

Lordstown Lutheran Church

Worship Sunday, 10:00 A.M.



Creating a Community of Love
Where all Are Welcome,
Especially You!



Newsletter



PURSUE JESUS – AND YOUR PASSIONS

If you struggle with making and keeping resolutions, you're not alone. It can be discouraging to focus on what you're doing "wrong" and all the difficult changes in store. Yet January offers great opportunities to listen to God's direction. After all, Jesus came to give us abundant life and wants us to pursue him.

As you review the previous year, ask: What brought me joy? How did I grow? How did I help others? What did I do that no one else could have done? Whether your list includes spending time outside, mentoring or coaching young people or making crafts to give away or sell, continue doing what brings you joy. God gives us each unique gifts and circumstances, so live passionately for him this year!

—Janna Firestone

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www.lordstownlutheran.org

Upcoming Events & Activities

During the month of January, Jan will be trying out two Sunday School times (Before & After) Worship. Let us know your thoughts and opinions.



January 1, 2023 9:00 - 9:30 or 11:15 - 11:45
January 8, 2023 NO Adult Sunday School
January 15, 2023 9:00 - 9:30 or 11:15 - 11:45
January 22, 2023 9:00 - 9:30 or 11:15 - 11:45
January 29, 2023 9:00 - 9:30 or 11:15 - 11:45



1st Sunday, Communion, Children stay for worship
2nd Sunday, Children's Sunday School Class
3rd Sunday, Children Stay for Worship
4th Sunday, Children's Sunday School Class
5th Sunday, Children's Mission

Cards Class—1st Thursday of the Month



January 5th

11:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall

Cost \$15.00 Includes : 15 Cards and Envelopes (3 Card Designs of 5 each)

all supplies provided for easily creating beautiful handmade greeting cards.
Many of us enjoy lunch while we stamp cards together. You can bring your own lunch, skip lunch or order with others from Ross's Eatery (CASH ONLY) in Lordstown.

Contact DREA with Questions or to RSVP by Texting or Calling 330-770-5585

COMMUNION SUNDAY



January 1, 2023
at 10am
**ALL WELCOME
TO SHARE**



**MONTHLY
COFEE
FELLOWSHIP**
January 29, 2023
After Worship



CHOIR PRACTICE
Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Every year we pray that those who love to sing will join us. We always have extra robes and would love to put one on your singing body!
Please join us to sign praises to our Lord!
Lois Dorazio Choir director

The Men's Breakfast will be on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, at the Perkins on Elm Rd at 9:00AM.
The next one will be
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 9:00AM

PARTICIPANTS STILL NEEDED

TO SIGN UP FOR A

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023
AFTER WORSHIP



Please TEXT Michelle Knox at 330-550-8202 to Enter the
CHILI COOK OFF, PIE BAKING CONTEST, or BOTH

Sharing God's Love

God's Work



Our Gifts



share the
warmth

JANUARY'S MISSION PROJECT

A Collection of Nice Warm Blankets for
Emmanuel Lutheran Clothes Closet
Please bring in you blankets to church anytime
before the end of January

Thank you for your Generosity!! -Dolly Lutz

Marc
Our Compassion
International
Child Supported by
Lordstown Church



Compassion International

**CONSIDER MAKING A
DONATION TODAY!**

Your donation makes a difference in the
life of a child

40%

Children in the Compassion program are up to 40% more
likely to finish secondary education

4,000

Compassion-assisted children spend an average of 4,000
hours in safe nurturing programs

75%

Children in the Compassion program are up to 75% more
likely to become leaders in their communities.

Sharing God's Love

LORDSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL PANTRY

Sponsored by Lordstown Lutheran Church

After speaking with Mrs. Miller the High School Guidance Counselor, I discovered that there are also needs at the High School. There are several kids going without basic hygiene products and clothing.

Currently they are in great need of Feminine Hygiene Products.

Please Help us fill the High School box full of Pads, Panty liners, tampons, & other Feminine Hygiene Products

LORDSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PANTRY

Sponsored by Lordstown Lutheran Church

Please help fill the shelves at Lordstown Elementary School

Let's all chip in and fill our

RED BINS

to overflowing. Just choose your favorite, kid friendly, single serve, nutritious food and drop it in the red bins at our parking lot entrance.

If you prefer, you may mail a donation to the church,

Please make your check payable to:

Lordstown Lutheran Church with Children's Pantry in the memo line

Grocery List

- Toastee sandwich crackers
 - Single serve macaroni and cheese
 - Single serve cookies
 - Single serve pretzels, baked crackers
 - Single serve apple sauce
 - Single serve oatmeal
 - Granola Bars
 - Ramen Noodles
 - Single serve fruit cups
 - Trail Mix
 - Shelf stable dairy products
 - Breakfast Bars
 - Single serve cereal bowls
 - 100% juice boxes
 - Tuna, chicken foil packed Individually Packaged
 - Muffins
 - Vegetable Cups
 - Cracker & Cheese Packs
 - Single Serve Soup
 - Maruchan Instant Lunches
 - Raisins
 - Lunchables
 - Your ideas here
- * Please No Peanut Containing Products**

News of the Parish

PRAYER LIST & PASTORAL CONCERNS

Please keep our loved ones in your prayers this week

Immediate Health Concerns: Carol, Connie, Mike N., Diane, David, Rich, Lynn, Doris, Ron H., Destiny, Debbie, Mitch

Ongoing Health Concerns: Joann, Joe, Ann, Robert, Leo, Jay, Olivia-Rose, Elijah, Tiffany, Lucas, Ted P., Steve, Cindy, Phyllis H, Jean H., Ed, Pauline, Ilona

Compassion Child: Marc Yvans.

Active Duty Military: Julian Krusely, Jason Layfield

Scout Troop 20 and its leaders

Our Monthly Mission Outreach and The Children of Lordstown Elementary School

World Peace: Especially for those living in the region of Ukraine and Russia.

Thank you for your prayers

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 330 399-7227 OR
EMAIL US AT LTOWNLUTHERAN@YAHOO.COM TO NOTIFY US OF FRIENDS OR RELATIVES WHO
NEED TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST.



December Church Attendance

December 4th - 44
December 11th - 39
December 18th - 40
December 24th - TBD



Those Who Serve



SCRIPTURES FOR JANUARY



1st 1st Reading - Isaiah 63:7-9
 2nd Reading - Hebrews 2:10-18

8th 1st Reading - Isaiah 42:1-9
 2nd Reading - Acts 10:34-43

15th 1st Reading - Isaiah 49:1-7
 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

22nd 1st Reading - Isaiah 9:1-4
 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

29th 1st Reading - Micah 6:1-8
 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Psalm 148
 Gospel - Mathew 2:13-23

Psalm - 29
 Gospel - Mathew 3:13-17

Psalm 40:1-11
 Gospel - John 1:29-42

Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 Gospel - Mathew 4:12-23

Psalm 15
 Gospel - Mathew 5:1-12

January Lector Schedule

1st Linda Falatic
 8th Phyllis Knox
 15th Barb Paxson
 22nd Bobby Housel
 29th Dolly Lutz

Scriptures will be left in your Mailbox

Guest Ministers

1st Loranell Breyley
 8th Loranell Breyley
 15th Richard Seaks
 22nd Richard Seaks
 29th Loranell Breyley

Acolyte & Cross Bearer Schedule

Available Children will take turns rotating as Acolytes and Cross Bearers. Please arrive 10 mins before worship. Those present will share turns. Don't forget to bow at the altar as you enter and as you leave the chancel area. You've ALL been doing a great job! Thank you for serving your church!

Altar Guild

January Volunteer Needed

Sign up on the 2023 Flower Chart posted in the Narthex

Thank you

December Volunteer
 Barb Paxson

January CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

8th - Karen/Pat
 22nd - Liz/Dolly
 29th - Needed

2023 has open dates
 please sign up on the small bulletin board in the Classroom OR call Erica Thomas Boyle if you can assist.
 330-644-5506 Thank You.

Thank You!

Jan Hall For Teaching Adult Sunday School
Dolly and Elizabeth Lutz For Teaching Children's Sunday School
Mitch Paxson For Getting the Sound system back up and running
Michelle Knox For Setting up the Chili Cook off & Pie Baking Contest

Acolytes Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be Acolytes in December

Lectors Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be Lectors in December

Anyone who has helped and contributed, that may not be listed.
Please CALL 330-399-7227 or EMAIL ltownlutheran@yahoo.com if you would like to
Thank someone for their good deeds.



Happy
New Year!

... look, new things
have come into being!

2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV



**Please be sure all
lights are off in the
educational building
and church when you leave
the premise.**



Thank You

Are you in need?

The Scouts have donated the following
**Wheel chairs, Crutches,
& Walkers**

If anyone is in need of these items,
please call 330-399-7227
Or email ltownlutheran@yahoo.com

**LORDSTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2022**

Please feel free to call our council members with your questions, suggestions or concerns

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Chuck Thomas: 330-979-6392	EMERGENCY PASTOR Gerald Gammon: 330-306-8965
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT & EVANGELISM Chairperson: Karen Lerch 330-506-6544	COUNCIL SECRETARY & FINANCIAL SECRETARY Pat Hogan 330-824-2427
FINANCE Chairperson: Dick Dorazio 330-565-3630	WORSHIP & MUSIC Chairperson: Erica Thomas-Boyle 330-766-8409
MALIFICANT TREASURER, THRIVENT ADVOCATE FOR LLC, STATUTORY AGENT FOR LLC, INCORPORATES FOR TAXES Dick Dorazio 330-565-3630	STEWARDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP Chairperson: Michelle Knox 330-550-8202
SOCIAL MINISTRY Chairperson: Dolly Lutz 330-233-8660	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Chairperson: Erica Thomas-Boyle 330-644-5506
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Drea Gates 330-770-5585	PROPERTY Chairperson: Jeff Housel 330-219-1815

PASTOR'S MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE			
June Harrison 330-824-2226	Kathy Lerch 330-503-4337	Bob Housel 330-503-5021	Denell Harrison 330-360-0823

LORDSTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF	
Administrative Assistant—Drea Gates Choir Director—Lois Dorazio Substitute Organists—Jessica Wilk Custodial—Patty Housel	Finance Treasurer—Rhonda Mansell Organist—Margaret Thomas Substitute Organist— Maranel Tallman Lawn Maintenance—Erica Thomas-Boyle

Links to ELCA websites
For information regarding the wider Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
www.neos-elca.org– Weekly Synod News
www. elca.org - general ELCA news

MISSION STATEMENT
To serve God's people in all times and circumstances; showing the saving love of Christ, our Lord.

CHURCH 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT THRU NOVEMBER



INCOME vs EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER

INCOME	EXPENSES	+ OR -
\$6,045.92	\$4,540.47	+\$1,505.45

YEARLY INCOME vs YEARLY EXPENSES THRU NOVEMBER

INCOME	EXPENSES	+ OR -
\$70,919.00	\$76,143.24	-\$5,224.24

INSURANCE AND LAND TAXES

MONTH	WHAT IS IT	HOW MUCH	PAID	FUND
FEBRUARY	LAND TAX (1	\$742.05	YES	PARSONAGE
APRIL	INSURANCE	\$2,469.50	YES	PARSONAGE
JULY	LAND TAX (1	\$742.05	YES	PARSONAGE
OCTOBER	INSURANCE	\$2,551.00	YES	PARSONAGE

"NON CURRENT" BILLS FOR NOVEMBER

FUND	AMOUNT	FOR
PARSONAGE	\$12,409.00	For new metal roof on Parsonage and Garage.
PARSONAGE	\$485.00	Materials and labor for our sound system.

NOVEMBER MISSION SUPPORT:

MISSION	GIVING	YTD
Benevolence	\$190.00	\$2,425.00
Lutheran Disaster	\$25.00	\$2,230.00
Warren Family Mission	\$25.00	\$709.00
USD, Operation phone home	\$250.00	\$250.00
Compassion	\$43.00	\$394.00

To support ELCA church wide ministries. All \$25.00 to hurricane Ian relief.

COMMENTS:

So let me tell you how we were able to pay for the new metal roof on the parsonage and garage. We transferred \$2,000.00 out of our Endowment Fund, \$1,000.00 out of the Building Fund, \$1,000.00 out of the Thrivent Fund, \$94.44 out of the Lunch Bunch Fund, \$1,584.33 out of the Kitchen Fund, \$704.13 out of the Men's Maintenance Fund, \$117.03 out of the Robe Fund and \$585.02 out of the Utility Building and Equipment Fund. The finance committee worked this up and asked for councils approval. All these funds will be zeroed out except Endowment, Thrivent and Building. After all this, we will still have \$8,196.17 in our Parsonage Fund. And the Parsonage Fund will now be our go to fund. Of course with the help of Building, Thrivent and Endowment.

This month offerings for both current and missions were, as always, outstanding.

Average attendance for the month was 34 and for the year 36.

If you have any questions about this report or any finance issues please ask.

Thanks as always for your great support!

Report prepared by: Richard Dorazio, Finance Chairperson



“THRIVENT MEMBERS”

Our Thrivent “Choice Dollars” Fund started 2022 with a balance of \$4,984.85. And we received \$858.00 . This was down from last year. This money helped in so many ways. Here are some programs we helped with this year. We sent \$500.00 to synod for crisis in Ukraine, \$500.00 to ELCA

World Hunger “Global Farm Challenge”. We purchased a cow! And ELCA matched us dollar for dollar. Then \$300.00 to the ELCA general fund, \$500.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane Ian, \$1,000.00 to our Parsonage Fund to help pay for the new metal roof on the parsonage and garage. This is why this fund is so important.

Also, I would like to take this time to remind you that you have until 3/31/23 to direct your Choice Dollars for 2023.

Please do not miss this opportunity to have Thrivent provide funds to Lordstown Lutheran. You can go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836 and say Thrivent Choice after the prompt. I hope and pray that we take full advantage of this great program! Thank you Thrivent members for supporting “Choice Dollars”.

God Bless you all.

Richard Dorazio Thrivent Advocate.

CHURCH 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT THRU OCTOBER

INCOME vs EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER		
INCOME	EXPENSES	+ OR -
\$6,573.09	\$5,154.35	+\$1,424.74

YEARLY INCOME vs EXPENSES THRU OCTOBER		
INCOME	EXPENSES	+ OR -
\$64,873.08	\$71,602.77	-\$6,729.69

INSURANCE AND LAND TAXES				
MONTH	WHAT IS IT	HOW MUCH	PAID	FUND
FEBRUARY	LAND TAX (1)	\$742.05	YES	PARSONAGE
APRIL	INSURANCE	\$2,469.50	YES	PARSONAGE
JULY	LAND TAX (1)	\$742.05	YES	PARSONAGE
OCTOBER	INSURANCE	\$2,551.00	YES	PARSONAGE

"NON CURRENT" BILLS FOR OCTOBER		
FUND	AMOUNT	FOR
PARSONAGE	\$150.00	Quarterly pest control charge
THRIVENT	\$95.31	Baptism supplies

OCTOBER MISSION SUPPORT:		
MISSION	GIVING	YTD
Benevolence	\$305.00	\$2,235.00
Lutheran Disaster	\$530.00	\$2,205.00
Warren Family Missi	\$100.00	\$684.00
Emmanuel's Clothes	\$50.00	\$950.00
Compassion	\$24.00	\$351.00

To support ELCA church wide ministries. All \$530 to hurricane Ian relief.

Mission project "coats".

NOTE: \$500.00 of the \$530.00 for hurricane Ian came from our Thrivent Choice Dollars Fund.

COMMENTS:

A lot going on this month. We had great offerings for both current and missions. You can see that we paid our second half of our insurance and had a couple of non current bills.

Next month we will have a big bill for a new metal roof on our Parsonage and garage. Average attendance was 32. And for the year 36.

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