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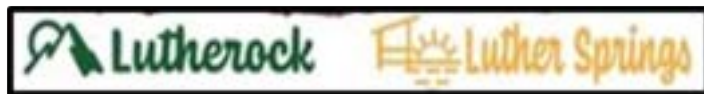
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\$40-50 Panera, Subway, or Jersey Mike's,
\$50-75 Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Chipotle
\$50 Publix, Winn-Dixie, or Walmart,
One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



Jennifer Schillinger

Graduating from Lakewood Ranch High School
Attending University of Central Florida
Majoring in Journalism



Anja Schwarzbauer

Graduating from Sarasota High School
AICE and MaST Programs
Attending University of Florida, Honors College
Majoring in International Affairs,
with a Minor in Theatre



Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
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The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	124,269.51	(11,556.34)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	33,354.63	(8,854.84)
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
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Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

Church Council

President	Rebecca Powers	913-306-5415
Vice President	Rich Jones	614-570-6540
Treasurer	Mike Gutzler	978-857-7172
Secretary	Rae Dowling	741-8335
Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Education	Shari Medley	920-313-0488
Property	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425
Member At Large	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
Youth Rep	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
Youth Ministry	Tara Friedrichs	813-947-9789
Worship Assistants	Karen Symos	410-370-8666

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	Joe Kitchie
Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
Joanne Mayer	Sharlene Jones
Cleo Neynaber	Shirley Kitsmiller
Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
Nancy Woodworth	Gene Rahn
Sue Pinkerton	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
Bill and Janet Burkman	Jimmy Woodworth
Ron Silver	Lori Rapp
Andrew Catanese	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Family of Roger Masch	Becky Berka
Laura Apeathy	Jim Pinto
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
Family of Susan Stodghill	Diane and family
Family of Claudia Gorder	Peggy Smith
Elaine Truitt	Lynn Echols
Ralph Hanson	Family of Lowell Welke
Allen Brooks	Brenda Moore
Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
Cindy Lewis	Dawn Schaeffer
The Gorski Family	Rhoda Olson
Steve Pyeatt	Doreen Quirk
Randy Hanson	Richard
Bob Ready	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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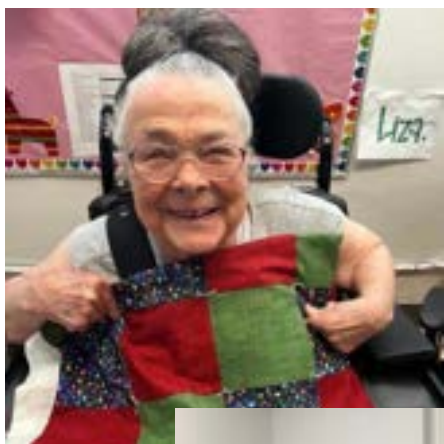
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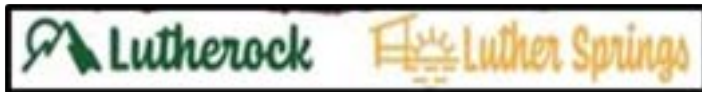
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Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:


May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

**Living Lord Lutheran Church
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OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
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Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
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Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	33,354.63	(8,854.84)
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
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Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

Church Council

President	Rebecca Powers	913-306-5415
Vice President	Rich Jones	614-570-6540
Treasurer	Mike Gutzler	978-857-7172
Secretary	Rae Dowling	741-8335
Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Education	Shari Medley	920-313-0488
Property	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425
Member At Large	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
Youth Rep	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
Youth Ministry	Tara Friedrichs	813-947-9789
Worship Assistants	Karen Symos	410-370-8666

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	Joe Kitchie
Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
Joanne Mayer	Sharlene Jones
Cleo Neynaber	Shirley Kitsmiller
Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
Nancy Woodworth	Gene Rahn
Sue Pinkerton	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
Bill and Janet Burkman	Jimmy Woodworth
Ron Silver	Lori Rapp
Andrew Catanese	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Family of Roger Masch	Becky Berka
Laura Apeathy	Jim Pinto
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
Family of Susan Stodghill	Diane and family
Family of Claudia Gorder	Peggy Smith
Elaine Truitt	Lynn Echols
Ralph Hanson	Family of Lowell Welke
Allen Brooks	Brenda Moore
Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
Cindy Lewis	Dawn Schaeffer
The Gorski Family	Rhoda Olson
Steve Pyeatt	Doreen Quirk
Randy Hanson	Richard
Bob Ready	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

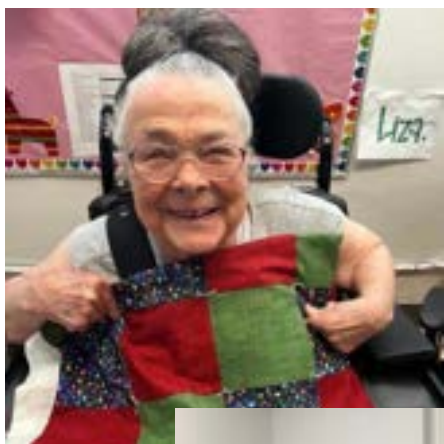
Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

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Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

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Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

Maureen Halsey

Maggie Hammond

Rise Haneberg

Karen Hansing

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Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

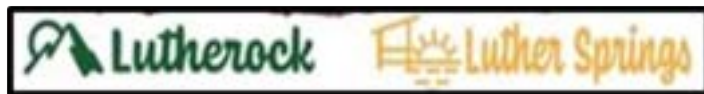
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
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June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

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Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

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Vice President	Rich Jones	614-570-6540
Treasurer	Mike Gutzler	978-857-7172
Secretary	Rae Dowling	741-8335
Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Education	Shari Medley	920-313-0488
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Member At Large	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
Youth Rep	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
Youth Ministry	Tara Friedrichs	813-947-9789
Worship Assistants	Karen Symos	410-370-8666

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
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Joanne Mayer	Sharlene Jones
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Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
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Sue Pinkerton	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
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Ron Silver	Lori Rapp
Andrew Catanese	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Family of Roger Masch	Becky Berka
Laura Apeathy	Jim Pinto
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
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Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

Pastor Terry



Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

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Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

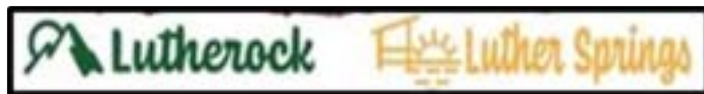
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
4:00 pm Samaritans Day Camp

June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
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One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
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1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



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with a Minor in Theatre



Alyssa Trompke

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The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

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Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

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★ 06/24 Miller Barb ★
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♥ 06/13 Rogers, Cindy & Baird ♥
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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE APRIL 2023

	Online People Reached	In-Person Attendance	Total
2-April	598	230	828
9-April	533	363	896
16-April	384	109	493
23-April	404	119	523
30-April	351	132	483

SCRIP is available in the narthex after each service. "What is SCRIP?" you may ask. It's an ongoing fundraiser designated towards the purchase of an electronic sign. Your part in this effort is to purchase gift cards at our table for face value. A percentage of every purchase goes toward our goal. The success of this fundraiser depends on your continued support, not just for gifts, but for your everyday expenses such as groceries, gas, entertainment and much more. Pick up a catalogue at our table, listing over 500 selections. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week. Checks or cash payment accepted.

Ed & Marsha Holloway

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Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
Youth Rep	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
Youth Ministry	Tara Friedrichs	813-947-9789
Worship Assistants	Karen Symos	410-370-8666

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	Joe Kitchie
Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
Joanne Mayer	Sharlene Jones
Cleo Neynaber	Shirley Kitsmiller
Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
Nancy Woodworth	Gene Rahn
Sue Pinkerton	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
Bill and Janet Burkman	Jimmy Woodworth
Ron Silver	Lori Rapp
Andrew Catanese	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Family of Roger Masch	Becky Berka
Laura Apeathy	Jim Pinto
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
Family of Susan Stodghill	Diane and family
Family of Claudia Gorder	Peggy Smith
Elaine Truitt	Lynn Echols
Ralph Hanson	Family of Lowell Welke
Allen Brooks	Brenda Moore
Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
Cindy Lewis	Dawn Schaeffer
The Gorski Family	Rhoda Olson
Steve Pyeatt	Doreen Quirk
Randy Hanson	Richard
Bob Ready	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

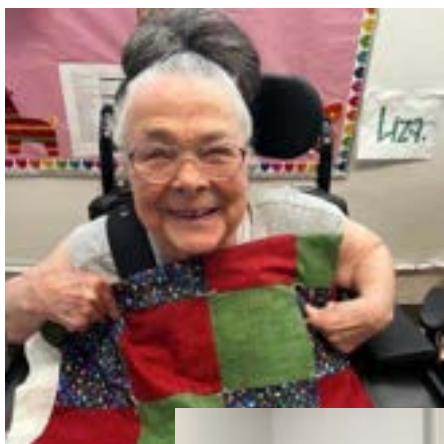
Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

Pastor Terry



Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

Maureen Halsey

Maggie Hammond

Rise Haneberg

Karen Hansing

Randy and Ellen Hanson

Jim, Robin and Julia Hanusa

June Hartlieb

Mike, Billie, Liz and Rebecca Havey

Roger and Linda Henkelmann

Randy and Janice Hermanson

Randy and Holly Hoffman



Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

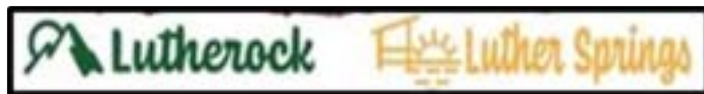
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
4:00 pm Samaritans Day Camp

June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
\$40-50 Wendy's, Mc Donald's, or Culver's
\$40-50 Chick-fil-A, Zaxby's, or PDQ
\$40-50 Panera, Subway, or Jersey Mike's,
\$50-75 Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Chipotle
\$50 Publix, Winn-Dixie, or Walmart,
One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



Jennifer Schillinger

Graduating from Lakewood Ranch High School
Attending University of Central Florida
Majoring in Journalism



Anja Schwarzbauer

Graduating from Sarasota High School
AICE and MaST Programs
Attending University of Florida, Honors College
Majoring in International Affairs,
with a Minor in Theatre



Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
AICE Program
Will be attending Florida State University
Majoring in Pre-med



The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	124,269.51	(11,556.34)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	33,354.63	(8,854.84)
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	42,980.73	7,773.04
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	265,795.52	24,217.32
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	189,460.16	(25,299.12)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	76,335.36	(1,081.80)

Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

Pastor Terry



Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

Maureen Halsey

Maggie Hammond

Rise Haneberg

Karen Hansing

Randy and Ellen Hanson

Jim, Robin and Julia Hanusa

June Hartlieb

Mike, Billie, Liz and Rebecca Havey

Roger and Linda Henkelmann

Randy and Janice Hermanson

Randy and Holly Hoffman



Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

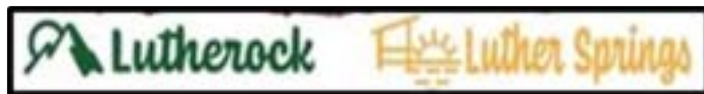
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
4:00 pm Samaritans Day Camp

June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
\$40-50 Wendy's, Mc Donald's, or Culver's
\$40-50 Chick-fil-A, Zaxby's, or PDQ
\$40-50 Panera, Subway, or Jersey Mike's,
\$50-75 Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Chipotle
\$50 Publix, Winn-Dixie, or Walmart,
One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



Jennifer Schillinger

Graduating from Lakewood Ranch High School
Attending University of Central Florida
Majoring in Journalism



Anja Schwarzbauer

Graduating from Sarasota High School
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Attending University of Florida, Honors College
Majoring in International Affairs,
with a Minor in Theatre



Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
AICE Program
Will be attending Florida State University
Majoring in Pre-med



The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
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Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	33,354.63	(8,854.84)
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	42,980.73	7,773.04
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Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	189,460.16	(25,299.12)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	76,335.36	(1,081.80)

Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

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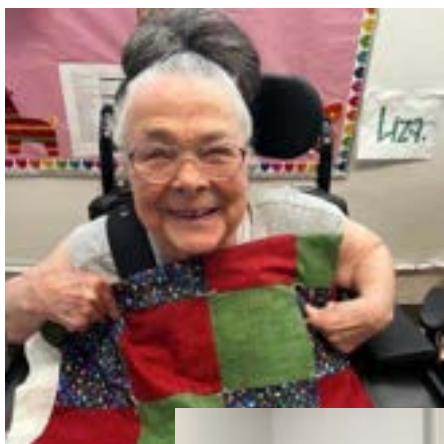
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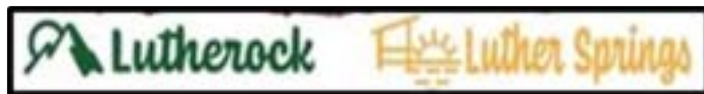
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July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
\$40-50 Wendy's, Mc Donald's, or Culver's
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One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
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16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



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Graduating from Lakewood Ranch High School
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Majoring in Journalism



Anja Schwarzbauer

Graduating from Sarasota High School
AICE and MaST Programs
Attending University of Florida, Honors College
Majoring in International Affairs,
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Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
AICE Program
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Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
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YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022			
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
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Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	33,354.63	(8,854.84)
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
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Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

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Cleo Neynaber	Shirley Kitsmiller
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Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
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Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

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Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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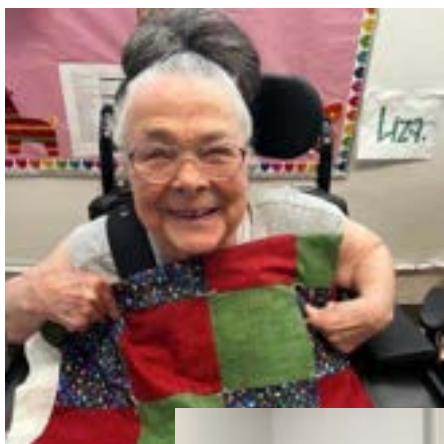
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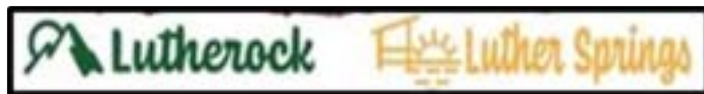
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Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
\$40-50 Wendy's, Mc Donald's, or Culver's
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\$50-75 Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Chipotle
\$50 Publix, Winn-Dixie, or Walmart,
One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



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The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	124,269.51	(11,556.34)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	33,354.63	(8,854.84)
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	42,980.73	7,773.04
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	265,795.52	24,217.32
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	189,460.16	(25,299.12)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	76,335.36	(1,081.80)

Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.



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- ★ 06/03 Graham Aaron ★
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- ★ 06/19 Fetterman Melody ★
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- ★ 06/24 Miller Barb ★
- ★ 06/25 Andersen Walter ★
- ★ 06/25 Hansing Karen ★
- ★ 06/26 Miller Deb ★
- ★ 06/27 Henkelmann Roger ★
- ★ 06/29 Kurtz Hadley ★
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- ♥ 06/24 Olson, Amy & Ken ♥
- ♥ 06/26 Fisher, Lynn & Greg ♥
- ♥ 06/28 Allen, Warick & Shannon ♥

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE APRIL 2023

	Online People Reached	In-Person Attendance	Total
2-April	598	230	828
9-April	533	363	896
16-April	384	109	493
23-April	404	119	523
30-April	351	132	483

SCRIP is available in the narthex after each service. "What is SCRIP?" you may ask. It's an ongoing fundraiser designated towards the purchase of an electronic sign. Your part in this effort is to purchase gift cards at our table for face value. A percentage of every purchase goes toward our goal. The success of this fundraiser depends on your continued support, not just for gifts, but for your everyday expenses such as groceries, gas, entertainment and much more. Pick up a catalogue at our table, listing over 500 selections. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week. Checks or cash payment accepted.

Ed & Marsha Holloway

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

Church Council

President	Rebecca Powers	913-306-5415
Vice President	Rich Jones	614-570-6540
Treasurer	Mike Gutzler	978-857-7172
Secretary	Rae Dowling	741-8335
Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Education	Shari Medley	920-313-0488
Property	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425
Member At Large	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
Youth Rep	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
Youth Ministry	Tara Friedrichs	813-947-9789
Worship Assistants	Karen Symos	410-370-8666

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	Joe Kitchie
Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
Joanne Mayer	Sharlene Jones
Cleo Neynaber	Shirley Kitsmiller
Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
Nancy Woodworth	Gene Rahn
Sue Pinkerton	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
Bill and Janet Burkman	Jimmy Woodworth
Ron Silver	Lori Rapp
Andrew Catanese	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Family of Roger Masch	Becky Berka
Laura Apeathy	Jim Pinto
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
Family of Susan Stodghill	Diane and family
Family of Claudia Gorder	Peggy Smith
Elaine Truitt	Lynn Echols
Ralph Hanson	Family of Lowell Welke
Allen Brooks	Brenda Moore
Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
Cindy Lewis	Dawn Schaeffer
The Gorski Family	Rhoda Olson
Steve Pyeatt	Doreen Quirk
Randy Hanson	Richard
Bob Ready	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

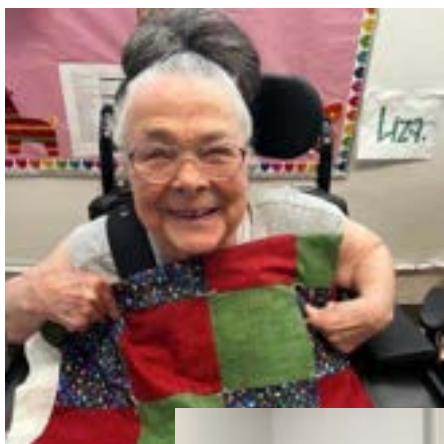
Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

Pastor Terry



Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

Maureen Halsey

Maggie Hammond

Rise Haneberg

Karen Hansing

Randy and Ellen Hanson

Jim, Robin and Julia Hanusa

June Hartlieb

Mike, Billie, Liz and Rebecca Havey

Roger and Linda Henkelmann

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Randy and Holly Hoffman



Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

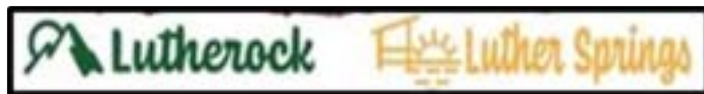
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
4:00 pm Samaritans Day Camp

June 18-23

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Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
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Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
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AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
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Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

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Vice President	Rich Jones	614-570-6540
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Secretary	Rae Dowling	741-8335
Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Education	Shari Medley	920-313-0488
Property	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425
Member At Large	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
Youth Rep	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
Youth Ministry	Tara Friedrichs	813-947-9789
Worship Assistants	Karen Symos	410-370-8666

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
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Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
Joanne Mayer	Sharlene Jones
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Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
Nancy Woodworth	Gene Rahn
Sue Pinkerton	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
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Ron Silver	Lori Rapp
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Family of Roger Masch	Becky Berka
Laura Apeathy	Jim Pinto
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
Family of Susan Stodghill	Diane and family
Family of Claudia Gorder	Peggy Smith
Elaine Truitt	Lynn Echols
Ralph Hanson	Family of Lowell Welke
Allen Brooks	Brenda Moore
Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
Cindy Lewis	Dawn Schaeffer
The Gorski Family	Rhoda Olson
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Randy Hanson	Richard
Bob Ready	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

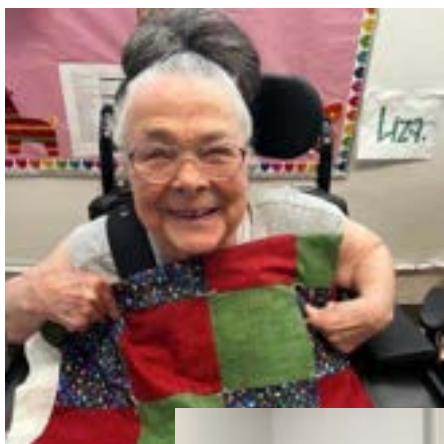
Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

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Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

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Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

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Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

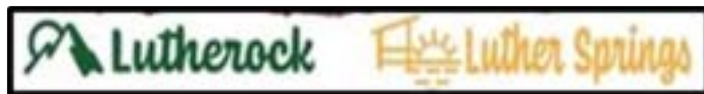
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SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
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You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

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Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

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Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



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Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
Joanne Mayer	Sharlene Jones
Cleo Neynaber	Shirley Kitsmiller
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Sue Pinkerton	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
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Ron Silver	Lori Rapp
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Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
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Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
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Family of Claudia Gorder	Peggy Smith
Elaine Truitt	Lynn Echols
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Allen Brooks	Brenda Moore
Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
Cindy Lewis	Dawn Schaeffer
The Gorski Family	Rhoda Olson
Steve Pyeatt	Doreen Quirk
Randy Hanson	Richard
Bob Ready	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

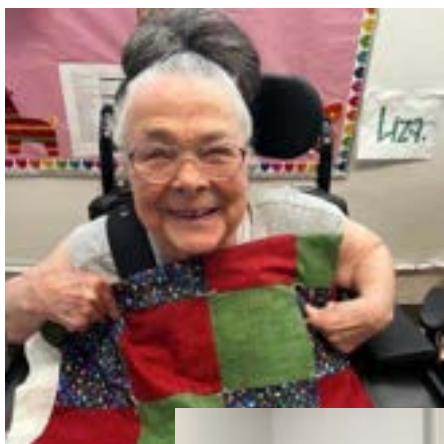
Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

Pastor Terry



Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

Maureen Halsey

Maggie Hammond

Rise Haneberg

Karen Hansing

Randy and Ellen Hanson

Jim, Robin and Julia Hanusa

June Hartlieb

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Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

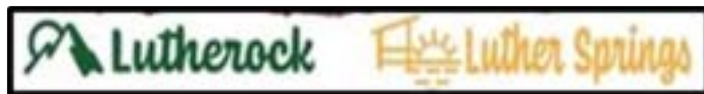
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
4:00 pm Samaritans Day Camp

June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
\$40-50 Wendy's, Mc Donald's, or Culver's
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\$40-50 Panera, Subway, or Jersey Mike's,
\$50-75 Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Chipotle
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One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



Jennifer Schillinger

Graduating from Lakewood Ranch High School
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Majoring in Journalism



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Graduating from Sarasota High School
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Majoring in International Affairs,
with a Minor in Theatre



Alyssa Trompke

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The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

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Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

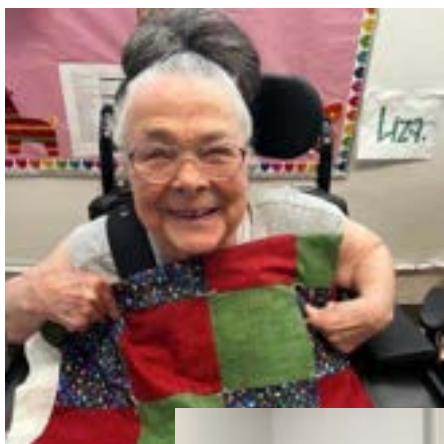
Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

Pastor Terry



Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

Maureen Halsey

Maggie Hammond

Rise Haneberg

Karen Hansing

Randy and Ellen Hanson

Jim, Robin and Julia Hanusa

June Hartlieb

Mike, Billie, Liz and Rebecca Havey

Roger and Linda Henkelmann

Randy and Janice Hermanson

Randy and Holly Hoffman



Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

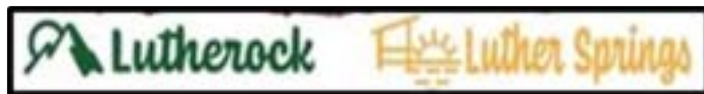
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
4:00 pm Samaritans Day Camp

June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
\$40-50 Wendy's, Mc Donald's, or Culver's
\$40-50 Chick-fil-A, Zaxby's, or PDQ
\$40-50 Panera, Subway, or Jersey Mike's,
\$50-75 Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Chipotle
\$50 Publix, Winn-Dixie, or Walmart,
One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



Jennifer Schillinger

Graduating from Lakewood Ranch High School
Attending University of Central Florida
Majoring in Journalism



Anja Schwarzbauer

Graduating from Sarasota High School
AICE and MaST Programs
Attending University of Florida, Honors College
Majoring in International Affairs,
with a Minor in Theatre



Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
AICE Program
Will be attending Florida State University
Majoring in Pre-med



The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
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Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	33,354.63	(8,854.84)
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	42,980.73	7,773.04
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Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	189,460.16	(25,299.12)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	76,335.36	(1,081.80)

Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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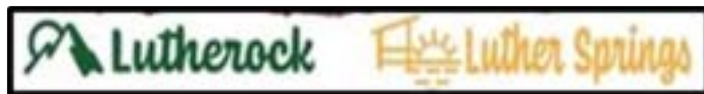
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4:00 pm Samaritans Day Camp

June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
\$40-50 Wendy's, Mc Donald's, or Culver's
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\$50-75 Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Chipotle
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One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
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16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
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Attending University of Central Florida
Majoring in Journalism



Anja Schwarzbauer

Graduating from Sarasota High School
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Attending University of Florida, Honors College
Majoring in International Affairs,
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Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
AICE Program
Will be attending Florida State University
Majoring in Pre-med



The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
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Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
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AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
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Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

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

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Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
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Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
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Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
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Steve Long	Anne Davis
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Family of Susan Stodghill	Diane and family
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Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
Cindy Lewis	Dawn Schaeffer
The Gorski Family	Rhoda Olson
Steve Pyeatt	Doreen Quirk
Randy Hanson	Richard
Bob Ready	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

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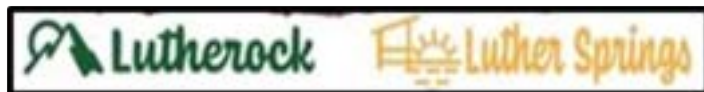
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Crafts

24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
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Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	124,269.51	(11,556.34)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	33,354.63	(8,854.84)
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
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Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

Church Council

President	Rebecca Powers	913-306-5415
Vice President	Rich Jones	614-570-6540
Treasurer	Mike Gutzler	978-857-7172
Secretary	Rae Dowling	741-8335
Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Education	Shari Medley	920-313-0488
Property	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425
Member At Large	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
Youth Rep	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
Youth Ministry	Tara Friedrichs	813-947-9789
Worship Assistants	Karen Symos	410-370-8666

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	Joe Kitchie
Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
Joanne Mayer	Sharlene Jones
Cleo Neynaber	Shirley Kitsmiller
Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
Nancy Woodworth	Gene Rahn
Sue Pinkerton	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
Bill and Janet Burkman	Jimmy Woodworth
Ron Silver	Lori Rapp
Andrew Catanese	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Family of Roger Masch	Becky Berka
Laura Apeathy	Jim Pinto
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
Family of Susan Stodghill	Diane and family
Family of Claudia Gorder	Peggy Smith
Elaine Truitt	Lynn Echols
Ralph Hanson	Family of Lowell Welke
Allen Brooks	Brenda Moore
Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
Cindy Lewis	Dawn Schaeffer
The Gorski Family	Rhoda Olson
Steve Pyeatt	Doreen Quirk
Randy Hanson	Richard
Bob Ready	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



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Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

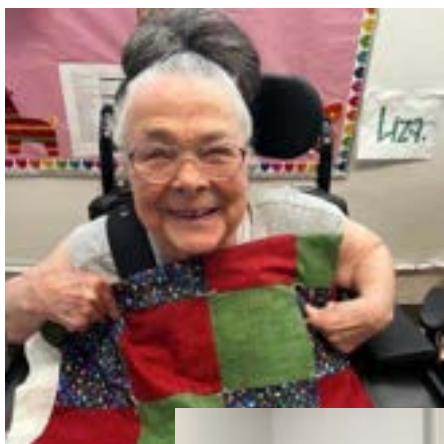
Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

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Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

Maureen Halsey

Maggie Hammond

Rise Haneberg

Karen Hansing

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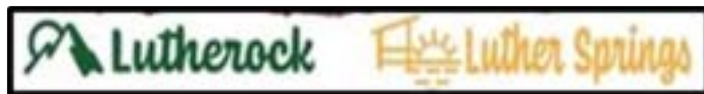
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Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

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Vice President	Rich Jones	614-570-6540
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Secretary	Rae Dowling	741-8335
Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
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Property	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425
Member At Large	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
Youth Rep	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
Youth Ministry	Tara Friedrichs	813-947-9789
Worship Assistants	Karen Symos	410-370-8666

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
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Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
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Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
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Sue Pinkerton	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
Bill and Janet Burkman	Jimmy Woodworth
Ron Silver	Lori Rapp
Andrew Catanese	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Family of Roger Masch	Becky Berka
Laura Apeathy	Jim Pinto
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
Family of Susan Stodghill	Diane and family
Family of Claudia Gorder	Peggy Smith
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Allen Brooks	Brenda Moore
Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
Cindy Lewis	Dawn Schaeffer
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Randy Hanson	Richard
Bob Ready	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

Pastor Terry



Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

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Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

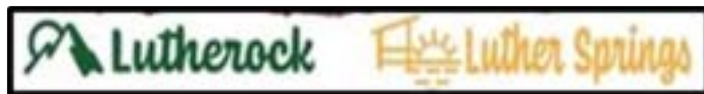
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
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June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
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\$50 Publix, Winn-Dixie, or Walmart,
One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
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1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



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Attending University of Florida, Honors College
Majoring in International Affairs,
with a Minor in Theatre



Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
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Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

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What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

Pastor Terry



Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

Maureen Halsey

Maggie Hammond

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Randy and Holly Hoffman



Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
4:00 pm Samaritans Day Camp

June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex Snacks

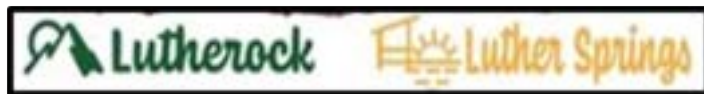
Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips,
Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish,
Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches
(Items can be Prepackaged or homemade)
Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs,
& Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals

\$40-50 Wendy's, Mc Donald's, or Culver's
\$40-50 Chick-fil-A, Zaxby's, or PDQ
\$40-50 Panera, Subway, or Jersey Mike's,
\$50-75 Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Chipotle
\$50 Publix, Winn-Dixie, or Walmart,
One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts

24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Jennifer Schillinger

Graduating from Lakewood Ranch High School
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Graduating from Sarasota High School
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with a Minor in Theatre



Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
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Majoring in Pre-med



The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
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Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



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Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

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Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

Maureen Halsey

Maggie Hammond

Rise Haneberg

Karen Hansing

Randy and Ellen Hanson

Jim, Robin and Julia Hanusa

June Hartlieb

Mike, Billie, Liz and Rebecca Havey

Roger and Linda Henkelmann

Randy and Janice Hermanson

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Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

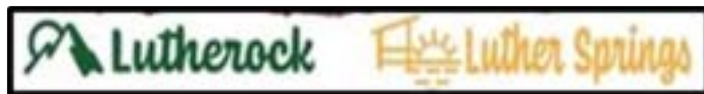
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
4:00 pm Samaritans Day Camp

June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
\$40-50 Wendy's, Mc Donald's, or Culver's
\$40-50 Chick-fil-A, Zaxby's, or PDQ
\$40-50 Panera, Subway, or Jersey Mike's,
\$50-75 Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Chipotle
\$50 Publix, Winn-Dixie, or Walmart,
One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



Jennifer Schillinger

Graduating from Lakewood Ranch High School
Attending University of Central Florida
Majoring in Journalism



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Graduating from Sarasota High School
AICE and MaST Programs
Attending University of Florida, Honors College
Majoring in International Affairs,
with a Minor in Theatre



Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
AICE Program
Will be attending Florida State University
Majoring in Pre-med



The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
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AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	42,980.73	7,773.04
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Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	189,460.16	(25,299.12)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	76,335.36	(1,081.80)

Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

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Property	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425
Member At Large	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
Youth Rep	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
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New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
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Theo Bullington	Josh Myers Behler
Roy & Cindy Wells	Chris Mork
Rob Babel	Shirley Smith
Kristine Mylett	Jeanette Knight
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Liz Howell	Nan Fisher
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Linda Henkelmann	Tony Zubricky
Jacob Rodriguez	Joe Kitchie
Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
Joanne Mayer	Sharlene Jones
Cleo Neynaber	Shirley Kitsmiller
Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
Nancy Woodworth	Gene Rahn
Sue Pinkerton	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
Bill and Janet Burkman	Jimmy Woodworth
Ron Silver	Lori Rapp
Andrew Catanese	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Family of Roger Masch	Becky Berka
Laura Apeathy	Jim Pinto
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
Family of Susan Stodghill	Diane and family
Family of Claudia Gorder	Peggy Smith
Elaine Truitt	Lynn Echols
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Allen Brooks	Brenda Moore
Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
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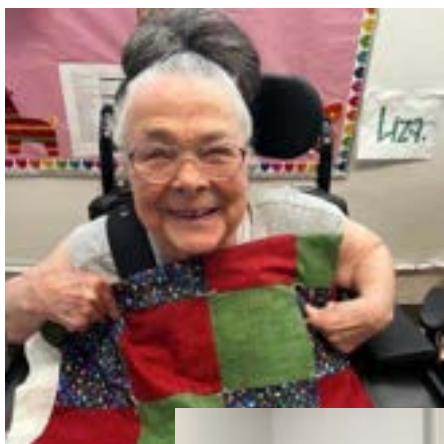
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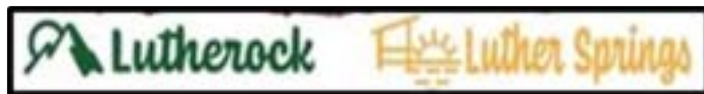
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The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
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AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
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Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

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Education	Shari Medley	920-313-0488
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Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
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Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
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June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
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Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



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Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

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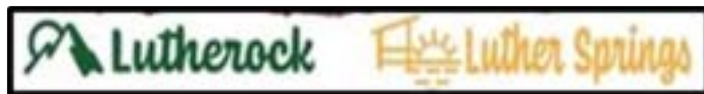
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Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
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Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

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Secretary	Rae Dowling	741-8335
Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Education	Shari Medley	920-313-0488
Property	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425
Member At Large	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
Youth Rep	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
Youth Ministry	Tara Friedrichs	813-947-9789
Worship Assistants	Karen Symos	410-370-8666

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
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Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
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Laura Apeathy	Jim Pinto
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
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Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
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Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

Pastor Terry



Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

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Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

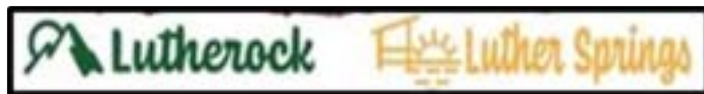
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
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June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

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July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

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Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

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Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
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1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



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Graduating from Lakewood Ranch High School
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Anja Schwarzbauer

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AICE and MaST Programs
Attending University of Florida, Honors College
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Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
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Pop Stroke Youth Outing



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Nancy Woodworth	Gene Rahn
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Family of Roger Masch	Becky Berka
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Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
Family of Susan Stodghill	Diane and family
Family of Claudia Gorder	Peggy Smith
Elaine Truitt	Lynn Echols
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Allen Brooks	Brenda Moore
Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
Cindy Lewis	Dawn Schaeffer
The Gorski Family	Rhoda Olson
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Randy Hanson	Richard
Bob Ready	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

Pastor Terry



Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

Maureen Halsey

Maggie Hammond

Rise Haneberg

Karen Hansing

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Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

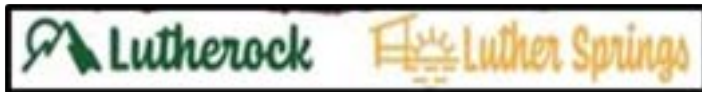
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
4:00 pm Samaritans Day Camp

June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
\$40-50 Wendy's, Mc Donald's, or Culver's
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\$40-50 Panera, Subway, or Jersey Mike's,
\$50-75 Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Chipotle
\$50 Publix, Winn-Dixie, or Walmart,
One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



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Majoring in International Affairs,
with a Minor in Theatre



Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
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The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

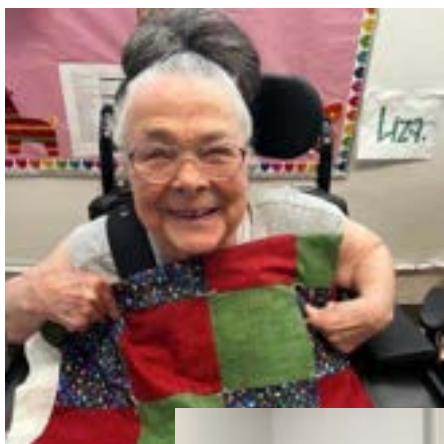
Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

Pastor Terry



Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



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:

Eileen George

Ron Gerdes

Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

Alyssa and Lily Griffon

Ron and Sandy Guppy

Eric and Ruth Guth

Mike Gutzler

Ashley and Hayden Hall

Maureen Halsey

Maggie Hammond

Rise Haneberg

Karen Hansing

Randy and Ellen Hanson

Jim, Robin and Julia Hanusa

June Hartlieb

Mike, Billie, Liz and Rebecca Havey

Roger and Linda Henkelmann

Randy and Janice Hermanson

Randy and Holly Hoffman



Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

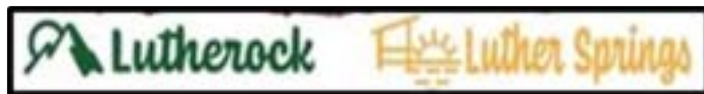
9:00 am - VBS Xtreme & Every Day
4:00 pm Samaritans Day Camp

June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
Luciana Palmtag and Logan Pope
who affirmed their Baptism
in the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, on
May 28 during the 11:00 am worship service.



Please pray for our youth that will be participating in the following Summer Camps.

You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

June 18-23: HS Southwest FL Disaster Relief Mission Camp in Sarasota (Robert Powers, Katie Powers, Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)

July 16-21: Elementary Discoverers & Horseback Riding Camp at Luther Springs (Hayden Hall & Emily Olson)

July 22-29: HS Free Climb Camp at Lutherock in NC (Emily Holst, Noah Olson, & Logan Pope)



Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

Peanut & nut-free items: Cookies, Chips, Rice Krispy Treats, Pudding Cups, Goldfish, Cheez-its, Popcorn, Ice Cream Sandwiches (Items can be Prepackaged or homemade) Capri-sun Juice Pouches, Hugs Juice Jugs, & Bottled Waters

Gift Cards for Counselor Meals
\$40-50 Wendy's, Mc Donald's, or Culver's
\$40-50 Chick-fil-A, Zaxby's, or PDQ
\$40-50 Panera, Subway, or Jersey Mike's,
\$50-75 Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Chipotle
\$50 Publix, Winn-Dixie, or Walmart,
One Homecooked Meal (Sunday-Thursday)

Crafts
24 Empty Water Bottles with caps,
Plastic Bottle Caps & Lids, Yarn,
12 Plastic Needles, 30 Glass Ball Jars with lids,
16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
3 Sheets of Plastic Canvas,
1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
Air Dry Clay, Acrylic Paints, Mod Podge



Jennifer Schillinger

Graduating from Lakewood Ranch High School
Attending University of Central Florida
Majoring in Journalism



Anja Schwarzbauer

Graduating from Sarasota High School
AICE and MaST Programs
Attending University of Florida, Honors College
Majoring in International Affairs,
with a Minor in Theatre



Alyssa Trompke

Graduating from Palmetto High School
AICE Program
Will be attending Florida State University
Majoring in Pre-med



The Education Team would like to thank everyone for the monetary and in-kind donations given to Luther Springs for their Southwest FL Hurricane Relief Mission Camps this summer.



Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	(126,179.77)		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	89,187.23		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	(36,992.54)		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
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Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	33,354.63	(8,854.84)
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	42,980.73	7,773.04
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Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	76,335.36	(1,081.80)

Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

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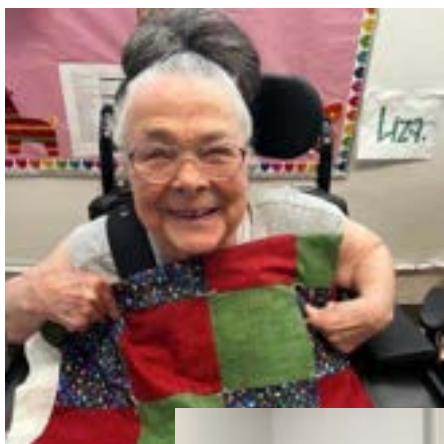
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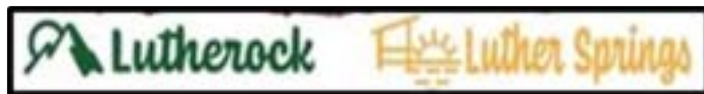
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16 2-yard pieces of fleece,
24 12" Canvas Squares,
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1 Package Small White Coffee Filters,
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Pop Stroke Youth Outing



YOUTH SUNDAY



WE DID IT!! All God's Children Preschool is ending our 2022/2023 school year on a high note.

Our last month has been one for the memory books. Besides all of the end of the year parties and fun, the teachers were still hard at

work making sure that each of their students were ready to move forward, whether it was the next preschool grade or kindergarten, they instilled so many important skills that each child can take along with them.

The school has been filled with laughter, music and smiles as each class celebrated spring, the year coming to an end as well as new beginnings. We have had butterfly releases, water days, picnics, barbecues and dance parties.

One of the most joyous moments this past month was the VPK graduation ceremony. What a magical day for everyone at AGC. The graduates sang, got their diplomas and shared what they wanted to be when they grew up. Our families were able to watch their graduates and share in their special moment. There were many tears, some of joy and some of sadness as we said goodbye to children and families that have been a part of the AGC family and



supported our preschool through thick and thin. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck and know that they will do awesome in kindergarten.

From the entire All God's Children Preschool staff, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with magic, laughter, love and most importantly memories. We look forward to the next adventure that awaits us all.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 12, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Tara Friedrichs, Rich Jones, Mary Hunter (AGC), Patty Kunkel, Michael Gutzler, Shari Medley, Rhoda Olsen.

Absent: Brook Palmtag, Stephany Rose.

The meeting was opened by Pastor with Prayers and Devotions at 7:05pm.

Approval of the minutes: March minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as they were not received by the members in time to vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted his report electronically. Elected Ann Courter as the female delegate for the Synod meeting in June. The new member class has 9 families in it. A generous donation from the estate of Don Schindler was received by the church. The Council voted to accept the gift and it will be deposited in the bank.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically. Youth Sunday is May 7th, and Peer ministry continues.

All God's Children: Current enrollment is 56 students. A new board member is needed for the ACG board and Bea Daly has requested to be that member. The Council passed a motion unanimously to accept Bea in that position. April 22 in the AGC Carnival. Many sponsors have been secured and all is going well.

VPK graduation will be on May 19th. Summer Camp will be held June 19 – July 28th. Teacher evaluations are currently being completed. The new shade cover and 4 sinks will all be installed by end of May.

Camera's have been installed and are working great. May 25th/May 26th is the last day of school. (depending on which days the student attends – MWF / TThr)

Financial Report: Church – General offering YTD \$99,739 v plan \$100,000 – (LV \$107,977)

General Fund Payment \$100,971 v plan \$96,096

Surplus (operating balance) \$64,151

AGC - Total Receipts YTD \$148,053 v plan \$85,105

Total Payments \$60,821 v plan \$55,765

Surplus (operating balance) \$42,559

Financials cont. – Monthly Stewardship (Financial) Report continues to be developed.

John Saum, Deb Miller, Mike Tetmeyer and Paul Gieschen have been appointed to the Financial Ministry Team as our Finance Committee. They have no voting authority but will act in an advisory roll to the Treasurer, President and Church Council in matters pertaining to the budget, expansion projects and financing, investment and insurance programs, endowments, wills, bequests and financial arrangements between LLLC and AGC.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

Old Business: Forward in Faith: The expansion committee will officially disband after the final proposal on how to close/finish the construction is submitted. Volunteer Recognition: A spreadsheet was distributed and instructions on how to quantify who volunteers and how long they have volunteered, so that we can determine how we will recognize all that people that do volunteer for the church. Please fill those spreadsheets out and return them to Rae Dowling.

The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
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Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

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

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Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
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Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
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Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
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Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
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Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

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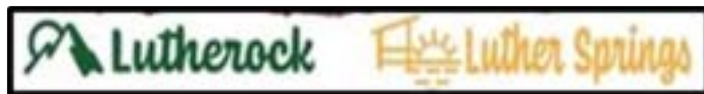
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May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

**Living Lord Lutheran Church
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OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
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Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	33,354.63	(8,854.84)
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Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

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President	Rebecca Powers	913-306-5415
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Treasurer	Mike Gutzler	978-857-7172
Secretary	Rae Dowling	741-8335
Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Education	Shari Medley	920-313-0488
Property	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425
Member At Large	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005
Youth Rep	Brooke Palmtag	252-646-8801
Faith Community Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806
Fellowship	Ellen Hanson	981-9048
Outreach	Elaine Seamon	351-0863
Stephen Ministry	Helen Howe	213-9702
New Members	Patty Kunkel	748-6669
Altar Guild	Marlene Saum	753-1393
Youth Ministry	Tara Friedrichs	813-947-9789
Worship Assistants	Karen Symos	410-370-8666

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
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Jacob Rodriguez	Joe Kitchie
Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
Joanne Mayer	Sharlene Jones
Cleo Neynaber	Shirley Kitsmiller
Family of John Pinkerton	Linda Couch
Nancy Woodworth	Gene Rahn
Sue Pinkerton	Ray Rankl
June Hartlieb	Sophia Sahr
Bill and Janet Burkman	Jimmy Woodworth
Ron Silver	Lori Rapp
Andrew Catanese	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Family of Roger Masch	Becky Berka
Laura Apeathy	Jim Pinto
Andreas & Anaiya	Debbie Skelly
Frankie Vasquez	Jim Morrison
Steve Long	Anne Davis
Family of Dick Bernard	Jeanne Thum
Nayda Rivera	Valerie Walden
Family of Susan Stodghill	Diane and family
Family of Claudia Gorder	Peggy Smith
Elaine Truitt	Lynn Echols
Ralph Hanson	Family of Lowell Welke
Allen Brooks	Brenda Moore
Family of Gloria Depas	Tracy Allen
Gary Graham	Jeff Shaw
Cindy Lewis	Dawn Schaeffer
The Gorski Family	Rhoda Olson
Steve Pyeatt	Doreen Quirk
Randy Hanson	Richard
Bob Ready	Family of
Brian Brockschmidt	Katherine K. Hoth
Marsha Kearns	Barbara Kunkel





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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The Voice



June 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

You may remember a sermon a couple of weeks ago titled: To God Be The Glory. That week, in my Bible study, a question arose and discussion followed about the appropriateness of clapping or applause in worship.

I knew that the ELCA had dealt with this question in the past. This article contains information that I have adapted from an article on the ELCA.org website titled: *Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions*

The website begins by lifting up Psalm 47:1, "Clap your hands, all you peoples" (NRSV). End of discussion right? Well, not really. In addressing this issue it is important to distinguish between clapping and applause.

Clapping - rhythmic clapping is an essential element in certain music. We should be open to this type of clapping in worship, whether by the choir or congregation. Clapping as a part of musical expression is different from applause.

Applause - there are occasional moments when applause is an appropriate acclamation of the action just completed. Applause is often used to welcome the newly baptized, new members, or intentionally recognizing volunteers or the installation of teachers, council, etc. and formally thanking them within a worship service.

In most congregations with European roots, like ours, this conversation is primarily focused on applause that may follow a choir/bell anthem, postlude, or other musical offering in the regular weekly worship service. In American culture, applause is most often understood as acknowledgment or acclamation of a performance. Therefore, it is very closely linked to entertainment.

Some people suggest that applause in worship is really directed toward God and not the performers. Discerning this can be difficult because it truly is a matter of the heart for those participating.

There is a big difference in the whole congregation clapping after singing a hymn or song together versus applauding for an individual or group offering their gift of music.

One question we should ask ourselves is: Is it really clear to all worshipers, including visitors and children that this expression is directed to God and not the individual(s).

Consistency of practice is an important consideration. Do we consistently demonstrate this type of praise for everyone who offers their gifts to the worship experience (e.g. readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, etc.)? What happens when you applaud one week, but not the next? Or for one group and not another.

Lastly, singers of all ages, instrumentalists, and all musical leaders, must be reminded continually that their role in worship is to proclaim and praise God, not to entertain God's people in worship. Worshipers, too, are to be reminded that they gather to worship, not to be entertained.

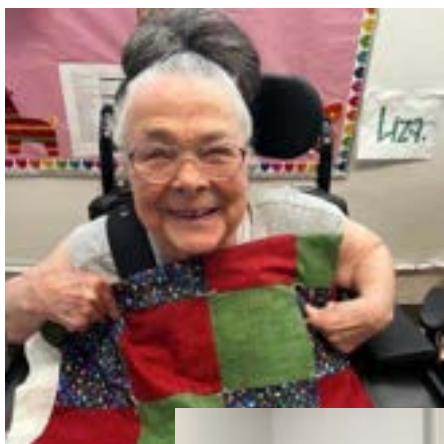
Many of us will often experience the powerful and sincere human desire to thank musicians, pastors, and others for the service they provide to the church. The encouragement is to do this one on one after worship.

God loves you! And so do !!

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Our handicrafts group at LLLC, "A Stitch and a Prayer" has distributed our works in partnership with Comfort Canines for Christ ministry. Many thanks to Steve Pierannunzi from Living Lord for being our liaison with Canines for Christ. As of May 11th, 38 small lap quilts, 12 large quilts, and 8 prayer shawls have been given out to various organizations, including Easter Seals of Southwest Florida and Easter Seals Academy. 18 large quilts were also delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Please come join us Friday mornings from 10:30-12:30 if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry. For additional information, contact Marsha Holloway for quilting at (352)843-0353 or Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 for knitting and crocheting. All are welcome...no experience necessary. Patterns provided. We also welcome donations of cotton material and yarn.



We Are Praying For You



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Paul and Mary Gieschen

Gary, Cheryl and Aaron Graham

Carolyn Greendonner

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Ron and Sandy Guppy

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Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

June 12-16

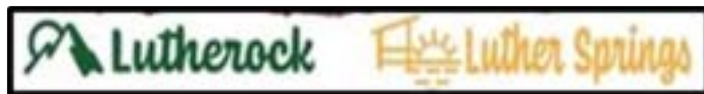
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June 18-23

SW FL Hurricane Relief Camp



Congratulations to
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who affirmed their Baptism
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You can write the campers a card or note of encouragement and give it to Deacon Tara to take along to camp.

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Register at www.myvbs.org/LivingLordFL

Day Camp Donations Needed **Please use Signup Sheets in Narthex** **Snacks**

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Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically. Evangelism: 9 new families are joining the church. Worship & Music: Cantata was very moving and rewarding. Many good comments were received regarding the program. Education: 90 people were served at the Eggstravaganza. 21 people asked about information regarding joining the church. Council approved that the youth will collect disaster relief supplies during the month of May instead of World Hunger. 5 people have registered for day camp –16 total spaces are available. Stewardship Team: Starting to work on hosting a Ministry fair in October. More details to come.

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The meeting continued with a discussion of our spiritual journey. Council next meeting dates:

May 10th, 2023 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lords Prayer.

6 Respectfully submitted, Rae Dowling

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	147,268.00	13,057.64
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	130,431.73	(5,394.12)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	16,836.27	7,663.52
Church Restricted Receipts	7,121.48		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	345.16		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,900.15		
Forward in Faith Receipts	96,072.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	6,202.27		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	249,271.97		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>(126,179.77)</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	115,330.00	14,357.20
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	75,667.63	(3,265.80)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	39,662.37	11,091.40
AGC Restricted Receipts	41,698.80		
AGC Fundraisers	13,269.75		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	16,535.09		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>89,187.23</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	262,598.00	27,414.84
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	206,099.36	(8,659.92)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	56,498.64	18,754.92
Fundraising Balances	15,515.06		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	144,892.65		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	272,653.81		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	<u>(36,992.54)</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - Apr 2023 Actuals	Jan - Apr 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	160,325.64	157,624.14	2,701.50
Church General Fund Disbursements	135,825.85	124,269.51	(11,556.34)
Net Church General Fund	24,499.79	33,354.63	(8,854.84)
AGC General Fund Receipts	129,687.20	108,171.38	21,515.82
AGC General Fund Disbursements	78,933.43	65,190.65	(13,742.78)
Net AGC General Fund	50,753.77	42,980.73	7,773.04
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	290,012.84	265,795.52	24,217.32
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	214,759.28	189,460.16	(25,299.12)
Net LLLC General Fund	75,253.56	76,335.36	(1,081.80)

Church general fund receipts through April are \$2700 more than last year and \$13,000 more than budget. Expenses are \$5000 more than budget. Our receipts are \$24,5 more than disbursements. AGC is starting the year strong due to tuition and registration payments, including summer camp.



Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From your Faith Community Nurses – June 2023

Throughout June, Men's Health Month aims to encourage boys and men to take charge of their overall health by implementing healthy living decisions. This year, as the country has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that men get regular checkups and be aware of the risks for their age, ethnicity, and lifestyle. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 13.2% of men aged 18 and over are in fair or poor health. During Men's Health Month, we urge men to take steps to enrich their health and wellness through proper screenings and care.

Many of men's health problems, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, can often be avoided by being proactive and living a healthy lifestyle. Here are several steps men can take to improve their health and maintain the highest quality of life:

Know your family's health history. Talk to your family, ask questions, and record and share your health information with your doctor and other family members.

Eat a healthy diet. Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, high-fiber foods, and lean sources of protein. Limit foods that are high in saturated and trans fats and avoid foods with added sugar and sodium.

Be active. Choose activities you enjoy, such as tennis, basketball, or brisk walking. Visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Move Your Way Activity Planner](#) to set goals and get personalized tips to help you stay motivated.

Quit smoking and avoid secondhand smoke. Quitting smoking improves your health and reduces your risk of heart disease, cancer, lung disease, and other smoking-related illnesses

Manage stress. Taking steps to reduce stress can lower your risk of other conditions like heart disease, obesity, high-blood pressure, and depression.

Limit alcohol consumption. Limiting alcohol can reduce your risk of long-term health risks. Check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Dietary Guidelines for Alcohol](#) for more information.

Get regular checkups. Talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about having a physical or wellness check each year. Monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and weight to catch potentially dangerous conditions early and get proper care, if needed. You can also use the [MyHealthfinder](#) tool to get personalized preventive services recommendations.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

On Thursday June 8th, 2023 at noon you are invited have lunch at Peridia Country Club located at 49500 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton, FL 34203. This luncheon is open to all who want to attend. The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Saum at 941-753-1393.

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

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Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What is the NOAA 2023 hurricane forecast? On Thu/25 May, NOAA forecasted a likely range of 12-17 named storms of which 5-9 could become hurricanes, including 1-4 major hurricanes which are Category 3 or higher. Averages include 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. El Nino conditions will likely return by late summer to produce unfavorable wind shear. On the other hand, sea surface temperatures are well above normal in the tropical Atlantic, including the development area. Warm ocean water fuels storms, which might counter El Nino.

What are 2023 Atlantic tropical cyclone names? Names by alternating gender are Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney. Retired names this year are Ian and Fiona.

Was this our smallest orange crop in 2022-2023? The USDA on Fri/12 May issued a forecast that said Florida growers are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. In addition to sustaining heavy damage from last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease.

How warm was April 2023? It was the warmest April on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 76.2 degrees, 3.6 degrees above normal. Records began in 1911. The 23 May Drought Monitor continued to show Extreme Drought in West Central FL to include Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Exceptional Drought continues in much of Western and Southern Kansas. Apr 2023 was Earth's 4th warmest Apr on record at 1.8 degrees F above average. The Southern Hemisphere had its WARMEST MONTH on record. Spain had the hottest and driest Apr on record. Much of Spain is experiencing drought, and water reserves are below 50%. Spain plans to ban outdoor work in extreme heat this summer. In contrast, Alaska had its 4th coldest Apr in 99 years of records and the coldest since the record-cold Apr 1985.

How many wildfires are burning in Canada? Triggered by numerous heat records in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada, some 84 wildfires have burned across western Canada, forcing thousands of people to evacuate their homes. The fires have burned across 3.3 million acres or 1,800 square miles in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan by 17 May, 10 times the average area burned for this time of year. The wildfires have prompted some oil and gas companies to curb production as blazes approach pipelines. Thick plumes of smoke from blazes in Alberta have crossed into multiple states including Montana, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

When is the rainy season? The NWS Office in Ruskin defines the rainy season for West Central FL as 25 May-10 Oct and for Southwest FL as 15 May-15 Oct. It could be earlier this year with the heavy rains of Wed/24 May including 3.62 inches at Lakewood Ranch, 2.14 inches at Tampa, and 1.82 inches in Parrish. Drought conditions will ease and be gone by late June.

Who was the target for a typhoon? Super Typhoon Mawar barreled into Guam as a powerful Category 4 storm on Wed/24 May, pummeling the U.S. Pacific territory with high winds, heavy rains, and a storm surge that swamped low-lying areas as residents hunkered down in homes and shelters. The typhoon's center passed over the northern tip of Guam as the strongest storm in decades to hit the territory of 150,000 people. The typhoon had sustained winds of 140 mph with gusts to 170 mph. Peak winds at the NWS office reached 105 mph before losing wind sensors.

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