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**Our Identity:**

**LOVED + SENT**

Living Christ is a community of believers who leans on two words: Loved and Sent. We believe that we are loved by God in Jesus more than we deserve, and we are sent by Him into the world to serve and love with more purpose than we could ever imagine.

**Summer  
Supper  
Saturday,  
August 4th**

Check the sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board by the elevator. We still have plenty of opportunities to serve. We could still use some food items. Again sign-up on the list posted by the elevator.



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*What's Inside  
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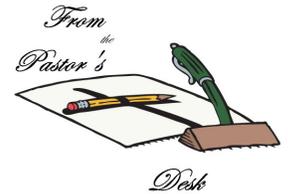
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# The Living Letters

August 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I don't know about you, but I love the summer! The days are long. The sun is warm. There are barbecues to go to and festivals to attend. It's also the time of year when some of us escape on vacation. Whether it's a road-trip to visit family or just a day-trip to the beach, summer is the time to kick back, relax, and take it easy.



And while we all need time to slow down, relax, and recharge, we have a God who never takes a vacation from caring for His people. God is always there watching over us, protecting us, and comforting us with the love of Jesus.

And, God doesn't want us to take a vacation from Him either! He wants us to stay connected to Him throughout the year. While our patterns might change in the summer months, and while the pace of life slows down, we need to keep setting aside time for the Lord.

Here are just a few ways you can continue to keep your eyes focused on Christ no matter the season

**Keep on coming to worship!** Sometimes a week or two away causes our habits and patterns to change. After time away, make sure to come on back to hear God's Word, receive His gifts, and praise Him for all He's done. Even if it's been (too) long since you've come, don't be afraid! God wants you to be here, and so do the rest of us! Don't forget that we meet for Bible study at 10:30am after worship to dig in deeper into the Word.

**Take your worship home with you.** Our bulletin has a wealth of devotional material in it. Use the prayer list to guide your daily prayers. Re-read the Scripture lessons. Take your notes and ask your questions on the space provided on back. Read through the hymns and songs and let them tell you the story of God's love.

**Pray.** God invites us to talk to Him as our loving Father. Tell Him what's on your mind, thank Him for all He's done, and lay your burdens at His cross. He wants to hear from you. When you don't have the words, let your mind be guided by the Psalms. Consider spending what's left of the summer reading through that ancient book of prayers and songs. You can also grab a "Portals of Prayer" devotional from the lobby at church.

**Check out our website** ([www.LivingChristLutheran.org](http://www.LivingChristLutheran.org)). You can listen to or read past messages, find links to the Scripture readings, and submit your prayer requests and questions.

**Spend time in God's Word.** One of the best ways is to read God's Word as the story it is. Open up one book (a good place to start is the book of Mark) and just read it straight through at your own pace. Try to spend a few minutes each day listening to your Savior speak. (continued on page 2)

## Come Worship with Us

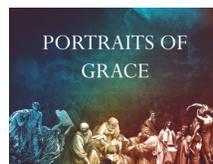
Sermon Series: Portraits of Grace

Aug 5th Rahab

Aug 12th Ruth

Aug 19th David

Aug 26th Jonah



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**Spend time with your brothers and sisters in Christ in service.** When we give of our time and talents we are reflecting God's love and joining in His gracious work. If you've never been to a Summer Supper, check it out! On August 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2pm we are having our next Neighborhood Block Party too. Time with your Christian family can uplift, encourage, and strengthen you.

Praise God that He never takes a vacation from loving His people. I hope and pray that you stay connected to Him too.

In Christ,

Pastor Peter Berauer



**August Sermon Series:  
Portraits of Grace**

**8/5: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Theme: Rehab**

**Text: Joshua 2**

**Assigned Readings: Joshua 2  
Matthew 1:1-6**

**8/12: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Theme: Ruth**

**Text: Ruth 1**

**Assigned Readings: Ruth 1**

John 4:1-27

**8/19: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Theme: David**

**Text: 2 Samuel 12:1-14, Psalm 51**

**Assigned Readings: 2 Samuel 12:1-14  
Psalm 51  
Luke 1:67-69**

**8/13: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Theme: Jonah**

**Text: Jonah Chapter 1**

**Assigned Readings: Jonah Chapter 1  
Matthew 12:38-42**

**Worship  
Previews  
and  
Notes**



**Those Serving  
us this Month**

**Acolyte:** 8/5 Robert  
8/19 Anna

**Altar Guild:** Smitha

**Child Care:** 8/5 Lisa  
8/12 Susan  
8/19 Jenny  
8/26 Sharon

**Coffee Fellowship:** Help Needed

**Communion Assistant:**  
8/5 Gary  
8/19 John

**Guest Ambassadors:**  
8/5 Nancy  
8/12 Smitha  
8/19 Scott  
8/26 Nancy

**Lay Reader:** 8/5 Becky  
8/12 Luanne  
8/19 Smitha  
8/26 Gilda

**LCD Projector:**  
8/5 Steve  
8/12 Larry  
8/19 Steve  
8/26 Kathy

**Sign Changers:**  
8/5 Kathy and Scott  
8/19 Laura and Art

**Ushers:** 8/5 Art and Jack  
8/12 Gary and Ed  
8/19 Scott and Brad  
8/26 Susan and Matt

**Welcome Partners:**  
8/5 Rita and Jack  
8/12 Marge and Marlene  
8/19 Gilda and Nancy  
8/26 Kathy and Scott





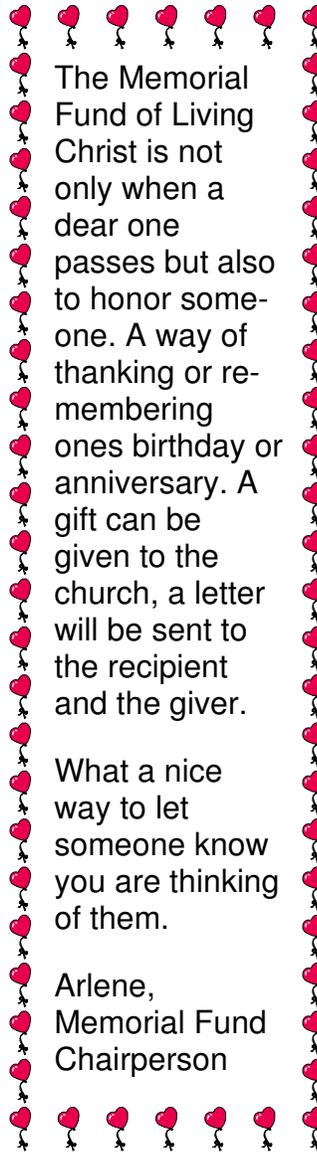
**Meals on Wheels News**

What a great group of people we were privileged to help by delivering Meals on Wheels in June. There are currently so many permanent drivers for Wheeling Township's Meals on Wheels program that Living Christ drivers had only ten days during the month to deliver meals to the Route 3 recipients. At eight stops we found everyone thrilled to see us each day between 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. as we brought their hot meal and a bag of cold items, all packed by the kitchen staff at the Lutheran Home.

The volunteers who drove and assisted this year are: Lynne and Ed who took JoJo along; Bonnie and Rita; Arlene and George; Beth, Larry, and Rissa; Gary and Bill; and Wayne. It sure makes my task as Meals on Wheels Coordinator for Living Christ an easy job when our members volunteer so willingly.



Deanne  
Meals on Wheels Coordinator



The Memorial Fund of Living Christ is not only when a dear one passes but also to honor someone. A way of thanking or remembering ones birthday or anniversary. A gift can be given to the church, a letter will be sent to the recipient and the giver.

What a nice way to let someone know you are thinking of them.

Arlene,  
Memorial Fund  
Chairperson

**FANTASY FOOTBALL**



Fantasy Football is starting! Our draft will be held on Labor Day evening, Monday, September 3rd at 6 pm. Please try and get here early if possible.

If you are new to fantasy football, we will explain the rules before the draft, and help you during the season.

If you are a new player, or if you are returning from last season, let us know if you plan on being at the draft. If you want a team but can't be there, we will draft a team for you.

Thanks,  
Art

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Everyone is welcome. So grab a friend, get your family together, and come spend time in your neighborhood!

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## Christian Service

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The August Ministry of the Month is the Adopt-a-Student program at Concordia Seminary in St.



Louis. As you might suppose, this program provides both financial and prayer support for young men preparing to become pastors. For the past year we have supported Adam Kosberg but this year we will be sponsoring a new candidate. I will be posting new information on our new candidate on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

We are beginning a new ministry of the month for August also. We will be sending a contribution to Voice of Care. This organization assists all people with disabilities. We are pleased to be a part of this ministry and hope to continue with disability awareness in the future.

Blessings to all,

Luanne  
Christian Service

It is time to start thinking about Christmas in November. The donation basket has appeared in the lobby near the stairs to the balcony.

We need toiletries such as:

- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Comb & brush
- Shampoo
- Bar soap
- Kleenex (boutique size)
- Chapstick
- Word find books
- Toothbrushes ( single packages)
- Toothpaste
- Gift bags, not too big or too small



Please no sample size items or the very large containers. The items will be packed into medium sized gift bags for needy families, seniors and singles.

If you see something on sale, this is the time to purchase these items.

**Christmas in November** will be Saturday, November 10th starting at 5 P.M.

If you have any question, ask Arlene

## From the President

Thank you, thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord's work at Living Christ. In the first 5 months of the year, our giving was only \$500 behind the budgeted amount for offerings. Because of the loss of one of our renting churches however, that source of income was down \$1500 in those same 5 months. Thankfully, our expenses were \$3700 less than budgeted, so we are able to hold our own financially thus far. God has blessed us by blessing you financially and by opening our hearts to His work in the church.

We are still looking for another source of income. The renting churches have been a financial blessing to this little church, but with one gone, we are not as secure as we were. If you know of a church that needs a home, or if you have other ideas for how to use our space for income, please speak to Pastor or me. There are some things, as a church, we would not consider (think bar, mosque, etc.), but some churches have come up with very creative ideas.

In any case, we would appreciate your prayers for this issue.

Becky



# COMMUNICATIONS

## Communication

According to the Merriam-Webster online dictionary communication is:

- a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior
- information communicated : information transmitted or conveyed

So how are we at LCLC doing at communicating with you and the local community? There are lots of ways we are communicating with our members and the community. Can you name a few?

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday worship                      | Sunday worship folder    |
| Sunday supplement                   | Newsletter               |
| Weekly connect email                | Sign                     |
| JoJo business cards and on facebook | Website                  |
| Conversations                       | Pastor's sermons on line |
| Pastor's videos on line             | Bulletin boards          |
| Handouts                            | Summer suppers           |
| Pause to Play                       | Block party invites      |
| Loved & Sent information            |                          |



I am sure this list is not complete, but what I could think of as I sat down to write this article for the newsletter. What are we missing?

Just as important as it is for LCLC to communicate with you and the community, it is just important for you to communicate with your neighbors. How are you doing? Do you even know your neighbors? Depending on the research you look at as a whole we don't know are neighbors. Studies say about 50% of us have face to face conversations with our neighbors. Wow that is kind of sad. I am sure that there are a multitude of reasons we don't know our neighbors, but it is still a sad statistic.

So how do we change this and actually meet our neighbors. One of the easiest ways is to actually get out of our homes especially in the summer. Get outside and take a walk. As you are walking take the time to at least smile at people. Once you get the smiling down then work at saying hi. Baby steps to meeting your neighbors.

Kathy  
Communications Director

## Thanks Newsletter Help

Thank you to Becky for help with the July Newsletter. The helpers for the newsletter for the next several months are listed. If you would like to join the team, please give the church office or Kathy a call.

Month	August	September	October
Articles due	8/10	9/10	10/10
Proofer	Karen	Becky	Ann
Ready to Proof	8/15	9/15	10/15
Collate team	Kathy S. & Help Needed	Kathy Scott	Linda Bob
Ready to Collate	8/23	9/23	10/23

**Evangelism and Stewardship** are a couple of words that strike fear into many Christians. Really you want me to do what to share the gospel message? I am already making a financial contribution so got that stewardship piece covered. Neither of these words should instill any type of fear in you at all. They actually go hand and hand. Evangelism can be as simple as a smile and a kind word. Stewardship is so much more than treasures. It also involves time and talents.

A perfect example of Evangelism and Stewardship working together was at the June Block Party. I was a roaming greeter. My task was to walk around, greet people, and ask them if they would like to provide contact information to register for the drawings. So how is that evangelism and stewardship working together?

Stewardship – using my time and talents. It should come as no surprise to any of you that I love to talk. I can strike up a conversation with almost anybody. Using my gift for conversation and taking the time to attend the block party I am “doing” stewardship. Stewardship is so much more than just giving of your treasures.

Evangelism – just taking the time to say hi and share a friendly smile is evangelism. It is treating people how you would like to be treated. Don't you like it when someone smiles at you or says hello to you when you are at someplace new? You don't have to be a Billy Graham to evangelize to people. The simple act of a smile and a pleasant word will open up doors to share. I know because it happened for me at the block party. I was able to have a talk about what Jesus means to me with a new friend I just met.

There are a couple of opportunities to put your evangelism and stewardship skills to work in August.

Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> LCLC will be at the National Night out in Buffalo Grove from 5-8 PM at Willow Stream Park. Come join Pastor Peter, JoJo, Kathy and me at the event. We had great fun last year and realized we needed a few more people to help.

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> Love Your Neighborhood Block party at LCLC from 11 AM – 2 PM. Another great opportunity to meet the people that live near us. A nice time to practice your smile and just saying hello we are glad you came.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Scott  
Stewardship Director



## National Night Out

LCLC will again participate in the Buffalo Grove National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 PM. The event will be at the Willow Stream Park, 651 Old Checker Road, Buffalo Grove. This is a great time to be in the community and to let them know about LCLC. Last year Pastor Peter, Scott and Kathy Berner, and JoJo were at the event. We passed out water, had a game for the children and as always JoJo greeted everyone.

Last year we had a great time but realized we needed more help. If you would like to join us for this fun evening let us know.



IN THE  
PARK

Thanks Pastor Peter, Scott, Kathy and JoJo

**Summer  
Supper  
Saturday,  
August  
4th**



Our next opportunity to serve the community a great meal is Saturday, August 4th. Check the bulletin board next to the elevator for both the opportunity to serve at the event and the items needed for the dinner. The Summer Suppers are a great way to show Christ's compassion to our community.

If you have any questions contact Luanne, Patty, Dale, Kathy or Pastor Peter.

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League      2017-2019 Grants UPDATE

The following mission grants were chosen for the 2017-2019 biennium.

Note: 80 mission grants were submitted. The committee narrowed the list down to 34.

Here are the top 22 selected:

1. Sioux City, IA: Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children – Mercy Meals of Siouxland \$20,000 disbursed. \$20,000 still needed
2. Flint, MI: Mercy House for Women and Children –Franklin Avenue Mission. \$100,000 disbursed
3. LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces: Christ for Veterans and their Families – Operation Barnabas \$27,750 disbursed
4. Tanzania: Bishop Makala Sewing Center –Ev. Lutheran Church in Tanzania \$25,000 disbursed
5. Mapleton, IA: Current Missionary Need - LCMS Office of International Mission. \$100,000 disbursed
6. Lutheran Heritage Foundation: Lutheran Children's Books for churches, missionaries and new Christian families around the world translated into their languages free of charge - \$100,000 still needed
7. Lutheran Hour Ministries: Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt - \$100,000 disbursed
8. New Orleans, LA: NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless and Hurting – (New Orleans Lutheran churches with African-American pastors serving the inner city) \$100,000 still needed
9. Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund - \$40,000 disbursed, \$40,000 still needed
10. Haiti: Christian Eldercare Home - Ministry in Mission \$100,000 disbursed
11. Middle East: Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries – Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission \$31,000 disbursed, \$62,000 still needed
12. Uganda: Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings \$48,000 disbursed
13. Lutherans for Life: Equipping Youth to Witness for Life – Y4Life- \$25,000 still needed
14. Lutheran Braille Workers: Laborers of Love - to assist with the production of zinc plates and producing the English Standard Version of the Bible for people with visual disabilities \$100,000 still needed
15. Bethesda: Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities – serving over 1900 people at 300 program sites in 13 states are served. Travel costs are not subject to state reimbursement when faith supports are at the heart of the mission. \$100,000 disbursed
16. LCMS: Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants –20 called church workers, each year during the biennium, will each receive a grant of \$2,500 to assist in repayment of educational loans accrued in preparing for service to the Lord through the church. \$25,000 disbursed, \$75,000 still needed
17. Madagascar: Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team – LCMS Office of International Mission, opportunity to work with medical professionals in a short-term mission trip. \$25,000 still needed
18. Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians –Lutheran Indian Ministries. \$15,000 disbursed, \$60,000 still needed
19. Rio Grande Valley of Texas: RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28, to work together as one group in training mission workers to share the Word and unite these congregations and communities. - \$50,000 disbursed
20. Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018. The conference will allow over 200 lay and clergy participants from 30 LCMS districts to learn about the importance of prison and jail ministry. \$36,500 disbursed
21. MOST Ministries: Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips. MOST feels it is important to recruit families into mission work not only because of the positive impact it has on the lives of those they serve, but on the families themselves. \$20,000 disbursed, \$40,000 still needed.
22. Liberia: Raising Pastors and Deaconesses. The Ev. Lutheran Church of Liberia has decided to build a Lutheran Bible College for its 137 congregations and for those from neighboring Sierra Leone and Guinea. \$97,000 still needed.



**Total \$838,250 disbursed, \$744,000 still needed**

Submitted by Nancy

### **LCLC Mites Update**

Mites are collected the first Sunday of every month at Living Christ. Mites will be collected Sunday, August 5th. \$53. was collected in July.





8/1 Marlene  
8/3 Greg  
8/4 Paige  
8/12 Fred Jr.  
8/14 Glenn  
Margaret

**Happy Birthday to:**

8/18 Chris  
8/19 Aidan  
8/21 Rita  
8/25 Ella  
8/28 Alexander  
8/29 Irene  
Mike  
Ruth  
8/30 Eric

Happy Belated birthday to Joan.  
Her birthday was July 9th.

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Dan and Jean  
8/2/58  
Pastor Peter and  
Tiffany  
8/4/2014  
Joe and Darla  
8/8/99  
Wayne and Deanne  
8/17/68  
Arnie and Patty  
8/18/84  
Scott and Kathy  
8/20/83  
Andrew and Mary  
8/20/05  
Michael and Jane  
8/23/03  
John and Sharon  
8/27/66



**Elders:** Art  
Wayne

**Official Acts:**

Richard U. was called to his heavenly home on July 24th.

**PLANNING AHEAD**

August 4	Summer Supper
August 5	Mites collected after service
August 6	Board of Directors Meeting (note change of date)
August 7	National Night Out
August 12	2nd Sunday Service
August 18	Neighborhood Block Party
August 19	Scrip orders placed
August 26	4th Sunday Service
September 1	Summer Supper
September 2	Mites collected after service
September 3	Fantasy Football Draft
September 9	Scrip Orders placed
September 17	Pause 2 Play
September 30	Scrip orders placed
October 17	Pause 2 Play
October 21	Scrip Orders placed
November 3	Lifeline Screening
November 10	Christmas in November Evening



In addition to being able to purchase popular cards immediately on Sunday mornings, you can order cards not kept on hand on the dates below.

August 19  
September 9 & 30  
October 21  
November 11  
December 2 & 16



For more information, see Deanne on Sunday mornings in the Lobby.

Deanne  
Scrip Fund Coordinator

*I want to thank everyone for the warm wishes & thoughtful comments as I "retired" from the "Praise Band" on July 22nd! It has been a blessing to be a part of our contemporary worship services from the beginning...and it's been a blessing to have the help & support of the congregation!!! I thank the Lord, and pray continued blessings!*

*John*

