

# LORDSTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH

5615 Palmyra Rd S.W., Lordstown OH 44461



“Creating a Community  
of Love Where Are Welcome,  
Especially You”

*Sunday Worship 10:00am*

*Phone: 330- 399-7227*

*Nursery Available. Handicapped Accessible.*

## JUNE 2020

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## HOW TO DEVELOP A VIBRANT PRAYER LIFE



### PRAISE

Give God glory for who He is.  
Praise Him! Start your prayers with  
praise!

*"Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD,  
O my soul! While I live I will praise the LORD!"  
Psalm 146:1-2*



### REPENT

Ask for forgiveness and for the  
strength to repent from your ways.

*"Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly  
from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin."  
Psalm 51:1-2*



### ASK

What has the Lord put on your heart?  
Ask Him, and let the peace of God  
guard your heart & mind.

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by  
prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let  
your requests be made known to God;"*



### YIELD

Give your prayers to God to answer  
in His way and in His time. Yield to  
His will, and then yield to and listen  
for His voice.

*Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He  
shall strengthen your heart."  
Psalm 51:1-2*

SOURCE:

[WWW.ASYMPHONYOFPRAISE.COM](http://WWW.ASYMPHONYOFPRAISE.COM)

## Zoom Fellowship Gathering Wednesdays 7-8pm

To Join us by: COMPUTER / IPAD/ PHONE: ( NO COST)

1. Go to zoom.us
2. Tap on "Join A Meeting"
3. Enter the "Meeting ID" number. I send these out on Wednesdays at 6:30pm via email.
4. Choose the Audio and Video options (phone users turn on your speakers.)
5. You may have to wait a minute for me to start the gathering. I hope you'll join us on Wednesdays!

If you have trouble call me right away 330-472-0228.



**It's Your Turn! FAN FAVORITE SONG**

Congratulations to *Linda Falatic* who chose her favorite worship song, "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" which was played at the end of last weeks Video Worship Service. You too can choose a favorite song or hymn to conclude our video worship services. Email or Text your favorite today!

Please don't forget your name—thanks!

Email: [ltownlutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:ltownlutheran@yahoo.com)

Text or call 330-472-0228.

## Breath Prayer Meditation:

Breath in slowly: "In the Silence"  
Exhale slowly: "I hear God's voice"

*Breathe in 4 counts  
Breathe out 4 counts*



## *Creating a Community of Of Love*

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*June 2020  
"Love Notes"*



*Dear Friends,*

Sometimes when I ask for a volunteer to lead us in prayer, I can see fear in the eyes of those gathered. I know for certain that is the last thing God wants to see in any of us when it comes time to pray. Sometimes people ask me how to pray and I know that they would feel more comfortable if they believed there was a specific way to do it. Personally, I believe that every prayer is perfect, and I bet God feels the same way too.

However, some of us just feel better if we know have a rule to follow or an outline that guides us. I understand. I am also one of those people. So, let me offer you some prayer specifics with the hope that you will become more comfortable and confident in your own prayer life. Today's front page has a wonderful strategy for remembering the key elements for prayer. Below are some additional suggestions I have found along the way on my own journey of prayer. I hope they will be useful to you.

### **1. SIMPLY TALK TO JESUS.**

Do you talk to yourself throughout the day quietly in your head? You may be thinking about a conversation, or you may be remembering something that happened to you. We all talk to ourselves throughout the day, don't we? If I am in a conversation with someone, I am asking the Lord how to respond. If a conflict arises, I am talking to Jesus about how to handle that situation at that moment. I remind myself that the chatter in my head is actually a need for prayer and so I simply turn those thoughts heavenward and envision them floating upward.

### **2. PRAY OUT LOUD BY PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES.**

When I am just at a loss of words, and thoughts and situations are crowding my head and I'm feeling overwhelmed. I open my Bible to favorite scriptures or the Book of Psalms. Sometimes I even just use that old trick of randomly opening the Bible to see where the scriptures lead me. As I read the scriptures, usually out loud, my situation becomes clear again. I feel at peace knowing that I have prayed

### **3. WRITE OUT YOUR PRAYERS.**

I love to journal. I love to write. If you are like me, and you love to write and journal, then write out your prayers. Start a journal, use your favorite pen. If you don't know where to start, use the acronym on the front page to guide you. Start with just one sentence for each letter. Keep it simple. After I write out my prayer for the day, I read it out loud and just give thanks to the Lord for hearing my voice and answering in His way and in His time.

*Love and Blessings,*

*Pastor Kate*



# HOMELESSNESS

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WE LIE IN OUR BEDS IN THE DARK. There is a picture of the children on the bureau. A patch of moonlight catches our clothes thrown over the back of a chair. We can hear the faint rumble of the furnace in the cellar. We are surrounded by the reassurance of the familiar. When the weather is bad, we have shelter. When things are bad in our lives, we have a place where we can retreat to lick our wounds while tens of thousands of people, many of them children, wander the dark streets in search of some corner to lie down in out of the wind.

Yet we are homeless even so in the sense of having homes but not being really at home in them. To be really at home is to be really at peace, and there can be no real peace for any of us until there is some measure

of real peace for all of us. When we close our eyes to the deep needs of other people, whether they live on the streets or under our own roof—and when we close our eyes to our own deep need to reach out to them—we can never be fully at home anywhere.

Frederick Buechner

*Carl Frederick Buechner is an American writer, novelist, poet, autobiographer, essayist, preacher, and theologian. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister and the author of more than thirty published books.*

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

*Video Worship and Communion*



On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> we will once again invite you to share Communion with us during our video worship.

I look forward to your participation as the Holy Spirit unites us all as one through God's love and our love for one another. All you need is a tiny cup of juice, wine or water and a cracker or small piece of bread. If you like choose a special cup and plate that brings you joy and good memories as we celebrate the Lord's Supper together. *Pastor Kate*

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## How You Can Help?

Please help us all feel more connected as a community of Christ. After all, we are one in the family of God. I've racked my brain trying to come up with new ideas to help our church weather this Covid19 storm as best we can.

Currently we have:

Weekly video worship on YouTube.

An additional Wednesday newsletter emailed to members and USPS mailed to shut ins.

We continue mailing weekly bulletins and sermons to shut ins.

We have weekly Zoom fellowship gatherings on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

We've encouraged your participation in choosing a favorite hymn to conclude our Sunday worship.

We've begun a Worship Team for video worship and invited anyone who is interested to participate.

I've encouraged you to call me and share your news and updates as you practice safe, stay at home measures.

Church Council has been reaching out to all our members through phone calls and notes on a regular basis since the beginning of "sheltering in place."

Today, I had another idea and I was very excited about it until I realized that with our "vulnerable population" it's still too early to try it. You see, until restrictions are lifted for those over 65 and those with underlying health conditions, Lordstown Lutheran Church will not risk opening our church for Sunday worship or any other gatherings. Yes, the worship team will still gather, as will Council if necessary. But we are committed to not placing any unnecessary risk on you.

### So, How can you help us stay connected?

Please take a few minutes to send us your thoughts, inspirations, prayers, favorite scriptures, favorite hymns, tidbits from your Christian websites and devotional materials, family news, places where you've seen Christ at work in our community, your "star word" discoveries and any other news you feel like sharing with your fellowship. Share lots and share often. Your contributions will be shared through church newsletters, video worship & Facebook.

### Your sharing will help us all stay connected and feel like family again!

Call or text me 330-472-0228 or email the church [ltownlutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:ltownlutheran@yahoo.com) or send us a note 5615 Palmyra Rd. SW, Warren OH 44481

Thank you!  
Pastor Kate

Did you leave this black coat at the church? Call 330 399-7227 and leave a message if it is yours.



# NEWS OF THE PARISH

## PRAYER LIST & PASTORAL CONCERS



With sympathy we pray for the families of Betty Ann Harrison who passed away on May 15th. Betty was the wife of Joe Harrison, mother of Phyllis and Sister in Law of Dave and June Harrison. Family and friends

may view Betty's obituary online at [www.jamesfuneralhome.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhome.com) and send condolences to Joe and Phyllis at 2501 Salt Springs Rd. Lordstown, OH 44481.

We extend our thoughts and prayers to Darlene Davis, 3736 S.Leavitt Rd, Lordstown Ohio 44481, upon the death of her brother Ronald Wilson on May 11th, 2020.

We share our sympathy and prayers with Lyndsay Fife and Justin Bretsik on the death of their daughter Alayna Renee Bretsik on April 29th, 2020.

**Immediate Health Concerns:** Jean Housel, Terri Denton.

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** Joe Harrison, Marion Lutz, Dean Bailey, Don Knox, Phyllis Knox, Ted Radtka, Ann Strickland, Robert Jewell, Karen Kemp, Leo DiVencenzo, Jay Walters, Virginia Nesbitt, Olivia-Rose Spurlock, Elijah Spurlock, Debbie Sutherland, Tiffany, Lucas Paxson, Givhan Family.

**Compassion Child:** Marc Yvans.

**Serving in Active Duty Military:** Roger Housel, Jake Housel, Emma Briggs, Julian Krusely.

**Thank you for your prayers.**

Please call the church office at 330 399-7227 to notify us of friends and relatives who need to be added or removed from the Prayer List or would like a visit. For emergencies call Pastor Kate at 330 472-0228.



## CELEBRATIONS

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### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bailey Marie Musser
- 6 Mark Molnar
- 12 Anthony Krusely Jr.
- 13 Rosann DiVencenzo
- 18 Debbie Kelsey
- 19 Blake Betteridge
- 21 Karen Lerch
- 28 Pam Schofer
- 30 Michelle Givhan-Leet



### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 George & Sharon Ebling - 1980
- 21 Keith & Michelle Knox - 1997
- 22 Michael & Bonita Petrick - 1963
- 24 Charles & Margaret Thomas -1972
- 25 Mark & Linda Falatic - 1988
- 25 Kyle & Barbara Boyd - 1994



**I hope everyone is doing well. I welcome your calls anytime, just to say hi and let me know how you and your family are doing. It's a simple way we can stay in touch and maintain community. As always, don't hesitate to call if you have or know of a need. 330-472-0228.**

*Blessings and Love,  
Pastor Kate*





**NEW!**

During this time of Covid19 restrictions we welcome donations of your grown or wild flowers, plants & greenery for the altar area to make one larger arrangement for the sanctuary altar. You may bring in a watered bouquet in own in your vase (which we will protect) or leave flowers in the church lobby inside a container with water until they are collected and used on Thursdays in a church vase.



## Thank You

- To Patty & Jeff Housel for sanitizing the sanctuary and education buildings during the Covid 19 crisis.
- To the Worship Team that will be making Worship Videos to air on Sundays during the Covid 19 crisis.
- To Pastor Kate and Mike for their patient hard work in creating great Sunday morning worship videos straight from our sanctuary and leading our midweek zoom fellowship.
- To Chuck Thomas for retrieving the church mail daily.
- To Dick Dorazio, Fredia Radtka and Jan Hall for managing our church finances.
- To Margaret Thomas for her upkeep of our church gardens.



# Worship with us from

from our website link to



[www.lordstownlutheran.org](http://www.lordstownlutheran.org)



CHECK  
YOUR  
EMAIL

Sunday  
mornings!



### SUPPORT NEEDED FOR VIDEO WORSHIP

We need scripture readers, vocalists, instrumentalists for our video worship services. Scripture Readers should call Karen Lerch to sign up 330-506-6544

Musicians should call Pastor Kate to sign up 330-472-0228.

*All safe distancing protocols are observed during taping; face masks, 6 feet apart, clean hands and sanitizing between services.*



If you would prefer to tape your part separately, just call Pastor Kate to arrange a time 330-472-0228.

If you want to practice please arrive early on your Thursday (2:45 pm) we tape at 3:00pm.

### Lectors for June

June 4 -Dolly Lutz  
June 11-Mark Falatic  
June 18-Linda Falatic  
June 25-needed



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Copies of monthly committee meeting minutes are available in the Plexiglas holders located on the wall to the left of the church office door.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**  
**Chuck Thomas: 330 979-6392**

**STEWARDSHIP & MEMBERSHIP**  
**Chairperson: Denell Harrison 330 360-0823**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
**Chairperson: Linda Falatic 330 872-5713**

**PROPERTY**  
**Chairperson: Jeff Housel 330 360-1815**

**WORSHIP & MUSIC**  
**Chairperson: Erica Thomas 330 644-5506**

**EVANGELISM**  
**Chairperson: Karen Lerch 330 506-6544**

In the month of May we celebrated Mother's Day. Our Compassion child's mother was happy to get the help from our donations that we give to Marc that helps the mothers in poverty and around the world take care of their children. With our sponsorship Marc's mother can focus on more than just feeding and clothing her child, now she can spend more energy on loving her child well and guiding him through life.

The Hibiscus is the National flower of Haiti. The next time you see one in someone's yard be sure to think about Marc and his mother.

Thank you again for all your support.  
Blessing, Karen

**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

THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY  
OUR LOVE  
**SOCIAL MINISTRY**  
**Chairperson: Dolly Lutz 330 233-8660**

This Month's family to bless is from Lordstown. They have a total of five children. Two are elementary school age and three younger children. The father is working but they are struggling to make ends meet.

Please prayerfully consider a donation so we can bless them by showing them a little bit of the love of Jesus.

Please make your checks out to Lordstown Lutheran Church with Family Blessing written in the memo line. Please also keep this family in your prayers.

**THANK YOU**  
Dolly Housel

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

**VISION STATEMENT**  
**Lordstown Lutheran Church**  
Lordstown Lutheran Church Inc. exists for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel message of Jesus Christ especially to members but also to others who express interest in the ministry. This congregation will strive to express that same proclamation in its preaching, its administration of the sacraments, its teachings, its outreach and its social concerns both locally and with the wider church. To serve God's people in all times and circumstances; showing the saving love of Christ, our Lord.



Here's how: Log on to your own Facebook Page first. To find us please type in **Lordstown Lutheran Church** in the upper left corner space that has a magnifying glass on it and then press **ENTER**. This church will come up after about 8 seconds. Sometimes along with other Lordstown pages. Click or tap on us. Don't give up! Be patient at first because it looks very 'busy' but keep going down, down, down through all the postings! The computer or phone may be **slow** to bring them all up as they are older. Sunday church YouTube **videos** are all there. We need activity on this site to make it **grow!** There are very few people comments! So our site looks lonely and as if no-one cares! Please add your own **comments** no matter how small. Visitors see them!

Look for this!



Write a post....

- Joanne Bode - I enjoyed the wonderful Church Service again today! Your message was uplifting & the music was beautiful! I also enjoyed the Children's message! Your dogs are so beautiful and cute! I am a good friend of Barb & Mitch Paxson. Thanks for your wonderful Church Service today! Have a good week! With Love, Joanne Bode
- Carla R Dibell - My first time joining today. It was wonderful. Truly uplifting.
- Maranel Tallman - Wonderful service! Lois picks the best hymns! I do try singing along - thank goodness no one can hear me!
- Liz Lutz - If you are looking for a church that is casual dress, fun, loving and non judgmental you should give them a try. If you come every Sunday or once a month it doesn't matter they are just happy to have you! *April 27th, 2020*
- Dolly Lutz—This church is so giving, They do so much to help those in need in the surrounding area. They have on going monthly mission projects to help local family's, Special Mission projects that support places like Second Harvest Food Bank of The Mahoning Valley and Help with The Lordstown Elementary School Food Bank. I am so proud to be a member of such a loving group of people. It truly is a community of Love. If you have a home church that's great if you don't please come give us a try, we would love to have you visit and become part of our family. *February 19th, 2020*
- Kate Walsh -A wonderful, friendly, accepting and welcoming people. if you're looking for a family of faith, this is the place for you. Sermons posted on Sunday's. *March 22, 2020*

**THE CHURCH REMAINS CLOSED  
DURING THE CORONA VIRUS  
PANDEMIC** For more information  
330 399-7227 or go to  
[www.lordstownlutheran.org](http://www.lordstownlutheran.org)



The Church Golf League is starting up May 27th at Duckcreek Golf Course in Newton Falls. Open to all men and women. Meet every Wednesday at 5:00 in the parking lot. Cost is \$10.00 for half a cart. For more information call Mark Falatic at 330-872-5713.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FIND US ON 	1 	2	3 Wednesday Night Zoom Fellowship 7pm	4 Services are Office open	5 	6
7 Church 10:00am <i>Holy Trinity</i> 1st Sunday after Pentecost <b>ONLINE WORSHIP</b>	8 	9	10 Wednesday Night Zoom Fellowship 7pm	11 Office open	12	13 
14 Church 10:00am 2nd Sunday after Pentecost <b>ONLINE WORSHIP</b>	15	16	17 Wednesday Night Zoom Fellowship 7pm	18 Office open	19 	20
21 Church 10:00am 3rd Sunday after Pentecost <b>ONLINE WORSHIP</b> FATHER'S DAY	22	23 	24 Wednesday Night Zoom Fellowship 7pm	25 Office open	26 	27
28 Church 10:00am 4th Sunday after Pentecost <b>ONLINE WORSHIP</b>	29 ONLINE Worship Children's Message  Included!	30	June  Happy Father's Day!			
						

Holy Spirit, blow through my life and burn in my heart so I may know deeply and share widely the good news of Jesus!