

Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

May 2010 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

Located on the West of Spicer on Cty Rd 10
in old Prairie Meadows building
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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...

"How is that possible?"

Let's back up one question. *"Is it possible to be certain you are going to heaven if you died tonight?"* This is a question I asked the 7th-8th Grade confirmation students during a recent class session. The overwhelming response was "NOOOO." (Boy did they get that one wrong!) When I told them the correct answer is "YEESSSS," their response was "How is that possible?"

In short, it is possible to be certain of our eternal life, because we are trusting NOT in what *we* do to earn eternal life, but in what *God* has already done to purchase heaven as a *gift* for us.

If we are laboring under the misconception that we have to *do* things to earn our way into heaven, it's true that we will never be certain we've done enough things - or done them well enough. But if we are trusting in what God has done to purchase our entrance to eternity, we can be certain that He has done everything needed, and has done it perfectly. (He's God, He doesn't mess up.)

Last month we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter. It is that resurrection event that proves to us God did accept Jesus' Good Friday sacrifice as full payment for our sins - full payment for the sins that would have kept us out of heaven had they not been paid for.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the event that also shows our faith is placed in the right One when it is place in Jesus. Many people throughout the ages have come claiming to be THE one to follow in order to get life after death. Only One of those rose from His grave as evidence that He was telling the truth. (Think about it... if Jesus

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had lied about who He was or about the fact that we need to place our faith in Him, do you really think God would have raised Him from the dead? I don't think so! Jesus' rising from the grave is evidence of God's acceptance of what Jesus said and did.

Listen to this passage from the Apostle John *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.* (1 John 5:13). Notice that John said, "so that you may KNOW you have eternal life." He didn't say, "hope you have..." but "know you have..." And why can we *know* we have eternal life? Because we are believing in the name of the Son of God... and not in things we do to earn it.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Sharing the Love of Jesus In Practical Ways...

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 Reminders

Secret Pauls: Don't forget to send your person a note if they have a birthday in May.

Parents: If you have specific things your kids need prayer for during the year, please place those requests in the Secret Paul request box. Thanks.

Provide a Scholarship ...

For Someone to Attend Lutheran Island Camp

Camp offers great programs and we have folks who would like to attend. If you can help out by providing a scholarship, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!

Help Chaperone (or drive) for Youth Day at Valley Fair

Please talk to Pastor David or Pam Johnson if you can help in either of these ways. Tentative plans are to go to Valley Fair for Lutheran Day, Monday, June 28

Opportunities for Growth...

How would you change if you spent just a couple minutes a day getting to know God through His Word?

Check out the "What Does God Have to Say About...? Daily Readings on pages 11 & 12. And make a commitment to find out how God will change you through reading just a couple minutes a day.

8:45 Sunday morning Adult Study

Paul the Apostle: What culture doesn't want you to hear
Americans live in a culture that places great emphasis on entertainment, achievement and self. It's increasingly difficult for Scriptural truth to cut through the noise and sink into our hearts. But when we stop and study Scripture, we find the culture we live in faces the same problems as the early church.

In these four DVD-based sessions filmed on location in Rome, speaker and author David Nasser uses the life of Paul to highlight how followers of Christ can stand up to cultural "norms" and stand firm in Christ.

Mom's Study - Wednesday mornings @ 9:30

NOOMA Studies *See page 9 for details*

Women's Study - Wednesdays @ noon

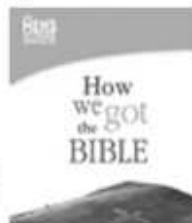
"That The World May Know" *See page 9 for details*

Men's Revelation Bible Study

"How We Got the Bible."

1st and 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

As an expert on this subject, Dr. Paul Maier, who is the Russell H. Seibert professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University, has profound insights regarding the production, canonization, and inspiration behind the texts that comprise the Scriptures.



Couples Bible Study

Saturday, April 10th @ 6:30 *See page 9 for details*

Parenting Young Children - 8:45 each Sunday

A special class for parents of pre-school through 4th grade children.

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That for a day: God grades on the cross not the curve.

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Meet Our New Members...

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP IN MARCH:

- Dan Gertken and Tabitha Koester;
- Carolyn Rossow; Caleb Beeler, Jacob Beeler, and Lizzie Beeler
- Brent, Alicia, Lance and Carson Sawatzky;
- Brandon Sharp;
- Bryan, Kari & Rya Sharp;
- Paulette Spletter;
- Gerri Wadsworth

To help introduce you to our new members we've asked them to tell a little about themselves including favorite Bible passages and what attracted them to Living Word.

Paulette Spletter

Hi!!!, I'm Paulette Spletter.... I was born in Pierre, SD and grew up in Spicer. I married Hooey (Hal) Spletter on June 30, 2001 in Portland, Oregon. We moved back to Minnesota in November, 2001 and have made our home in New London.

We have two cats, Oliver and Sophie, and one dog. His name is Buddy. I've been doing a lot of walking with Buddy these days. I also like to crochet and play games on the computer. I love helping Tammy Fuglie provide childcare during the Mom's Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. We usually have 4 or 5 children, and it is a lot of fun!!!

As for favorite Bible passages, I like the Lord's Prayer and the Twenty-Third Psalm. Why? Because those verses saved my life!! In 1995 I was in an accident, I prayed those verses and He truly answered my call. I feel very close to the Lord, Jesus Christ !!

At this point I have no transportation, but you can come and visit me at 19373 63rd St NE in New London (Peaceful Hills). Give me a call first though, at 320-354-7143.

Paulette

May Discipleship Verse...



We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5

Mark Your Calendars...

Sundays May 2 & 9 - After Worship Brief Training Sessions For Ushers

Since we've had lots of questions about usher duties and the procedures for ushering, Pastor and the elders will host a couple training sessions after worship the first two Sundays in May. Let us know if you are unable to attend either of these. Thanks!

Wednesday, May 5 @ 7:00 p.m. Spring Voters' Assembly

The following MMT positions are up for election at our May 5, Voters' Assembly.

- **Chairman** - Presides over meetings
- **Secretary** - Takes official notes at monthly meetings and posts notices
- **Two Elder positions** - Provide spiritual leadership of the congregation
- **Community Outreach Director** - Oversees evangelism to the community
- **Congregational Outreach Director** - Organizes fellowship events for members
- **Christian Growth: Youth** - Promotes fellowship and spiritual growth of youth
- **Stewardship** - Promotes the use of the time, talent, treasure God gives
- **Director of Trustees** - Oversees the care and maintenance of building/grounds



NEW: Thursday, May 20 Church-League Softball Begins

It's a fun time of fellowship. Talk to Brady Sharpt if you have questions or would like to join us. Games are played on Thursday evenings in Willmar

Sunday, May 16, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Open House Celebrating Arlo Sweetter's 85th Birthday
This will be held at the Dethlef's Senior Center in Spicer

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Thot for a day: We'll never run out of math teachers because they always multiply.

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Sunday, May 23

Old Fashioned Sunday School Picnic

Crazy Games and Lotsa Food

Sat., June 5 - 1-4 p.m.

Graduation Open House for Becca Dauk at her home (5126 Co. Rd. 40 NE, New London)

The congregation is invited.

Youth Notes...

- The National Youth Gathering in New Orleans is July 15-21
- Our Current Fundraiser for the Gathering: Selling beef sticks 2/\$1
- Watch for more fundraisers coming soon
- The theme for the 2010 National Youth Gathering is "We Believe," based on John 20:31: *"But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."* (ESV)



About this theme, Rev. Terry Dittmer, Director for Youth Ministry notes, "Gathering participants always share how much it means to encounter other students who 'believe like I do' as part of the National Gather-

ing. We Believe is a wonderful, corporate expression of our faith in Jesus Christ, especially as we focus on the creed and our confession as we take that faith to the New Orleans community in Word, celebration, service, witness and fellowship."

- Please pray for these attendees:
Lana Bjork (adult leader),
Becca Dauk,
Emily Fuglie,
Pam Johnson (adult leader) and
Dani Skaggs,
- Bible Studies to prep us for the Gathering will be held on Sunday afternoons at homes or coffee shops.
- Valley Fair Day coming in June (date to be determined - possibly Lutheran Youth Day on Monday, June 28)



The LINK Update...

May 2010 'The Link' Update

Mission: Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other.

Connections: *"We are not put on earth for ourselves, but are placed here for each other. If you are there always for others, then in time of need, someone will be there for you."*

Our goal is to bring people together and to build relationships among neighbors. We want to build natural supports for people that do not depend on the resources of government agencies, but on the good will and the resources of community members. Complete an interest survey for The Link- so that we can help you find ways to be there for others.

EMAIL Network: We are looking for people who would like to be on an email network in order to respond to various requests and needs that we become aware of in the community. Here are just a few examples: exchange of furniture or appliances, school or sports equipment requests, volunteer teams for household or moving needs, etc. We will also include you for other important updates about upcoming projects and events! If you would like to be on this list, please email Michelle Peterson at flc_michelle@tds.net

Supporting Students This school year is coming to a close and before we know it, students will be gearing up for another year in the fall. We would like to assist families in those preparations, and here is how you can help: Contribute gift cards for clothes shopping and sports equipment, backpacks, new or used scientific/ graphing calculators, and new jump drives and three ring binders and tab dividers.

Household Exchange We are currently accepting the following items at our household exchange in the New London office:

Sets of dishes and silverware, toasters, coffemakers, lamps, side tables, new bed linens, pillows and towels, brooms, buckets and mops.

We also are looking for beds- twin and double size.

Community Visits We would be pleased to come and visit your group to talk about the work of The Link and ways you can get involved! Call us to schedule a time to speak with your bible study, adult education group, book club, civic organization, etc.

Contact Information: Michelle Peterson 320-796-2522
flc_michelle@tds.net

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Thot for a day: Jesus is my favorite loser. He fell for the entire human race.

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Couple's Study...



Pastor and Violet will host the the study on **Saturday, May 9** at 6:00 p.m. at their home. You are most welcome to attend even if you weren't able to attend previous studies.

The Details: Couples will meet at our home at 6:00 for the study, then we send everyone off on a date (you make the plans)

Last month we learned that marriage is a covenant - "for as long as we both shall live" NOT "as long as we both shall feel like it."

This month:we'll study... *Breaking Free* from the temptations or addictions that threaten your marriage.

It doesn't matter if you've been married 6 months or 60 years, you will find this study to be very helpful in strengthening your marriage and your commitment to each other.

Mom's Study...

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Mornings

NOOMA ("Spirit") Studies

- Wednesday, May 5: Why Doesn't God Always Give What We Want ?
- Wednesday, May 12 No Study today
- Wednesday, May 19 Forgiveness - It's not just for people who hurt us.
- Wednesday, May 26 We believe in God - Does He believe in us ?

Women's Study...



Wednesday Women's Study Topic

"That The World May Know"

Faith Lessons on the Promised Land

Wednesdays at noon

Exploring an ancient culture... and discovering relevance for today...

A sampling of significant Holy Land sights we've seen recently:

+ Shepherding in the Holy Land - and images of Jesus as the Good Shepherd that are taken from it.

May - Daily Devotionals

We start the month finishing our readings on LOVE. Then we move on to a very relevant question in our time of war and strife. What does the Bible say about WAR. We end on Holy Week with passages that tell us the purpose for Jesus' death - and the result of it for us.

Feb 28 **What God Says About ... LOVE - Our Love for Him**

Mar 1 Deuteronomy 6:4-5 _____

Mar 2 Psalm 73:23-28 _____

Mar 3 Psalm 84:1-2 _____

Mar 4 Hebrews 6:9-10 _____

Mar 5 Matthew 25:31-40 _____

Mar 6 John 14:15-23 _____

Mar 7 **What God Says About ... WAR**

Mar 8 Ecclesiastes 3:8 _____

Mar 9 Matthew 24:1-8 _____

Mar 10 Deuteronomy 20:1-15, 24:5 _____

Mar 11 Jeremiah 5:11-19 _____

Mar 12 Luke 14:31-33 _____

Mar 13 Isaiah 1:2-5 _____

Mar 14 **What God Says About ... WAR - OUR RESPONSE**

Mar 15 1 Timothy 2:1-4 _____

Mar 16 Psalm 27:1-3 _____

"What Does God Say About...?"

Mar 17 James 4:1-6 _____

Mar 18 Luke 3:7-14 _____

Mar 19 Romans 12:9-21 _____

Mar 20 Romans 13:1-2 _____

Mar 21 **What God Says About ... TYRANNY & OPPRESSION**

Mar 22 Exodus 23:9 _____

Mar 23 Proverbs 3:29-35 _____

Mar 24 Zechariah 7:9-14 _____

Mar 25 James 2:1-9 _____

Mar 26 Ezekiel 22:29-31 _____

Mar 27 Isaiah 59:9-18 _____

Mar 28 **What God Says About ... JESUS' DEATH - It's purpose**

Mar 29 Isaiah 53:4-12 _____

Mar 30 Romans 5:6-11 _____

Mar 31 Titus 2:11-14 _____

Apr 1 Galatians 3:10-14 _____

Apr 2 1 Peter 3:18 _____

Apr 3 Matthew 26:28 _____

May 2010 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Paul & culture Sunday School Parents' Study 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship / Usher Training	3	4 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Men's Study: How We Got the Bible 7:00 Elders Team	5 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study "That the world may know" 6:30 Youth Meeting 7:00 Spring Voters' Mtg Election of Officers	6 noon NL-S Ministerial	7	8 6:00 Couples' Fireproof Study @ Pastor & Violet's
9 MOTHER'S DAY 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Paul & culture Sunday School Parents' Study 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship / Usher Training	10 Pastors' Conference @ Madden's	11 Pastors' Conference @ Madden's	12 Pastors' Conference @ Madden's 1:30 LWML 6:30 Bldg Committee	13	14	15
16 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Apostle Paul Sunday School Parents' Study 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 2:00 85 th Birthday Open House for Arlo Sweeter @ Bethel	17	18 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Men's Study How We Got the Bible 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	19 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study "That the world may know" 6:30 Bldg Committee	20 After School: All Stars 4 Jesus Church League Softball Begins Tonight	21	22
23 SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Apostle Paul Sunday School Parents' Study 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Sunday School Picnic	24	25 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	26 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 Bldg Committee	27 Church League Softball	28	29
30 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	31 MEMORIAL DAY	June 1 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	June 2 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 Bldg Committee	June 3 Church League Softball	June 4	June 5 1:00-4:00 Grad. Reception for Bacca Dauk @ Dauks'

Upcoming Schedules...

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

Meal Makers and Takers

	Meal Makers:	Meal Takers:
May	Linda Dilley Tammy Fuglie	Linda Dilley Tammy Fuglie
June	Mona Hjelle Jamie Iverson	Mona Hjelle Bryson Wachter
July	Laurel Iverson Pam Johnson	Rachel Tri Pam Johnson

Scripture Readers

May 2	Carolyn Rossow	952-738-1036
May 9	Gerri Wadsworth	796-2294
May 16	Paulette Spletter	354-7143
May 23	Linda Dilley	235-0235
June 6	Mark Fuglie	796-6975
June 13	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
June 20	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
June 27	Tammy Wachter	796-6222
July 4	Duane Hansen	796-5605
July 11	Wally Abraham	354-2615
July 18	Allan Fuglie	796-6975
July 25	Scott Wachter	796-6222
Aug 1	Bryson Wachter	894-6378

Fellowship Servers

May 2	Lu Kiehm / Mona Hjelle
May 9	Laurel Iverson / Violet Dauk
May 16	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
May 23	Sunday School Picnic
May 30	Youth
June 6	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
June 13	Wendy Robbin / Stacy Olson
June 20	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
June 27	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
July 4	Lu Kiehm / Mona Hjelle
July 11	Laurel Iverson / Violet Dauk

July 18	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
July 25	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson

Usher & Greeter Schedule

	Ushers	Greeter
May 2	Tim Geer & Allan Fuglie	Jack & Bryson
May 9	Mona Hjelle & Paulette Spletter	Laurel
May 16	Jamie & Phil Iverson	Lu
May 23	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter	Gerri/ Paulette
May 30	Youth	
June 6	Brian Tri and Troy Hansen	Jack & Bryson
June 13	Lonny Robbin & Jack Kuppich	Laurel Iverson
June 20	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen	Lu Kiehm
June 27	Kevin & Noah Welsh	Gerri & Paulette
July 4	Mark Fuglie & Vern Samuelson	Jack & Bryson
July 11	Linda Dilley & Lu Kiehm	Laurel Iverson
July 18	Tim Geer & Allan Fuglie	Lu Kiehm
July 25	Brady Sharp & Wally Abraham	Gerri & Paulette

Aug 1 Mona Hjelle & Paulette Spletter Jack & Bryson
 * Fill-in Greeter Bonnie Hansen 796-5605
 Please call Bonnie if you aren't able to greet on your scheduled Sunday

Children's Church Schedule

May 2	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
May 9	Halee Lucas & Mikayla Geer	
May 16	Emilie Fuglie	796-6975
May 23	Carolyn Rossow	952-738-1036
May 30	Mariah Welsh	796-6840
June 6	Joe Johnson	354-3545
June 13	Kasey Nieland	354-2036
June 20	Becca Dauk	354-4103
June 27	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
July 4	Emily Fuglie	796-6975
July 11	Halee Lucas & Mikayla Geer	
July 18	Carolyn Rossow	952-738-1036
July 25	Mariah Welsh	796-6840

Elders

May 2	Wally Abraham & Jason Miller
May 16	Bryson Wachter & Troy Hansen

Elders Schedule continued...

June 6	Kevin Welsh & Wally Abraham
June 20	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
July 4	Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham
July 18	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter

Acolyte

May 2,	Grace Geer
May 9,	Michelle Johnson
May 16,	Matthew Tri
May 23,	*** Acolyte needed

June 8	Grace Geer
June 13	Michelle Johnson
June 20	Matthew Tri
June 27	*** Acolyte needed

July 4	Grace Geer
July 11	Michelle Johnson
July 18	Matthew Tri
July 25	*** Acolyte needed

That The World May Know...

Building Update:

We are in the final stages of collecting "hard" cost figures for two options:

- Option One: A SIP (Structural Insulated Panel) Building
- Option Two: A traditional 2x6 Frame ("stick-built") Building

At this point our preference is a SIP building due in part to the greater energy efficiency it offers. However, we need to make sure that the up-front costs of the SIP structure will be economically feasible.

We are also deciding between two different building dimensions: 60x70 and 48x80. Our preference is a 60x70 structure as it will offer slightly more square footage (enough for two small Sunday School rooms). Again, we want to be sure the up-front cost of the larger building fits within our budget.

With the figures we currently have we feel that a 48x80 Frame Building will fit our budget. Our hope is that final figures for the 60x70 SIP Building will also fit within our cost constraints.

We continue to meet at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings and greatly appreciate your prayers and input.

For The Kids...

JCPlayZone Update: New Online Activities for Kids

JCPlayZone is Lutheran Hour Ministries' interactive Web site for kids. With Bible stories, Daily Devotions, and Christian music, kids can build a foundation of faith and strengthen their knowledge of the Bible. Besides its excellent Bible-based activities,

JCPlayZone features crafts, recipes, games, coloring pages, and free e-cards to keep kids engaged in wholesome activities. Some of the games even have biblical themes.



New games include the "12 Apostles Quiz" and matching games, "Bible Baffle" and "Fill in the Blanks." These have been added to a great lineup of other favorite games, like "Leopardy," "Dino Drop," "Bramble Ramble," and the "Spanish Matching" game. Another new feature is "The Power of Prayer," a fun, animated video that teaches kids about how Jesus answers our prayers.

Many of the coloring pages depict various Bible stories that kids have learned about in Sunday school or Vacation Bible School or your devotions with them. The coloring book teaches children to "Bee Happy," "Bee Joyful," "Bee Patient," and others, covering the beatitudes from Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5:3-12). The coloring book even allows children to think of their own "BeeAttitude." Just click "Coloring" from the JCPlayZone homepage.

One user says, "We use JCPlayZone at our church's preschool at computer time—and thanks for adding "Arise In Song." It is great music and the kids love it!"

<http://www.jcplayzone.com>

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E-Mail Wisdom... (received via e-mail)

Oh, great! Another email about God...

I really don't have time for this!

Then I realized that this kind of thinking is what causes a lot of problems in our world - and in my life...

We try to include God in Sunday morning.... maybe on Wednesday night.

We do like to have Him around during sickness...

... and, of course, at funerals.

However, we don't have time for Him at work, school or play...

...because, well, He might "get in the way."

May God forgive me for ever thinking that there is a time and place where He is not first in my life

I should always have time to remember all He has done for me...

Yes, I do love God. He is the Source of my existence and my Savior. He keeps me functioning each and every day. He gives me strength for every situation (Phil. 4:13) including work, school and play.

Thank you, God for loving me - unconditionally!

E-Mail Humor...

"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people."
-- Victor Borge

"The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter." -- Mark Twain

"What soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul." -- Yiddish Proverb

"Laughter is an instant vacation." -- Milton Berle

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, James asked, "What happened to the flea?"

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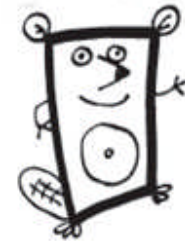
That for a day: When all is said and done, more is said than done.

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Just For Fun...

ADVENTURE WORDSEARCH

When you have found all the words, there will be three letters left over. They will spell something which adventurers usually don't want to do.



AMAZONIAN APES
WILDERNESS
SAFARI
TOMB
TIGERS
SNAKES
SCORPIONS
TRAPS
NATIVES
DANGERS
JUNGLE
ANACONDA
UP
ELEPHANT
HUNTING

HIDING
STEAL
KNIFE
STABS
BITES
SHOUT
RIVER



Confirmand's Personal Statement of Faith

Emily Fuglie

What I Believe About God.... Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

I Believe in God the Father

I believe that God the Father made heaven, earth, my body, and my spirit. He also provides me with clothes, food, water, shelter, animals, and all that I have. Everyday He provides me with what I need to take care of my body and life. He defends and protects me against all evil and danger. The only reason He does all of this is out of fatherly love.

I believe in God the Son.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the true God made man: being conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a perfect sinless life and was crucified by Pontius Pilate on the cross so that I, and her Believers could be forgiven for all of their sins and be granted the gift of eternal life.

I Believe in God the Spirit

I believe that I cannot get to God or heaven and eternal life without the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has helped me keep the true faith and it does the same thing for all other Christians on the Earth. The Holy Spirit forgives my sins and the sins of all believers everyday, and on the last day he will raise everyone from the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

What I believe about eternal Life - how I will Get to Heaven:

Only by the grace of God can I get to heaven. He sent his only son, who was sinless, to die a horrible death on the cross and pay for the sins of everyone.

What I believe about the difference God makes in my life on earth:

God gives me the comfort of knowing that he is always there to talk through prayer and no matter how bad the mistake I make, If I repent, He WILL forgive me, and that when I die, I will go to heaven. I will not have to worry about anything because God is in control and He will help me get through all of my troubles.

Why I want to "Enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ:

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That for a day: The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice.

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I have "enlisted" in God's "army" because He has already done SO much for me, and I have no way of thanking Him and the only way I can even try to repay him is to obey his every command and be his committed follower.

What I would like to do with my life as a way of thanking God:

To say "thanks" to God I will try my best to follow all of his commandments and be a committed follower of Him and spread the word of God, bearing fruit of the Spirit and living a Godly Life as best as I can to the best of my abilities.

11:09... (set the alarm on your cell phone)

"9-11 reminds us of terror - 11:09 reminds us of prayer"

"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together" is as true for a church family as it is for your family. Our church family prays together on Sunday, but we can also pray together the rest of the week - together at the same time, if not the same place.

On Friendship Sunday we kicked-off a special prayer program that has us each praying at the same time every day no matter where you are - 11:09 a.m. (Inspired by Luke 11:9).

If you didn't get an "11:09" reminder card or magnet, please take one home from church - and remember to set the alarm on your cell phone for 11:09 every day.

Thanks from The Link

We had a successful response to our Drop 'N Shop Spring Clothing Exchange!

Thanks to the generosity of many people, we were able to provide clothing to over 50 households! We also served breakfast to those who visited the exchange at Peace Lutheran. And none of it could have happened without the help of over 30 dedicated volunteers! We look forward to continuing this project in the fall and spring each year, hoping to bring neighbors together to share and build relationships!

God Bless!

Michelle Peterson, Director
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Story Behind The Song...

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

One of the common threads running through the message of the New Testament is that Jesus is the King - ruler over all. The New Testament opens with the Wise Men coming to Jerusalem after Jesus' birth desiring to worship "The one born king of the Jews." In the middle we find Jesus' kingship being mocked as the Roman soldiers jam a crown made of thorns onto His head. The New Testament closes with the glorious vision of Jesus' reign in eternity and the proclamation of Him as the King of all kings, the One to whom every knee shall bow.

It's not often that a beloved hymn has more than one author, but that's the case here. "Crown Him With Many Crowns" is the combined effort of two nineteenth century Anglican clergymen, Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring. Each of them desired to write a hymn exalting the once-suffering but now victorious Lord.

Bridges' version initially had six verses and appeared first in 1851. In 1874 Godfrey Thring added another six verses to the hymn and included it in his collection Hymns and Sacred Lyrics. The hymn as we sing it today includes three of Bridges' stanzas (1,2 & 4) and one by Thring (3).

The tune for the song is called Diademata (Greek for "crowns") and was composed specifically for the text by George Elvey. Elvey was organist at St. George's Chapel in Windsor, England where British royalty often attended services (and could probably relate well to a song about crowns).

Note how each stanza highlights one aspect of Jesus' ministry: His reign over all; His unconditional love demonstrated on the cross; His victory over death that means life for all who believe; and His position of authority as part of the Trinity.

*Crown him with many crowns,
the lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing-- Of him who died for thee,
and hail him as the matchless king through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of love -
Behold His hands and side*

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Thot for a day: The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

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*Rich wounds yet visible above; in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing-- who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.*

*Crown Him the Lord of heav'n;
One with the Father known
One with the Spirit Through whom giv'n from yonder glorious throne
To Thee be endless praise, For Thou for us hast died
Be Thou O Lord through endless days adored and magnified*

Happy Mother's Day!

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



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We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us they help us learn to endure. **Romans 5:3**