



# LOVE LETTER

Living Lord Lutheran Church  
January 1, 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:**

**Reader:** Rosalie Fanlo

**Bulletins:** Available

**Flowers:** Lorre Dratch-in memory of my husband, John and my son, Brian

**Eternal Candle:** Jane Young – in memory of Jack A. Young

**Hospitality:** Maresi McGuire & Gene Burke

## THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Bender & Lila Prigge

**Assistant Minister:** Rosalie Fanlo

**Reader:** Lila Prigge

**Bulletins:** Available

**Flowers:** Maureen McNeil - In loving memory of her sisters Veronica and Dolores//Traci LaDouceur - in honor of her parents Lila & Glenn Prigge

**Eternal Candle:** Jane Young – in memory of Jack A. Young

**Hospitality:** Fellowship-Decorations Removal

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

## LOVE LETTER CHANGES:

Please send any announcements or changes for the Love Letter to Wendy Stankus 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:**

**Christmas Eve: 78**

**Christmas Day: 34**



**Birthdav Sunday:** Phyllis McCoy, Suzie Davis, Maggie McClanahan, Phyllis King, Adria Ryan, George Zelig, Lynne Jannotti, Larry Jannotti & Louise Martin

## Birthdav Song Tune: "We Gather Together"

We celebrate with you the life that God gave you.

We thank you for letting us share in your joy.

God bless you and keep you, and shine his light upon you.

With love we sing together Happy Birthday to you.

By Gretchen Marz

## 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:**

### **JANUARY:**

*Flowers:* - Two 1/15, 1/29

*Bulletins:* 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29

### **FEBRUARY:**

*Flowers:* Two - 2/5, One - 2/26

*Bulletins:* 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

### **MARCH:**

*Flowers:* Two – 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

*Bulletins:* 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

*Eternal Candle:* Month of March

### **APRIL:**

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

*Bulletins:* 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30

## **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!  
(On the high-top table in the Narthex.)

### **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!



### **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.**



### **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!



### **You’re invited! To the most prestigious and fun church group anywhere.**

Got your attention? Beginning Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 1pm, you’re invited to join a group that meets monthly (2nd Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm at the church) to solve problems, to find new and exciting ways of doing things in and around, to have some fun and meet new people.

While a small group has been doing this for quite a while now, the group felt it would be fun to invite anyone who wants to attend these one hour meetings to please do so. We take an operational look at everything, from worship to property to ushering to new members...you name it. The goal of the group is to make us the best church community that we can be. Pastor Greg typically sets the agenda, and we work from that each month. Call it problem solving. Call it loving your church. Call it doing God’s will. It’s fun, and we all get a lot of enjoyment out of making things better for our church. No one has an agenda - we just work to solve problems and address issues, while having some fun doing it.

So join us on January 10, 2023 at 1pm and see what you think. We’re trying to come up with a name for the group - maybe something funny and biblical. If you have something in mind, let us know.

Hope to see you January 10, 2023 at 1pm for our next meeting.  
Pastor Greg

### 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** 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** at <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.

### Christmas Tree of Cans:

It's that time of year when we enjoy looking at and decorating Christmas trees. Our tree in the church sanctuary will be decorated with many lights and handmade "Chrismon" ornaments. When I was teaching chemistry, I had students make molecules out of colored foam balls and toothpicks for the school Christmas tree. Christmas trees are beautiful and meaningful. The Church's Social Ministry team is going to make a "Christmas Tree of Cans". We have received a Thrivent grant for \$250 which will be used to purchase cans of food – veggies, fruit, soup, tuna fish, etc. We ask the congregation to help us by bringing cans of food to the church to supplement what we purchase. When we have enough, we will construct the tree. After Christmas, it all goes to the Food Pantry of Indian River County to feed the indigent people living in Vero Beach.

Clare Kaelin



### Here we are! All decked out for Christmas!

For those of you that may not get the opportunity to see how the lighted cross looks at night, here is a birds eye view. A big THANK YOU to all who helped to make this happen!

### **OUR ANNUAL Christmas POT-LUCK dinner**

Our Annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner was once more a success this year! Over twenty people enjoyed ham, turkey and all of the side dishes as well as delicious, decadent desserts! (No duplicates! All very different dishes!) A big THANK YOU to all that planned this event and set up and cleaned up after this wonderful Christmas celebration. There are many that enjoyed this so much and are looking forward to next year's pot-luck dinner!



### SARAH CIRCLE MEETING TUESDAY, 1/10/2023, 2:00 P.M.

Ladies it's time to gather again for discussion and planning of events and fund raising for the upcoming year. Please join this wonderful group of planners on Tuesday, 1/10/2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Wolfe Fellowship Hall. Let's put our heads together and start early for a year full of great things. Hope to see you then.



**TIME TO TAKE THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS  
DOWN**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN!!**

The Christmas decorations have to come down and be packed away for another year. It seems like we just gathered together to decorate our church, but now we need your help again taking them down.

Please consider staying after church Service on Sunday, 1/8/2023 to help with this chore. When we are finished, we will gather together in the Wolfe Fellowship Hall for some light refreshments and socializing.

Remember, many hands make light work. Thank you in advance.

