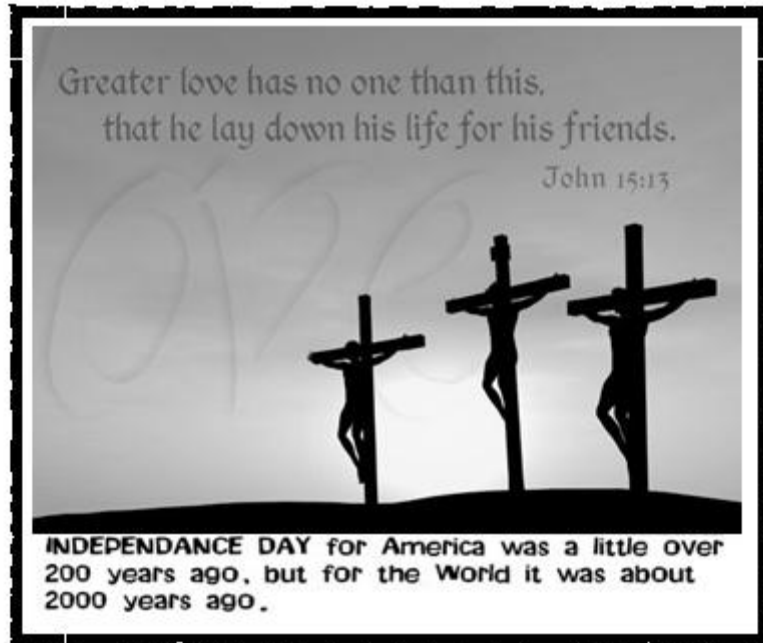


Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

July 2009 Newsletter
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"



Worship Hours:
Christian Growth Hour: 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

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What we aim to do:
Make disciples for Jesus - as we go, wherever we go.
What we aim to be:
A joyful, caring, Christ-centered family of God.

Question for Pastor...

What did you accomplish at the "Eat, Pray and Brainstorm" session?

On June 16, sixteen people came together to share ideas about our current building and financial situation. (Like nearly every other organization that relies on donations, the economic downturn has adversely affected our bank account). After prayer for God's guidance we did the first thing we should always do: Check God's Word. It is in His Word that God has already given us guiding principles. Here's a sampling of passages we looked at - all of which we'd had in recent Bible studies - and how we summarized God's message in that passage. Please take a couple minutes to read through them and their summaries

Zechariah 4:6

So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

(Spoken to Zerubbabel when he and the Israelites were feeling they were powerless to complete rebuilding the temple.)

Summary: Don't judge the project by human standards. God can bring about anything He wills

Haggai 1:2-14

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come for the Lord's house to be built.'"

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[3] Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: [4] "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

[5] Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. [6] You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." (i.e. "Figure out why things aren't going like they should for you." And, in case they couldn't figure it out, God gives them the answer:)

[7] This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. [8] Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. [9] "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house. [10] Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. [11] I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands."

[12] Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord.

[13] Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord. [14] So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God,

Summary: Things weren't going as well as expected, because the people were focused on their homes, not God's. Their fortunes turned when they obeyed the Lord and began building the temple.

Luke 14:28-33

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? [29] For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, [30] saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

[31] "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? [32] If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. [33] In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

Summary: Count the cost before making a commitment - particularly as it relates to following Jesus' lead.

Proverbs 16:3

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Summary: For plans to succeed they need to be God's plans - His will

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

[6] in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Summary: Listen to God and follow His plan - not what makes sense to you

Matthew 6:30-34

O you of little faith? [31] So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. [33] But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. [34] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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Thot for a day: He who slings mud generally loses ground.

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Summary: God knows what we need, seek Him first and everything falls into place

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. [12] Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. [13] You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Summary: God has a good plan for His people. That plan always should result in us seeking Him

Malachi 3:9-12

You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. [11] I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty. [12] "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.

Summary: tithing brings boatloads of blessings - the chief blessing being other people are attracted to the God who gives the blessings.

After reading those passages, one common thread was evident:

When it comes to plans, the only opinion that matters is God's. We need to discern *what He wants* in the situation. (And if something *is* God's plan, accomplishing it won't always be a piece of cake, but He will always be with us and help us overcome whatever obstacles Satan puts in the way.)

Given that foundation, we set out to answer these questions about what God wants:

1. Has God called us to be a Bible-based Lutheran church in this area?

(We unanimously felt the answer was an obvious "Yes." There is an ever-growing need for Bible-based teaching

among Lutherans and Living Word wouldn't be here right now if the answer was "No.")

2. Has God called us to put a building on the land He's given us?

(Again a unanimous and obvious "Yes." God wouldn't have given us the land if He didn't intend it for us as our home base for ministry.)

3. Has God called us to erect the building in summer/fall 2009?

(This was not such an easy answer. There were a lot of "signs" on the "Yes" side. Like the fact that the bids for the building came in at \$66/sq. ft - when the average new building costs \$115-120/sq ft. There is also one big "sign" on the "No" side of the question: In order to attain the down-payment goal we set at the start of our building project, we need at least 3x the amount we currently have in our building fund. So, this would seem to be one of those "Yes, but first I want you to...." answers from God. So our challenge as Building Committee, Mission and Ministry Team and congregation is to get creative in coming up with the rest of the down-payment. We ask your prayers and sharing of insights in this regard. We will keep you informed as we move forward.)

4. What should we do about our current shortfall in General Fund giving?

(Many ideas were shared, but one came through loud and clear straight from God: As a congregation we need to make tithing a reality, not just a stated priority - check again the passage above from Malachi chapter 3. The Mission and Ministry Team voted unanimously to follow God's directive and "test Him in this." We directed our treasurer to pay our tithe (ten percent of the offering) to our district's mission fund with the first check written each week. As God said so plainly in the Proverb 3:5-6 passage above, we need to trust Him in this area and lean not on our own (faulty) understanding. Again, we ask your prayers and for you to "test God in this" on your own.)

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Living Word "Secret Paul" Program 2009

Greetings in the name of our Living Lord !

We are starting a new year of our "Secret Paul" program and encourage you, as a parent or grandparent, to fill out the form below to have the child(ren) and young adults in your family participate.

Program overview

The "Secret Paul" program came about as a way for our church to be involved in the lives of the young people of our congregation and to be for them what a church should be - a caring, extended family. We are now starting the second year of the program. After the end of the first year, many of those that had been praying noted what a positive - even gratifying - thing it was to be praying for a specific young person, knowing what a difference these prayers can make.

The name "Secret Paul" comes from the fact that the Apostle Paul was noted for praying for other believers every day. Praying for such things as their protection, the growth and action of their faith, even prayers of thanks for these other believers. We'll seek to follow Paul's example by each praying daily for the assigned youth, but doing so as a "secret prayer pal" or a "Secret Paul," keeping one's identity secret for the year. At year's end we'll have a special banquet to reveal the identity of each "Secret Paul."

Getting Started

To begin, each "Secret Paul" will receive a packet of information about the program and the person they are paired up to pray for. We ask that you fill out and return the attached form to me or Pastor by July 19 with information you want included in the packet. We'd also like you to *include a recent school photo or snapshot* of the young person. If desired, you can e-mail the information and a digital photo to Laurel@beadjam.com

As a church-wide program we hope we can count on your participation, not only in signing up your children, but possibly being a "Secret Paul" yourself.

Thanks for your partnership in the Gospel !

Laurel Iverson, Secret Paul program coordinator

Questions? Call 354-4932 or e-mail me at Laurel@beadjam.com

Name of child / young adult: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Birthday: _____

Hobbies, Special Interests: _____

Special Prayer Needs: _____

Upcoming Events...

Saturday, August 22

Fund-raiser at New London Music Fest

Living Word will be selling desserts at the Music Fest. We will need:

- 25-30 Fruit Pies - (no cream pies, please)
- Donations for ice cream & sundae supplies
- Some cookies and bars
- Volunteers to serve that day

Please talk to Lu Kiehm about how you can help. Thanks

E-Mail Wisdom...

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us.

My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, "Why did you just do that? That guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage -- frustration, anger, disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you.

Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on.

Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

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That for a day: Inflation is when the buck doesn't stop anywhere.

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The LINK Update...

Over the last few months, the advisory board has been creating a foundation for our work. This work is driven by several factors: values, a mission and vision, the assets and needs of our community. But most of all it is driven by the love of God, his plan for us to do all we can for the common good.

"Love thy neighbor" is not as easy as it sounds. We all want to do this, and with some people it is very easy to put into practice. But it is with those that it is hardest to do that it counts the most. How do we do this?

Here is an excerpt from an article by Ronnie McBrayer...

"You love by emptying yourself of you- the true ambition of the Christ-centered life- and allowing all that God is to flow out of you. Maybe what God is saying when he tells us to love others is just that. Love them. Don't try to clean them up. Don't try to fix them, as if you could. Don't analyze or diagnose them, just love them. The challenge before us is to get out of the way, and let God do what God does. All we have to have is an open heart and home to those around us."

This is the work of The Link- to provide us all opportunities to love thy neighbor. Please consider how you can open yourself up for God's love to shine through. Complete an interest survey for volunteers and return it to the church office.

We are on the move! We will be adding a New London location later in the summer. We will be moving into the Community Building owned by the Covenant Church (the old clinic). There are a few things that we could use for the new space- a desk, a locking file cabinet, a small table with chairs for meeting, and Menard's gift cards to purchase paint and supplies. Please contact Michelle Peterson if you would like to donate or if you have any questions. 320-796-2522 or flic_michelle@tds.net

THANKS To Everyone who brought plates and napkins for The Link's household item distribution. Thanks also to the folks who helped out with re-packaging the items and those who helped at the distribution! We served the needs of 115 families thanks to your help.

Church Bulletin Bloopers...

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference... includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

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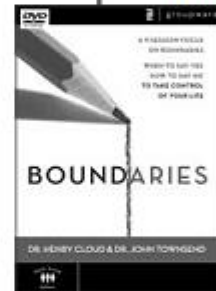
That for a day: Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.

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Wednesday Women's Study...

Wednesday Morning Women's Study : "Boundaries"

- Do you have trouble saying no?
- Can you set limits and still be a loving person?
- Are you in control of your life?
- What are legitimate boundaries?
- Do certain people "overstep their boundaries" and take advantage of you?
- How do you answer someone who wants your time, love, energy, and money?



Having clear boundaries is essential to a healthy, balanced lifestyle. A boundary is "a personal property line" that marks those things for which we are responsible. In other words, boundaries define who we are and who we are not. Boundaries determine the limits of what is acceptable and what is unacceptable. Boundaries impact all areas of our lives:



Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend show us how to set healthy boundaries (what's acceptable and what's not) with our parents, our spouses, our children, our friends, our coworkers, and even ourselves.

Please Join us at 9:30 on Wednesdays. Childcare is provided.

Summer Bulletin Covers Designed by VBS kids

If you've been in church either of the last two Sundays, you've noticed some really neat bulletin cover artwork. Each young person who attended VBS drew a picture for us to use as a bulletin cover for Sunday worship. Each Sunday will feature a different artist and drawing. Please make sure you thank them for using their talents for the Lord !

July 2009 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 28 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship Noon Softball practice	June 29	June 30 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	July 1 9:30 Women's Study: "Boundaries" 6:30 Men's Study: Revelation Letters 8:00 Youth study/ bonfire At Iversons'	2 7:15 Men's Softball Yellow Field 8:15 Men's Softball Red Field	3 	4 Independence Day 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp
5 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper	6	7 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 7:00 Elders' Team	8 9:30 Women's Study "Boundaries" Noon Study: Other "gods" 6:30 Men's Study: Revelation Letters 6:30 LWML 7:30 Baby Shower for Jonah Sharp	9 6:15 Men's Softball Green Field	10	11 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp
12 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship / Outreach Mtg	13	14 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	15 9:30 Women's Study: "Boundaries"	16 8:15 Men's Softball Yellow Field	17	18 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp
19 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	20	21 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	22 9:30 Women's Study: "Boundaries"	23 Men's Softball playoffs 	24	25 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp Water Day Parade Outreach
26 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - key chapters 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	27	28 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	29	30	31	Aug 1 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp

July - 15-Minutes-A-Day

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We finish the doctrinal book of Romans, then spend the rest of the month on the shorter letters written by the Apostle Paul.

June 28 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 29 Romans 7:1-25 (7:7-25) _____

June 30 Romans 8:1-39 (8:22-39) _____

July 1 Romans 9:1-11:36 (10:1-21) _____

July 2 Romans 12:1-21 (12:1-2) _____

July 3 Romans 13:1-14:23 (14:1-23) _____

July 4 Romans 15:1-16:27 (15:1-21) _____

July 5 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

July 6 Colossians 1:1-29 (1:15-23) _____

July 7 Colossians 2:1-23 (2:1-10) _____

July 8 Colossians 3:1-4:18 (3:1-17) _____

July 9 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (1:1-4) _____

July 10 1 Thessalonians 2:1-20 (2:1-13) _____

July 11 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13 (3:1-10) _____

July 12 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

July 13 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18 (4:13-18) _____

July 14 1 Thessalonians 5:1-28 (5:1-11,23-24) _____

Today's Light Devotional Readings

July 15 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 (1:1-10) _____

July 16 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3:18 (2:1-17) _____

July 17 1 Timothy 1:1-20 (1:1-11) _____

July 18 1 Timothy 2:1-15 (2:1-8) _____

July 19 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

July 20 1 Timothy 3:1-16 (3:1-13) _____

July 21 1 Timothy 4:1-16 (4:1-10) _____

July 22 1 Timothy 5:1-25 (5:1-16) _____

July 23 1 Timothy 6:1-21 (6:3-19) _____

July 24 2 Timothy 1:1-18 (1:6-10) _____

July 25 2 Timothy 2:1-26 (2:1-13) _____

July 26 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

July 27 2 Timothy 3:1-4:22 (3:1-17) _____

July 28 Titus 1:1-16 (1:1-4) _____

July 29 Titus 2:1-15 (2:11-15) _____

July 30 Titus 3:1-15 (3:1-8) _____

July 31 Philemon 1-25 (1-25) _____

Aug 1 Hebrews 1:1-14 (1:1-4) _____

Upcoming Schedules...

If you aren't able to serve on your Sunday, please call someone and switch with them. Thanks!

Scripture Readers

July 5	Mark Fuglie	796-6975
July 12	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
July 19	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
July 26	Janet Towner	444-0125

Aug 2	Tammy Wachter	796-6222
Aug 9	Duane Hansen	796-5605
Aug 16	Scott Wachter	796-6222
Aug 23	Bryson Wachter	894-6378
Aug 30	Youth	

Sept 6	Jack Kuppich	254-8355
Sept 13	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
Sept 20	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Sept 27	Wally Abraham	354-2615

Fellowship Servers

July 5	Linda Dilley	235-0235
July 12	Bonnie Hansen	796-5605
July 19	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
July 26	Nancy Jo Wendt	354-2398

Aug 2	Donna Peterson	354-5247
Aug 9	Pam Johnson	354-3545
Aug 16	Laurel Iverson	354-4932
Aug 23	Elaine Abraham	354-2615
Aug 30	Youth	

Sept 6	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
Sept 13	Janet Towner	444-0125
Sept 20	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Sept 27	Stacy Olson	212-9647

Usher & Greeter Schedule

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
July 5	Mark Fuglie & Kevin Welsh	Lu
July 12	Joe Johnson & Anthony Dauk	Laurel
July 19	Wally Abraham & Brady Sharp	Janet
July 26	Janet Towner & Linda Dilley	Violet

Aug 2	Troy Hansen & Bryson Wachter	Lu
Aug 9	Mona Hjelle & Pam Johnson	Laurel
Aug 16	Jamie Iverson & Lonny Robbin	Janet
Aug 23	Jason Miller & Jack Kuppich	Violet
Aug 30	Youth	Youth

Sept 6	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen	Lu
Sept 13	Kevin Welsh & Joe Johnson	Laurel
Sept 20	Mark Fuglie & Brady Sharp	Janet
Sept 27	Janet Towner & Linda Dilley	Violet

Acolyte

Please talk to Pastor if your child would like to be an acolyte

Children's Church Schedule

July 5	Emily Fuglie	796-6975
July 12	Mariah Welsh	796-6840
July 19	Joe Johnson	354-3545
July 26	Mona Hjelle	354-4315

Aug 2	Kasey Nieland	354-2036
Aug 9	Anthony Dauk	354-4103
Aug 16	Becca Dauk	354-4103
Aug 23	Mykala Geer	354-5035

Church-League Softball Schedule

Date	Time	Field	Opponent
July 2	7:15	Yellow	Bethel Lutheran
	8:15	Red	Eagle Lake Lutheran
July 9	6:15	Green	Lutheran Social Service
July 16	9:15	Yellow	Salem Covenant

Sunday Worship

By the time Ted arrived at the baseball game, the 2nd inning was almost over.

"Why are you so late?" his friend asked.

"I had to toss a coin to decide between going to church and coming to the game."

"How long could that have taken you?" he asked.

"Well, I had to toss it 14 times."



Wednesday Men's Study...

Revelation: The Letters (and beyond)

Last week we began our study of the book of Revelation. Numbers are very significant (and very symbolic) in the book of Revelation. For example, the number 7 occurs all over the place and is symbolic of God's perfect time (based on the seven days He used to create a perfect world). The book of Revelation includes seven "beatitudes" or statements of blessing. The first occurs right away in the third verse of the book and sets the tone for the whole book:

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

There's a lot wrapped up in that one sentence:

- 1) We should not (as many people seem to) be afraid to read Revelation, because God promises a blessing just for the reading of it.
- 2) It is not "beyond understanding" (again, as many people seem to think). If that were the case, we would not be able to "take to heart" what we read. It's tough to take something to heart if you can't understand it.
- 3) The purpose of the reading it is not simply to gather information to satisfy curiosity. Rather, God has given the information in Revelation for the purpose of effecting a change in our attitudes and actions. (To "take something to heart" means to let it have an affect on your life - to let it change the way you think and act.)
- 4) Revelation is prophecy. Prophecy is often wrongly interpreted to mean "mysterious prediction of the future." But "prophecy" simply means "a message from God." Sometimes that message may include predictions of the future, but those predication are not the main purpose. The main purpose of prophecy is always to inform God's people of a message He has for them... SO THAT they will "take it to heart" and change the way they act or think.

So, guys, here's an invitation to receive the blessing God promises for reading and taking to heart His message in Revelation. We meet on Wednesday evenings (8th and 22nd this month). Please join us - and bring a friend.

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That for a day: You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.

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Youth Notes...

- Bible Study and Bonfire, July 1 @ Iverson's (8 p.m.)
- Sonshine Free Concert, (Switchfoot) July 15, 7:30 - 10:00
- Help with Water Day Parade Outreach - Sat., July 25
- Meet 1st Wed in Aug.
- Fund-raiser ideas: Serve food at an auction
- Sell popcorn at NL Music Festival
- Youth Lead Worship 5th Sunday in Aug.
- Visit a Church in the Cities - August

THANKS: To the Valley Fair Chaperones/Drivers!!!

Thanks from Carpenter's Tools International

Hi Pastor Dave,

THANK YOU so much for hosting the CTI team on Sunday, May 31, 2009! We hope that it was a blessing to everyone involve. We would love to hear your honest evaluation of our ministry and the team that visited you, to learn how to grow in Christ & be better at what we do.

And if you haven't filled out our online concert evaluation, we encourage you to do so at:
www.ctimusic.org/concertevaluation

Also, if you know of any other organizations in your area that would be interested in hosting a team, feel free to direct them to our website, or give them our contact information!

We will be looking at bookings for next year after January 2009, so we'll be contacting you for future possibilities.

We are so blessed to have worked with you and your community this year and hope to do so again in the future.

May God bless you in all you do to serve Him.

Marcia Roorda
Booking Director
CTI Music Ministries

Opportunities to Share the Love of Jesus In Practical Ways...

Make-a-Meal Program

You will notice special "PRAYER and CARE" cards in the worship attendance folders. Please use these cards to give us the names of people you know who could use a meal. (You can also use the cards to give prayer requests for Pastor and/or the Prayer Force prayer chain). The cards can be filled out and placed in the offering plate.

Make Some Cookies for Campers

Again this summer we will be providing cookies for the RV Campers at the RV park each Saturday as a way of welcoming them to our area and inviting them to worship with us on Sundays. Talk to Pastor or one of the Outreach Team if you can bake cookies for this outreach. Thanks!

"Secret Paul" Prayer Partner Program

See page 7 for the latest information on Living Word's Secret Paul Program 2009

Share the Love of Christ with a Card or letter:

To Heidy, the young girl from Ecuador we support through Compassion, Int'l. Letter forms are on the bulletin board. (p.s. . If you can help with financial support please put your donation in the "Heidy" box by the door. We pay \$32/month to help provide for Heidy.)

Glen Oaks Bus Silent Auction

GlenOaks is pleased to announce that we are planning our first ever Ranch Rodeo fundraiser at the Lucky Buck Ranch on September 19. Please save the date and plan to attend if you can.

As part of the fundraising activities, we will hold a silent auction with items donated from community members and businesses. We would also like to let our area churches know if any quilters, crafters or anyone who may wish to donate an item please contact Stephanie Williams at 354-6089.

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That for a day: Your behavior is what you believe; all the rest is just talk.

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Opportunities for Growth...

Tuesday Noon Bible Study

Stories behind favorite hymns:

Anything is more meaningful when you know the story behind it. We take a look at the Bible passages and life-situations that prompted the writing of some of the favorite hymns. We gather at noon and share a light lunch and study. Please join us.

Wednesday NOON study:

Life to the Fullest

Remaining studies:

- Where You End - That's Where God Begins
- Focus for Your Future

Please join us at noon - and bring a friend.

Sunday Morning Forum

We will continue to look at key chapters in our Today's Light Bible readings. You don't have to have read them in order to participate.

Join us at 8:45 Sunday Mornings

Men's Study:

Will meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in July..

We are currently studying the book of Revelation. (see page 18 for more information.) We will also try to work a service project into our schedule, so keep your ears open for needs we could help with.

Women's Study: Coping With Stress

Wednesday mornings @ 9:30

Childcare is provided. Perfect for stay-at-home moms:

(See the page 11 for more information.)

July Discipleship Verse...



Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32

The Story Behind the Song...

Many songs in our hymnal are based on songs found in the Bible. For example, a song we often use as an offertory *We Give Thee But Thine Own*, is based on a song of praise King David composed as part of a prayer given when offerings for the building of the temple were gathered. Compare the first two verses of the song (# 781 in our hymnal) with verses 11-14 in 1 Chronicles 19.

But perhaps no song in the hymnal so closely mirrors a song in the Bible as #705, *The Man is Ever Blessed*. Each song verse is a paraphrase of the corresponding verse of the Psalm 1. (The hymn verses are indented)

[1] *Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.*

The man is ever blessed Who shuns the sinners' ways.

Among their counsel never stands, Nor takes the sinner's place

[2] *But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.*

But makes the Law of god His study and delight.
Amid the labors of the day And watches of the night

[3] *He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.*

He like a tree shall thrive With waters near the root;

Fresh as the leaf his name shall live, his works are heav'nly fruit

[4] *Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.*

Not so the wicked race, They no such blessings find;

Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff Before the driving wind

[5] *Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.*

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That for a day: Success comes in cans; failure comes in can'ts.

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How will they bear to stand Before the judgement seat

Where all the saints at Christ's right hand In full assembly meet?

[6] *For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

He knows and He approves The way the righteous go;

But sinners and their works shall meet A dreadful overthrow

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



THE LORD IS MY CAMPGUIDE.. I have everything I need. He let's me rest at clean campsites with running water and electric. He gives me good rest, and leads me on the paths marked clearly to the restrooms and hot showers, because he is good. Even though I walk through the valley of MOSQUITOES I will not be afraid, cuz you giveth me DEET. Your campfire and picnic pavilion comfort me. You prepare s'mores and hot dogs in the presence of raccoons. You fill my Coleman lantern with oil, and my coffee mug overflows. Surely good weather, and FUN will be with me, and I will stay in the Lord's Campground FOREVER! **Psalm 23 (CIV)** Campers International Version.