



Living Lord Lutheran Church

Make disciples, Serve selflessly, Live faithfully

The Voice



May 2024 Issue



Dear Friends in Christ:

I am amazed at the gifts that are within the people of Living Lord. There are people from all walks of life and the skills they have learned at work and in life are the skills that make a congregation alive and well. I am impressed with the energy that I feel from you as we worship and study and enjoy time together. Your gifts make us hum! I like to hear your ideas. Understand that we will not use them all but a simple conversation can start a reformation!

On Sunday May 19th we celebrate Pentecost. On that day God sent the Holy Spirit to give power to those who believed. If we believe, we too have that power. I see the power of the Holy Spirit in you as you encourage one another, help one another, believe in one another and love one another. I encourage you all to seek that power within yourselves. Know that God wants Living Lord to be a place of his LOVE. And to share that love with each other. May God's love grow in us and the power of the Holy Spirit be evident in all we do.

Read Isaiah 40:25-31 and always remember that God loves YOU.

In Christ's love: Pastor Ed



On Sunday, April 21st we were pleased to dedicate the statue of two children on a bench that is just outside of the Education building for All God's Children Preschool. The building was then opened to welcome anyone to tour. Refreshments were served.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Theo Bullington	Josh Myers Behler
Rob Babel	Chris Mork
Kristine Mylett	Shirley Smith
Susanna Scott	Will
Gordy Havey	Nan Fisher
Janet Castner	Calvin
Liz Howell	Gene Rahn
Wyly Pope	Lori Rapp
Sue Pinkerton	Jim Pinto
Linda Henkelmann	Tony Zubricky
Jacob Rodriguez	Joe Kitchie
Suzanne Dietzel	Rade Mallkovich
Nancy Woodworth	Sharlene Jones
June Hartlieb	Shirley Kitsmiller
Family of Janet Burkman	Linda Couch
Ron Silver	Jeanne Thum
Andrew Catanese	Ray Rankl
Family of Glenda Masch	Sophia Sahr
Laura Apeathy	Jim and Sandy Kudrin
Frankie Vasquez	Becky Berka
Nayda Rivera	Debbie Skelly
Elaine Truitt	Jeff Shaw
Ralph Hanson	Valerie Walden
Steve Pyeatt	Peggy Smith
Bob Ready	Dan
Brian Brockschmidt	Dawn Schaeffer
Family of Brian Schmidt	Family of Marlene Saum
Kathy Rodd	John Saum
Clifford Finholdt	Family of Marty Smith
Terrie Dale	Family of Dick Gross
Schrand Family	Leroy Hurst
Family of Helen Marr	Linda
June Jorgensen	Family of Marlene Saum
Nan	Roger Henkelmann
Kathy Murgatroyd	Family of Margitta Rizzo
Carol Driscoll	Marco
Meri Capithorne	Bradley
Alexa	Ben
Deb Miller	Tracy B.
Family of Don Gangnagel	Family of
	Charlie Croatman



Springtime always brings bright and sunny days to All God's Children Preschool. The teachers are teaching the students about life cycles, gardening, weather changes, and with Earth Day this month, recycling and being kind to all creatures big and small. We have a lot of colorful artwork on the bulletin boards and throughout the classrooms. The students have been doing a lot of hands-on projects like scavenger hunts, bird watching, litter collection, and even planting flower beds in the AGC garden. These activities teach our children so many important things such as math and counting, color recognition, imagination, fine motor skills, and most importantly, how to work as a team.

As spring moves on, our students grow more and more each day. We are very excited to have a new child friendly statue that sits beautifully in front of the school building. The students have a fun time visiting the statue and sitting on the bench and our parents absolutely love how the statue brings joy! It has become a place for pictures to be taken and memories to be captured. Pastor Ed had a beautiful statue dedication last Sunday and it was so wonderful to share in worship, sing, and have a blessing placed on the new statue. The congregation had the opportunity to walk through the education building and see all of the wonders that the building has inside and out. It truly was a pleasant way to spend a Sunday.



We are very close to the end of the school year and we plan to make the most of every moment we have with the students. There are many fun things ahead for the AGC family!



SUMMER DAY CAMP
 Children Completing
K - 5th Grade
 June 10 - 14
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Living Lord
 Lutheran Church

Cost:
 \$90 1st child
 \$75 2nd child

CREATED
 TO BE
 DAY CAMP
 2024

Bible Lessons Crafts Water Fun Games

For more information & to register go to www.myvbs.org/LLLC2024
 941-753-9365 | 11107 Palmbrush Trail, Lakewood Ranch | www.LivingLordFL.org

DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Our annual Day Camp will be held from **June 10th -14th** right here at Living Lord. We have already secured Luther Springs Counselors to run the programming, but we need a chairperson to coordinate the event and volunteers to help with meals, crafts, registration, nursing, and security. Please contact the office if you can help. Day Camp Registration begins in April.

OUR DAILY BREAD Thank you to everyone who contributed to our March outreach for Our Daily Bread. We donated over 80 bags overflowing with pantry items! They were so appreciative of our efforts. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless. Outreach Team.



A STITCH AND A PRAYER

Thanks to all who generously participated in our recent Spring Handicrafts raffle. \$760 was made and given toward a new church sign. Join us Friday mornings at 10:30 for fellowship and fun while working on quilting, knitting, and crocheting projects for our community. Instructions can be given. Monetary and material donations are always welcome. If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl or prayer lap quilt, contact Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 or Marsha Holloway at (352)843-0353.



Are you on the Parish Life Team?

Remember, we meet the first Sunday of each month at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary Hall. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday May 5th!

Living Lord Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes March 6, 2024 - 7pm

Attendees: Pastor Ed Holloway, President Rebecca Powers, Beverly Brockschmidt, Rae Dowling, Mike Gutzler, Patty Kunkel, Rhoda Olson, Stephney Rose
Absent: Mary Hunter, Rich Jones, Brooke Palmtag.

The meeting was called to order by President Powers at 7:10pm. (After the Lenten Service.)

Pastor Ed led us in prayer and devotions from "Traveling Light" by Max Lucado.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made to approve the February 2024 minutes by Patty and seconded by Beverly and they were approved unanimously.

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

Pastor's Report: Marlene Saum's memorial service will be April 20th at 10:30am, with Communion and be followed by a lunch at Peridia G & CClub.

Music and Worship: The Spring Jazz Concert was a great success.

Parish Life: The team will be providing dates for upcoming events to Maggie for inclusion in the Voice, Link, bulletin's and to be posted on the bulletin board. Also the Quilters group requested permission for a raffle fundraiser on April 14th. The Council agreed that this would be fine.

Property: The team has been meeting, reviewing and prioritizing the punch list of items to be addressed and is making plans to move forward with improvements.

Financial Report:

The February treasurer's report was not quite finished in time for this meeting, but will be filed electronically and will be available in the office for review in the next week. We will review it at our next Council meeting.

Our new bookkeeper is doing great and will continue to work with our former bookkeeper for a couple more months. A motion was made to continue to provide a stipend to our former bookkeeper of \$200/mo for an additional 3 months. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Call Process:

We have received interest from many people to serve on the Call Committee. Per the Church's by-laws a slate will be presented to the congregation on March 10th for a vote on who will be selected for the Call Committee and the very important work they have ahead of them.

The Slate of Call Committee members include:

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| - Sherry Ireland | - Pauline Priest |
| - Tom Marino | - Barb Sahr |
| - Ruth McConnell | - Carolyn Scott |
| - Steve Pierannunzi | - Jeff Taylor |

Council next meeting dates:

April 3, 2024 – 7pm – at Living Lord Lutheran.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lords Prayer at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Dowling

Living Lord Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2024

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2024	Jan -Mar 2024 Actuals	Jan - March 2024 Budget	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	92,957.19	122,495.62	(29,538.43)
Church General Fund Disbursements	82,412.85	88,414.43	6,001.58
Net Church General Fund	10,544.34	34,081.19	(23,536.85)
Church Restricted Receipts	6,732.93		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	201.04		
Youth Group Fundraiser	521.06		
Church Restricted Disbursements	1,177.18		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>16,822.19</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	98,334.62	94,255.50	4,079.12
AGC General Fund Disbursements	56,698.41	56,288.67	(409.74)
Net AGC General Fund	41,636.21	37,966.83	3,669.38
AGC Restricted Receipts	-		
AGC Fundraisers	14,600.23		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	5,549.16		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>50,687.28</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	191,291.81	216,751.12	(25,459.31)
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	139,111.26	144,703.10	5,591.84
Net LLLC General Fund	<u>52,180.55</u>	<u>72,048.02</u>	<u>(19,867.47)</u>
Fundraising Balances	15,322.33		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	6,732.93		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	6,726.34		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position(includes restricted)	<u>67,509.47</u>		
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2024 VS 2023	Jan -Mar 2024 Actuals	Jan - Mar 2023 Actuals	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Church General Fund Receipts	92,957.19	108,451.63	(15,494.44)
Church General Fund Disbursements	82,412.85	108,681.68	26,268.83
Net Church General Fund	10,544.34	(230.05)	10,774.39
AGC General Fund Receipts	98,334.62	103,181.50	(4,846.88)
AGC General Fund Disbursements	56,698.41	60,621.54	3,923.13
Net AGC General Fund	41,636.21	42,559.96	(923.75)
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	191,291.81	211,633.13	(20,341.32)
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	139,111.26	169,303.22	30,191.96
Net LLLC General Fund	<u>52,180.55</u>	<u>42,329.91</u>	<u>9,850.64</u>

Church general fund receipts through March are \$15,000 less than last year. Receipts, however, are \$10,000 more than disbursements. AGC is \$41,000 favorable to disbursements through March.

Lynn Fisher

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

May is the American Heart Association's "American Stroke Month".

Cerebrovascular accident (C.V.A.), commonly known as stroke, ictus, cerebral infarction, or brain ischemia, is a condition caused by a sudden loss of oxygen in the brain. It is the third cause of death and the first cause of disability worldwide. Every year, 15 million people suffer from a stroke, and 6 million do not survive. That is why it is so important to recognize its signs and promptly ask for medical assistance.

Accounting for 87% of all cases, ischemic strokes occur when a blood vessel in the brain is blocked by something inside the blood vessel itself.

While the causes of ischemic stroke are blockages, there are two types of blockages, and as a result, two kinds of ischemic stroke. If the blockage results from the gradual build-up of fatty plaque deposits, it's known as a thrombotic stroke. If the blockage is caused by a small blood clot or plaque fragment that formed elsewhere in the body and was then carried by the bloodstream to the brain until it lodged in a tiny vessel, it's known as an embolic stroke. Talk to your doctor about the treatment most appropriate for you.

Since ischemic strokes are caused by blockages in blood vessels, you may have already guessed that the risks for having a clot-related (ischemic) stroke are similar to a heart attack.

Having a clot-related stroke means you're at a higher risk of having another one. The good news is that there are steps you can take to manage your risks, including a doctor-directed aspirin regimen. Be sure to talk to your doctor as aspirin is not always appropriate for everyone.

F.A.S.T. is a useful mnemonic phrase typically used to identify a stroke quickly. It gathers three main symptoms. F (face) - the person has to grin, and you have to try notice if one side of their face begins to hang. A (arms) - ask them to lift both of their arms, is one of them drifting downward? S (speech) - ask the person to say a simple sentence. Is their talk unclear or strange? And T (time)- instantly call 9-1-1 if you note any of these signs. Time can be either a friend or foe.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION

The second Thursday of every month the LLL lunch bunch meet at 11:30 am. The next luncheon will be on Thursday May 9, 2024 at Skillets on State Road 64. This luncheon is open to all who wish to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Diana Cubberly 941-773-3517.

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

The Call committee has had their first meeting and they will continue the process for calling a new Pastor for Living Lord.

The following church members will be our

Call Committee:

Jeff Taylor
 Sherry Ireland
 Tom Marino
 Ruth McConnell
 Steve Pierannunzi
 Pauline Priest
 Barb Sahr
 Carolyn Scott

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE MARCH 2024

	Online People Reached	In-Person Attendance	Total
3-Mar	no data	134	134
10-Mar	494	178	672
17-Mar	258	189	447
24-Mar	275	199	474
31-Mar			
Easter	623	396	1019



Ask The Weatherman

By: Bill Mork

What does the 2024 hurricane season look like? On 7 Apr, Colo State Univ meteorologists released their official forecast for the season, 1 Jun-30 Nov. The forecast calls for an “extremely active” season. Indications as early as February have had forecasters on edge, predicting it will be an active season because of the combination of La Nina and record warm water temperatures in the Atlantic basin. CSU’s 2024 Atlantic hurricane season forecast calls for 23 named storms, 11 hurricanes, and 5 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, or 5). The average is 14.4 named storms, 7.2 hurricanes, and 3.2 major hurricanes. The probability of at least one major hurricane to make landfall in the U.S. is higher than average. La Nina means less wind shear to tear apart storms.

How warm was March? It was the 4th warmest Mar on record at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport with an average temp of 71.9 degrees, 3.8 degrees above normal. This was almost as warm as a normal April. Globally, it was the warmest Mar on record in NOAA’s 175-year record. The Mar global surface temp was 1.35C (2.43F) above the 20th century average of 12.7C (54.9F). It was the 10th consecutive month of record-high global temps. In Germany, Mar 2024 was the warmest Mar on record and the second month in a row to set a new monthly record.

Are we getting dry? The latest U.S. Drought Monitor from 23 Apr has expanded the Abnormally Dry (D0) area in Florida from Manatee, Sarasota, and Lee counties eastward to the Atlantic coast to include Lake Okeechobee. The areas of U.S. drought include much of AZ, NM, KS, IA, MT, and MN. Areas of Extreme Drought (D3) are in northeast IA, southern NM, and northwest of San Antonio TX. Mar and Apr have dried out locally with 2.10 inches at our local airport for 40% of normal. Parrish rainfall for Mar and Apr is 2.99 inches for 50% of normal.

Was Kenya wet? Days of heavy rain have pummeled parts of Kenya, leaving 32 dead and more than 40,000 people displaced as of 25 Apr. Flooding had killed nearly 1,000 farm animals and destroyed thousands of acres of crops. The rains began in Mar and intensified in Apr.

Were there record rains in the Middle East? The United Arab Emirates (UAE) saw its heaviest rainfall on record on 16 Apr which caused severe flooding and disrupted operations at one of the busiest airports. Dubai had 5.59 inches of rain on 16 Apr, higher than the 3.73 inches the desert city receives in a year. One area in the UAE received as much as 10 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. One person died in the UAE. Oman received more than 7 inches of rain 15-16 Apr. The 19 deaths in Oman included 12 school children whose bus was swept away by flood waters.

How good was the California snowpack? It was unusual that the snowpack was near normal at 110% of average on 1 Apr. The snowpack hasn’t been this close to average since 2010 when it hit 104% on 1 Apr. The 5% of average on 1 Apr 2015 was the lowest example. By the end of this Apr, seasonal snowfall at the Central Sierra Snow Lab was 357 inches, right at the median.

How bad was the tornado outbreak? The tornado outbreak of 25-28 Apr brought at least 36 tornadoes to NE, IA, KS, OK, MO, and TX. As of 28 Apr, there were at least 6 deaths and 155 injuries. The most visual was the wedge tornado the afternoon of 26 Apr which destroyed many homes in Elkhorn NE, destroyed a number of buildings at Eppley Field in Omaha, and destroyed many homes in Harlan IA. Most of the deaths were at Sulphur OK early on 28 Apr. There were 255 tornado warnings and 551 severe weather warnings during this tornado outbreak.

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