

Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

**July / August 2006
Newsletter**

"Communicating the Love of Jesus"



Living Word Lutheran Church
PO Box 242,
New London, MN 56273



Summer Worship : 9:00 a.m.

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Questions for Pastor...



When are you going to start building ?

That's a question I get real often. It's a question that almost always comes immediately after I tell people that we have purchased land for Living Word. It's also a pretty natural question, since the purpose for having land is to put a building on it.

I tell people that we don't have any specific date set, and that ideally we plan to build within a couple of years. But a couple things have to happen first:

1. We need to come up with a design and layout for the building.

Our Building Committee is in the process of traveling to different churches that have recently put up buildings. The committee's goal is to get an idea of design characteristics that other congregations have found to work well. (They also want to find out what hasn't worked - we don't want to duplicate others' mistakes).

After the research phase is complete we need to have an architect draw up a specific design.

Here are some basic design goals that we had set out in our Long-Range Plan when Living Word was formed.

The overall goal for our new building is that it...

- Combine traditional style with contemporary function
- Be accessible (single level or with elevators)
- Be inviting (attractive, yet not expensive)
- Be built for growth (easy to add planned additions)

Some other specific suggestions include:

- A large, well-lighted multi-function area (vaulted ceiling?) that can serve as sanctuary and other functions.
- Large gathering area (narthex) outside of the sanctuary

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- Air- conditioned - including kitchen
- The cross and altar will be the focal point of the sanctuary
- A bell tower/steeple with lighted cross visible at a great distance
- Sound system, overhead screen and projector integrated into the design
- A large stained glass window
- Lots of clear-glass windows for natural light
- A large, attractive sign that allows for messages to be changed weekly
- Bathrooms (handicap accessible) in different areas of the building
- A large kitchen with plenty of storage and counter space
- Large area for classrooms
- Large area for youth (possibly a detached temporary structure)
- A covered 'drop-off' area

2. We need to raise the funds to be able to begin building what we design.

We plan to form a Finance Committee in the near future to oversee this capital fund drive.

In talking with other churches that have recently built I frequently hear that a building program, in addition to being an exciting time, is also a fun time for a congregation. It's fun to be part of designing and planning. It's fun to work together to turn the design into reality. Our challenge through it all will be to remember that the building is not the goal. The goal is to "make disciples." The building simply serves to help us attain that goal.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

July and August Newsletters are combined this month.

You'll find calendars for each month, as well as a prayer calendar and devotional readings for each

Summary of MMT meeting

June 15, 2006

*Signage committee needs to meet. Any sign bigger than 3x4 would need a variance by county.

*9:00 Worship Service was discussed. Have had good comments. Larger group is good and brings unity.

* Sunday School Picnic was a lot of fun and had a good turnout. VBS is scheduled for July 29 and will promote at Waterday Parade. Rally Day is planned for Sept. 10. Will schedule a meeting with Parents before the beginning of the school year to communicate our expectations and guidelines for the year.

*"Jason Gay Concert" is scheduled for July 2, at 5:00 p.m.

* Golf Outing - August 19th

* Youth will be participating in service projects at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center and also a servant project with Redeemer Church up north this summer. Also on their agenda is the "Praise and Worship Service" June 18 here at church. Hope, Norway, and Covenant Churches are also involved. Wednesday Night Bible Study and Activity will continue through summer. Youth Servant Auction Fund-raiser and Picnic will be held June 25th.

* Pastors Parish Report

1 Baptism Alexander Tjaden

1 Funeral Penny St. Clair

Tuesday Bible Study is now being held at Geneva Olson's at noon. Date's for Pastor's vacation are undecided as yet. Bryson and a called minister will fill in on Lord's Supper Sunday's.

KITCHEN NEWS: Please check your countertops and cupboards at home to see if there are any items borrowed from church. We are missing the gold water pitchers and oblong serving platters, etc. THANK YOU!

4th Annual Golf Outing

August 19th @ 9:00am

We will be golfing at the Valley Golf Course, Willmar. For questions or more information contact Dan Miller.

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Confirmation Retreat...

August 29-30

For students entering 7, 8th and 9th Grade:

The retreat that kicks off our confirmation year will be at Lutheran Island Camp (near Fergus Falls). We'll leave from Living Word on Tuesday, August 29 at 12:15 (we won't be eating lunch, so have your student bring a sack lunch or eat before coming). We spend the night at camp and return Wednesday, August 30 at approximately 8:00 p.m. We'll have four meals at camp (Tuesday supper; Wednesday: breakfast, lunch and supper). They have a "canteen" at camp where your student can purchase snacks, pop, souvenirs, etc... so students can bring a little extra cash for that if you'd like them to. Our 7-8th graders will begin their year-long study of the 6 Chief Parts of Luther's Small Catechism. 9th Graders begin their Independent Study courses designed to prepare them for a lifetime of discipleship.

Remember To Have Your Student Bring:

- "Teen Study Bible" (7th Graders will receive theirs at camp)
- Pen/pencil/marker
- Check payable to "Lutheran Island Camp" (We'll let you know as soon as we know the exact amount. Last year it was \$53)

**As always there is...

No Charge for Those Starting Confirmation this Year**

- Money for snacks (can send snacks too if you want)
- Any medical info we may need in case you get sick or injured
- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Towels
- Work Clothes (for servant event)
- Swimming clothes if desired
- Other weather-appropriate clothes
- Bug spray/lotion

Please note also: The Retreat is a required confirmation event, so I have reserved a spot at camp for all of last year's 6th and 7th and 8th grade students. There are a limited number of scholarships available for returning students. Call Pastor David (354-4103) if you need one. Thanks.

(Don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any other questions too.)

July 5-Minutes-a-day Devotional Reading

Readings this month all focus on ANGELS. Record what you learn about them.



July 2 Remember to Come to The Concert Today
at "The Future Home of Living Word."

July 3 Psalm 91:9-12 _____

July 4 Genesis 3:21-24 _____

July 5 Daniel 3:24-28 _____

July 6 Psalm 103:29-22 _____

July 7 Genesis 19:1-22 _____

July 8 2 Samuel 24:13-17 _____

July 9 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

July 10 Matthew 1:18-25 _____

July 11 Matthew 13:36-43 _____

July 12 Matthew 28:1-7 _____

July 13 Mark 1:9-13 _____

July 14 Mark 12:24-25 _____

July 15 2 Kings 19:32-36 _____

July 16 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

July 17 Luke 1:5-20 _____

July 18 Luke 1:26-38 _____

July 19 Luke 2:8-15 _____

July 20 Luke 15:8-10 _____

July 21 Acts 1:6-11 _____

July 22 Acts 8:26-29 _____

July 23 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

July 24 Acts 10:1-8 _____

July 25 Acts 12:1-15 _____

July 26 Hebrews 1:6-14 _____

July 27 Revelation 5:11-12 _____

July 28 Revelation 12:1-9 _____

July 29 Revelation 22:1-9 _____




July 30 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

SUMMARIZE WHAT YOU LEARNED ABOUT ANGELS _____

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July Living Word Lutheran Church - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00 Combined Worship W/Lord's Supper 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study - Angels 4:45 Land Dedication Ceremony 5:00 Jason Gay Concert @ "The Future Home of Living Word" (on Co. Rd 9)	3 5:30 Youth Worship Planning	4 Independence Day NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC, FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL	5 6:30 Youth Summer Games and Devotion	6 6:00 Elders' Team	7	8
9 9:00 Combined Worship New Officer Induction 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study - Angels Youth Servant Auction bids due		11 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's The Book of Daniel	12 6:30 Youth Summer Games and Devotion	13 http://www.sonshinefestival.com	14 	15
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30 9:00 Combined Worship 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study	31	Aug 1 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's The Book of Daniel	Aug 2 6:30 Youth Summer Games and Devotion	Aug 3 6:00 Elders' Team	Aug 4	Aug 5

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August 5-Minutes-a-day Devotional Reading

New Reading Program Begins July 31: THE HOLY SPIRIT

July 31 Genesis 1:1-2 _____

 Aug 1 Isaiah 11:1-3 _____

 Aug 2 Isaiah 61:1-3 _____

 Aug 3 Mark 1:9-13 _____

 Aug 4 Luke 11:11-13 _____

 Aug 5 John 3:1-8 _____

 Aug 6 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

 Aug 7 John 14:15-21 _____

 Aug 8 John 14:25-27 _____

 Aug 9 John 16:5-8 _____

 Aug 10 John 16:12-15 _____

 Aug 11 Acts 1:1-8 _____

 Aug 12 Acts 2:1-4 _____

 Aug 13 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

 Aug 14 Acts 2:17-21 _____

 Aug 15 Acts 2:29-33 _____

 Aug 16 Acts 10:31-48 _____

 Aug 17 Acts 13:1-5 _____

Aug 18 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Aug 19 Acts 16:6-10 _____

Aug 20 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Aug 21 Romans 8:1-4 _____

Aug 22 Romans 8:5-11 _____

Aug 23 Romans 8:12-17 _____

Aug 24 Romans 8:26-27 _____

Aug 25 1 Corinthians 2:9-16 _____

Aug 26 1 Corinthians 6:13-20 _____

Aug 27 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Aug 28 1 Corinthians 12:1-3 _____

Aug 29 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 _____

Aug 30 Galatians 4:4-7 _____

Aug 31 Galatians 5:16-26 _____

Sept 1 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 _____

Sept 2 Acts 2:34-41 _____

SUMMARIZE WHAT YOU LEARNED ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT _____

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Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Exodus 2:15-25

I S A A C N E V E S L R I G F
G E R S H O M I D I A N O R N
R A E O K D R A E H N Y I E T
C R T N H E B E S G D V I D P
S L H N S R D E I R C L I N Y
E Y G C A D E E R G A L Z T G
S G U H E N R D N G N I K O E
O E A I B O E E N A P K O T P
M M D I F N W V H P O E Y R D
N B R L R D S O O P E R I O D
U T O U E R N R A C E E G W S
H C T C V R A D R V S H A E T
K E F A A H M M A T E T S O A
R R E M E J V L H L E A W A Y
R E U E L E S R P R T F L E D

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Moses & Zipporah

Puzzle #130

ABRAHAM INVITE
AGREED ISAAC
ALIEN JACOB
ANSWERED KILL
ASKED KING
AWAY LAND
BIRTH LEAVE
CAME MAN
COVENANT MARRIAGE
CRIED MIDIAN
DAUGHTER MOSES
DIED PERIOD
DROVE PHARAOH
EARLY PRIEST
EGYPT RESCUE
FATHER RETURNED
FLED REUEL
FLOCK SAT
FOREIGN SAYING
GERSHOM SEVEN
GIRLS SHEPHERDS
GOD SLAVERY
GROANED SON
HEARD STAY
HELP WATER
ZIPPORAH

Exodus 2

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Living Word Concert...

At the site of our future home... Along County Road 9 just north of the New London Township hall (about 1 mile south of the intersection of County Road 40 and County Road 9).

On July 2nd, 2006 at 5:00 pm

With Jason Gray

Jason writes music for the heart, mind, and spirit. Crafting powerful metaphors that lead the listener to discover how marriage is a dance, how God's word is a love letter, and how hope is like a small town off the beaten path, he writes unforgettable and intimate songs that are at once simple and profound. His love for music of all kinds is evident as he moves from pop to folk to rock to soul, letting disparate elements mingle and make a unique and unified whole – all anchored to his expressive guitar and voice. "When you think of the best Christian singer/songwriters, which names come to mind?" Crosswalk.com writes. "Jennifer Knapp, Bebo Norman, Sara Groves. And Jason Gray... Gray's work is strong enough to garner mention alongside some of Christian music's finest."

10:30

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Youth News...

Sunday Youth Worship

One of the ideas that came out of our "Battle Cry for a Generation" study was to host a monthly worship service for youth. A group of adults and youth have been busy planning for our first worship service on June 18.

The 3rd Sunday of each month youth will gather in the sanctuary for worship at 7:30 p.m. Following worship will be a time of fun and fellowship in the gym. Light snacks will be served too.



Wednesday "Game & Study Nights"

Another idea from the "Battle Cry" study was to host some games on Wednesday nights with a Bible Study at "half-time." We don't have all the details finalized yet (like will we have food or not), but we do know that we will be starting at 6:30 each Wednesday.

Games will include: Volleyball, softball, basketball, etc...

VBS 2006!!!!

"LET THE SON SHINE"

That is our theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. It will be held Saturday, July 29th from 10:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m. We would like to invite any child from age 3 years thru the 6th grade to join us!

We also would like to invite the congregation in helping in any way they might be able to. We have poster's to put up, float to decorate for Waterday Parade to promote VBS, teaching and helper positions, crafts, decorating, snacks, lunch, music leaders, games, clean-up and etc.

An article in the Lutheran Witness caught my eye. The last paragraph said, "This annual event is a snapshot of how God intends His church to function. There are a variety of diverse jobs and roles to fill. All generations work together. Children are valued, excitement is high, friends are invited and everyone gets involved. The singing is always loud and spirited. But above all, the Lord's name is lifted high. Why would I want to be anywhere else?"

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Bonnie Hansen 796-5605

Rachel Tri 796-0681

E-mail Inspiration of the Month...

I thought this was appropriate as we approach the celebration of our nation's birth. I didn't research to see if all this really happened (it's pretty easy to make up stuff and email it around). But even if it didn't happen, it should have.

Pastor Dave

When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

- We've exploited the poor and called it the lottery.
- We've rewarded laziness and called it welfare.
- We've killed our unborn and called it choice.
- We've shot abortionists and called it justifiable
- We've neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.
- We've abused power and called it politics.
- We've coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.
- We've polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression
- We've ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea.

Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The Rest of the Story," and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired.

With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and

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wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "one nation under God."

If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything

Schedules & Studies...

Worship Schedule for Summer

Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend

One combined worship service at 9:00 (traditional hymns and contemporary songs)

Fellowship time (with coffee, punch & baked goods) follows worship

A short Bible study will follow fellowship

Tuesday Bible Study

The Book of Daniel - Chapters 7 - 12

"The Revelation of the Old Testament"

We meet for Bible Study at Geneva Olson's at Noon (except July 4)

- Do you know why Jesus' favorite title for himself was "The Son of Man"?
- Do you know what Daniel reveals about the end of time ?
- Do you know the model prayer that Daniel gives ?

These are just a few of the things we will discover as we study the last half of the book of Daniel. Please join us and bring a friend.

New Sunday Study:

"The Truth About Angels"

Starts Sunday, July 2.

There are lots of myths and misinformation about angels (much of which comes from TV shows and movies). We will look at what the Bible actually says about these special "messengers" from God.

Please join us after worship to find out "The truth about angels."

"Destination Vision"

Get a vision of God's destination for You at our monthly . . .

Sunday Night Youth Worship

Sunday, July 16 and Sunday, August 20

Worship with songs, skit, message and prayer starts at 7:30

Fellowship and fun afterward in the gym.

Bring a friend.

Youth Servant Auction...

Instead of a one-time auction, we will leave the "auction" pen until July 9.

Until that time you can "purchase" a servant to help you with whatever you need. Here are the "Servants" and some ideas of what they can help with.

Anthony Dauk	Yard work; playing music, "just about anything."
Cole Erickson	Anything you need help with (After July 15)
Peter Erickson	Anything you need help with
Joe Johnson	"Pretty much anything"
Jesse Medalen	Any outside stuff Take someone fishing
Sierra Cobb	Babysit; Petsit; Mow lawn Yard work
Rebecca Dauk & Dani Skaggs:	Babysitting; house cleaning; groom animals; (Servant team) Baking; Yard work (no cleaning 'doggy-do')
Alicia Willer	Baby sit; Clean house
Allan Fuglie	Math tutoring "Pretty much anything - with instructions"
Mariah Welsh	Babysit Clean house Laundry Pet sit Yard Work
Bryson Wachter	Anything you need help with.
Pastor Dave	Paint a room Take someone to a Twins game
Chuck Weffen	Haul stuff in pickup truck

New in Our Booklet Rack

"Battles with the Bottle"

This booklet from Lutheran Hour Ministries tackles an issue that affects nearly every family either directly or indirectly: Looking to alcohol as a solution to the problems of life. If alcohol plays too big a part in the life of someone you know, (or your own life) this booklet can be the first step in the right direction. This booklet is available at no charge (as are all the other booklets).

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Elected to Serve at Living Word

July 2006 - June 2007

The following were elected at our April Voters' Assembly and assumed their duties on July 1. They will officially be inducted to office in worship on July 9, 2006

Please thank these people for serving us and keep them in your prayers.

President:	Dan Miller
Elders Team:	Duane Hansen & Ron Wotho
Congregational Outreach:	Tammy Fuglie
Trustee:	Randy Nissen
Christian Growth - Youth:	(position open)
Board of Stewardship:	Janet Towner

A July 4th BBQ...

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(See Acts 7:30-31)
CMON BUSH ... DO THAT BURNING THING AGAIN

July Discipleship Verse...

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

August Discipleship Verse...

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20