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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 with more purpose than we could ever imagine.



Pray for those delivering Meals on Wheels in June.



Congregational Meeting

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Hope to see you there.



*What's Inside
June 2020*

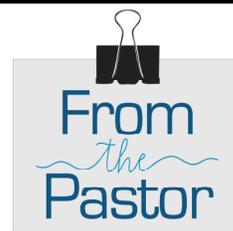
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The Living Letters

June 2020

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I miss our church. I miss Wednesday morning Bible study. I miss Sunday morning Bible study. I miss our worship. I miss Holy Communion. I miss singing with you all in worship. I miss our coffee after worship. I miss shaking your hands, seeing your smiling faces, and catching up as we make our way out of the sanctuary. I miss our little moments of prayer together. I miss our time of service together, like summer suppers. I even miss our in-person meetings as we planned, strategized, and dreamed together.



There's a lot I miss right now. I'm guessing that I'm not alone.

In the coming days and weeks I hope to share some good news with you about how we might be able to safely gather together. Please watch for, and expect, emails and phone calls keeping you up to date about what that will look like and when it will happen. But, until then, I wanted to remind you of what we all have, today, in Jesus.

We have each other. God reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12:13 "For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ." You are a part of the Body of Christ. You are deeply and intimately connected through faith to all other believers. No amount of social-distancing can take that away from us.

We have God's love. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, nor 'heavenly rulers,' neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Nothing, not even COVID-19 can take God's love away from you. It's for you, always.

We have the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus left this world He promised His disciples that He would send them His Spirit. "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you." (John 14:26). God's Spirit lives in you. God is so near to you that He dwells inside you. That is powerful! And God is not just there to twiddle His thumbs. He's working in you, through you, and for you!



We have the Word. Psalm 119:105 says, "Thy Word is a lamp (continued on page 2)"

Worship with us online:

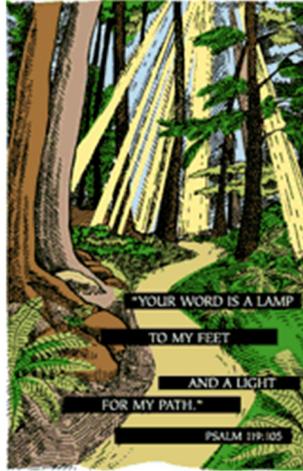
June sermon series:
2 Corinthians

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From the President

(continued from page 1) unto my feet, and a light unto my path." God's Word is powerful. It guides our way and lights up our lives. It teaches us, corrects us, and trains us. The Word is still here for you! So read it, sing it, and let it guide your prayers.



We have Jesus. Do you remember what Jesus' parting words to His disciples were in Matthew's Gospel? "Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20). Jesus will never, ever be taken from you. He is with you with grace, mercy, and hope to give!

There's a lot we miss. There's a whole lot more that is always and forever ours. There is so much that cannot be taken from us.

As we look forward to gathering together, I want to remind you of two things. First, our gatherings (at least at the beginning) won't look like they used to. We will need to meet in smaller groups. Our faces will be covered with masks. We'll all be using a whole lot more hand-sanitizer. There won't be hand-shaking or hugging going on. But, these changes will keep us safe and healthy. And so we do them because we love each other and want to keep each other safe. Second, you should only rejoin us when you are ready. Some of you have been ready to come back to church for a while now. Others of you recognize that it might not be best for you to gather together in groups - no matter how small. That's ok! The day will come when we will all return, full of thanks and praise for God.

But, until then, remember what you have. Remember who you have. You still have each other. You still have God's love. The Spirit still lives in you. God's Word is still promising you the most amazing things. Jesus is still here with you.

In Christ,

Pastor Peter

Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you for your faithful giving during this time of Staying at Home. I know our worship experience, though very special, has not been the same without being able to gather together. Yet you have been faithful, even generous, in giving to the Lord's work here at Living Christ. Because of this, I want to let you know we have been able to pay all three of our staff their full salary, something I know you have been concerned about. At this time when there is so much economic uncertainty, you have taken care of our own, Pastor Peter, Lynne, and Carla, who work so hard so we can worship and grow in Christ. Thank you, and thank God for blessing us so we can bless others.

Thank you, too, for the food and money donations you have made to our drive-by food pantry. This will continue to be a need for our neighbors, and I am so thankful Living Christ can be here for them. If you would like to come one or more times to help receive the food, pack it up, or hand it out, you can go to the church website to sign up or call Lynne at church.

Lastly, this will be my last newsletter article as congregation president. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve you and to work with all the wonderful people who have served on the Board of Directors. Living Christ is a community of servant-hearted Christians, who unselfishly use their gifts for the good of others. In doing so, it is always my prayer that we reflect Jesus to those around us. I look forward to continuing to serve with you.

With love and gratitude from your sister in Christ,

Becky



June 2020



Congregational Meeting

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The congregational meeting will be held online on Sunday, **June 14** at 11am. It will include nomination of members of the board of directors among other topics. Hope to see you there. If you have anything you would like to know more about, any specific topic addressed, please let Becky know.

Directions are below on how to join the meeting. You can do it either online or on the telephone.

Thank you. Becky, President

Here is how to join our digital Congregational Voter's Meeting via Zoom. No special software is required. However, Zoom does offer apps for your computer, tablet, or phone if you'd like.

If you don't have access to a computer, smartphone, or tablet - you can also call in via any cellphone or landline.

To access the meeting via computer, smartphone or tablet:

1. Visit this URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88062954595?pwd=SXIJRXIlb0tQZzFYQUEwWUQzWGdWQT09>

2. Enter this password: 316976

3. Enjoy!

To access this meeting via cellphone or landline (audio only):

1. Dial (312) 626-6799

2. Enter the meeting ID: 88062954595

3. Enter the password if prompted: 316976

Worship Notes and Previews

Sermon Series: 2 Corinthians

6/7: Holy Trinity

Sermon Title: Consolation

Text: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

6/14: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: Forgiveness

Text: 2 Corinthians 2:1-10

6/21: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: Treasure in Clay Jars

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

6/28: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: Walk by Faith not Sight

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-21



June Update

Our church volunteers will be delivering Meals on Wheels on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during the entire month of June. If you would like to get involved, there are still a couple of Fridays available.

If you can't volunteer to drive the meals to shut-ins, you can still help. Please PRAY for the:

- Living Christ volunteers who will pick up the meals at the Lutheran Home and take them to the homebound recipients
 - Shut-ins who receive the meals
 - Lutheran Home personnel who prepare and pack the meals
 - Wheeling Township staff who arrange for assistance for those in need
 - Permanent volunteers who regularly deliver meals
- For more information, call:

Deanne



Food Pantry Update

I am happy to say the food pantry is growing stronger each week. We have more volunteers that have signed up and worked. We are getting donations from our church members as well as from the neighborhood and from Thrivent. We have been able to continue giving out food to twenty families each week.

As a witness to those that receive, a card with the church information on it and a different Scripture verse and prayer each week are included in the bags. As a thank to those who gave, the same card is handed out.

I want to thank everyone who have made donations. I want to also thank Wayne, Bonnie, Becky and Marty, Pastor Peter, Laura, and Arlene and George for volunteering their time.

The reaction to the food pantry in the neighborhood has been amazing. People living in the area continue to walk up with donations and encouragement. We are also receiving donations from Grace Lutheran Church in Northbrook.

Praise God! We have been blessed, so we can be a blessing to others!

Art



10X10 update

Hello and hope you are all doing OK during the Shelter in Place. As I write this we are still sheltering in place and I miss seeing you all in worship. As you know our 10X10 campaign ended up finishing during the start of the Shelter in Place. I look forward to celebrating how God worked on all of our hearts during the campaign.



I wanted to just remind you of the areas that your generous contributions support at Living Christ. This is not all of the places that are supported, but wanted to give you some of the areas.

- * Christian Service (Haiti mission, The Lutheran Home, Loving & Caring Fund)
- * Pastoral Care (preaching, teaching, shut-in visits, Pastor's salary)
- * Office Services (office supplies, postage, phone and online fees secretarial salary)
- * Fellowship (Advent and Lent dinners, game night, Christmas in November)
- * Building use (Pause to Play, Eternal Covenant and Apostolic NW worship, prayer shawl)
- * Outreach (block parties, breakfast with Santa, Easter egg hunt)
- * Building Maintenance (snow plowing, lawn mowing, utilities, cleaning services)
- * Spiritual growth (Small groups, Bible studies, Sunday school)
- * Loving and Caring fund (rent and utilities assistance, groceries, gas for vehicles)
- * Worship (music director, musicians, worship folders, banners)

Thank you all for your pledges and donations. We are truly blessed by God at Living Christ.

Scott
Director of Stewardship

Stewardship
CAMPAIGN

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Watch for details for when we can have our next "out to lunch".



Communications



Newsletter Assistance

Thank you to Linda and Bob for your help with the May newsletter.

Below is the schedule for helping with the newsletter the next several months.

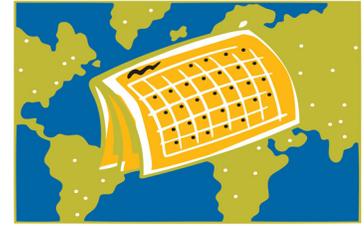
Month	June	July	August
Articles due	6/10	7/10	8/10
Ready to proof	6/15	7/15	8/16
Proofer	Becky	Ann	Karen
Ready to collate	6/23-24	7/23-24	8/23-24
Collate team	Kathy Scott	Linda & Bob	Kathy S. and Arlene

Memorials Given

To the Comfort Dog Ministry
 * In memory of Marty F. by Becky and Marty S.

To the Memorial Fund
 * In memory of Marty F. by Fred H., Arlene and George and Marge

To the Loving and Caring Fund for the food pantry:
 * In memory of Marty F. by Ilene and Elsie



Ministry of the Month

June's Ministry of the Month is our own Loving and Caring Fund. Money in this fund is used to help the people coming to our church in need of some financial assistance. This is especially useful at this time of the stay-at-home order where people are out of work. So many people need assistance. This money is given with Christian love using the discretion of Lynne and the Pastor Peter.

Thank you for your contributions to this fund so that we can be a blessing to those in need at this critical time. Please pray for Lynne and Pastor Peter that they will use this fund with wisdom, compassion, and grace on our behalf and that those receiving the aid will find the Lord's help and the assistance they need.

Luanne
 Director of Christian Service

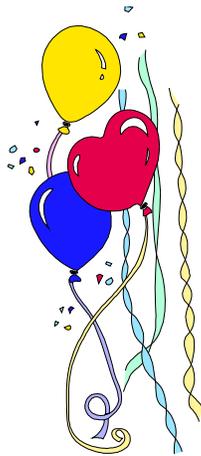
Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Mites will be collected after the church Service on the first Sunday of the month once we start meeting again. Our mites are sent to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to help fund their projects. Thank You.



June Birthdays

- 1st Jill
- 3rd Jason
- 5th Dale
- 6th Lisa
- 8th Linda
- 13th Rachael
- 14th Scott
- 16th Louis
- 18th Rhoda
- 19th Michelle
- 20th Leah
Amanda
- 23rd Barbara
- 26th Kathy
- 29th Luanne
- 30th Todd



PLANNING AHEAD

(Future services and meetings are based on the Covid-19 guidelines)



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| June 1-30 | Deliver Meals on Wheels |
| June 2 | Board of Directors Meeting on Zoom |
| June 7 | Scrip Orders placed |
| June 14 | Congregational Meeting on Zoom |
| July 5 | Mites collected |
| | Scrip Orders placed |
| July 7 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| August 2 | Mites collected |
| | Scrip Orders placed |
| August 4 | Board of Directors Meeting |

June Anniversaries



Carol and Ed
6/6/1970 Happy 50th Anniversary

Susan and Matt
6/6/1992
Cynthia and Todd
6/8/1985
Ed and Lynne
6/15/2013
Melissa and Jon
6/17/2000

Elders:
Art
Wayne

Gift Cards Still Available

Even though we are not yet meeting for worship on Sunday mornings, Deanne is welcoming Gift Card orders. Most popular cards are available, and Deanne will deliver them to you. Please email or call:

Deanne

Changes to the church's phone directory:

Dale Bondi's cell phone is now her main number

New address for Beth and Larry

