



Living Lord Lutheran Church

Make disciples, Serve selflessly, Live faithfully

The Voice



August 2023 Issue

Pastor Terry's Reflections

I heard on the radio the other day that we are now past the midpoint of summer. Bring on the Fall weather – just not the hurricanes! August brings with it the restart of schools in the area as well as our education programs.

During the month of July, we have collected school supplies and monies for school supplies for Oneco school. As I have mentioned before, this is a much needed and much appreciated outreach program. I always look forward to be a part of the team that delivers these items and presents a check to the principal of the school.

For us, August begins the kickoff of our Education Programs. On August 13, we will have our annual Rally Day and Blessing of the backpacks for our youth.

Our Faith Formation classes will be kicked off that day. Some of our adult education programs will not restart until October when most of our snowbirds return. Keep your eyes open and looking for announcements in the Link and the Voice.

In addition, our Preschool, All God's Children (AGC), ramps up for the beginning of the school year. Orientation for the teachers is the week of August 14 and August 21. Parent Open Houses are on August 23 and 24. School starts August 28. I always enjoy getting to meet the families and letting them know that they are welcome to come and worship with us.

I encourage you to pray for all of the children. Those who are a part of our Faith Formation and those who are students at AGC. In addition, pray for all of the teachers.

As we enter the Fall season, I would have you think about how you might be able to put your faith into action and consider some of the volunteer opportunities that we have.

With Lynn Fisher resigning as our **bookkeeper** effective December 1, 2023 and after 9 years of faithful service, we are looking for

someone to volunteer for this role. The church council recently approved a \$400/month stipend for this position. Along with that position, we are looking for an **Assistant Bookkeeper** who would fill in for the bookkeeper when on vacation or out of town and potentially be the successor to the bookkeeper position.

We also continue to look for a **Christian Life Group coordinator(s)**. This role involves recruiting a number of small group leaders, training them, and helping them to recruit folks into these new groups by promoting Christian Life Groups. This role serves as a resource for all the various groups, not someone who is "in charge" of the groups.

A couple of other volunteer positions continue to exist – **Livestream Coordinator** and **Audio Coordinator**. Both of these roles involve recruiting and training volunteers to operate these systems during the Sunday services.

Lastly, some of our homebound members occasionally need a ride to the doctor, grocery store, and even church. We call this our **Sunshine Ministry**.

Please pray about these opportunities and either volunteer yourself or suggest someone who you think might be good at and willing to fill these roles.

God loves you! And so do I!

Pastor Terry



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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LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us as we resume for the summer. We will be meeting at noon on **Aug. 10th** at Station 400. No sign-up necessary.

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:

Kathy Kotowski

Tracy Kotowski

Patty Kunkel

Hadley and Alice Kurtz

Michael Kvenberg

Pam Lange

Kate Langsen

Eric, Desiray, Madison & Brooke
Laschke

Ruby Laudig

Donna, Nicholas & Alexandra Layrisse

Guy & Jan LePare

Bruce and Cindy Lewis

Roger & Sharlot Lofgren

Valerie Lowe

Jim, Linda and Elizabeth Lustgarten

Gene Mann

Helen Marr

Glenda Masch

Gary & Annette Mastrangelo

Bill & Ruth McConnell

Marty & Shari Medley



Living Lord Lutheran Church Children & Youth News

Aug. 13

- 10:05 am Children & Youth Rally Day
- 11:00 am Blessing of the Backpacks
- 12:30 pm Youth Family Lunch & Meeting

August 20

- 10:05 am Children & Youth Faith Formation
- TBD Youth Activity

August 27

- 10:05 am Children & Youth Faith Formation



Blessing of the Back Packs

August 13, 11:00 am

Calling All Students: Preschool - College

Start the school year with a special blessing!

Bring your backpacks to be blessed at the 11:00 am worship service on August 13.

Students will receive a special gift!



August 13, 12:30 pm

Middle & High School youth families are invited to gather for lunch,

learn about upcoming youth activities, & The ELCA Youth Gathering, July 2024.



Day Camp Service Project

Do you have any old, broken, or unwanted crayons? Don't fill the landfills, bring them to church to recycle! The Day Camp children started a collection of old crayons. We will continue to collect crayons through August. They will be sent to **The Crayon Initiative**.

A collection box is by Deacon Tara's Office.



Rally Day

Children and Youth Faith Formation Kick-off

August 13, 10:05 am

Join us for Rally Day, August 13, in the Activities Hall at 10:05 am. Parents, children, and youth are encouraged to attend. There will be refreshments, a craft, a brief overview of each class, an introduction of the teachers, and then we will have a photo scavenger hunt.

Kindergarten – 3rd Grade Class: This class will be using Whirl All Kids Curriculum. The children will learn Old Testament stories in the fall, then stories about Jesus and the early church during the winter and spring. Teachers include Karla Schrand, Bonnie Pinkerton, Patrice Ranellone, Janice Pinsonneault, Margi Furey, & Vidra Bernard.

4th – 6th Grade Class: This class will be using Connect Curriculum and will begin an in-depth study of the Old Testament. Next school year they will study the New Testament. Teachers include Carmen Raddatz, Kris Mylett, Bill McConnell, & Doug Holst.

High School Faith Formation Class: This class will continue Peer Ministry Leadership Training. Teachers include Deacon Tara, Denny & Lisa Pyeatt.

Adult Faith Formation Class: This class will meet over coffee in the Sanctuary Hall on September 10, at 10:05 am, to discuss possible topics of study and leaders for this year.



Teacher Training

August 7

- 6:30 pm 4th-6th Grade
- 7:00 pm K-6th Grade
- 7:30 pm K-3rd Grade



Camp Luther Springs
July 16 -21



Camp Lutherock
July 23—29





All God's Children Preschool is having an amazing summer! We have done 4 weeks of summer camp and have 2 more weeks to go. The campers have gotten to learn about many things as each week of our camp has a special theme. We started off with outer space week and then learned all about bugs. We celebrated America's birthday with red, white, and blue week, and after that the campers were chefs for cooking week. We will finish the summer with woodworking and finally we will let the campers' creative side shine in art week. The campers have also been able to play outside on the playground with their friends, and enjoy a large water slide and water tables on water day each week, with a pizza lunch. They have played musical chairs, hide and seek, ring around the rosie, and many more old time favorite games with each other. There have been many new friendships made as well as friends reunited after a few weeks of summer at home.



One of the most popular weeks of camp this summer was our Top Chef week. We focused on teaching the campers how to mix batters, roll dough, cut apples, measure flour, and work as a team to complete a recipe. We made so many fun foods, had taste tests and used food to create art work. It was nice to come together and have a pancake breakfast after the campers mixed up purple and green pancake batter.

Although the summer is flying by, we are taking in each memory that is created during summer camp!



DRAFT MINUTES

Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes June 14, 2023

Attendees: Pastor Terry Courter, Michael Gutzler, Tara Friedrichs, Beverly Brockschmidt, Patty Kunkel, Brooke Palmtag, Stephany Rose, Mary Hunter. Absent: Rebecca Powers, Rich Jones, Rae Dowling, Rhoda Olson.

The meeting was opened by Pastor Terry with Prayer and Devotions at 7:02pm.

Approval of the minutes: May minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Pastor's Report: Pastor summarized his report which had been submitted electronically.

Deacon Tara's Report: Tara's full report was submitted electronically.

AGC: Mary Hunter reported that the new shade canopy is up. Four new smaller sinks have been installed replacing the two larger ones. Sherri Medley has resigned from the school Board.

Finance: YTD receipts are \$8K favorable to the budget. YTD payments are \$14K unfavorable to the budget. Mike will look into the two problems areas, retirement benefits and property maintenance. Both LLLC and AGC maintain healthy surplus balances.

Education Team: Tara gave an update on Day Camp and the Mission Trip.

Team Reports: All teams submitted reports electronically

Old Business: There was no update on a Building Improvement Committee that was to be formed.

New Business: Motion to appoint Mike Gutzler and Vaughn Williams to the AGC schoolboard. Approved unanimously. Motion to approve the hiring of a part time bookkeeper beginning 12-1-23 at a monthly stipend of \$400. Approved unanimously. Motion to contract out lawn mowing and trimming at \$70 per cut. Approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting August 9, 2023 – 7pm – Living Lord Lutheran Church

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Gutzler

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

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2023	Jan - June 2023 Actuals	Jan - June 2023 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	215,750.83	214,027.00	1,723.83
Church General Fund Disbursements	226,339.04	211,741.37	(14,597.67)
Net Church General Fund	(10,588.21)	2,285.63	(12,873.84)
Church Restricted Receipts	7,535.18		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrp)	429.82		
Youth Group Fundraiser	1,979.16		
Forward in Faith Receipts	126,161.37		
Church Restricted Disbursements	12,223.37		
Forward in Faith Capital Disbursements	254,050.80		
Forward in Faith Fundraising Disb	644.48		
Net Church Financial Position	(141,401.33)		
AGC General Fund Receipts	156,294.22	141,235.00	15,059.22
AGC General Fund Disbursements	123,348.31	122,248.54	(1,099.77)
Net AGC General Fund	32,945.91	18,986.46	13,959.45
AGC Restricted Receipts	74,678.80		
AGC Fundraisers	(793.31)		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	17,278.69		
Net AGC Financial Position	89,552.71		
Total LLC General Fund Receipts	372,045.05	355,262.00	16,783.05
Total LLC General Fund Disbursements	349,687.35	333,989.91	(15,697.44)
Net LLC General Fund	22,357.70	21,272.09	1,085.61
Fundraising Balances	1,615.67		
Total LLC Restricted Receipts	208,375.35		
Total LLC Restricted Disbursements	284,197.34		
Net Total LLC Financial Position (includes restricted)	(51,848.62)		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2023 VS 2022	Jan - June 2023 Actuals	Jan - June 2022 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	215,750.83	215,651.42	99.41
Church General Fund Disbursements	226,339.04	201,566.22	(24,772.82)
Net Church General Fund	(10,588.21)	14,085.20	(24,673.41)
AGC General Fund Receipts	156,294.22	127,253.55	29,040.67
AGC General Fund Disbursements	123,348.31	104,430.83	(18,917.48)
Net AGC General Fund	32,945.91	22,822.72	10,123.19
Total LLC General Fund Receipts	372,045.05	342,904.97	29,140.08
Total LLC General Fund Disbursements	349,687.35	305,997.05	(43,690.30)
Net LLC General Fund	22,357.70	36,907.92	(14,550.22)

Church general fund receipts through June are \$100 more than last year and \$1700 more than budget. Expenses are \$14,000 more than budget. Our disbursements are \$10,000 more than receipts. AGC receipts are \$32,000 favorable to disbursements.

Lynn Fisher, bookkeeper

From Your Faith Community Nurses

When the weather starts heating up, so do a host of health hazards that can quickly turn a festive day at the beach into a disaster.

Dehydration Disasters

You've romped outdoors with the kids all day, and your water bottle ran dry long ago. Suddenly you feel dizzy and lightheaded, and your mouth tastes like cotton. You're dehydrated -- meaning you haven't taken in enough fluids to replace those you've been sweating out.

People can get dehydrated any time of year, but it's much more common in the summer months, when they are active outdoors in the warm sun. Heatstroke is the most severe form of dehydration. That's when your internal temperature rises to dangerously high levels. Your skin gets hot, but you stop sweating. Someone with heatstroke may pass out, have hallucinations, or suffer seizures.

Preventing dehydration and heatstroke couldn't be easier: Drink plenty of fluids, especially water, take regular breaks in the shade, and try to schedule your most vigorous outdoor activities for times when the heat isn't so strong, such as early morning or late afternoon.

For persons suffering more serious dehydration or heatstroke, get them indoors, have them lie down, and cool them off with ice packs and cool cloths. Someone who is seriously affected by the heat may need intravenous fluids in the ER.

Picnic Poisoning

Food poisoning puts about 300,000 people in the hospital every year, hitting its peak in the summer months. You don't want diarrhea to be the souvenir of your family's annual summer picnic.

Anything that has mayonnaise, dairy, or eggs in it and any meat products can develop some pretty nasty bacteria after only a couple of hours unrefrigerated. Every summer we'll have five or six people coming in from the same reunion or family picnic with food poisoning symptoms.

To prevent food poisoning, follow the U.S. Department of Agriculture's advice to:

- *Clean* -- Wash your hands as well as the surfaces where you'll be preparing foods.
- *Separate* -- Wrap raw meat securely and keep it stored away from other food items.
- *Cook* -- Bring along a meat thermometer. Grilling meat browns it very fast on the outside, but that doesn't mean it's safe on the inside. Steaks should be cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 145 degrees, ground beef and pork to 160 degrees, and poultry to 165 degrees.

Chill -- Keep everything refrigerated as long as possible. Store perishable picnic items in an insulated cooler packed with ice.

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Psalm 32:7

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

Church Council

President	Rebecca Powers	913-306-5415
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Tom Jefferys	Trina Pundrus & mother
Ben Drennan	Family of Fred Bond





Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

Are we still in drought? The U.S. Drought Monitor on 20 Jul showed Severe Drought (D2) for Manatee, Sarasota, and southern Hillsborough Counties. Rainfall in Parrish 1-25 Jul is only 1.12 inches, 17% of normal, driest for that period since we moved here in 2005. Rainfall 1-25 Jul at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport is only 1.04 inches, 17 % of normal. The June rainfall total at the airport was 2.38 inches, 34% of normal, lowest in Florida. Airport rainfall so far in 2023 is 11.08 inches, 44% of normal. June rainfall in Parrish was 5.80 inches, 70% of normal. Some possible reasons for the recent dry spell include strong high pressure, too much westerly flow, El Nino, and Saharan dust. Westerly flow favors heavier rain in eastern Florida. Saharan dust and high pressure dampen instability. El Nino years sometime favor drier summer months in Florida.

What is the Saharan Air Layer? According to NOAA, the Saharan Air Layer (SAL) is a mass of very dry, dusty air that forms over the Sahara Desert. It typically forms during late spring, summer, and early fall, moving over the tropical North Atlantic Ocean every 3 to 5 days. It carries upwards of 66 million tons of dust annually over the ocean and Americas. The SAL usually occupies an over 2-mile-thick layer with its base about 1 mile above the surface. The warmth, dryness, and strong winds suppress thunderstorm and tropical cyclone formation.

Was there a hurricane forecast revision? Meteorologists at Colorado State Univ have increased the odds for above-average activity in 2023. The change in thinking is due to record warm Atlantic water temperatures. The revised forecast on 6 Jul calls for 18 named storms, against the average of 14.4. The expected number of hurricanes is 9 compared to 6 earlier. Total of major hurricanes was upped from 2 to 4. There is now a 50% chance of a major hurricane hitting the U.S. against the normal odds of 43 %. In the central Atlantic, Don reached hurricane force only for one day on 22 Jul, but is the 5th longest-lasting system on record for the month, 10-24 Jul.

How warm was June? It was the fifth warmest June on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temperature of 82.9 degrees, 1.1 degrees above normal. June 2023 set a record as the warmest June for the globe in NOAA's 174-year record. The June global surface temp was 1.05C (1.89F) above the 20th -century average of 15.5C (59.9F). This marked the first time a June temp exceeded 1 degree C above the long-term average. Global ocean surface temps hit a record high for June. Canada is in a record-breaking wildfire season. Sea ice is at an all-time low.

How hot did it get in Phoenix? Phoenix AZ is heading toward its hottest month ever with a record 26 consecutive days of 110 degrees or higher as of 25 Jul. Average monthly temperature by 25 Jul has reached 102.9 degrees, 7.1 degrees above normal. The previous hottest month on record was 99.1 degrees. Nine daily high temp records were set with a peak of 119 degrees on 19, 20, and 25 Jul. An all-time record high low temperature of 97 degrees was set on 19 Jul.

How unusual is this heat? NOAA indicates this is the longest streak of 110-degree days ever seen at a major city like Phoenix. Such intense heat waves impacting TX, CA, AZ, NM, and NV are likely to happen about once every 15 years according to World Weather Attribution. The global average temperature has been hotter in 22 of the first 24 days of July than on any other single day recorded, according to calculations by the Univ of Maine's Climate Reanalyzer.

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