



LIVING CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Living Christ Connection

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Are You Ready?

Are you ready? Ready for summer weather? Ready for a vacation? Are there things you have to do in order to be ready?

On June 19 and 20, Kathie and I will be voting at the Indiana District convention. In order to be ready we are to read through the convention workbook in order to consider candidates for office and resolutions to be discussed and voted on.

The following week we will drive to Omaha, Nebraska to attend the LWML National Convention. There is not as much to prepare for, but we do have to pack well as we will take a week of vacation upon the end of the convention.

This month I will also be preparing for a knee replacement, as there are exercises and things to do in advance. My surgery is slated for July 10. Part of preparing for surgery and recovery time I am lining up at least four weeks of substitute pastors for while I am gone and recovering.

The above list are the earthly things I am getting ready for but we happen to share an important upcoming event that we all need to be prepared for in advance. It really shouldn't be left to the last minute because we don't know when the event will happen exactly.

On Thursday (May 29) we observed Ascension Day, when Jesus ascended into heaven with the promise that he would return to take us to where he is. He said he was going to prepare a place for us so heaven would be ready. In the meantime, we need to maintain our faith through the power of the Holy Spirit so that we are ready if he comes tomorrow or years from now.



Fortunately, the things that will help us to be ready for the Lord's return are not difficult to do. Reading the Bible, prayer, and attending church are not hard to do. Perhaps the hardest thing is to confess our sins because we don't like to admit we have done wrong. The good news is that we know we will be forgiven, and salvation will be ours.

So, while we may have many things to get ready for, may we not to forget to keep our hearts and minds prepared for the big day, Christ's return.

Pastor Latzke

Founders Day Congregational Pitchin with New Member Welcome Reception Sunday, June 1

We will have a pitchin dinner after worship to celebrate our church "birthday" and welcome our new members transferring their membership to Living Christ.

Ham, Chicken, and Ice Cream will be provided. Join us in fellowship to celebrate this special event.

Founders Day

Our congregation, Living Christ Lutheran Church, held its first worship service on the first Sunday in June, 1996 in Danville. Our first service here at 726 Moon Road in Plainfield was held on Christmas Eve in 2003.

LCK opened its doors as a registered ministry of Living Christ in January, 2004. Through the challenges and the blessings, our God has led us to be His instrument in mission and ministry. Praise to our Lord and Savior! May His blessings continue to guide and lead us in the years to come with our means and ministry needed in the Plainfield area and beyond.

Calling for Quilt & Kit Makers - LWML

Lutheran World Relief envisions a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives.



Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being.

- We work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and we do not evangelize.
- We provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. We partner with communities to build and grow rural economies. We break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive.
- “Our goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end.

In 1945, World War II left an estimated one-fifth of the world’s Lutherans homeless. Here in the United States, Lutheran churches in at least 20 states mobilized to help in Europe through a new agency called Lutheran World Relief.



Much has changed in nearly 75 years. But in thousands of congregations, in millions of offerings and in uncounted prayers, U.S. Lutherans continue to support Lutheran World Relief’s work.

Lutheran World Relief was there in the late 1940s, when 800,000 Palestinians were forced from their homes by the creation of the state of Israel ... in the early 1950s when Hong Kong, Korea and Bangladesh and much of Asia was mired in strife ... during the 1970s and '80s, when civil wars and drought plagued Africa.

Today, Lutheran World Relief operates in East and West Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, helping some of the world’s poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive.

A World Relief truck will be at Concordia Lutheran Church in Greenwood on October 17th for quilts and kits.

If you would be interested in preparing quilts with tying/knotting or assembling kits such as Fabric Kits, Personal Care Kits, or School Kits to share through LWML, please let Evelyn know. We are planning to have work sessions during June, July, & August on a Saturday (maybe the 2nd and 4th Saturdays) from 9:00 – noon, Instructions are provided by LWML.



Quilt tops and fillers are ready to be layered and tyed/knotted. Supplies for the kits we would choose to make could be donated on our “Giving Table” for assembly.

Donations for the **Fabric Kits** (Spools of thread -250.300 yards each) and strips of fabric (2 ¼ yards of 60” or 3 yards of 44” or 4 yards of 35”) could be given in June.

Personal Care Kits could be considered for July. Bath size towels – dark colored recommended, bath-size bars of soap (8-9 oz in original wrapping, adult size toothbrushes, sturdy comb, metal nail clippers)

School Kits could be done for August. 70 sheet notebooks 8x10 ½, ruler in centimeters or both, pencil sharpener, blunt scissors # 2 unsharpened pencils, ball point pens (no gel), 16 or 24 boxes of crayons, 2 ½” eraser, drawstring cloth backpack 14x17”

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TheROADSIGNS OF LIFE

You travel along the nation's highways and streets, consider how all the many road signs can be applied to our living habits a Christians as well as our driving habits.



NO U-TURN – I cannot go back and start over. What is behind me is beyond recall. I cannot retrace my steps to correct those sins of omission and commission, for life is a one-way proposition. I can only try by God’s grace to do better on the balance of my earthly trip.



SLOW – There will be many times when the road ahead is not clear, when it forks, zigzags, and curves beyond my vision. There will come times of storm and stress.. I must travel carefully, cautiously, asking God to help me stay within the lines



MERGING TRAFFIC – I meet many people on the Highway of Life. We find ourselves cruising along together for an hour, a day, a year, perhaps even a lifetime. Eventually we separate – or death separates us. I must not wreck their lives by my bad driving habits. I must not teach them by my bad habits.



DO NOT ENTER – As a Christian there are some roads I must not travel, inviting though they seem. Money, power, position, greed, and others can detour me from that heavenly path Jesus has mapped out for me.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION – How many times do we see this sign! Times change, methods change, church practices and programs change. But the Word of God never changes. It will be my spiritual road map at all times and under all conditions as Jesus directs and fuels my living.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
My 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31
			6 pm Sandwiches Adult Info Who Are We -6:30 PM Gen 46-47	Ascension Worship 4:30 pm Holy Communion Gen 48-50	Exodus 1-3	Exodus 4-6
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
LCLC Founders Day NewMemberWelcome Genesis Bible Study 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM Holy Communion BD Dave McMullen Expdus 7-9	Elder Mtg Exodus10-12	Exodus13-15	Exodus 16-18	Exodus 19-21	Exodus 22-24	Exodus 25-27
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Genesis Bible Study 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM Exodus 28-29	Exodus 30-32	Outreach 2:00 Exodus 33-35	Exodus 36-38	Exodus 39-40	Leviticus 1-4	Quilt & Kit 9-noon
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Genesis Bible Study 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM Holy Communion Leviticus 8-10	Annv – Dale & Lynda Funk 1972 Leviticus 11-13	Church Council 6 pm Leviticus 14-15	Leviticus 16-18	IN District Convention Annv – Jim & Nancy Clark 1985 Leviticus 19-21	IN District Convention Leviticus 22- 23	Leviticus 24-25
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
NO Bible Class 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM Leviticus 26-27	Numbers 1-4	Annv – Emmett & Karla Fuehrer 1978 Numbers 5-7	Numbers 8-10	LWML Intern’l Convention- Omaha 26-29 Numbers 11-13	Numbers 14- 15	Quilt & Kit 9-noon
29	30					
NO Bible Class 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM Holy Communion BD Emmett Fuehrer Numbers 18-20	Numbers 21-22				Pastor & Kathie’s at IN District Convention (19-20) & LWML International Convention. (26-29) For pastoral needs, contact Emmett 317-260-0821 or Evelyn 317-292-3195	

Chronological Bible Readings noted on the calendar are following the 1 Year Chronological Plan that, according to the recent historical research, follows the order in which the recorded events actually occurred. Within 12 months this plan will have completed reading the entire Bible.

Be in the Word! If you need the readings for May, please call the church and leave a message or check your May calendar.

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

In hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691) the text is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).
- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

- ***Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us.*** That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

LCMS Stewardship



"Seek the Lord Continuously" by Helen Steiner Rice

IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO SAY "I BELIEVE"
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO ASK AND RECEIVE,
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO REPEAT THE LORD'S PRAYER,
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO JUST SAY, "I CARE",
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO BE PLEASANT AND KIND,
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP GOD IN YOUR MIND,
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO JUST FEED THE POOR,
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO FORBEAR AND ENDURE,
FOR WHILE THESE THINGS ARE ALL GOOD TO DO
FOR NOT UNTIL YOU ARE BORN ANEW
CAN THE SPIRIT OF GOD BE ALIVE IN YOU,
FOR THE SPIRIT OF GOD WILL SOON BE DEAD
UNLESS IT IS DAILY NOURISHED AND FED!

Found in Church Newsletter from May 1994, remembering Confirmation Day

Our Financials

April 2025	LCLC		Year to Date Total Assets LCLC	
Income			Income/Assets	
Envelope	\$ 24,542		Envelope	\$ 59,736
LCK (Bld & Maint.)	\$ 7,500		LCK (Bld & Maint.)	\$ 30,000
Bld Fund/Loan/Misc	\$ 147		Bld Fund/Loan/Misc/ transfers	\$ 16,306
Transferred from Savings	\$ 0		LCEF Account	\$ 34,871
Total Income	\$ 32,189		LCLC Checking Balance 12/31/24	\$ 15,141
			Total Cash Assets	\$ 156,054
Expenses	\$ 21,657			
Difference	\$ 10,532		Total Expenses	\$ 84,674
			Difference	\$ 71,380

April 2025	LCK		Year to Date Total Assets LCK	
Daycare Income	\$ 59,784		Income/Assets	
Other Income	\$ 0		Income	\$ 243,833
Total Income	\$ 59,784		Saving Account	\$ 0
			LCK Checking Balance 12/31/24	\$ 24,504
			Total Cash Assets	\$ 268,338
Expenses	\$ 59,363		Total Daycare Expenses	\$ 233,723
Difference	\$ 421		Difference	\$ 34,615

April 2025 LCLC Endowment Account		
Balance	\$ 2,312	