



LOVE LETTER

Living Lord Lutheran Church
December 3, 2023

2725 58th Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32966



God's work. Our hands.

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: Marion Crane & Lila Prigge

Assistant Minister: Clare Kaelin

Reader: Rosalie Fanlo

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

Flowers: Glory to God

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

Hospitality: Karen & Stu Waite

Ushers: Jane Young & Dave Wallace

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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 Wendy Stankus 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: 45



Birthdays Sunday: Dick Bruns, Darcy Partin, Claudia Randell, Pastor Greg Shreaves & Judy Isa

Birthdays 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?

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 - 1/28

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

FEBRUARY:

Flowers: Two - 2/11, 2/25

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

Eternal Candle: Month of February

MARCH:

Flowers: Two - 3/10, 3/17, 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.

**People who like others are people others like.
Submitted by Edna Wieler**

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/>.



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.



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

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.



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.



CHRISTMAS DAY POTLUCK LUNCH @ 12 NOON

Please come to our Christmas Day Potluck Lunch in the Wolfe Fellowship Hall at 12 Noon. Come by yourself or bring a friend(s). The more the merrier. Turkey **OR** ham will be supplied by the church and there is a sign-up sheet on the information table in the Narthex where you may indicate what you will bring. Lemonade, coffee, and water will be available and please feel free to bring your own beverage.

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!?

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.



Eve Van Buren, Noted Area Harpist, Joins Us This Sunday (Sunday, December 3rd) for

Worship – Join us this Sunday, December 3rd (Advent 1) as we welcome noted area harpist, Eve Van Buren again. She has been with us a number of times over the past few years. She’ll provide musical offerings before and during worship. A free will offering will help offset the cost to the church. Check out her website at www.eveinez.com.



Christmas Eve Worship – Sunday, December 24th –
Candlelight worship service at 5:30 pm
Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

New Year’s Eve Worship – Sunday, December 31st
10:00 am service of lessons and carols



ELCA Good Gifts – THE Gift for Christmas!

Go ahead, admit.

There's not a THING that you need for Christmas. So why not pay it forward this year, and give a gift to someone else in the world who could truly use something...useful!

That's right. At the ELCA's "Good Gifts", you can give someone in need a month of free internet service. Or a hygiene kit (\$25), or some baby chicks (\$10), or an environmentally friendly cook stove (\$105), a computer for a community center (\$800), or a cow even (\$500.). There are millions of people out there who need the basics of life, stuff that we take for granted.

Check it out at the ELCA's website below, and give a gift that will truly be used, and may be life saving for the receiver. Go ahead. You don't need that tie this year, or that sweater. Give a gift that will change a life. It's easy. Check it out at the site below:

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/christmas>.