

# Lordstown Lutheran Church

Worship Sunday, 10:00 A.M.



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## 2024 HELLO march NEWSLETTER

### When it rains

The skeleton flower, a perennial native to Japan, has delicate petals that change from opaque white to almost transparent when wet. After it rains, only the flower's intricate, skeleton-like veins are visible.



When the rains come (and they will!) in our lives, the same can be said. Amid difficulty and struggle, our true selves often become more transparent. During a parenting challenge, criticism might emerge. Or while we tackle a tough work project, impatience might rear its ugly head.

Hosea 6:3 (NLT) proclaims: "Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring." The rains will come. Whether you're experiencing light rain or a downpour, ponder what the water reveals. Then ask God how you can be more open to his work in that area.

—Janna Firestone

# Upcoming Events & Activities

## COMMUNION SUNDAY



March 3, 2024  
at 10am  
ALL WELCOME  
TO SHARE



**MONTHLY  
COFFEE  
FELLOWSHIP**  
No Coffee this  
Month

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, March 13, 2024 at 9:00 P.M.

## *Cards Class—1st Thursday of the Month* **March 7, 2024**

**11:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall**



**Cost \$15.00 Includes : 12 Cards and Envelopes  
(4 each of 3 card designs)**

Bring your own double sided tape or pay \$1 to use tape in class, all other supplies are 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**

## DORCAS CIRCLE

**On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00**

Join us next month, as we design, sew, cut and measure our projects for shut-ins, hospital and nursing home residents, and for Lutheran World Relief.

*Call the church, 330-399-7227  
for more information*





## CHOIR PRACTICE

# ADULT

*Sunday School*

# CHILDREN'S

*Sunday School*

## CHOIR PRACTICE

Join us for practice on  
Thursdays at 7:00 PM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

March 3rd 9:00-9:30 or 11:15-11:45  
March 10th 9:00-9:30 or 11:15-11:45  
March 17th 9:00-9:30 or 11:15-11:45  
March 24th 9:00-9:30 or 11:15-11:45  
March 31st 9:00-9:30 or 11:15-11:45

March 10th  
March 24th

# Lent Soup Suppers

*Join in Victor Hall at 6:00 PM*



Wednesday, March 6th  
Wednesday, March 13th  
Wednesday, March 20th

Soup Supper will be followed by  
fellowship with readings, discussions, games,  
and praise songs.

Please bring your own place setting

# Sharing God's Love

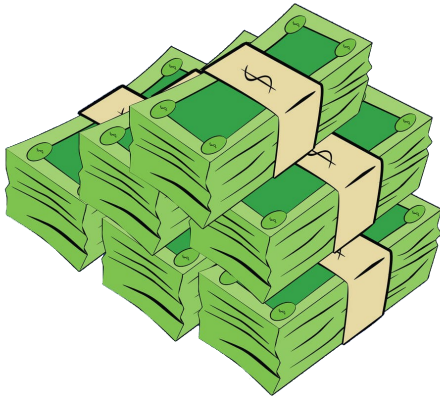
God's Work



Our Gifts

## MARCH MISSION PROJECT

### CASH DONATIONS TO THE WARREN FAMILY MISSION

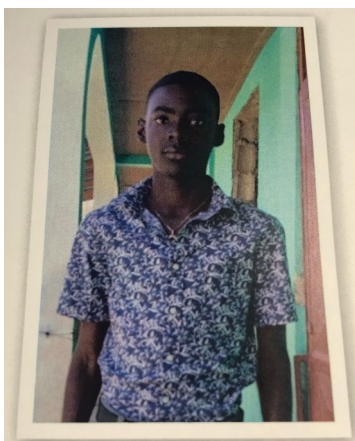


**Monetary donations to the Warren Family Mission.**

*Please Put March Mission Project in the memo line of your check*

**THANK YOU!!!!**

**Marc**  
Our Compassion  
International  
Child Supported by  
Lordstown Church



Marc Yvans Valdino is our Compassion child that we have supported since 2017. He was born August 31, 2008. He does real well in his classes at school. This year he will turn 16 years old. Please consider giving a donation to help with our monthly bill (\$45) to support him. You can give cash or a check to Pat Hogan and she will make sure it gets to our compassion account. Thanks for all your support and help.

**Karen Lerch, Sponsor Chairman**

# Sharing God's Love

## LORDSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL PANTRY

Sponsored by Lordstown Lutheran Church

**THERE IS A HUGE NEED FOR**

**TRAVEL SIZE DEODORANT, REGULAR SIZE IS ALSO FINE.**

Other needs are travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, and feminine pads

Donations can be left at the display by the church entrance.



## LORDSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PANTRY

Sponsored by Lordstown Lutheran Church

**Please help fill the shelves at Lordstown Elementary School**

lets continue to fill the shelves to

**overflowing for the 2023/2024 School Year.**

**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

**In our Thoughts and Prayers:** Jean Housel joined our Lord on February 24, 2024. Please keep Jean's family in your thoughts and Prayers.

**Immediate & Ongoing Health Concerns:** Lucas Paxson, Ron Hill, Phyllis Housel, Ted Paxson, Leo Divencenzo, Tiffany Fellows, Destiny Givens, Anna Strickland, JoAnn Leepard, Joe Harrison, Molly and Family, Mary Sabol, Mark Molnar, Laura Paxson, Rachael Ann, Ilona Rupnik, Linda Behner, Judy Beckwith, Phyllis Knox

**Compassion Child:** Marc Yvans.

**Active Duty Military:** Julian Krusely, Jason Layfield, Talon Brown, Kiana Gates

**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.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 330 399-7227,

TEXT OR CALL DREA AT 330-770-5585, 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.

### March Church Attendance

4th - 39  
11th - 44  
14th - 24  
18th - 31  
25th - 29





# Those Who Serve



## Lector Schedule

*Scriptures will be left in your Mailbox*

3rd Dolly Lutz  
10th - Eleanor Gill  
17th - Barb Paxson  
24th - Erica Thomas Boyles  
31st - Sharon Ebling

## 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 !

## Guest Ministers

3rd Brian Shields  
10th - Dick Beck  
17th - Jim Kulma  
24th - Linda Weidenbach  
31st - Steve Brown



**March 10th - Barb/Dolly**  
**March 24th - Liz**

2024 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.*

## Altar Guild

**March - Margaret & Erica**

*Sign up on the 2024 Flower Chart posted in the Narthex*

*Thank you*



**Boy Scouts who fixed and replaced the Lordstown Lutheran Church signs located in the village of Lordstown.**

**Jan Hall For Teaching Adult Sunday School**

**Dolly, Elizabeth, Karen, & Pat For Teaching Children's Sunday School**

**Barb Paxson For putting together the High School donation display**

**Acolytes Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be Acolytes**

**Lectors Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be Lectors**

**Anyone who has helped and contributed, that may not be listed.**

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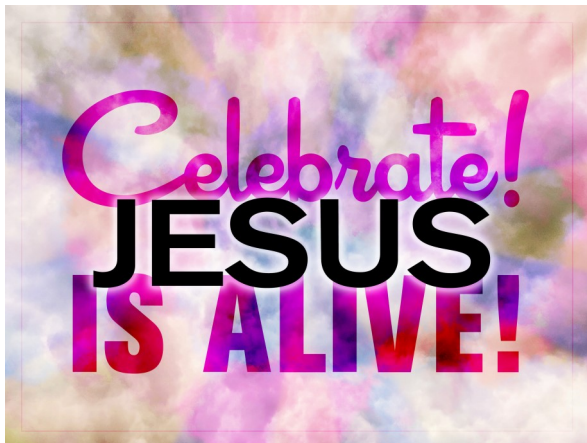
**Thank someone for their good deeds.**



**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



**LORDSTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2022**

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

<b>COUNCIL PRESIDENT</b> Chuck Thomas: 330-979-6392	<b>EMERGENCY PASTOR</b> Gerald Gammon: 330-306-8965		
<b>COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT &amp; EVANGELISM</b> Chairperson: Karen Lerch 330-506-6544	<b>COUNCIL SECRETARY &amp; FINANCIAL SECRETARY</b> Pat Hogan 330-824-2427		
<b>FINANCE</b> Chairperson: Dick Dorazio 330-898-6085	<b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC</b> Chairperson: Erica Thomas-Boyle 330-766-8409		
<b>BENEVOLENCE TREASURER, THRIVENT ADVOCATE FOR LLC, STATUTORY AGENT FOR LLC, INCORPORATES FOR TAXES</b> Dick Dorazio 330-898-6085	<b>STEWARDSHIP &amp; FELLOWSHIP</b> Chairperson: Michelle Knox 330-550-8202		
<b>SOCIAL MINISTRY</b> Chairperson: Dolly Lutz 330-233-8660	<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b> Chairperson: Erica Thomas-Boyle 330-644-5506		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b> Drea Gates 330-770-5585	<b>PROPERTY</b> Chairperson: Jeff Housel 330-219-1815		
<b>PASTOR'S MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE</b>			
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](http://www.neos-elca.org)– Weekly Synod News  
[www.elca.org](http://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 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT THRU JANUARY**

**INCOME vs EXPENSES FOR JANUARY**

INCOME	EXPENSES	+ OR -
\$6,020.51	\$7,432.76	<b>-\$1,412.25</b>

**YEARLY INCOME vs EXPENSES FOR JANUARY**

INCOME	EXPENSES	+ OR -
\$6,020.51	\$7,432.76	<b>-\$1,412.25</b>



**INSURANCE AND LAND TAXES**

MONTH	WHAT IS IT	HOW MUCH	PAID	FUND
FEBRUARY	LAND TAX (1/2)			PARSONAGE
APRIL	INSURANCE (1/2)			PARSONAGE
JULY	LAND TAX (1/2)			PARSONAGE
OCTOBER	INSURANCE (1/2)			PARSONAGE

**"NON CURRENT" BILLS FOR JANUARY**

FUND	AMOUNT	FOR

**JANUARY MISSION SUPPORT**

	GIVING	YTD
Benevolence	\$240.00	\$240.00
Emmanuel's Clothes	\$100.00	\$100.00
Compassion	\$38.00	\$38.00
Thrivent Choice Dolla	\$173.00	\$173.00

To support ELCA church wide ministries.  
Mission project "Blankets".

**COMMENTS:**

January usually has been a slow month. Everyone recovering from all and of course the weather. But that did not stop us from having very good offerings. Mission support was also very good as always. Ok, so the reason for expenses over income. We have a very important program for payroll. And it seems that we did not received a bill for 2022 and 2023. Plus the bill for 2024 went up. That means we had three years worth of bills this month. The coast was \$1,114.50! The good news is we are very stable with our finances. Lets think of this as just a bump in the road. A big bump! But we will be ok. Average attendance for the month was 28. If you have any questions on any of our finances, please just ask. Thank you for your great support!

Report prepared by: Richard Dorazio, Finance Chair / Benevolence Treasurer

## THRIVENT MEMBERS.

I would like to take this time to remind you that you have until 3/31/24 to direct your Choice Dollars for 2024. Please do not miss this opportunity to have Thrivent provide funds to Lordstown Lutheran. You can go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.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.



**PALM**  
Sunday

**Sunday, March 24, 2024  
at 10:00 A.M.**

Guest Minister  
Chaplain Linda Weidenbach

**GOOD**  
Friday

**Friday, March 29, 2024  
at 7:00 P.M.**

Guest Minister  
Rev. Steve Brown

**EASTER**  
Sunday

**Sunday, March 31, 2024  
at 10:00 A.M.**

Guest Minister  
Rev. Steve Brown

**Lordstown  
Lutheran Church**  
Worship Sunday, 10:00 A.M.



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

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**March 2024**  
Northeastern Ohio Synod  
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