



August 2013 Newsletter



"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Worship Hours:

Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 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...

"If you could spend one day with someone - living or dead - who would you choose to hang out with?"

This question was one I read in a Twins-Orioles program back in April when Becca and I went to a ball game in Baltimore. It was in an article where the Orioles PR people made an attempt to give fans some insights into the lives of the players. I was surprised to see George Washington's name pop up more than once. I was also pleased to see that at least one Oriole player (first baseman Chris Davis) chose Jesus as the person he'd most like to spend a day chatting with. (Just a coincidence that Davis is the guy who is leading the league in home runs???)

It's fun to find out who ball players would like to spend a day with, but it doesn't take too long before you make the jump and start to ponder the question on a personal level. At the end of this article I'm going to give you instructions on where you can leave your answer. But since this is "Questions for Pastor" I will first give you my answers.

I must say that I really couldn't narrow my answer to just one person.

On a personal level the name that popped into my mind first was that of my dad Albert. How many times in the past dozen years since dad went to be with Jesus haven't I wished that dad was here to share a ballgame with or work on the car or paint a house with?! I'd like to spend a day with my dad, just because he was the best dad a guy could ever have.

But then I thought, "The person I really should spend a day with is



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my mom." I'd spend a day with my dad ... for my sake. But, I really should spend a day with my mom... for her sake. I'd like to spend a day with mom to tell her how much I appreciated all the things she did as 'mom.' (And to apologize for being a jerk to her so many of those times she was just being 'mom.')

Then I moved on to the 'professional level' and thought about who I'd like to spend a day with. Being a writer, the first name that popped into my head was C.S. Lewis. I'd love to pick his brain about how he makes the Christian faith so easy to understand in his writings. He seems to have more insights and profound statements about Jesus than anyone I've read.

And, of course, like Chris Davis, I'd like to spend a day with Jesus. Having been a pastor for close to twenty years, I feel like I know Jesus a little better than maybe the average person on the street (or the ballpark). But I have one question for Him the answer to which would likely fill up a whole day: "What have we got wrong?" i.e. What have we misunderstood, misinterpreted or just flat-out messed up?

There are lots of things I know we have right. Like the fact that Jesus is God-in-the-flesh. The fact that sorrow over sin and faith in Him is required to receive the ticket to eternity He purchased with His blood on the cross. The fact that all who do trust in Jesus will rise from our graves to live and spend that eternity in His visible presence. (And many, many more things). But I also know it would be quite arrogant and misguided to assume that a sinful human being has understood God - His will, what He likes, what He is like, His plans - perfectly.

In fact, one of the things that strikes me about Jesus' dealings with people in the gospels is that He is constantly 'taking to task' religious folks (like the Pharisees) who pridefully think they've got it all right. Jesus seems much more patient with folks who humbly admit that they don't have it all right - but who come to Him to find what is.

So, how about you? Who would you like to spend a day with - and why?

Take some time right now to head over to our website www.livingwordlutheran.net click on the "Blog" and type in your comments in response to the blog entry with this question. It's a great way for us to get to know each other on a deeper level.

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

10 signs you may not be reading your bible enough...

- 10) You open up your Bible in church and a huge dust cloud rises.
- 9) You think Abraham, Isaac & Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60's.
- 8) You open to the Gospel of Luke and a WWII Savings Bond falls out.
- 7) Your favorite Old Testament patriarch is Hercules.
- 6) A small family of woodchucks has taken up residence in the Psalms of your Bible.
- 5) You become frustrated because Charlton Heston isn't listed in either the Concordance or the Table of Contents.
- 4) Catching the kids reading the Song of Solomon, you demand: "Who gave you this stuff?"
- 3) You think the Minor Prophets worked in the quarries.
- 2) You keep falling for it every time when Pastor tells you to turn to Second Opinions.

And the number one sign you may not be reading your Bible enough:

- 1) The kids keep asking too many questions about your usual bedtime story: "Jonah the Shepherd Boy and His Ark of Many Colors."



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That for a day: I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

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Church League Softball...



Our Season Ended July 25.

We went 5-5 on the year
(a great improvement over last year!)

- Thanks to everyone who came to cheer!
- Thanks to everyone who represented us on the field:

Bo, Joe, Jason O., Jason M., Brady, Kevin, Bryson, Pastor David, Brandon, Chayse, Nate, Justin, Paul, Andy and Cody.

- Special Thanks to Bryson for pulling out his hair (not his beard) trying to get enough of us to show up for games.

Have You Noticed

...the new birdhouses and birdfeeder on the north side of the church yard ? Our Sunday School kids (with a little help from parents, grandparents and teachers) put these together and then set them in the ground this past Tuesday. This was our "Sunday School Event" for July. Thanks to Sunday School Director Mona Hjelle for organizing the effort. (Our August Event will be Vacation Bible School - see details on page 7.)



Creation-Safari Camp (at Lutheran Island Camp)

Send your child on the ultimate journey of exploration. God has given us a wonderful place to search for strange animals, neat plants, big fish, and lots of bugs. During our Creation-Safari camps we'll be teaching youth to see just how miraculous those creations are. We'll have fun with butterflies, fish, horses, flowers, and bugs. This year our safari will take us to Christ Serve Ranch where we'll be camping in tents or tipis. At the same time we'll be taking a safari into God's word to hunt dinosaurs, giant fish, exotic plants, and strange weather patterns. Promises of God

Ages: 8-11 Cost: \$290; Deposit: \$75

One More Camp this Summer: August 4-9

E-Mail Humor

"God Will Provide"

One day a young woman, whose folks had a lot of money, took her fiancé home to meet her parents. The mother had instructed her husband before they arrived to be sure to pull the young man aside to learn more about him. So after dinner, the father asked the young man to join him in his study where he proceeds to ask him several questions.

"What are your plans for life?" the father asked.

"I am a religious scholar," the young man replied.

"A religious scholar. Hmmm," the father responded. "That's admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in, as she's accustomed to?"

"I will study," came the response. "And God will provide for us."

"And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?" asked the father.

"I will concentrate on my studies," the young man replied. "God will provide for us."

"And children?" asked the father. "How will you support children?"

"Don't worry, sir," replied the young man. "God will provide."

To every question the young man simply responded that God would provide.

After the two had left, the mother quickly inquired about the talk.

"How did it go?" she asked.

The father responded: "The bad news is, he has no job and no plans. However, the good news is he thinks I'm God."

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newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net

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Two can live a cheaply as one.... For half as long.

That for a day:

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Mark Your Calendars...

Mission & Ministry Team

Meets on the 3rd WEDNESDAY of the month for the summer months (May - August)

"The Picnic Service"

Saturday, August 31st -

at 5:30 p.m. We will worship outdoors - picnic style. That means you bring whatever you want to sit on - a blanket, a lawn chair, a horse even. And the Elders will bring something to throw on the grill after worship - hot dogs, brats or burgers.

CHURCH COOKOUT



As it sounds, The Picnic Service will have a more informal format with camp songs, a message and prayers. It's a great opportunity to utilize the land God has blessed us with, as well as provide an alternative to Sunday morning worship for those who may be out of town that Sunday.

Mark your calendar and bring some friends (and, of course, something to sit on).

Coming In September...

September 8: Rally Sunday / 1st Anniversary Worship Celebration

Please talk to a member of our Mission and Ministry Team if you have ideas for special ways to celebrate the First Anniversary of worship in our new building.

Let's Go Fishing !

Watch for an opportunity this coming month.

Sunday School News...

Vacation Bible School is set for Thursday and Friday, August 22 & 23. 5:30-7:30pm. We have a "Hayday" theme this year (and hopefully will have some hay bales in the "back" yard. We will have a bonfire and games for the family immediately following VBS on Friday.

Please talk to Mona Hjelle if

- You have kids (or grandkids or neighbor kids) to register
- You can help with snacks, games, crafts, decorations or lessons

Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Study: Sundays at 9:00 am
Philippians "Use the Remote"
Begins Sunday, August 4

Sunday Night Youth Group

For youth (grades 5+) from 7:00 to 9:00
Sunday nights will include some activities, a short study, and some snacks, along with other special things. Please come and hang out, bring some friends, 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.)

Confirmation: AUGUST FUNDRAISER:

We will be scraping, priming and painting a cabin on Long Lake (Dates to be determined - watch for text messages about specific times)

Men's Study:

New Men's Study - Starts in September
"Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School"
(Plus: NEW "Baloney Shop" Episodes)

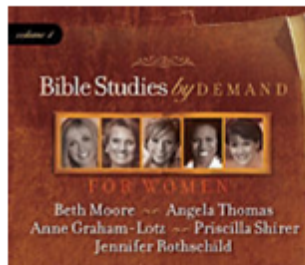
Mom's Study:

Wednesdays at 9:30 beginning August 7

Wednesday Noon Women's Study:

Wednesdays at noon beginning August 7

"Bible Studies By Demand"
4 Stand-alone, DVD-based Studies by leading Women's Authors like Beth Moore and Anne Graham Lotz (A different topic each week, so if you miss a week you aren't "lost.")



Walking by Faith
Living Beyond Yourself
Hope When You Are Defeated
He Speaks to Me - A Single-minded Worship

Children's Church for the Summer :

Children's Church takes a break for the remainder of the summer. In its place, the kids will receive activity bags with books and activities to complete during the sermon. Pastor will hand these out at the end of the Children's Message.

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That for a day: What if there were no hypothetical questions?

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Could You Host A Small Group Study This Summer?

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 spring. 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.

We Have New *Today's Light* Bibles

- 1) For our Bible Studies
 - 2) To take home or give to someone who needs a Bible
- These were given in memory of Geneva Olson by her family.

Experience life-changing growth...

Become a tutor with Minnesota Reading Corps or Math Corps.

The Minnesota Reading Corps—the nation's largest state AmeriCorps program—and its sister program Minnesota Math Corps are looking to place over 1,000 Literacy and Math Tutors, including at the Head Start program in Spicer. Tutors not only change the world of kids who are struggling in school, but they also experience professional and personal growth.

Tutors help kids grow toward becoming successful readers by the end of third grade, or proficient in math by the end of eighth grade. As a tutor, you'll receive training in research-based strategies, build your career network and receive an education award of \$5,550 (for full-time) / \$2,775 (for part-time) to further your own education. In addition, you'll earn a living allowance of about \$500 biweekly for full-time / \$250 biweekly for part-time and the reward of making a real impact in your community.

Apply today to become a tutor! Go to www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org or www.MinnesotaMathCorps.org. If accepted, you'll begin your 11-month service in August.

Send questions to recruitment@servemnaaction.org.

One year. This year. Join Minnesota Reading Corps or Math Corps. Serve to grow.

August - Daily Devotionals

This month we complete our "Summer Reading Series" - short books of the Bible you can read in a week (or so) by just reading a chapter a day. Record your insights on the lines provided.

Wk of July 28 Daily Readings **Esther - conclusion; Malachi: Q & A from God**

July 28 Esther 8 _____

July 29 Esther 9 _____

July 30 Esther 10 _____

July 31 Malachi 1 _____

Aug 1 Malachi 2 _____

Aug 2 Malachi 3 _____

Aug 3 Malachi 4 _____

Wk of August 4 Daily Readings **Ephesians; Philemon**

Aug 7 Ephesians 1 _____

Aug 8 Ephesians 2 _____

Aug 9 Ephesians 3 _____

Aug 10 Ephesians 4 _____

Aug 11 Ephesians 5 _____

Aug 12 Ephesians 6 _____

Aug 13 Philemon _____

Wk of August 11 Daily Readings **Philippians; Obadiah, Haggai**

Aug 14 Philippians 1 _____

Aug 15 Philippians 2 _____

Aug 16 Philippians 3 _____

Aug 17 Philippians 4 _____

Aug 18 Obadiah _____

Aug 19 Haggai 1 _____

Aug 20 Haggai 2 _____

Wk of August 18 Daily Readings: **Daniel 1-6; Jude**

Aug 21 Daniel 1 _____

Aug 22 Daniel 2 _____

Aug 23 Daniel 3 _____

Aug 24 Daniel 4 _____

Aug 25 Daniel 5 _____

Aug 26 Daniel 6 _____

Aug 27 Jude _____

Wk of August 25 Daily Readings **Colossians; Habakkuk**

Aug 28 Colossians 1 _____

Aug 29 Colossians 2 _____

Aug 30 Colossians 3 _____



Aug 31 Colossians 4 _____

Aug 1 Habakkuk 1 _____

Aug 2 Habakkuk 2 _____

Aug 3 Habakkuk 3 _____

August 2013 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 28 9:00 Adult Study: 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 7:00 Youth Group	July 29	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>		1	2	3
4 9:00 Adult Study: Philippians 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 7:00 Youth Group	5	6	7 9:30 Moms' Study <i>Walking by Faith</i> noon Wed. Noon Study <i>Walking by Faith</i>	8	9	 Ice Cream Social
11 9:00 Adult Study: Philippians 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 Elders' Team 7:00 Youth Group	12	13 5:30 Help with Tuesday's Table at NL Covenant	14 9:30 Moms' Study <i>Living Beyond Yourself</i> noon Wed. Noon Study <i>Living Beyond Yourself</i> 6:30 LWML	15	16	17 noon - 6pm PIE & ICE CREAM OUTREACH AT NL MUSIC FEST
18 9:00 Adult Study: Philippians 10:00 Worship - w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 7:00 Youth Group	19	20	21 9:30 Moms' Study <i>Hope When You Are Defeated</i> noon Wed. Noon Study <i>Hope When You Are Defeated</i> 6:30 Mission & Ministry Team (Plan Rally Sunday / 1 st Anniv of bldg.)	22 5:30 "Hay Day" Vacation Bible School	23 5:30 "Hay Day" Vacation Bible School 7:30 Games & Bonfire	24
25 9:00 Adult Study: Philippians 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 7:00 Youth Group	26	27	28 9:30 Moms' Study <i>He Speaks to Me</i> noon Wed. Noon Study <i>He Speaks to Me</i>	29	30	31  CHURCH COOKOUT 5:30 'Picnic Service' (Grilling after)
			31 9:30 Moms' Study <i>He Speaks to Me</i> noon Wed. Noon Study <i>He Speaks to Me</i>	LORD'S SUPPER DATES IN AUG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, August 4th Sunday, August 18th 		

Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Aug 4 Duane Hansen
 Aug 11 Tammy Wachter
 Aug 18 Eve Bajari
 Aug 25 Terrell Abbott

Sept 1 Scott Wachter
 Sept 8 Bryson Wachter
 Sept 15 Wendy Robbin
 Sept 22 Mona Hjelle
 Sept 29 Phillip Iverson

Fellowship Servers

Aug 4 Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
 Aug 11 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
 Aug 18 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
 Aug 25 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson

Sept 1 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
 Sept 8 Rally Sunday
 Sept 15 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
 Sept 22 Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky
 Sept 29 Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie

Children's Church Schedule

Children's Church takes a break for the remainder of the summer. Instead, at the end of Children's Message the kids will receive activity bags with books and activities to complete during the sermon.

Custodian

August Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 September ++ Custodians Needed ++

Usher Schedule

Aug 4 Lonny Robbin & Jason Olson
 Aug 11 Troy Hansen & Brady Sharp
 Aug 18 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
 Aug 25 Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle

Sept 1 Kevin & Noah Welsh
 Sept 8 Jamie & Phil Iverson
 Sept 15 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
 Sept 22 Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
 Sept 29 Lonny Robbin & Jason Olson

Thot for a day: Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off.

Altar Guild

August Mona Hjelle
 September Nancy Jo Wendt

Make A Meal Volunteers

Aug Wendy Robbin & Bryson Wachter
 Sept Pam Johnson & Donna Peterson

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Aug Wendy Robbin & Bryson Wachter
 Sept Pam Johnson & Donna Peterson

Elders

Aug 4 Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
 Aug 18 Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
 Sept 1 Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
 Sept 15 Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Aug 4 George Arends-Schmidt
 Aug 11 Carson Jaspersen
 Aug 18 Noah Miller
 Aug 25 Andy Sharp

Sept 1 Lance Sawatzky
 Sept 8 George Arends-Schmidt
 Sept 15 Carson Jaspersen
 Sept 22 Noah Miller
 Sept 29 Andy Sharp

Accompanying Musicians

Aug 4 Sharon Willen
 Aug 11 Pam Johnson
 Aug 18 Scott Wachter
 Aug 25 Scott Wachter

Sept 1 Sharon Willen
 Sept 8 Pam Johnson
 Sept 15 Scott Wachter
 Sept 22 Scott Wachter
 Sept 29 Scott Wachter

August Discipleship Verse...



"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
 John 13:35



The LINK...

August 2013
Dear Friends,

Have you ever had a time in your life when you have struggled? What was it like to receive help or go without help? So many people come to the Link, ashamed or overwhelmed with their life circumstances. Just today I talked to two separate households needing some help to get through until their employment starts again in the fall. Tears of relief are often shed when they are able to talk with someone that can help them formulate a plan.

New email for the Link:
thelink@faithspicer.org

The Link received over 200 towels from the Kandyohi Power Cooperative members attending the Stingers game in July! **Kudos** to all!

Thank you for your continued responses to needs on our e-mail network. A fan, an air conditioner and three weeks of childcare sponsored. God is working through this community and through the Link!

In June and July, the Link saw increases in requests for financial assistance as many other organizations were out of funds. The Link works to connect people to other agencies and community organizations (we don't want to duplicate efforts), provided some assistance where gaps exist and provided encouragement and support to move to the next stage.

Upcoming ways to partner with the Link:

- Come on out and support the work of the Link! We are looking forward to our summer fundraising events: Spicer Music in the Park and the New London Music Festival.
- Email thelink@faithspicer.org to get an Interest Survey and/or join our e-mail network. This community has abundant resources to share—be a part of this effort!

Thank you for your continued support and for reaching out to share God's love!

Sincerely,
Rhonda Otteson
Link Director

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." -Matthew 5:6

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That for a day: The speed of time is one-second per second.

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Tuesday's Table in August: All are welcome!

August 6th: Our Lady of the Lakes
August 13th: Covenant Church
August 20th: Faith Lutheran Church
August 27th: CANCELLED

Donations can be sent to:

The Link
310 Medayto Drive
Spicer, MN 56288
www.thelinknls.org
320.796.2522

Support the Work of the Link!

**Saturday, August 17th
from 12-6 pm**
New London Music Festival
Bring a lawn chair!
More info: <http://newlondonmusicfestival.com/>

Just For Fun...

Bible Wordsearch

Seven Bowls of Wrath

Wordsearch 215

Rev. 15:4 - 16:5

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BROKE	JUDGED
CHESTS	NATIONS
CLEAN	PAINFUL
DEAD	PEOPLE
EARTH	PLAGUES
FILLED	POURED
GOD	POWER
IMAGE	REVEALED
LINEN	RIVERS
LIVING	SASHES
LORD	SHINING
MARK	SPRINGS
SORES	TEMPLE
SMOKE	WATERS
UGLY	WORSHIP
VOICE	WRATH

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

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

All I Need to Know About Life I Learned from a Honey Bee

- Home is where your family is
- There's no such thing as a weed
- Don't flap your wings unnecessarily
- Drones are important - so is not "droning"
- Stop and smell the roses... and the daisies... and the marigolds... and..
- When you figure out your role do it to the best of your ability
- Working together yields amazing results
- Horizontal stripes can make you look fat
- Sting only when absolutely necessary
- A plant-based diet is smart
- Bee all you can bee

LWML News...

Our next meeting will be **August 14** at 6:30.



Living Word Lutheran Church on the Web

Our Website:

Information about our church, calendar of events, schedules, past newsletters, and more at <http://www.livingwordlutheran.net>

Our Blog:

Keep up with the latest news and scripture lessons from Pastor Dave at <http://livingwordlutheranlcms.blogspot.com/>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/people/Living-Word-Lutheran-Church/100002935463148>

**Link is also found on home page of our website*

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.

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Thot for a day: They told me I was gullible ... and I believed them.

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Opportunities to be a Friend Like Jesus...

Make Pies (or Serve) for our Annual Pie & Ice Cream Outreach

At the New London Music Festival - Saturday, August 17
Please sign up today to make pies, set-up, take-down or serve.
Thanks!

Be a Custodian for the Month of September

We still need families to volunteer for September-December. A check-list of duties is provided. Talk to Trustee Lonny Robbin and choose your month. Thanks

Finish Installing Baseboards

The moldings are ready to install in the hallway and bathrooms. All that's needed is a volunteer to put them on.

Install Casters on our Room Partitions

We need someone who can look at our room dividers and figure out the best way to make them moveable. Talk to Pastor David

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 could use a meal as a reminder that we are thinking of them. Thanks !

Accompanists Still Needed

We are in need of people who can help in worship the third or fourth Sunday of each month by providing accompaniment on piano, organ or keyboard. Please talk to Pastor David if you know of someone who can help. Thanks!

Parents & Grandparents:



Do you know the #1 Daily Reminder that will make your parenting/grandparenting so much easier ?

Watch your mail for information about the Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting where we will learn about this reminder (and lots of other stuff to help make our jobs easier - AND more effective.)

Update from Jade Dohls..

Big Changes on the Horizon

God's plans are so beyond my comprehension and understanding. When He puts desires in my heart, I often picture them looking one way, but it turns out, God's plans are completely different.

As some of you might remember, last August I met Chris, the director of Life Raft International. He introduced me to a family of Christian refugees from Pakistan, and since then, I have dedicated myself to working for Life Raft International, an organization that enables ordinary people to transform the lives of urban refugees.



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I have stepped into the lives of people living in desperation, hunger and the fear of death, to the point that these people have become my best friends. As life-changing as that has been, it has been even more meaningful to see hope rise and faith abound as church communities have come together to care for and empower the refugees.

Because Life Raft directs all of their available money to meeting refugees' basic needs, they have been unable to pay me. However, I have dedicated myself to their work because I believe in their model: ordinary people helping the needy through intentional, loving relationship.

Life Raft's work has grown to the point that the current challenge is raising money to support our families. Over the past months, I have even had to start working almost full-time as an English teacher, just so that I can cover my own expenses that my pledged support does not cover.



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That for a day: Is it possible to be totally partial?

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So in next week, I will be coming back to the States to raise more money for Life Raft's work in Thailand. Evette, a good friend of mine, who has been working alongside me, will coordinate Life Raft's activities in Bangkok.

Incidentally, remember Chris, that guy who introduced me to the first family of Pakistani refugees? We're getting married! (August 24th)

Looking forward to connecting with you all again, as Chris and I continue to work to enable ordinary people to transform the lives of urban refugees.

I hope to get to see you when I'm back!
Jade

Congratulations!

- **Zoey Ann Strohbeen** - on your baptism into the family of the Triune God!
- **Alyssa Wachter** - on your new home.
- **Pastor David & Violet** on your 25th Wedding Anniversary.
- **Mike & Hilleri Miller** on the birth of your son Emmett Parnell.
- **Skylar Wachter** on your engagement to Dana.

Please email pastor@livingwordlutheran.net if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

Story Behind The Song...

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Shine Jesus Shine, Graham Kendrick's best known song was written in 1987 and has proved to be enduringly popular not just in the UK but all round the world. It deposed 'Jerusalem' from the BBC's Songs of Praise Top Ten Hymns survey and consistently appears as one of the top songs in the CCL (Church Copyright License) chart both in the UK and USA.

In a recent interview Graham said:

"This song is a prayer for revival. A songwriter can give people words to voice something which is already in their hearts but which they don't have the words or the tune to express, and I think 'Shine Jesus shine' caught a moment when people were

beginning to believe once again that an impact could be made on a whole nation."

Graham explains how the song came together...

"Bearing in mind the worldwide popularity of this song, perhaps the most surprising thing about the writing of it is the ordinariness of the circumstances. I had been thinking for some time about the holiness of God, and how that as a community of believers and as individuals, His desire is for us to live continually in His presence. My longing for revival in the Churches and spiritual awakening in the nation was growing, but also a recognition that we cannot stand in God's presence without 'clean hands and a pure heart'. So I wrote the three verses and 'road tested' it in my home church. Though there was clearly merit to the song, it seemed incomplete, so as I was unable at the time to take it any further, I put it back in the file. Several months later I was asked to submit new songs for a conference song book, and as I reviewed this three verse song I realized that it needed a chorus. I remember standing in my music room with guitar slung round my neck trying different approaches. The line 'Shine Jesus Shine' came to mind, and within about half an hour I had finished the chorus, all but some 'polishing'. Though I felt an excitement in my spirit at the time, I had no inkling at all that it would become so widely used. There were other songs I rated more highly at the time that most people have never heard of!"

'Shine Jesus Shine' has been sung at numerous high profile occasions such as; The Dunblane Memorial Service, Tasmania massacre memorial service - broadcast live nationwide, Prom Praise, Billy Graham crusades, and the largest ever open air mass in Manila where the Pope "swung his cane in time to the music"!!

The original version is available on a recently released anniversary edition of the album 'Shine Jesus Shine'

**Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me. Shine on me**

Chorus:

Shine Jesus shine Fill this land with the Father's glory

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**Blaze Spirit blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord and let there be light**

**Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me (Chorus)**

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me (Chorus)**

Editor's note: Listen to a music video of this song by Hillsong at <http://youtu.be/70IwSQmyCg4>

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