chris Mork
Kristine Mylett	Shirley Smith
Susanna Scott	Cason Pope
Gordy Havey	Will
Janet Castner	Ivory Anderson
Liz Howell	Nan Fisher
Wyly Pope	Calvin
Sue Pinkerton	Gene Rahn
Linda Henkelmann	Tony Zubricky
Jacob Rodriguez	Joe Kitchie
Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
Joanne Mayer	Sharlene Jones
Cleo Neynaber	Shirley Kitsmiller
Nancy Woodworth	Linda Couch
June Hartlieb	Jim Pinto
Bill and Janet Burkman	Ray Rankl
Ron Silver	Sophia Sahr
Andrew Catanese	Lori Rapp
Family of Roger Masch	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Laura Apeathy	Becky Berka
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
Family of Susan Stodghill	Peggy Smith
Elaine Truitt	Lynn Echols
Ralph Hanson	Family of Lowell Welke
Allen Brooks	Tracy Allen
Family of Gloria Depas	Jeff Shaw
Steve Pyeatt	Dawn Schaeffer
Bob Ready	Family of Katherine Hoth
Brian Brockschmidt	Tom Bowles
Family of Brian Schmidt	John Saum
Denny Gilpin	Family of Marty Smith
Kathy Rodd	Family of Dick Gross
Family of Diane Bahr	Leroy Hurst
Rich Jones	Dan
Family of Elliot Head	Family of Roy Wells
Clifford Finholdt	Lou Symos
Doug Holst	Marjorie Davis





## Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

**How warm was September?** It was the 4<sup>th</sup> warmest September on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport (SRQ) with an average temperature of 82.8 degrees, 0.6 degree above normal. Globally, Sept 2023 was the warmest September on record, 2.59F (1.44C) above the 20<sup>th</sup>-century average of 59.0F (15.0C), and ranks as the warmest September in NOAA's 174-year record. This was the largest monthly anomaly of any month since records began in 1850. The previous record for warmest September was broken by 0.9F (0.5C), a staggeringly large margin. Both land and oceans also set new Sep records. Antarctic sea ice set a new record for lowest seasonal maximum extent. Average temp of the contiguous U.S. was 67.8F, 2.9F above average, ranking 7<sup>th</sup> warmest on record. TX and NM ranked warmest on record for Sep while MN ranked second warmest on record. 2023 is now virtually certain to become a new record warm year.

**Are we still in drought?** Using the 24 Oct U.S. Drought Monitor, Extreme Drought (D3) continues along the coast of Manatee and Sarasota Counties with Moderate Drought (D1) to Severe Drought (D2) elsewhere in our counties. SRQ rainfall in 2023 through 30 Sep is 22.14 inches, 53% of normal, deficit of 20.01 inches. Parrish 2023 rainfall through 30 Sep is 32.93 inches, 69% of normal, deficit of 14.81 inches. It has been the driest first 9 months in Parrish since we moved here in 2005. The summer (Jun-Aug) rainfall in Parrish of 15.90 inches, 63% of normal, is the driest summer since 2005. Just 4 years ago, Parrish had its wettest summer since 2005 with 54.53 inches, 216% of normal. Hard to believe that Jul 2019 had 24.26 inches and Aug 2019 had 22.54 inches of rain in Parrish. Our storm water ponds went dry this summer because Parrish had only 4 days of one inch or more of rain. Summer 2019 had 21 such days!

**What are the Florida rainfall extremes?** As of 29 Oct, 2023 rainfall in Ft. Lauderdale was 97.83 inches, surplus of 43.77 inches, while rainfall in Naples was 19.72 inches, deficit of 26.96 inches. These cities are only 109 miles apart. El Nino has created more westerly flow than normal which pushed the heavier rainfall to the Florida east coast with drought on the Florida west coast. The NWS winter outlook calls for above normal rainfall in Florida with the storm track across the Southern U.S. and Gulf of Mexico. Hopefully, our drought will come to an end.

**What is superfog?** Superfog is the combination of smoke and fog. On Mon/23 Oct, dense morning fog began to blanket the area around I-55 northwest of New Orleans. Some hours later, wind direction changed and carried heavy smoke from a marsh fire toward I-55. Combination of the two caused zero visibility and the closure of a nearby bridge. This triggered a massive pileup that left over 160 vehicles smashed and in flames. The toll rose to at least 8 dead and 63 injured.

**How destructive was Hurricane Otis?** It was a devastating cyclone which made landfall near Acapulco early on Wed/25 Oct as a Category 5 hurricane. Otis was the first Pacific hurricane to make landfall at Cat 5 intensity and surpassed Hurricane Patricia as the strongest landfalling Pacific hurricane on record. Otis underwent explosive intensification to reach peak winds of 165 mph and made landfall at peak intensity. Lowest pressure was 923 millibars or 27.26 inches of mercury. There were at least 43 deaths. Otis impacted 220,000 homes, and 80% of the area's hotels were damaged. It left structures, including some high-rise buildings, in shambles. Storm surge and heavy rain inundated roads with several feet of murky floodwaters.

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