



# ***LOVE LETTER***

*Living Lord Lutheran Church*  
***March 5, 2023***  
***2725 58th Avenue***  
***Vero Beach, FL 32966***



*Living Lord Lutheran Church is a family of believers, renewed through the Holy Spirit, to be the real presence of Christ in this place.*

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Bender & Lila Prigge  
**Assistant Minister:** Rick Hill  
**Reader:** Jane Young  
**Bulletins:** Joan & Don Kenney - Thanks be to God for every day He gives to us.  
**Flowers:** Tookie Smith - In celebration of God's grace for safely bringing my daughter Monica & granddogg Jett to live with me.  
**Eternal Candle:** Barbara J. Wolfe in memory of parents, Milton & Kathryn Campbell  
**Hospitality:** Kathy & Bob Bender  
**Ushers:** Jane Young & Dave Wallace

**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Bender & Lila Prigge  
**Assistant Minister:** Rick Hill  
**Reader:** Lila Prigge  
**Bulletins:** Available  
**Flowers:** Available  
**Eternal Candle:** Barbara J. Wolfe in memory of parents, Milton & Kathryn Campbell  
**Hospitality:** Lila Prigge  
**Ushers:** Jane Young & Dave Wallace

**PLEASE REFER TO OUR DIRECTORY FOR ALL CONTACT INFORMATION CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS.**

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:  
LOVE LETTER CHANGES:**

Please send any announcements or changes for the Love Letter to **Maresi McGuire** by **early Wednesday morning**.

**CHURCH EMAIL** Our church email is:  
[Livinglordnews@yahoo.com](mailto:Livinglordnews@yahoo.com).

We do send out the Love Letter every week, and the calendar once a month. If you are not receiving them, we either don't have your email address, or we don't have the right one. Contact Wendy Stankus to update your information or drop a note in the offering plate.

**Attendance Last Sunday: 54**

**WANT TO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS, BULLETINS, OR THE ETERNAL CANDLE?**

The sign-up sheets and payment envelopes are on the information table in the narthex/lobby. Please sign up before/after service on Sunday, and if not, continue to contact Joan Kenney.

**FUTURE AVAILABLE DATES:  
MARCH:**

*Flowers:* Two - 3/12, 3/19  
*Bulletins:* 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

**APRIL:**

*Flowers:* Two - 4/16, One - 4/23, 4/30  
*Bulletins:* 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30

**MAY:**

*Flowers:* Two - 5/14  
*Bulletins:* 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

**JUNE:**

*Flowers:* Two - 6/4, One - 6/18  
*Bulletins:* 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25

**SHEETS JANUARY-JUNE 2023 ARE ON THE INFORMATION TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**

**ALL PRAYER LIST REQUESTS** are to be sent to Dot LoMastro. Best method is to fill in the information on the **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** that are located on the "INFORMATION TABLE" in the Narthex/Lobby as well as in each Hymnal Rack in every pew in the church. Drop your request card in Dot's church mailbox and she will arrange to get it onto our Prayer List.



**Vision 2025 "PRETZEL" JAR**

Is change (or dollars) heavy in your pocket/purse? Lose the weight and put it in the "Pretzel" Jar! (Usually on a high-top table in the Narthex.) Deposited for January: \$34.95.

## SIGN UP FOR A DAILY BIBLE READING FROM THE ELCA

Interested in starting a daily bible reading/devotion? Your (wider) church, the ELCA can do that for you. Simply do the following:

- go to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)
- in the search window at the upper right of the page, type in “daily bible reading” and hit RETURN on your keyboard
- on the page, simply click on the blue tab that says “Subscribe to Daily Bible Reading”
- fill in your name, email address, and select Daily Bible Reading, and YOU’RE DONE!

You’ll get a different bible reading every day from the ELCA. How cool is that!?

### Check out our Website

[www.livinglordlutheran.com](http://www.livinglordlutheran.com)



Our updated website is getting great reviews thus far. Check it out. You can see the following:

- Monthly calendar
- Pastor Greg’s Sunday sermons (manuscript)
- Pastor Greg’s weekly “posts” – “From the Pulpit”, where he reflects on the weekly texts, and things in general in the church
- News and information from the ELCA and around the wider church
- The weekly Sunday bulletin – if you can’t make it to church, check out the weekly Sunday bulletin. It’s almost like being there.
- Weekly Love Letter and Monthly Calendar.
- And much, much more.

Like our Facebook/Instagram page!

1. Go to our webpage: [www.livinglordlutheran.com](http://www.livinglordlutheran.com)
2. Find the Facebook/Instagram symbol on the bottom of the page and click on it.
3. Page will open and you click the like button.
4. You liked our page and you now can access the postings on our Facebook/Instagram page.



It is simple and it is easy.



### LLC Expands its Social Media Presence

As many of you probably know, we’ve been working heavily on our digital presence. We’ve invested in a new website and an increased presence on social media platforms. We believe that increasing our presence on social media will increase our brand within the community and help us spread His word. For those of you that have Facebook and/or Instagram, please take a moment to like and follow us.



You can find us on **Facebook** a  
at <https://www.facebook.com/livinglordvero>



You can also find our **YouTube channel**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf0kZoaB\\_7fQM7uesjhb8iA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf0kZoaB_7fQM7uesjhb8iA)  
and on **Instagram**



<https://www.instagram.com/livinglordvero>

In the future, we’ll be branding this channel further and we’ll distribute an updated link at that time. We’ll see you Sunday morning.

### Coffee in the Narthex

Enjoying having a cup of “Joe” in the narthex prior to worship? Having a chance to visit before we begin worship with a hot brew in your hand?



Prayerfully consider donating some Keurig cups to our coffee supply. Pick your favorite brew, high test or decaffeinated, and bring a box (or two, or three) into the church the next time you’re around. Others will appreciate it, and we can share the expense of offering this free service to others. Thanks

### Watching Our Utility Bills



Just a reminder, and a follow up to Zack Fulmer’s frequent Sunday announcements about cooling in the church. Please watch your thermostat use – if you’re using a space in the building, please remember to reset the

thermostats to 78 degrees when you leave. Also, it costs valuable money when we leave doors open. Please remember to close all doors behind you when you leave a room. We don’t need to cool the sacristy, the classrooms, and other spaces when they’re not in use. Make sure you close doors behind you to keep our costs down. Doing so can save us hundreds, maybe thousands or more per year. Thanks!



### HIBISCUS HOUSE EASTER GIFT DONATIONS

As of last week, you have given generously to our Hibiscus House Easter Gift Project. Through the generosity of many of you, we have collected \$225.00 so far that will allow us to buy twenty-two of the forty

\$10.00 gift cards we need for each teen resident of Hibiscus House. If you haven’t donated to this project yet, please consider doing so. If you prefer, the next time you are shopping in Walmart, Target, Dollar Tree, McDonalds, you can buy a \$10.00 gift yourself and drop it in the white basket on the high-top table in the Narthex/Lobby. Hopefully we will be able to meet the commitment of 40 gift cards. Thank you in advance for helping us with this project.



### SARAH CIRCLE MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M. WOLFE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Ladies come to our March meeting to review and finalize the upcoming events we have planned for March, April, May and June



### CELEBRATE – BURN THE MORTGAGE

Join us on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM in the Wolf Hall!

Serving a Buffet from Italian Grill: Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna, Shrimp Scampi, Salad, Bread, and Cake for dessert.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Make checks out to Dave Wallace.



Table set-up will be on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM.

Volunteers are also needed for set-up on Saturday at 4:30PM and for cleanup afterward.

### St. Patrick's Day & "Get to Know our New Members" Pot Luck Fellowship Sunday, March 19, 2023:

Mark your calendars for this very special event. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and we will be welcoming and getting to know our new members with a special Pot Luck luncheon after the service. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex/Lobby. Please let us know if you will be bringing an entree or dessert. Join us for a great time!

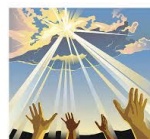
### Living Lord Makes Synod Headlines

Living Lord recently was the subject of an article in the Florida/Bahamas Synod weekly eblast newsletter, entitled, "E-Spirit". Click or copy and paste the link below:

[www.fbsynod.com](http://www.fbsynod.com)

BTW, this weekly mailing is free to all who wish to subscribe. Simply click on the link below to subscribe. It's timely, it's informative, and it's full of good stuff about your church. And, it's FREE!

<https://fbsynod.com/e-spirit-archive/>



### Worship Notes

### Midweek Lenten Worship – Soup Supper - Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

We'll offer again our popular "soup supper" each Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 5:30, followed by a short 30 minute midweek worship service. Our theme for the series will be "Making Change". Making change is a constant in our lives. Some mark gradual transitions, as when daytime shifts toward twilight, or winter turns to spring. Others happen in the blink of an eye, separating time into "before" and "after". We choose to undergo some changes after carefully considering our options, while others are forced on us. Change is hard. We'll explore through worship, how we receive and deal with change, what the Scriptures might have to say about it all. Sign up in the lobby/narthex of the church.

### Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm  
Good Friday Worship, Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm  
Easter Sunday worship, Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am

**February is Black History Month.** Each Sunday in February, we'll feature one hymn from the African American church using hymns from our own Lutheran hymnals – most of which you will already know. We're sure you'll enjoy the selections.

Photo of the Week: Living Lord Lutheran Church, Vero Beach



Living Lord Lutheran Church member and Fundraising Chair Bob Bender (left) and Pastor Greg Shreaves received the final donation in late January 2023 to pay off the church's mortgage at just under \$280,000. The church started this campaign in the late spring of 2022 with a goal of receiving enough donations to pay off the mortgage by late 2024. This check represents the final amount to completely pay off its mortgage. "We can now free up this monthly obligation on our building and grounds to do some really amazing work in our community and beyond," Pastor Greg Shreaves said. "Bob Bender took on this project and single-handedly completed this amazing work in under a year," he added. "We're grateful for the support and enthusiasm that our people have exhibited in this effort," Pastor Greg said.