

Living Word

Lutheran Church

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October 2012 Newsletter



"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Worship Hours:

Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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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 does the Bible say about homosexuality?

I liked this question, because it gets us right to the place we ought to be going for our answer: God. You know, it really doesn't matter what your neighbor thinks about it or what some guy who kicks a football for a living thinks or what your favorite celebrity thinks or what the politicians think. The bottom line on this question - and all other questions of morality - is "What does God think about it?"



Come November 6 when we close the curtains behind us at the polling booth and have to figure out how to vote on the Marriage Amendment (which would define marriage in our state's constitution as between one man and one woman), the guiding question must be: "What does God say?"

Some people may have well-reasoned arguments. Others (it seems like most) just resort to name calling. Yet others rush to put their words into God's mouth, "God would....."

It seems the only smart thing is to let God speak for Himself on the issue. And God *has* spoken - quite plainly. Here's what He tells us in His word

Leviticus 18:22-23

22 You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. 23 And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion. (i.e. "Not the way I created you to be")

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1 Corinthians 6:9-20

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

12 "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. 13 "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Romans 1:25-32

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they

disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

1 Timothy 1:8-10

We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. 9 We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, 10 for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine.

Matthew 19:5-6

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Based on those passages we can safely conclude the following:

- 1) Homosexual behavior is prohibited in *both* the Old and New Testament
- 2) Homosexual behavior is contrary to the Creator's design.
- 3) Marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman.

That should help with guidance for the voting booth, but what about guidance for the other times in life? Here's one final, all-important conclusion:

- 4) Homosexuality is but one of *many* things God did not create us to engage in. Remember the end of the 1 Timothy passage - *"and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine"*? I think those of us for whom homosexuality is not a temptation tend to forget that the sins which *are* temptations for us are also not part of God's plan. (And, just because we are tempted by certain things doesn't mean *God made me that way* or that being tempted by certain things gives us permission to follow those temptations.)

The key response to *all* of these sins - including the ones that trip you up - is not to somehow try to make God "ok" with those actions. The key response is the same as it has always been: Repentance - admitting that we have not followed God's plan and seeking His forgiveness and His help to "turn around and

Thot for a day: Don't be discouraged. It's often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock.

turn away" from these actions in the future.

Never forget this: Jesus *has already* purchased forgiveness for us by taking the punishment for all sins on the cross. And God *has already* given us His Holy Spirit to help us with the "turn away" part. That's how He shows His true love for us, not by "changing His mind" and being "ok" with something we are doing that is not good for us.

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Still Looking for Verses to Include

In Deuteronomy God says this as He prepares the Israelites for entering the Promised Land.

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 20 WRITE THEM ON THE DOORFRAMES OF YOUR HOUSES AND ON YOUR GATES,

We'd like to display Bible verses on the doorframes and walls of our church building. This way, when people come into the church building they can see God's word everywhere they look.

With that in mind, we'd like to include favorite verses of Scripture that God has used in your life. Please tell me your verse or email them to me at pastor@livingwordlutheran.net. Here are some I've received so far:

(Take time right now to grab your Bible and look them up)

+ Genesis 50:20	+ John 16:33	+ John 3:16
+ Psalm 23	+ Philippians 4:13	+ Deuteronomy 6:5
+ Romans 8:38-39	+ 1 Peter 5:7	+ Matthew 7:17
+ Galatians 5:22-23	+ Psalm 42:1	+ Psalm 119:105
+ Matthew 6:9-13	+ Matthew 6:33	+ Matthew 9:12-13
+ Matthew 11:28-30	+ Matthew 16:26	+ Matthew 24:35
+ Matthew 25:34	+ Matthew 25:40	+ Matthew 26:41
+ Mark 1:17	+ John 14:6	+ Acts 17:25b
+ 2 Corinthians 5:17		

Opportunities for Growth...

Men's Study Kickoff Night:

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

On October 9 we conclude our 4-week study:

The Bible on Trial: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt

We begin a new study on October 23:

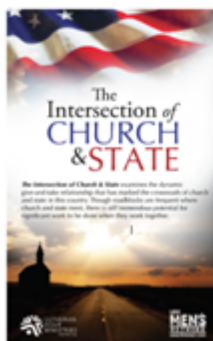
Fatherhood: A work in progress

Few things in life can be more intimidating than taking on the role of fatherhood. Whether it's a planned event or one of life's little surprises it demands our full attention and a commitment to put our all into it. This Men's NetWork Bible study addresses the challenges in being loving and Christ-like fathers to our families, especially in a society that frequently portrays dads as buffoons and ill-equipped to care for themselves, much less their kids.

Fatherhood offers help to would-be-, step-, divorced, single or widowed dads, who want to make the most of their lives with their families. Being a good father isn't an impossible dream, but it does take staying the course, especially in a world where sacrifice and upright character are often not highly valued. Difficult as the task may be, there is always hope. With God at the helm, all fathers-whether rookies or veterans-can know the adventure of fatherhood as one that is full of promise and possibility for them and their families.

Sunday Morning Study:

Sundays at 9:00 am



A new study starting October 14 (Just in time for the elections)

The Intersection of Church & State

In the United States the relationship between church and state is an energetic one. Voices and viewpoints line up across the spectrum. Some would argue from history there should be a "wall of separation" between the two. Others maintain co-existence is not only necessary and inevitable, but can lead to positive results. In real



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That for a day: I'd like to be the ideal mother, but I'm too busy raising my kids.

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life, church and state do operate in similar spheres-both conflict-ingly and cooperatively. See how they interconnect in The Intersection of Church & State.

Mom's Study and Wednesday Noon Women's Study:

This month's study: *Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotions*



God gave us emotions to experience life, not destroy it! We stuff, we explode, or we react somewhere in between. What do we do with these raw emotions? Is it really possible to make emotions work for us instead of against us? Yes, filled with gut-honest personal examples and biblical teaching, *Unglued* will equip you to: Know with confidence how to resolve conflict in your important relationships. Find peace in your most difficult relationships as you learn to be honest but kind when offended. Identify what type of reactor you are and how to significantly improve your communication. Respond with no regrets by managing your tendencies to stuff, explode, or react somewhere in between. Gain a deep sense of calm by responding to situations out of your control without acting out of control.

Reminder: Childcare is provided for the Mom's Study which begins at 9:30

Confirmation Kicks off With ...

We are on a year-long tour through the Bible. This month:

- October 3: God Builds a Nation (Abraham/Jacob)
- October 10: Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh
- October 17: No Class - (No school that day)
- October 24: Deliverance
- October 31: New Commands & a New Covenant

Could You Host A Small Group Study This Fall?

One of our Core Values at Living Word is that making disciples (people who are committed to growing to become more like Jesus) happens best in small group settings.

For example, it's easier for people to get connected to Jesus through small groups. It's easier to get to know other Christians in small groups. Caring happens best in small groups. With that in mind we'd like to "plant" more small groups this fall. If you could host a small group study - at your home, a coffee house

or at church, please talk to Pastor David. There are many different kinds of studies available. We can find one that fits your situation.

Sunday Night Youth Group

For youth (grades 5+) from 7:00 to 9:00

Please feel free to bring yourself and any friends that want to come to any Sunday night group because the more people we have the better and more fun it will be. We will be starting out taking a look at the characteristics of God and what they mean for us. Sunday nights will include some activities, a short study, and some snacks, along with other special things. Please come and hang out, have some fun, and learn about God. (P.S. we will also try and mix in a special event night every once and a while.)

2013 Synodical Convention Representatives Elected From Our Circuit

Rev. Joel Koepp, Wood Lake

Rev. David Dauk New London, Alternate

Ralph Heidorn, St. Paul, Montevideo

Marlin Schoep, St. John, Montevideo Alternate

Sharing the Love of God In Practical Ways...

Could You Help Plan . . .

- 1) Our Community Open House or
- 2) Our Dedication Service

Please see Pastor David if you could help with either.

Use Our Make-A-Meal Program

Several years ago we began the Make-A-Meal program as a way to share Jesus' love/mercy with people going through a tough time. Please use the Prayer and Care cards in the attendance pad at worship or call Pastor David or Meal Coordinator Linda Dilley if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks !

Immediate Need for Children's Church Leaders

We are in immediate need of Children's Church Leaders. The only pre-requisite is a love for Jesus and for His kids. You read

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That for a day: I've gone away to find myself. Should I return before I get back, please keep me here.

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a Bible story or Object Lesson, take prayer requests from the kids and lead them in prayer; and do an activity with the kids that reinforces the lesson. Lessons are provided. You simply show up and lead. Please talk to Pastor David or Mona Hjelle if you could help lead Children's Church once every 6 weeks or so.

Custodian of the Month

Now that we are in our own building, we need to provide our own custodian services. So, we will be starting a Custodian of the Month schedule where you (or your whole family) sign up to provide the necessary cleaning. A check-list of duties will be provided. Please consider being a part of this service. Talk to Trustee Lonny Robbin if you can help. Thanks.

Help Planning Congregational Fellowship Events

Do you like to plan and organize activities that get people together to serve or have fun? Talk to Congregational Outreach Coordinator Linda Dilley for details on how you can help. Thanks!

Accompanist Still Needed

Our 1st and 3rd Week accompanist Susan Johnson, has moved to Hudson, WI, so we are in need of people who can help in worship by providing accompaniment on piano, organ or keyboard. Please talk to Pastor David if you can help - or know of someone who can. Thanks!

Elders Available For Prayer After Worship

God tells us in the book of James (5:14-15), "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.... Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord." Our Living Word Elders (Troy Hansen, Kevin Welsh, Jason Miller and Brady Sharp) will be available each week after worship at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you.

Prayer List from Worship Available to Take Home

We have begun printing off the prayer requests from worship, so you can take them home and keep them in your prayers during the week.

You can help with our Support of Heidy

We have committed to \$32/month to help pay for basic needs and Christian education opportunities for Heidy. Donations may be placed in the "Heidy" box on the usher table at church.

October - Daily Devotionals

We begin the month in a new building and discover that God specializes in lots of new things. We read about some of those new things the first three weeks, then prepare for the election by reading about the qualifications of rulers and our responsibility as citizens in the world.

Wk of Oct 7 Daily Readings NEW Things Promised in the Old Testament

- Oct 8 Psalm 40:1-3 _____
 Oct 9 Proverbs 3:5-10 _____
 Oct 10 Isaiah 43:16-21 _____
 Oct 11 Jeremiah 31:31-34 _____
 Oct 12 Lamentations 3:22-26 _____
 Oct 13 Ezekiel 18:30-32 _____

Wk of Oct 14 Daily Readings Jesus talks of NEW things

- Oct 15 Mark 1:21-27 _____
 Oct 16 Mark 16:15-17 _____
 Oct 17 Luke 2:19-22 _____
 Oct 18 John 13:31-35 _____
 Oct 19 Revelation 3:10-12 _____
 Oct 20 Revelation 21:1-8 _____

Wk of Oct 21 Daily Readings NEW things for us New Testament believers

- Oct 21 Acts 5:17-21 _____

- Oct 22 Romans 6:1-4 _____
 Oct 24 Romans 7:4-6 _____
 Oct 25 2 Corinthians 5:16-20 _____
 Oct 26 Ephesians 4:20-24 _____
 Oct 27 Colossians 3:5-10 _____



Wk of Oct 28 Daily Readings Qualifications of Rulers

- Oct 29 Deuteronomy 1:9-18 _____
 Oct 30 Deuteronomy 17:14-20 _____
 Oct 31 2 Chronicles 19:4-7 _____
 Nov 1 Psalm 2:10-11 _____
 Nov 2 Proverbs 20:28 _____
 Nov 3 Proverbs 29:4,12,14 _____

Week of Nov 4 Daily Readings People's Responsibility to Their Rulers

- Nov 5 1 Timothy 2:1-8 _____
 Nov 6 Romans 13:1-7 _____
 Nov 7 Exodus 22:28 _____
 Nov 8 Matthew 22:15-22 _____
 Nov 9 1 Peter 2:13-17 _____
 Nov 10 Titus 3:1-2 _____

October 2012 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 30 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Sunday School - Adult Forum 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 7:00 Youth Group	1	2	3 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:15 Confirm. Meal 6:30 Confirmation	4 5:30 Annual MMT Strategic Planning Session	5	6 5:30 Bonfire
7 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Sunday School - Adult Forum 10:00 Worship w/ Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 7:00 Youth Group	8	9 6:30 Men's Study "Bible on Trial" 4	10 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:15 Confirm. Meal 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 LWML	11 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	12 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal / Grooms Dinner	13 4:00 Wedding Kim Arends / John England 5:00 Wedding Reception
14 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Sunday School - Adult Forum Church & State 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 7:00 Youth Group	15	16 7:00 Elders' Team	17 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study NO CONFIRMATION- MEA	18 PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY AT 11:09 EVERYDAY <i>(inspired by Luke 11:9: "So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you")</i>		20 9:00 - 11:00 Open House (God's) For the Community
21 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Sunday School - Adult Forum Church & State 10:00 Worship -w/ Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 7:00 Youth Costume Party	22	23 6:30 NEW Men's Study "Fatherhood" 1	24 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:15 Confirm. Meal 6:30 Confirmation	25	26	27 
28 DEDICATION SUNDAY 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum - Sunday School Church & State 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 4:00 DEDICATION WORSHIP	29	30 6:30 Men's Study "Fatherhood" 2	31 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:15 Confirm. Meal 6:30 Confirmation 	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3 11:00 Smoke Detector Battery Giveaway Set Your Clocks Back One Hour Before Bed

Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Oct 7 Mark Fuglie
Oct 14 Tammy Fuglie
Oct 21 Duane Hansen
Oct 28 Tammy Wachter

Nov 4 Eve Bajari
Nov 11 Terrell Abbott
Nov 18 On Call
Nov 25 Scott Wachter

Fellowship Servers

Oct 7 Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Oct 14 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Oct 21 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
Oct 28 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson

Nov 4 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Nov 11 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Nov 18 Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky
Nov 25 Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie

Children's Church Schedule

Oct 7 Mona Hjelle
Oct 14 Eve Bajari
Oct 21 Michelle Johnson
Oct 28 Donna Peterson

Nov 4 Mona Hjelle
Nov 11 Eve Bajari
Nov 18 Michelle Johnson
Nov 25 Grace Geer

Make A Meal Volunteers

October	Violet Dauk	Julie Bajari
November	Scott & Tammy Wachter	Nancy Jo Wendt
December	Wendy Robbin	Bryson Wachter
January	Pam Johnson	Donna Peterson
February	Jamie Iverson	Mona Hjelle
March	Gracie Geer	Laurel Iverson
April	Pastor David	Linda Dilley

Custodian

Oct Needed
Nov Needed

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That for a day: A friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg even though you might be slightly cracked.

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Elders

Oct 7 Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
Oct 21 Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter
Nov 4 Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
Nov 21 Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Oct 7 Noah Miller
Oct 14 Andy Sharp
Oct 21 Lance Sawatzky
Oct 28 George Schmidt

Nov 4 Carson Jaspersen
Nov 11 Noah Miller
Nov 18 Andy Sharp
Nov 25 Lance Sawatzky

Usher / Greeter Schedule

Oct 7	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer	Bryson Wachter
Oct 14	Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle	Laurel Iverson
Oct 21	Kevin & Noah Welsh	Bonnie Hansen
Oct 28	Vern Samuelson & Wally Abraham	Greeter Needed

Nov 4	Jamie & Phil Iverson	Bryson Wachter
Nov 11	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen	Laurel Iverson
Nov 18	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter	Bonnie Hansen
Nov 21	Lonny Robbin & Jason Olson	Greeter needed
Nov 25	Troy Hansen & Brady Sharp	Greeter needed

Confirmation Meal

Oct 3 Vicky Skotterud
Oct 10 Pam Johnson
Oct 17 No Class
Oct 24 Tim Geer
Oct 31 Pastor David

Nov 7 Vicky Skotterud
Nov 14 Pam Johnson
Nov 21 Julie Bajari
Nov 28 Tim Geer

October Discipleship Verse...



"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..."
Romans 1:17

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

Pastor's Note: This story reminded me that we often give up too easily on finding ways to do what God calls us to do. There are often many ways to accomplish something, but we tend to quit when the first way doesn't work. The story also reminds me of something my mom used to say, *"If there's a will, there's a way."*

There are SEVERAL ways to solve a problem. For example, consider the following from "The Teaching of Elementary Science and Mathematics" by Alexander Calandra:

The process of creativity is a mysterious and interesting one. It is brilliantly described in the following story. A student refused to parrot back what he had been taught in class. When the student protested, I was asked to act as arbiter between the student and his professor.

I went to my colleague's office and read the examination question: 'Show how it is possible to determine the height of a tall building with the aid of a barometer.'

The student had answered: 'Take the barometer to the top of the building, attach a long rope to it, lower the barometer to the street and then bring it up, measuring the length of the rope. The length of the rope is the height of the building.'

A high grade is supposed to certify competence in physics, but the answer did not confirm this. I suggested that the student have another try at answering the question. I gave the student six minutes, with the warning that his answer should show some knowledge of physics. In the next minute he dashed off his answer, which read: 'Take the barometer to the top of the building and lean over the edge of the roof. Drop the barometer, timing its fall with a stopwatch. Then, using the formula $S = \frac{1}{2}at^2$, calculate the height of the building.'

At this point, I asked my colleague if he would give up. He conceded, and I gave the student almost full credit.

In leaving my colleague's office, I recalled that the student had said he had other answers to the problem, so I asked him what they were.

'Oh, yes. There are many ways of getting the height of a tall building with the aid of a barometer. For example, you could take the barometer out on a sunny day and measure the height of the barometer, the length of its shadow, and the

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That for a day: It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help

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length of the shadow of the building, and by the use of a simple proportion, determine the height of the building.'

Fine, I said. And the others?

'Yes. Take the barometer and begin to walk up the stairs. As you climb the stairs, you mark off the length of the barometer along the wall. You then count the number of marks, and this will give you the height of the building in barometer units. A very direct method.'

'Finally, there are many other ways of solving the problem. Probably not the best is to take the barometer to the basement and knock on the superintendent's door. When the superintendent answers, you speak to him as follows: "Mr. Superintendent, here I have a fine barometer. If you will tell me the height of this building, I will give you this barometer".'

"Discipleship 101"

One thing has not changed even though we are in a new building:

Our mission. Which is: To make disciples.

The best way to help other people become disciples of Jesus is to *be* a disciple, so they know what one looks like. Here's what we've discovered on recent Sundays from God's Word:

1) A disciple's goal is to "get filled with the dust from his master's sandals." i.e. follow closely behind Jesus all day long, spending so much time watching what He does that we become like Him.

2) Jesus was a humble servant. Disciples need to be the same. Humility means "making whatever sacrifice is necessary to put someone else first - even if it means you get to be last."

3) Jesus was focused. He couldn't be distracted from "being about His Father's business." Focus on doing God's work in all aspects of our lives is a goal for us disciples as well.

4) Disciples are branches that "bear fruit" attracting people to the Vine (Jesus). Just like God made different trees to bear different kinds of fruit, He has made us with different gifts, talents and interests to serve Him.

Mission & Ministry Team News...

2013 Planning Session

Our Mission & Ministry Team met on October 4 and set out the initial goals and plans for 2013. They will finalize those goals and plans at the regular MMT meeting on October 11.

E-Mail Humor...

Edward Hale, while chaplain of the U.S. Senate, was asked, "Do you pray for the senators?"

He quickly replied, "No. After getting to know the senators, I pray for the people."

For those who like fishing...

Two guys were fishing on a river. One catches the biggest cat-fish either one had ever seen. He says to his buddy, "We need to remember this spot so we can come back here again."

His buddy pulls a pen out of his pocket and makes a big 'X' on the bottom of his boat.

The first guy looks at his buddy, shaking his head in disgust. "You idiot! What if we bring another boat next time?"

Great advice on how to make chore lists..

My parents are both busy professional people and have trouble finding time for chores and home maintenance. On weekends they each make a list of things to be done. Father's list is never completely crossed off, but Mother's always is. Puzzled, I asked her how she managed that.

"Simple," she answered with a satisfied grin. "I do the chore first, and then I put it on the list and cross it off!"

Doctor: "You're in great shape for your age, but I'm not a magician - I can't make you any younger."

Elderly Patient: "Who asked you to make me younger? Just make sure I get older!"

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That for a day: He who laughs at himself never runs out of things to laugh at.

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Upcoming Events...

Mark Your November Calendars :

Church Directory Pictures:

Sundays, Nov 4 & 11, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 10, 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Youth for Christ's On Call

Music Team

Sunday, November 18 -
during worship



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 21 2 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School...

Sunday School: Every Sunday @ 9:00

Pre-school / Kindergarten - Amanda Sharp teacher,
Alidia Sawatzky substitute

Grades 1-4 - Jason Miller & Violet Dauk co-teachers
Tim Geer substitute

Grades 5-8 - Bryson Wachter teacher





Community Choir Concert
to benefit the Link
Sunday, November 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm
Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

Featuring area choirs and a combined community choir
Sponsored by the New London-Spicer Ministerial Association

Free will offering accepted

LWML News...



In September we decided not to hold our annual Mexican Fiesta Dinner this year. The kitchen was not ready and there's too much other building things that needed to be finished first.

LWML Sunday is October 7. The women of the LWML will be serving in worship that day. They are also working on a new "Vine and Branches" banner for worship.

We have been researching ways to use our savings account funds on **kitchen items**. One such item is the new double oven that was recently purchased. Cabinets and countertops are next on the list.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

Story Behind The Song...

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

by Matt Redman

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" is a new worship song we've sung recently a few times at Living Word. From comments I've heard it seems to be an "instant favorite" for many people. If you listen to any of the Christian radio stations you've no doubt heard it as well.

Below is an excerpt of an interview with the songwriter Matt Redman that I found in *Worship Leader* magazine. You can check out the whole interview at <http://worshipleader.com/song-story-10000-reasons/>

WL: Please share the specifics of writing "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" and what was on your heart as far as the theme and focus?

Redman: I wrote this song with a great friend, Jonas Myrin. He's a Swedish guy who I've sat down to song-write with lots over the last few years. He played me an idea for some of the chorus melody, and I found it immediately inspiring. In fact, it felt like a perfect fit for a song based on the opening of Psalm 103. The song came together really quickly—a good chunk of the song was actually a spontaneous moment. I have no idea why some songs take months of writing and re-writing (like "Blessed Be Your Name") and others arrive really swiftly (like this one). One thing I've realized over the years is there's no

distinct rule that says that something composed quickly must therefore be more spiritual or inspired! Yes, God-breathed inspired worship songs can at times be written very quickly and spontaneously—but at other times they've involved a lot of perseverance, perspiration, and hard work!

I've always loved Psalm 103 and how the writer lists all of these brilliant reasons why his heart is full of worship for God: he heals our diseases, redeems our lives from the pit, crowns us with love and compassion, etc. So in the verses of this song we try and make a little list of our own—noting of course that we're hardly even scratching the surface of God's worth—there are "10,000 Reasons" for our hearts to find. With anyone or anything else, that would be an outrageous overstatement. With Jesus, it is a huge understatement. The point behind the song is this: if you wake up one morning and you cannot think of a reason to bring God some kind of offering of thanks or praise, then you can be sure there's something wrong at your end of the pipeline, and not his. We live beneath an unceasing flow of goodness, kindness, greatness, and holiness, and every day we're given reason after reason why Jesus is so completely and utterly worthy of our highest and best devotion.

The Psalm:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

5 who satisfies you with good, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;

16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, its place knows it no more.

17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

19 The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

21 Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

22 Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Lyrics:

Chorus:

Bless the lord oh my soul Oh my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before Oh my soul
I worship you holy name

The sun comes up It's a new day dawning
Its time to sing your song again
What ever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
(Chorus)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger

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Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness i will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find
(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Soon my soul will sing your praise un-ending
10,000 years and there forever more
(Chorus x2)

Editor's note: Watch the video of Matt performing this song at a magnificent church in Berlin that happened to be where Dietrich Bonhoeffer served as a youth leader. It creates a special backdrop and visual to the song.

Watch at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtwIT8JddM>

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