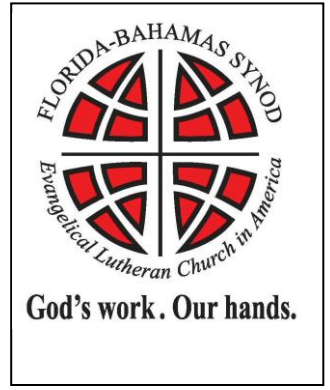




# LOVE LETTER

Living Lord Lutheran Church  
November 12, 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:** Clare Kaelin

**Bulletins:** Marion Crane – In honor of all who served and are serving now.

**Flowers:** Miriam Hinlicky – In honor & in celebration of my 98<sup>th</sup> birthday; God has blessed me so richly.//Nancy Anderson - In honor of her son Ryan's & daughter-in-law Kristen's birthdays.

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

**Hospitality:** Ruthann & Larry Dougherty

**Ushers:** Jane Young & Dave Wallace

## THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

**Altar Guild:** Barbara Wolfe

**Assistant Minister:** Larry Dougherty

**Reader:** Jane Young

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

**Flowers:** Lila Prigge – In honor of the November 18<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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 **Joan Kenney** 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.

**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.

## 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 - 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

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

*Eternal Candle:* Month of January

#### **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!

## TREASURE COAST CHORALE CONCERT TODAY, 11/12/23!

The Treasure Coast Chorale is holding their fall concert today at 4PM at the First Baptist Church, Vero Beach. Doors will open At 3PM.

**Attendance Last Sunday: 47**

### **HIBISCUS HOUSE CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

As we have generously done in past years, we are requesting \$10.00 gift cards for the 40 residents at the Vero Beach Hibiscus House. The 40 teens who live at the Hibiscus House will be happy to use the cards to stores like, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Walmart, Target as well as fast food restaurants like McDonalds, Popeyes, Burger King, Chick-Fil-A. If you prefer, a cash donation will be gladly accepted and one of our Sarah Circle committee members will buy the cards for you from your donation.

There is a basket in the Narthex for your donation. Thank you in advance for helping to make Christmas a little merrier for these residents this Christmas.



### **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 will be able to 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!



### **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/>.



### **WELCOME ALL LADIES: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14,** **2023 - 2:00 p.m.**

It's that time of year again when we gather to discuss and make our plans for the numerous projects Sarah Circle will undertake during the year. Please plan on joining us for this meeting on Tuesday, 11/14/23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Wolfe Fellowship Hall.



### **YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR NEXT QUICK WITS MEETING!**

Please join us on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 1pm for our next meeting. We will be putting our heads together to discuss ideas to improve our overall church experience. The more the merrier!!



### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

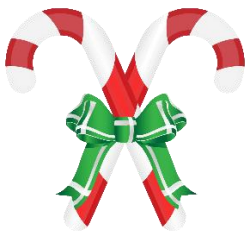


**COOKIE WALK — SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023**

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. 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.

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.



**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 to the Fellowship Hall labeled RESALE and they will be gratefully resold. Thanking you in advance, Marian Crane and Clare Kaelin



**THANKSGIVING -CHRISTMAS CANNED FOOD DRIVE:**

Thank you to all who contributed so generously to our Thanksgiving/Christmas food drive. As a result of your generous contributions our church delivered 307 pounds of canned and boxed food to the Indian River Food Bank. Our contribution will help others in our community to enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

**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](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!?

### **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 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](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.

**When you help someone up a hill, you're that much nearer the top yourself.**

**Submitted by Edna Wieler**