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**Living Christ Lutheran Church's
Vision:
Embracing Hearts —
Transforming Lives —
Sharing Jesus' Love**

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 17
11:15 a.m.

Please plan to attend



Will you help to
deliver Meals on
Wheels in June?

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May 2026*

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The Living Letters

May 2026

A Mother's Day Reflection

Mother's Day is a time of gratitude.

We give thanks for our mothers, grandmothers, and all women who have shown us care, patience, and love over the years. We remember the countless quiet sacrifices—meals prepared, driving children to school, helping with homework, prayers whispered, tears shed, and comfort given. These are gifts that often go unseen, yet they shape lives in powerful ways.



But Mother's Day can also be complicated. For some, it brings joy. For others, it brings grief. Some have lost their mothers. Those who long to be mothers. Those who carry regrets. Those who feel they have fallen short.

And into all of this—both joy and sorrow—God speaks His Word.

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.
Isaiah 66:13



Throughout the Holy Bible, we see that love, nurture, and care are not just human achievements. They are reflections of God's own heart. The Lord describes Himself as one who comforts His people like a mother comforts her child (Isaiah 66:13). This means that every act of genuine love we see in motherhood is, in fact, a glimpse of God's love for us.

Yet even the best mothers are not perfect. They grow tired. They make mistakes. They need forgiveness. And this is where the Gospel speaks so beautifully. Our hope is not in perfect motherhood, but in a perfect Savior.

Jesus Christ came for mothers and children alike. He lived the perfect life we could not live. He carried our burdens, our failures, and our sins to the cross. And through His death and resurrection, He gives forgiveness, life, and salvation.

This means that mothers are not defined by their shortcomings, that children are not defined by their wounds, and that families are not defined by their brokenness.

Instead, we are defined by Christ. Jesus gives forgiveness for every regret.

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LIVING CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship with us.

May Services, in person and live streamed
May 3rd, May 10th, May 17th, May 24th and 31st
10 AM

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, May 17, 2026 11:15 am

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Those Serving us this Month

Altar Guild:

5/3 Patty
5/10 Smitha
5/17 Smitha
5/24' Smitha
5/31 Smitha



Pastoral Assistant:

5/3 Art
5/10 Marty
5/17 Art
5/24 Marty
5/31 Art

LCD Projector:

5/3 Patty
5/10 Patty
5/17 Rita
5/24 Lynne H.
5/31 Smitha

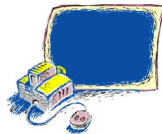
Lay Reader

5/3 Gilda
5/10 Smitha
5/17 Becky
5/24 George R.
5/31 Marty



Live Streaming:

5/3 Wendy
5/10 Wendy
5/17 Lynne R.
5/24 George S.
5/31 Wendy



Ushers:

5/3 Marty and Jack
5/10 George R. and Bob
5/17 Fred and Marty
5/24 Art and Smitha
5/31 George R. and Bob

Welcomer:

5/3 Laura
5/10 Nancy
5/17 Gilda
5/24 Laura
5/31 Nancy

5/3 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Assigned Readings: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

5/10 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Assigned Readings: Acts 17:16-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

5/17: Ascension of Our Lord

Assigned Readings: Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

5/24 The Day of Pentecost

Assigned Readings: Numbers 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-21
John 7:37-39

5/31 The Holy Trinity

Assigned Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Worship Notes and Preview

Worship WITH US

Thank you !!!

I want to thank all of those who helped with Lent dinners. We had good fellowship on those evenings. I appreciate all those who cooked, cleaned up and came. Easter Brunch was a huge successful event. I hope that most of you have set out rocks for others to pick up and share our Love of Jesus. I was so thankful for all of those who helped me set up and clean up!!



God's Blessings,
Patty

MODERN SERVICE

This is a reminder that every fourth Sunday of the month we will gather for Modern Worship in place of our Blended Service at Living Christ Lutheran Church. All are invited to join us for an uplifting service filled with modern songs, meaningful worship, and time together in God's Word. It will be a joyful opportunity to praise the Lord in a slightly different style that is modern yet distinctly Lutheran, proclaiming Christ and His promises. We hope you will come and worship with us — and feel free to invite a friend!



Modern ● Worship

We are grateful for the many willing hands that helped prepare for Easter Sunday. From those who selected and picked up the beautiful spring flowers from Leider Greenhouse, to those who decorated the cross and adorned the church with the large butterfly display, each contribution played an important role.

We also extend our sincere thanks to everyone who prepared or donated food for the Easter brunch. These efforts represent just a small glimpse of the many individuals who generously gave their time and talents to make the celebration so special.



Arlene

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In Him, there is peace for every anxious heart. In Him, there is hope that reaches beyond this life. So on this Mother's Day, we give thanks—but we also receive.

We receive the grace of God. We receive the mercy of Christ. We receive the promise that His love never fails. Whether this day brings joy, sorrow, or a mixture of both, the Good News remains the same: **You are loved—not because of what you have done, but because of what Christ has done for you.**

And that is a gift worth celebrating. In Christ,

Pastor Bill

Thank you, thank you, to everyone who helped make this year's Donuts for Diapers a big success! We collected just shy of 4500 diapers and 127 packages of wipes for the foster kids served through Lutheran Child and Family Services. They were so thrilled at our generosity! So thank you, whether you invited someone to give, ran a drive in your office or neighborhood, bought items yourself, or even just came to greet the people who came to donate. It was a fun event, and I thank God for the ability we have as a church to bless others.

Becky

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Mites were collected on April 5th. \$36. was collected. Mites will be collected on May 3rd

Thanks to everyone for your support of the LWML.

Nancy

Memorials

Memorial Fund



Donations can be made any-time honoring someone such as for their birthday or anniversary and also as a Memorial to a friend or family member.

Memorials given::

By George R. in memory of his wife, Lois.

By Linda in memory of Lynne R's aunt.

By Gilda in memory of Marge

By Nancy in memory of Marge

To the Loving and Caring Fund:

by Linda in memory of Marge and Ruth



LWML GRANT: Portable Laundry Trailer Forged by Fire Services, U.S. \$100,700



Women in Mission

When disasters strike, Forged by Fire Services, a disaster response organization of the LCMS Southern District, is deployed to the Gulf Coast Region and beyond. Sharing the hope in Christ, they provide human care to the victims, volunteers, and first responders affected by natural and man-made disasters. After a disaster, one of the needs of the people and volunteers are clean clothes, but there may be no facility for laundry service available.

Forged by Fire Services would like to provide laundry service by obtaining a professionally built eight-station laundry trailer with all the supporting equipment. The laundry trailer would be set up in the parking lot of an LCMS church. When offering the service, the LERT trained volunteers have an opportunity to talk to the people about the grace, mercy, and love of Jesus Christ. This grant will provide funds for the purchase of the portable laundry trailer.



Wheeling Township's Home Delivered Meals



June will be arriving before we know it. That means it is time for Living Christ to provide volunteers to deliver meals to area shut-ins during the month of June.

Living Christ has been one of the churches helping Wheeling Township deliver prepared noontime meals. Meals are picked up at the Lutheran Home at 11:00 a.m. In the past it has taken about an hour to deliver the meals. The carriers for the hot trays and cold bags then need to be returned to the Lutheran Home.

If you can help with this very rewarding outreach program, look for more information on May 3rd. There will be a calendar available for you to sign up and paperwork to fill out. Wheeling Township will need your email address and cell phone number so they can send you a very detailed set of instructions.

See Nancy for more information.

May's Ministries of the Month are The Lutheran Home Auxiliary in Arlington Heights, and the Loving and Caring Fund

Christian Service



The Lutheran Home cares for and provides for the elderly. Many of these residents no longer have family who visit them. We, as a congregation, can provide help to make their lives easier. Our donation to its auxiliary helps to provide items the residents cannot afford for themselves, whether medical assistance devices or items for leisure activities. Thank you for joining us in supporting this organization that ministers to the elderly to keep them active and provides for their needs.

Money in the Loving and Caring fund is used to help the people coming to our church in need of some financial assistance. This money is given with Christian love using the discretion of Lynne. Thank you for your contributions to this fund so that we can be a blessing to those in need. Please pray for Lynne that she 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.

Nancy and the Christian Service Committee

Gift Cards Available

Please mark your calendars for the first Sunday of every month and put in an order for gift cards. You can use them to get groceries and gas. I will continue to stock the box. First come first served for the stocked items. This really helps with the extras at church. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Patty



Communications

Newsletter Assistance

Thanks to Becky and Arlene for helping with the April Newsletter.



If you would like to assist with the newsletter, please call the church office. Here is the schedule for the coming months.

Month	June	July	August
Articles due	5/10	6/10	7/10
Ready to proof	5/15	6/15	7/15
Proofer	Gilda	Becky	Karen
Ready to collate	5/23-24	6/23-24	7/21-22
Collate team	Kathy	George R.	Arlene

This summer we have a new series at Living Christ. Starting the second Wednesday in June, we will offer monthly Wellness Wednesdays on the second Wednesday of June – September. Information on the topics is included elsewhere in the newsletter, but you can start inviting friends now. At each session we will have a short presentation, time for questions and discussion, and then time for a light snack and conversation. Kathy and Jennifer have chosen topics that will be of interest to many seniors, so take a look and mark your calendars. We hope to see you there.

Becky

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS FOR SENIORS & FRIENDS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LIVELY
DISCUSSIONS

JUNE 10TH - LET'S TALK ABOUT FOOD!:

Dietary changes to maximize health

JULY 8TH - AGING IN PLACE:

Making your home safe and accessible

AUGUST 12TH - KEEP MOVING!

The importance of movement & exercise

SEPT. 9TH - GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER:

Creating a Legacy Binder: All your important information in one place

11:00 A.M.

LIVING CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60004

QUESTIONS/RSVP: 847-577-7133

WWW.LIVINGCHRISTLUTHERAN.ORG

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Everyone is invited! Our semi-annual congregational is scheduled for Sunday May 17 at 11:15 am in the fellowship hall. Although only members can vote, you are all invited to come hear what is happening at Living Christ. We'll have a report from Pastor Bill, a financial update, information on upcoming events, etc. Minutes from the previous meeting will be available ahead of time for you to examine, as we will be voting to approve them at this meeting. So mark your calendars, and see you there! Any questions, see Becky



- 5/6 Art
- 5/11 Paul
- 5/13 Arnie
Melissa
- 5/16 Shaun
- 5/21 Susan
- 5/25 Andrew
- 5/30 Ilene



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- Karen and Tom
5/12/62
 - Lynne and Art
5/20/78
 - Gilda and Fred
5/23/81



CELEBRATING YOU

We will have a special fellowship the second Sunday of each month celebrating YOU! If you are celebrating your birthday, anniversary, or another event that month, we will celebrate you at that special fellowship. Regular fellowships will continue on other Sundays. Feel free to sign up to help with any of the fellowships. Please contact me with any questions (847)302-0528. I can't wait to celebrate with you!

Patty



- May 3 Gift Card Orders placed
- Mites collected after the service
- May 7 BOD Meeting (note change of date)
- May 10 Special Coffee Fellowship
- May 17 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
- June 1-30 Meals on Wheels
- June 7 Mites collected after the service
- Gift Card orders placed
- June 9 Lifeline Screening
- June 10 Wellness Wednesday
- June 14 Special Coffee Fellowship
- July 5 Mites collected after the service
- Gift Card orders placed
- July 8 Wellness Wednesday
- July 14 BOD Meeting (note change of date)
- August 12 Wellness Wednesday
- September 9 Wellness Wednesday

Elders Art
Marty

Marge Davis went to her heavenly home on March 6th
Ruth Mueller went to her heavenly home on March 11th

Life Line Screening will be here at Living Christ Lutheran Church on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up. There is no time like the present to take action!



Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001
- Online: <https://www.llsa.social/hsca>
- Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607

We have some **COMPLIMENTARY SCREENINGS** available. If you are interested, please contact the church office before you sign up.