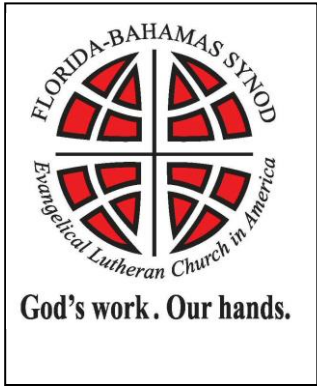


LOVE LETTER

Living Lord Lutheran Church
November 19, 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: Barbara Wolfe

Assistant Minister: Larry Dougherty

Reader: Joan Kenney

Bulletins: Ruthann & Larry Dougherty – With thanks to God for Living Lord Church and congregation.

Flowers: Lila Prigge – In honor of the November 18th birthday of Glenn Prigge and Wanda Highley.

Eternal Candle: Dot & Joe LoMastro – With very grateful hearts for all our many blessings.

Hospitality: Lila & Glenn Prigge

Ushers: Jane Young & Dave Wallace

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

Altar Guild: Barbara Wolfe

Assistant Minister: Rosalie Fanlo

Reader: Lila Prigge

Bulletins: Ruthann & Larry Dougherty – With thanks to God for Living Lord Church and congregation.

Flowers: Ruthann & Larry Dougherty – In memory of our parents.

Eternal Candle: Dot & Joe LoMastro – With very grateful hearts for all our many blessings.

Hospitality: Available

Ushers: Jane Young & Dave Wallace

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

FOR LOVE LETTER CHANGES:

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

CHURCH EMAIL Our church email is:

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.

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.

Attendance Last Sunday: 43

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, contact Joan Kenney.

FUTURE AVAILABLE 2023 & 2024 DATES:

DECEMBER:

Flowers: Two - 12/3, 12/17, 12/31; One - 12/10

Bulletins: 12/31

JANUARY:

Flowers: Two - 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

Bulletins: 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

FEBRUARY:

Flowers: Two - 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25

Bulletins: 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25

Eternal Candle: Month of February

MARCH:

Flowers: Two - 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31

Bulletins: 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31

Eternal Candle: Month of March

2024 (JANUARY THRU JUNE) SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE INFORMATION TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Come join Eric and Adria as we journey through the Book of Revelation. Please note that this week we will be meeting at 9:30am on Sunday (and Sundays thereafter) to read this week's chapter and to engage in its discussion. The Book of Revelation is the only book that comes with a blessing for those who read and also hear the book. (Rev 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy and keep the things which are written in it; for the time is near.) Come join us and be blessed!



FLORIDA/BAHAMAS SYNOD OF THE ELCA

– the Florida/Bahamas Synod of the ELCA has a weekly newsletter that is free of charge, and very informative as to what's happening in and around our Synod. Copy and paste the link below, and then just click on the "Click Here to Subscribe to E-Spirit" at the top of the page. You can subscribe from there as well as check out their archives of earlier newsletters. Copy and paste the link below in the search bar to go to the site

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

HIBISCUS HOUSE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Our request for donations for gift cards or cash to give to the 40 teen residents of the Vero Beach Hibiscus House has received your usual great response. As of today, (11/19/2023), we have received cash and gift cards for 33 of the 40 we need. Our last Sunday to complete this endeavor is DECEMBER 3, 2023. So if you haven't donated to this very meaningful cause, PLEASE consider a donation to allow Living Lord church to present a Christmas gift card to each of the 40 teens who reside there. Again, thank you to all who enable our church to help make Christmas a little merrier for these teens.



2023 LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON **OCEAN GRILL, VERO BEACH** **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023** **12:00 NOON**

Welcome all ladies, we will gather again this year at the Ocean Grill in Vero Beach to celebrate the wonderful Christmas season. You may choose your lunch item from their menu and individual checks will be issued. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Table in the Narthex...so stop by and sign up so an accurate number of reservations can be made at the restaurant. Come enjoy one another's company and the fun we always have each year!



RED POINSETTIAS AT CHRISTMAS

Red Poinsettias in the nave at Christmas give added beauty to our decorations. And, once again, you have the opportunity to purchase a Poinsettia(s). The cost is \$10.00 per plant. A sign-up sheet and envelopes for payment are on the table in the narthex. On the sign-up sheet you may wish to dedicate your Poinsettia(s) in memory of someone, to honor someone, or to the glory of God, etc. The deadline is December 17th. Thank you.



INGATHERING OF THANKOFFERING BOXES WILL **BE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

We have so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. We put coins or paper money in our boxes for many things, it could be for a beautiful day, return to good health, blessings of family and friends. These Thankofferings are used to support the ongoing ministries of the Women of the ELCA, as well as grants and scholarships for women.

There is a basket near the Information table in the Narthex (lobby) where you can drop off your box anytime between now and November 19, 2023.

During worship on Sunday, November 19th, our boxes will be brought forward to the altar for dedication. The monies collected will be sent to the women of the ELCA

Thank you everyone.



DECORATING OUR CHURCH DECEMBER 3, 2023 FOR **THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

That wonderful time of year is again approaching when we gather together to decorate our church to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please, if you are able, plan to remain after Sunday Service on December 3rd and help decorate our church. REMEMBER, MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. When the decorating is completed, we will gather in the Wolfe Fellowship Hall for some light refreshments and enjoy each other's company. Thank you in advance for your dedication to this task every year.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS RESALE, DECEMBER 9

Are you looking at your Christmas decorations and thinking that you need to scale down or maybe buy some new stuff? Sarah Circle will be holding a Christmas Resale of items you want to donate this year. It will be held during the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9, and the money will go to Sarah Circle which benefits the many activities that take place at Living Lord during the year.

If you have items to donate for the Christmas Resale, you may bring them **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD** to the Fellowship Hall labeled **RESALE** and they will be gratefully resold. Thanking you in advance, Marian Crane and Clare Kaelin



COOKIE WALK — SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

It's time again for our famous Cookie Walk. As always we need lots and lots of help!! We need bakers, we need people to help turn the Wolfe Fellowship Hall into a "somewhat self-serve bakery" and **STRONG** manpower to help move tables, chairs, and whatever else is needed to accomplish this transformation.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Information table in the Narthex looking for bakers and helpful hands on Friday, December 8, 2023 and Saturday, December 9, 2023.

Through a Thrivent Grant (Thank you Barbara Wolfe) our bakers will be given a supply of flour, sugar and butter on Sunday, November 26th. Whether you bake 2 dozen or 5 dozen cookies, help with the many chores, setting up or returning things back to normal, or even make a cash donation, **ALL WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED. Cookies may be brought to the fellowship hall on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th FROM 10AM to 2PM or on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th BEFORE 9AM.**

The money earned from our Cookie Walks goes to our church's General Fund. Last year we earned \$2,205.00, let's try to do even better the year.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join your friends at Living Lord (and invite someone else, too!) as we commence our weekly text study of our Sunday readings. We gather in the sanctuary at 10:00 am for an hour, as we try to unpack the sometimes-challenging gospel and other texts for the upcoming Sunday. See how Pastor Greg struggles with these texts as we try to make them relevant to our everyday lives. Bring your own bibles

— we love the many different translations you bring!



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
- 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!?

LIKE OUR FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM PAGE?

1. Go to our webpage: www.livinglordlutheran.com
2. Find the Facebook/Instagram symbol on the bottom of the home 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.



CHECK OUR OUR WEBSITE: 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.



God does not promise a comfortable journey, only a soft landing.

Submitted by Edna Wieler