



Living Lord's Voice

September 2017

Living Lord Lutheran Church
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Sunday Worship Services at:
8:00 AM - Traditional Worship
9:15 AM - Contemporary Worship
11:00AM - Traditional Worship
Sunday School at 9:15 AM
September—May

Loving, Learning, Living and Serving in Christ

Our Mission Statement

We are a Christ centered community of believers who welcome all people to share with us as we actively love, learn, live and serve in joyful celebration of God's grace.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Hey y'all, I just wanted to remind you of the steps in the calling of a pastor as a new call list is formed. Please note everybody has a role – the call committee, the **congregation council**, and the congregation, so check below to see your role. And remember with prayer the One who is in charge! Peace, Pr. Pam

VII – The Interview Process

- The call committee reviews the Rostered Minister Profile for each candidate on the call list carefully; the candidates are contacted within 48 hours and interview dates are set as early as possible. The Call Committee reviews the profiles on the additional list of self-nominated candidates and either adds the candidates to the call list or releases the candidates.
- The call committee ensures that all arrangements for the visit and interview are completed in advance of the visit.
- A similar format is to be used for each of the candidates. Using the guidelines and suggested questions provided in “*Walking Together Through the Transition Process*,” the call committee prepares for the interview.
- The interviews are conducted in a timely and confidential way by the call committee.
- Promptly, upon the completion of all the interviews, the call committee meets to identify the primary candidate whose name will be presented to the **congregation council** for recommendation to the congregation.
- By phone call, with e-mail or letter confirmation, the call committee thanks the candidates being released for their willingness to be considered for this call.
- Should all candidates be released from consideration, or should the council decline to recommend the primary candidate to the congregation, a representative of the Office of the Bishop meets with the call committee for review, and the process begins to form a new call list.
- Rostered Minister Profiles for released candidates are collected by the call committee chair and shredded.

VIII – Calling the New Pastor

- After receiving the name of a primary candidate from the call committee, the **council** arranges to interview the candidate.
- Following the interview, the **council** president discusses compensation and benefits with the candidate, and negotiates the compensation package to be proposed to the congregation for approval.
- Following these conversations with the primary candidate, the **council** votes to recommend to the congregation the primary candidate for call as the congregation’s new pastor and votes to recommend the compensation package.
- A date is set for the primary candidate to return (with family) to meet the congregation.
- A copy of the proposed compensation package is sent to the Office of the Bishop for review.

- An additional date, other than the meet and greet day/weekend, is set for a special congregation meeting in consultation with the conference dean to assure that a representative of the Office of the Bishop can be present.
- Notice of the meeting is given to the congregation according to constitutional guidelines.
- By written ballot, the congregation votes on the recommendation to extend a Call to the candidate to become its new pastor. A 2/3 affirmative majority vote is required. If the congregation declines to extend a Call to the candidate, the candidate is notified of the decision, and a representative of the Office of the Bishop will meet with the call committee for review and to begin the process of forming a new call list.
- Promptly, the call documents are signed and delivered to the bishop for signature. The bishop forwards the call letter to the pastor who prayerfully decides about the Call.

Within three to four weeks the pastor accepts or declines the Call. If the Call is accepted, the newly called pastor and the council president will contact a representative of the Office of the Bishop to schedule and initiate plans for an installation service. If the Call is declined, a representative of the Office of the Bishop will meet with the call committee for review and to begin the process of forming a new call list.

- A service of farewell is planned for the interim pastor.

IX – Welcome and Installation of the New Pastor

- The congregation plans an initial welcome for its new pastor and his/her family. This may follow the services of worship on the pastor's first Sunday with the congregation.
- Plans for an installation service and formal reception are completed. Invitations are extended to the other Lutheran congregations in the conference, local clergy, community leaders, and others identified by the congregation or by the new pastor.
- The new pastor is officially installed by a representative of the Office of the Bishop at the Service of Installation. An appropriate reception follows.
- The call committee and the council are recognized and thanked at the installation service for their leadership during the transition process.

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Martin Luther's German Bible



What version of the Bible do you hear and read? Just in English, we have many to choose from. They range from translations that aim to be as accurate as possible (such as the New Revised Standard Version) to others whose main objective is to be easy to understand, even if certain details get lost.

Imagine, though, if there were no Bible available in English—if such a thing didn't exist. What if the only Bible was in a language most didn't know and we had to rely on priests and scholars to tell us what was in the Bible? That was the situation in the Germany of Martin Luther's time. The Bible was most commonly found in Latin, though scholars could read it in the original languages of Hebrew and Greek. An important part of Luther's reforms was recognizing that a German Bible was needed—and then actually creating it!

Sometimes things happen because it's the right time, and that seems to be the case with Luther's Bible. Johannes Gutenberg's invention of printing with movable type had come along a few decades earlier and was coming into widespread use. Luther recognized the need to provide a Bible that ordinary, literate people could read. The many dialects of the German people were beginning to coalesce into a form that was widely understandable. Luther even had an artist friend, Lucas Cranach, who could provide illustrations for the Bible, aiding people's understanding. And finally, Luther had the time to devote to the project.



The dispute with the Roman Catholic hierarchy that had begun with indulgences and Luther's Ninety-Five Theses had expanded and now came to a head with the imperial council (or "diet") held at Worms. Luther strongly defended his writings but still was condemned as an outlaw (in addition to already being named a heretic). He could have been arrested and executed, but his prince, Frederick the Wise, "kidnapped" him in April 1521 and hid him away in the Wartburg Castle. There the reformer had little to do, so he set out to begin his translation of the Bible.

He started with the New Testament. He had learned New Testament (*koine*) Greek, the original language, and so began with that, not Latin. Since the German language was still evolving, Luther would make trips into nearby towns to hear how people actually spoke. Luther returned to his home in Wittenberg in 1522, and within six months, his New Testament was published. After that he worked with other pastors and scholars to prepare the Old Testament. The complete Bible, with 117 woodcut illustrations, was first published in 1534. He revised it several times up until his death.

Luther's work on a German Bible was a landmark achievement. It influenced others in many countries, including England, to do the same. He brought the scriptures into the language of his people, and in so doing spread the gospel.

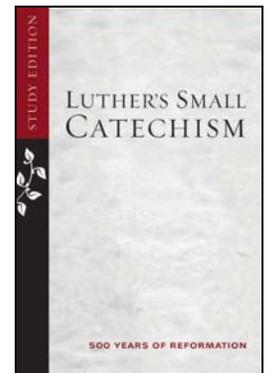
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Luther's Small Catechism

Of all the things Martin Luther wrote, he is probably best known for two things: the hymn “A mighty fortress is our God” and the Small Catechism. Interestingly, Luther himself was ambivalent about the lasting value of most of his writings, with two exceptions—and one of them was this little pamphlet, the Small Catechism. And this from someone whose writings changed the whole landscape of the Western religious world.

Most of us know the Small Catechism well. Many spent hours memorizing it as teens. But how did it come to be, and what is it that makes it so helpful?

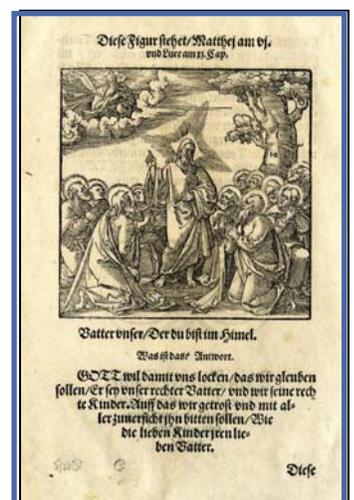
In 2017 we are observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation's start, when Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses. If that was the act of a passionate young man, a decade later he was facing the needs of the church he was reforming. If it was no longer enough just to go through the motions, following the lead of a Latin-rite priest, then what was at the heart of what people needed to know—and how were they to learn that? To meet that need, Luther the pastor and teacher created two catechisms—the Large (primarily intended for pastors) and the Small (for use in the home).



A catechism is a document that lays out the basic ideas of religion in a simple question-and-answer format. For the Small Catechism, Luther chose to open up some of the basics of Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, and the Office of the Keys and Confession. It's worth noticing that he based this teaching document on what already existed rather than starting from scratch and inventing a whole new system. Luther was committed to the church catholic.

His genius is shown in the way he opened up these statements of faith. The famous question in each case was, in German, “*Was ist das?*” In English, most of us know this as “What does this mean?” but a literal translation would be “What is *that?*” And then he proceeded to tell, in beautifully simple language, what each commandment, each part of the creed, each petition of the Lord's Prayer, tells us about God and about us as God's children. These explanations set out a God who is not the stern judge of Luther's own childhood, but a loving parent who offers us unconditional grace and only then invites us to live accordingly.

How profound was Luther's achievement in writing the Small Catechism? A mark of it can be seen in the simple fact that nearly five hundred years after its first publication in 1529, and after being translated into hundreds of languages, it is still one of the most effective tools for learning and teaching what the Christian faith is all about.



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING

The health topic for September is about Cholesterol and Triglycerides.

Cholesterol is a soft waxy substance found in your blood stream and in your body's cells.. It is an important part of a healthy body but a high level of cholesterol is a major risk factor for serious health problems. A build up of cholesterol, plaque and fatty deposits causes most heart and blood vessel problems.

There are several kinds of cholesterol in your body. Low Density Lipoproteins [LDL], and High Density Lipoproteins [HDL]. If too much LDL circulates in your blood, it may build up on the artery walls and block blood flow. This can cause a heart attack. Blocked arteries can cause a stroke. LDL is the bad cholesterol. HDL is ts the good cholesterol. It is believed that the HDL helps to lower the amount of bad cholesterol in your body. High levels of HDL could lower your risk of a heart attack or stroke.

Triglycerides are the most common type of fat in your body and are a major source of energy. They come from food and your body also makes them. A high level can indicate a health problem.

You can reduce cholesterol in your body by eating healthy foods, loosing weight if there is a need, and being physically active. Some people also need medicine even though they make changes in their lives.

What should you eat? You should focus on low saturated fat, trans fat free, and low cholesterol foods. A variety of fruits and vegetables: A variety of grain products like oats, barley, black beans, peas ,rice, and pasta: Lean meats and poultry without skin: Fatty fish: Nuts and seeds in limited amounts: Fat free and low fat milk products: Limit your eggs and red meat.

Faith Community Nurses will be doing blood pressure screening before and after all church services on the first and third Sundays of September.

May God be the first thought of my waking day and the last thought of my day. May He give me a holy and peaceful rest. Amen.

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION OPEN TO LADIES, GENTLMEN, FAMILY AND FRIENDS



We had twenty two folks join us for a delightful lunch in a separate room at the Westminster Shores, new home of Louise and Ken Baar. While we dined we heard the marketing department tell us about the facilities. After lunch we saw the Baar's apartment. Impressive!

On **September 14th** it was decided to go back to **Mattison's City Grill on Bradenton River Walk, (it is NOT Pier 22)**. The restaurant is located at **101 Riverfront Blvd, (behind Manatee Memorial Hospital)**. We will meet there at noon or 11:15 at church to car pool there. **REMEMBER** gentlemen are invited to attend. Any questions, please contact Patty Kunkel at 748-6669.

Reading Pals: How did we do and What's Happening in the Coming Year?

We have received the following statistics from our friends at the United Way and the results of our reading to the youngsters in Manatee County are very impressive.

ASSESSMENT DATA

In terms of ReadingPals only:

Percentage of children who started with “Meet Expectations” or “Exceeds Expectations” in Assessment one

Print Knowledge 17%

Phonological Awareness 30.4%

Oral Language/Vocab 45.2%

Overall 30.9%

Percentage of children who finished year with “Meet Expectations” or “Exceeds Expectations” in Assessment two (an average of 49.1% growth among the three areas)

Print Knowledge 83.1%

Phonological Awareness 71.3%

Oral Language/Vocab 85.6%

Overall 80%

To compare Meets/Exceeds Expectations of Reading Pals students to our Control group. Reading Pal students show a change of 40.8% vs 17.7% in control group:

FALL RP: 35.8%

FALL CONTROL: 42.2%

SPRING RP: 76.6%

SPRING CONTROL: 59.9%

CHANGE RP: 40.8%

CHANGE CONTROL: 17.7%

Even if you are not a 'numbers person' hopefully you can see that compared to children not participating in Reading Pals, our students' measures of awareness and comprehension were significantly better.

Which brings us to the 'ask'. This school year we will be reading to VPK and Kindergarten children (No more ESE!) and we will be in eleven schools in Manatee County on various days and at various times. Please consider joining the 15 or so Living Lord members who will once again be helping our children "Learn to Read" so they can "Read to Learn".

Contact Cassandra Decker at the United Way at CDecker@uwsuncoast.org or call her on 748-1313.

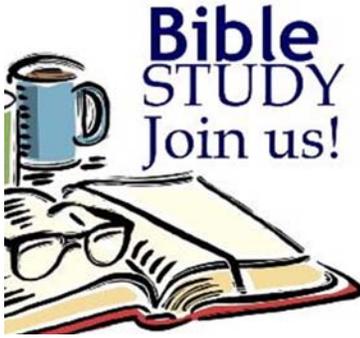
Thank you for all you are doing to help our children!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

October Fest is Saturday, October 28.

The Evangelism team is working on plans for a fun event with food, a silent auction and music for a polka or maybe a chicken dance!

More information will be available soon.



LOOKING AT THE SUNDAY LESSONS...

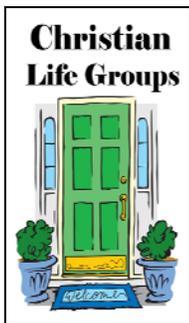
Starting Wednesday September 6, Pastor's Bible Study will meet in the Activities Hall (near the kitchen) at 1 pm. Come join us as we discuss, listen and share.

THIS CHANGED EVERYTHING 500 YEARS OF THE REFORMATION

October 2 – December 11 2017 Mondays at 10:00-11:30 AM

Come as you are, often as you can!

Ruth McConnell, discussion leader



Christian Life Groups are beginning soon!

For Information:

Call/e-mail Mark & Jan Dahlstrom

jdahlstrom@tampabay.rr.com

262-331-3824

Hosts:	Mark & Jan Dahlstrom	Place:	8632 54 th Ave. Cir. E (Rosedale)
Time:	7:00pm	Dates:	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday
Phone:	262-331-3824		jdahlstrom@tampabay.rr.com
Hosts:	Al Kersten	Place:	5220 88 th Street E (Rosedale)
Time:	7:00pm	Dates:	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday
Phone:	941-201-6304		
Hosts:	Carol & Larry Eichert	Place:	8807 Stone Harbour Loop
Time:	7:30pm	Dates:	Every other Wednesday

**Living Lord Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2017**

OVERVIEW YEAR TO DATE 2017	<u>Jan -Jul 2017 Actuals</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 2017 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Church General Fund Receipts	271,072.91	271,597.59	(524.68)
Church General Fund Disbursements	245,327.72	262,010.70	16,682.98
Net Church General Fund	25,745.19	9,586.89	16,158.30
Church Restricted Receipts	18,592.73		
Facility Fundraiser (Scrip)	(1,429.41)		
Youth Group Fundraiser	786.22		
Church Restricted Disbursements	33,991.18		
Net Church Financial Position	<u>9,703.55</u>		
AGC General Fund Receipts	108,920.14	100,083.00	8,837.14
AGC General Fund Disbursements	96,246.12	94,845.40	(1,400.72)
Net AGC General Fund	12,674.02	5,237.60	7,436.42
AGC Fundraisers	6,481.59		
AGC Restricted Disbursements	1,682.75		
Net AGC Financial Position	<u>17,472.86</u>		
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	379,993.05	371,680.59	8,312.46
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	341,573.84	356,856.10	15,282.26
Net LLLC General Fund	<u>38,419.21</u>	<u>14,824.49</u>	<u>23,594.72</u>
Fundraising Balances	5,838.40		
Total LLLC Restricted Receipts	18,592.73		
Total LLLC Restricted Disbursements	35,673.93		
Net Total LLLC Financial Position	<u>27,176.41</u>		
	<u>Jan -Jul 2017 Actuals</u>	<u>Jan -Jul 2016 Actuals</u>	<u>Difference</u>
YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON 2017 VS 2016			
Church General Fund Receipts	271,072.91	264,704.74	6,368.17
Church General Fund Disbursements	245,327.72	250,306.93	4,979.21
Net Church General Fund	25,745.19	14,397.81	11,347.38
AGC General Fund Receipts	108,920.14	103,681.74	5,238.40
AGC General Fund Disbursements	96,246.12	91,374.56	(4,871.56)
Net AGC General Fund	12,674.02	12,307.18	366.84
Total LLLC General Fund Receipts	379,993.05	368,386.48	11,606.57
Total LLLC General Fund Disbursements	341,573.84	341,681.49	107.65
Net LLLC General Fund	<u>38,419.21</u>	<u>26,704.99</u>	<u>11,714.22</u>

Church receipts are \$500 under budget and disbursements are \$17,000 less than budget putting us \$16,000 better than budget overall - the same as last month. Our church net financial position is \$11,000 better than last year due to lower expenses than budgeted.

AGC is continuing to show positive results through July and is \$7000 ahead of plan.



Lynn Fisher, treasurer/bookkeeper

Ask the Weatherman

By: Bill Mork



WheredidTropicalStormEmilycomefrom? This all started with a cold front that dropped south into the northern Gulf of Mexico during the weekend of 29-30 Jul, then stalled out. These old fronts are monitored for tropical development. In Emily's case, a swirl of low pressure developed the morning of 30 Jul 100 miles south of Pensacola. By the morning of 31 Jul, this previous ripple of low pressure had enough persistent showers and thunderstorms with strong enough winds to name it Tropical Depression Six. Just 2 hours later, Doppler radar velocity indicated winds had ticked upward enough to bump the system to Tropical Storm Emily, after which it moved ashore at 10:45 AM EDT on Anna Maria Island with estimated max sustained winds of 45 mph. Wind gusts to 60 mph prompted closure of the Sunshine Skyway. The NWS confirmed an EF0 tornado touched down 6 miles WNW of Bradenton just before 11 AM 31 Jul with estimated winds of 80 mph. Estimated damage was \$96,000 to multiple greenhouses and 2 barns. Heaviest rains 30-31 Jul included 8 inches in downtown Bradenton and in Valrico. Many streets in Bradenton were flooded and blocked, and 18,000 residents lost power during the storm. Other storm totals include 6.60 inches in Palmetto, 6.40 at Plant City, 4.65 at Ruskin, 4.40 at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport, 4.23 in Parrish, and 3.52 inches in Lakewood Ranch.

HasNOAAupgradedits2017Atlantichurricaneseasonoutlook? On 9 Aug, NOAA increased its forecast, just as the season peak nears, calling for a 60 percent chance for 14 to 19 named storms, 5 to 9 hurricanes, and 2 to 5 major hurricanes with winds topping 111 mph. That's above the 11 to 17 named storms and 2 to 4 major hurricanes predicted at the start of the season. Already, the Atlantic has generated more storms than expected, with 8 named storms. Weaker wind shear that can smother a tropical cyclone and weaker trade winds that steer systems off the African coast will likely drive up the number of cyclones. Sea temperatures across the region are also warm, about 1 to 2 degrees above normal. The likelihood of an El Nino has decreased.

WasJulyanotherwetmonthinFlorida? Drought was in the rear view mirror as above normal rainfall continued a good summer trend. Jul rainfall in Parrish was 10.06 inches, 131 percent of normal. Jul rainfall at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport was 9.18 inches, 115 percent of normal. Rainfall totals for the first two summer months include 24.04 inches for Parrish, 155 percent of normal, and 20.26 inches at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport, 131 percent of normal. Jul rainfall and temperatures were above normal in most of Florida. Largest Jul rainfall totals include 20.07 inches at Lakeland, 16.70 inches at Gainesville, and 15.80 inches at Ruskin.

Howhothasitbeenthissummer? With an average Jul temperature of 107.4 degrees, Death Valley had the hottest month on record for the whole planet, not just the United States. But perhaps more alarming were the overnight temperatures which didn't fall below 89 degrees. On three nights, the lows were 102-103. Other locations when Jul was the hottest month on record include Salt Lake City UT, Reno NV, Tonopah NV, Ely NV, Bishop CA, and Miami FL with an average temp of 85.7 degrees.(previous was 85.5 degrees in Jun 2010). This was anomalous for Florida. No other Florida sites came close to breaking its record. In late Jul, Shanghai had its hottest temp in recorded history with 105.6 degrees. In mid Jul, Spain posted its highest temp ever recorded when Cordoba airport hit 116.4 degrees. In late Jun, Ahvaz, Iran soared to 128.7 degrees, that country's all-time hottest temperature. In late May, the western Pakistani town of Turbat hit 128.3 degrees, tying the all-time highest world record temperature for May.

September Birthdays

Beach, Karen	13-Sep
Behler, Douglas	15-Sep
Bond, Fred	29-Sep
Bostrom, Liz	8-Sep
Brown, Alyssa	7-Sep
Copeland, Samantha	26-Sep
Dahlstrom, Mark	16-Sep
Dowling, Melissa	3-Sep
Eichert, Larry	28-Sep
Emmel, Faye	22-Sep
Hanson, Ellen	8-Sep
Hitchcock, Ryan	7-Sep
Kunkel, Patricia	28-Sep
Marr, Helen	29-Sep
Masch, Glenda	27-Sep
Morrison, Jimmie	4-Sep
North, Russell	10-Sep
Pinsonneault, Kyle	19-Sep
Polk, Barbara	30-Sep
Powers, Robert	8-Sep
Richter, Glenn	17-Sep
Sankowski, Marie	30-Sep
Savage, Amanda	20-Sep
Schimmoller, Kathy	12-Sep
Schindler, Don	18-Sep
Schmidt, Erika	27-Sep
Scituro, Monica	2-Sep
Seamon, Ken	9-Sep
Starner, Todd	9-Sep
Symos, Karen	10-Sep
Taylor, Corbett	23-Sep
Trompke, Steven	29-Sep
Walker, Bonnie	15-Sep
Wixson, Nancy	9-Sep
Zenner, Jean	2-Sep
Zipay, Natasha	5-Sep
Zipay, Doug	2-Sep



September Anniversaries

Fred and Tracey Bond	9/12/1992
Jack & Elizabeth Bostrom	9/16/1961
Beatrice & Robert Daly	9/18/1982
Herb and Faye Emmel	9/5/1959
Matt and Margi Furey	9/10/1994
Denny Gilpin and Bonnie Walker	9/1/2010
Bruce & Cindy Lewis	09/29/0000
Arthur and Barbara Polk	9/24/1966
Edward and Carol Sanders	9/28/1991
Duane and Kay Scholten	09/26/0000
Michael & Toni Seminick	9/24/1984
Frank and Connie Shaffery	9/7/1993
Steven and Tamara Trompke	9/26/1997
Donald and Sandra Wood	9/1/1962

Sunday Attendance

	8:00	9:15	11:00	Total
July 2	41	76	56	173
July 9	39	63	63	165
July 16	45	60	67	172
July 23	33	55	69	157
July 30	46	81	47	174

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