

## **July 2014 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...

*Does He Mean That Literally?*

Recently in our study on angels, right before we read a verse that gives us the impression that we may have specific angels assigned to guard us - "guardian angels" - we read this:

*If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.*

Matthew 18:8-9 (NIV)

The question above came after reading those two verses. Was Jesus really meaning that we should cut off hands and feet and pluck out eyes?

I don't think so. He's simply using a literary device we all use when we talk with friends. It's called "hyperbole" - exaggeration to make a point.

For example, if I told you "I'm so hungry I could eat a horse," would you go out and immediately contact the authorities to come and take me away? Would you call the folks across the road from church and tell them to get their horses in from the yard real quick-like? Of course not. You would know that I'm not really intending on going horse hunting in order to get a meal. I've made an exaggerated statement to drive home the fact that I'm REALLY hungry - maybe in a more memorable way than simply stating "I'm really hungry."



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Jesus wants His disciples (that includes us) to recognize just how deadly sin can be, so instead of making a statement they may not remember like, "Sin is very dangerous, guys," He puts it in terms they will likely never forget.

How do we know that's what Jesus is doing and that He's not being literal? Well, if Jesus was being literal with that statement we would expect many Bible accounts of things like: "... and Peter went around blind for the last thirty years of his life, having plucked out his eyes to keep from sinning." We have no such stories. Nor should we expect any, because Jesus was simply driving home the point in a very vivid and memorable way, that sin is to be avoided at all costs. I'm guessing those are a couple verses, graphic though they may be, that we would all do well to commit to memory.

Thanks for asking  
Pastor David

Send your questions to [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net)

## Mission & Ministry Team Officers

Who will be installed into office for two-year terms on  
Sunday, July 6

Chairman	Tim Geer
Secretary	Sarah Miller
Stewardship	Jason Miller
Trustee	Lonny Robbin
Community Outreach	Amanda Sharp
Elders :	Scott Wachter & Keith Hanson
Christian Growth -Youth.	Bryson Wachter

(Brady Sharp was appointed at the June MMT meeting to fill out the remaining year of Tim Geer's term as Vice Chairman)

## 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/>

# Marriage Enrichment Retreat...



## The Marriage Enrichment Retreat is History....

... but History is something we are supposed to learn from. So we are including

some things we learned at the retreat.

We've highlighted the first 3 of 5 keys for having a successful marriage:

1. Never forget that you are a TEAM (with God as your coach)
2. Don't forget this truth: Men and Women ARE Different by design !
3. Teammates must constantly communicate - don't assume you know!

### This month's key: Teammates work together to fight CONFLICT (not each other)

Two things to remember about conflict in your marriage.

- 1) Conflict is NATURAL (not "bad").

Because God intentionally made us different, we will naturally have different ideas, preferences and experiences. These differences cause conflict. It's going to happen naturally.

- 2) You must work TOGETHER to defeat the conflict, not your spouse.

### A "Twelve-Step" Conflict Resolution program

(From - mostly - Ephesians 4-5)

1. **PRAY** - Where two or three are gathered together, there am I in their midst
  - A solution may seem impossible on your own, but you're not on your own.

#### 2. LOVE RULES

"Speak the Truth - IN LOVE" (you are a team!)

#### 3. REMOVE SELFISHNESS

"Put off the Old Self" (SELF-ISH)

#### 4. BE SELFLESS (like God)

"Put on the New Self" (SELF-LESS)

- Love often requires sacrifice. It did for God.

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Thot for a day: If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

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- Put yourself in the other person's shoes. Try to see it their way.

### 5. NO FALSEHOODS,

Put off falsehood and speak truthfully

- Don't exaggerate, like "You Always" "You Never"
- Better: "When you/we \_\_\_\_\_, I feel \_\_\_\_\_"

### 6. DON'T ALLOW ANGER TO TURN TO SIN

In your anger don't sin

### 7. DEAL WITH IT

Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry

- Not dealing with it is "giving the devil a foothold"
- Ask Pastor for a "De-Fuse Me" card.

### 8. DON'T TEAR DOWN

Let no unwholesome talk come out of your mouth only what is helpful for building up."

- No name calling.
- Focus on behaviors, not motivations or character e.g. "You don't care about me...." is focusing on a motivation "You're an idiot" (Name calling /character assassination)

### 9. REIGN IN EMOTIONS

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger..."

- Do whatever it takes to keep emotions at bay.. e.g. Take a walk first

### 10. FORGIVENESS -

Be kind and compassionate, forgiving each other

- Ask for it and give it (the most Christ-like thing you can do)

### 11. BRAINSTORM SOLUTIONS

List possible solutions & pick one to try.

### 12. SCHEDULE A 'CHECKUP'

Set a specific date see if it's working. If not, try another solution.



Dear Optimist, Pessimist and Realist:

While you guys were busy arguing about the glass of water, I drank it.

Signed,  
The Opportunist

## Email Humor...

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

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A man was brought to Mercy Hospital, and he went in for coronary surgery. The operation went well. As the groggy man regained consciousness, he was reassured by a Sister of Mercy waiting by his bed.

"Mr. Smith, you're going to be just fine," the nun said while patting his hand. "We do have to know, however, how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?"

"No, I'm not," the man whispered hoarsely.

"Can you pay in cash?"

"I'm afraid I can't, Sister."

"Do you have any close relatives, then?"

"Just my sister in New Mexico," replied, "but she's a spinster nun."

"Nuns are not spinsters, Mr. Smith," the nun replied. "They are married to God."

"Okay," the man said with a smile, "then send the bill to my brother in-law."

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Thot for a day: why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

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## Highlights from our study: "Angels - God's Secret Agents"



- Angels are *Ministering Spirits*.

- They minister (serve) God by serving those who trust in Him.

- The word "angel" means "messenger." And one of the chief ways they serve is by bringing messages. e.g.

Gabriel brought the message to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God.

- "The heavenly host" literally is an "Angel army." Another way angels serve is fighting battles against Satan and his fallen angels (demons). E.g. Revelation 12.
- Angels guard things - as in Genesis 3
- Angels serve by protecting us. It was an angel that shut the mouths of the lions to protect Daniel.
- Angels are powerful beings NOT chubby little toddlers with tiny wings. The common response to seeing an angel is something like "Oh, no. I'm a dead man!" NEVER does someone see an angel and say, "Ooooh, cute!"
- They exercise their power in many ways - read about how one 'broke' Peter out of Jail in Acts 12.
- Humans don't become angels when we die, but our spirits are escorted into heaven by angels at our death.
- Angels spend lots of time worshiping God (read Revelation 7:11-12 and try to picture that scene in your mind.)
- Angels worship, but are not to *be worshiped*. (See Revelation 22.)
- Angels have power to rescue us *at any time*. But just because they *can* doesn't mean they always *will*, because there is a time for *everything* under heaven - including a time to suffer and a time to die. Jesus said in Matthew 26:53 that He could have called on 12 legions of angels, but didn't, because it was His time to die.



## Miscellaneous Notes...

### Now Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Living Word is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account.

Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office.

### Needed for our Water Days Parade Outreach ...

- Kids & Adults to hand out our outreach items.
- Someone to make a new "sandwich board" sign for use on our float.

Please talk to Linda Dilley if you can help with any of these

### Have You Seen Our New ...

- + Trees and lilac bushes ? (look hard).
- + Basketball hoop ?
- + Sand box ?
- + Picnic Tables ?
- + Playground Equipment ?
- + Parking Lot ?

Thanks to Everyone who had a hand in making any of these new

### **REMEMBER...**

#### **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.



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Thot for a day: why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

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## Opportunities for Growth...

### • **Sunday Morning Study - 9:00 am**

We conclude our study on Angels then begin a new study

- **Mom's Study** - Takes a break during the month of July
- **Wed. Noon Study** - Takes a break during the month of July
- **Sunday School** Participates in our parade float @ Waterdays.
- **Confirmation:** Will help paint our playground equipment

### • **Weekly Bible readings:**

(This month after we conclude our readings about the Holy Spirit's work in the book of Acts, we begin reading about Miracles God performed in the Old Testament. A reading list is found elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Audio recordings of the readings can be found at our website

### • **4th—6th Grade Youth Group**

4-6th Graders will meet for 1 ½ hours of fun, snacks and God's Word on Sunday, July 27 from 3:30- 5:00. Rides are available. Please talk to Bryson if your student will need a ride.

## Sunday School News...

Save these dates ...

### 1. **WEDNESDAY, JULY 2. -**

VBS Planning Meeting for everyone who wants to help with our August VBS.  
Meet at 7:00 p.m.

### 2. **SATURDAY, JULY 19.**

Water Days Parade Outreach  
We need kids and adults to walk/ride with our float.  
Talk to Linda Dilley or Amanda Sharp

### 3. **THURSDAY & FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 & 15. -** VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held both evenings.

## LWML News...

- Remember to bring your food shelf donations on Sunday, July 13.
- Meeting Date for July:  
Wednesday, July 16 @ 6:30



# July 2014 - Daily Devotionals

This month we finish our 'chapter-a-day' reading from the book of Acts. The rest of the month we read about miracles (things only God can do) that happened in the Old Testament.

Record your insights from these chapters on the lines provided.

## Wk of June 29 Daily Readings ACTS 22-28

June 29 Acts 22 \_\_\_\_\_  
June 30 Acts 23 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 1 Acts 24 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 2 Acts 25 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 3 Acts 26 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 4 Acts 27 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 5 Acts 28 \_\_\_\_\_

## Wk of July 6 Daily Readings OLD TESTAMENT MIRACLES

July 6 Genesis 1: 1-25 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 7 Genesis 2:4-7 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 8 Genesis 7:1-24 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 9 Genesis 11:1-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 10 Genesis 21:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 11 Genesis 41:1-40 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 12 Genesis 45:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_

## Wk of July 13 Daily Readings OLD TESTAMENT MIRACLES

July 13 Exodus 3:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 14 Exodus 4:1-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 15 Exodus 12:21-36 \_\_\_\_\_

July 16 Exodus 14:13-31 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 17 Exodus 16:-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 18 Numbers 9:15-23 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 19 Numbers 17:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_

## Wk of July 20 Daily Readings OLD TESTAMENT MIRACLES

July 20 Numbers 20:-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 21 Numbers 21:4-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 22 Joshua 3:1-17 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 23 Joshua 6:1-21 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 24 Joshua 10:12-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 25 1 Samuel 5:1-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 26 1 Kings 17:1-24 \_\_\_\_\_

## Wk of July 27 Daily Readings: OLD TESTAMENT MIRACLES

July 27 1 Kings 18:16-39 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 28 2 Kings 2:5-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 29 2 Kings 4:8-37 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 30 2 Kings 5:1-16 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 31 2 Kings 13:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_  
Aug 1 2 Kings 20:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
Aug 2 Daniel 4:1-37 \_\_\_\_\_

# July 2014 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>June 29</b> 9:00 Adult Study <i>Angels</i> 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	<b>June 30</b> <div> <b>Lord's Supper Dates In June:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday, July 6th</li> <li>Sunday, July 20th</li> </ul> </div>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  7:00 VBS Planning Meeting	<b>3</b>  No Softball This Week	<b>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> 	<b>5</b>  5:30 "THE PICNIC SERVICE"
<b>6</b> 9:00 Adult Study - 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 Elders' Team	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b>  7:15 Church-League Softball Yellow vs Eagle Lk Luth	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> (Bring items for NL Food Shelf) 9:00 Adult Study: 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship "1001 Orphans" Bake Sale 4:00 Youth Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  6:30 LWML	<b>17</b>  6:15 Church-League Softball Red vs Redeemer	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  11:00 NL Waterdays PARADE OUTREACH
<b>20</b> 9:00 Adult Study 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  6:30 Mission & Ministry Team	<b>24</b>  7:15 Church-League Softball Yellow vs WCR	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00 Adult Study 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 3:30 4-6TH GRADE GROUP	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <div> <b>Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: <a href="mailto:newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net">newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net</a></b> </div>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <div> <b>Outdoor Worship Service</b> </div>	<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>Aug 2</b>  5:30 "THE PICNIC SERVICE"

## Upcoming Schedules...

### Scripture Readers

July 6	Tammy Fuglie
July 13	Terrell Abbott
July 20	Duane Hansen
July 27	Eve Bajari
Aug 3	Tammy Wachter
Aug 10	Scott Wachter
Aug 17	Bryson Wachter
Aug 24	Wendy Robbin
Aug 31	Mona Hjelle

### Fellowship Servers

July 6	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
July 13	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
July 20	Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky
July 27	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Aug 3	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Aug 10	Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
Aug 17	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
Aug 24	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Aug 31	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson

### Usher Schedule

July 6	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
July 13	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
July 20	Wendy & Lonny Robbin
July 27	Joe Johnson & Brady Sharp
Aug 3	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
Aug 10	Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle
Aug 17	Kevin & Noah Welsh
Aug 24	Jamie & Phil Iverson
Aug 31	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen

### Altar Guild

July	Nancy Jo Wendt
August	Mona Hjelle

### Make A Meal Volunteers

July	Jamie Iverson & Mona Hjelle
Aug	Gracie Geer & Laurel Iverson

### Custodian

July	Wendy & Lonny Robbin
Aug	Custodians needed

**Thot for a day:** Why is it that when someone tells you that there are one billion stars in the universe you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint you have to touch it to check?

### Elders

July 6	Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
July 20	Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson
Aug 3	Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
Aug 17	Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson

### Nursery

July 6	Mona Hjelle
July 13	Terrell Abbott
July 20	Grace Geer
July 27	Michelle Johnson
Aug 3	Mona Hjelle
Aug 10	Eve Bajari
Aug 17	Gracie Geer
Aug 24	Michelle Johnson
Aug 31	Helper needed

### Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

July 6	George Arends-Schmidt
July 13	Carson Jaspersen
July 20	Noah Miller
July 27	Andrew Sharp
Aug 3	Levi Miller
Aug 10	Eli Sharp
Aug 17	Lance Sawatzky
Aug 24	George Arends-Schmidt
Aug 31	Carson Jaspersen

### Accompanying Musicians

July 6	Pam Johnson
July 13	Scott Wachter
July 20	Pam Johnson
July 27	Scott Wachter
Aug 3	Sharon Willen
Aug 10	Scott Wachter
Aug 17	Pam Johnson
Aug 24	Scott Wachter
Aug 31	Scott Wachter

## July Discipleship Verse...

**“The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?”**

Psalms 27:1



## Mark Your Calendars...

### Church-League Softball



Come and cheer on your team at the Swanson Fields on Willmar Avenue in Willmar

July 3	No Games This Week
July 10 7:15	Yellow ELLC
July 17 6:15	Red Redeemer Lutheran
July 24 7:15	Yellow WCR
July 31	Playoffs begin

(As of this publication we are well on our way to getting the first draft pick in next year's draft! i.e. We haven't won a game. Come and help us get that first victory!)

### JULY 5: Our 2nd Outdoor "Picnic Service"

(The first Saturday each month of summer - 5:30 pm)

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

As it sounds, The Picnic Service has a more informal format with camp-style 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)

Note:

- + We will not celebrate the Lord's Supper at any of our Picnic Services.
- + The Picnic Services are in addition to our Sunday morning worship.

5:30 pm - worship (we'll worship inside in bad weather)

6:30 pm - Picnic / games

### Mission & Ministry Team

Meets on the 4th **WEDNESDAY** this month **July 23rd**.

### Thanks!

- To everyone who helped in any way with Tuesday's Table
- To all the guys who helped transport our playground equipment
- To the folks who helped clean up our Adopt-a-Highway section!



## The LINK...

Link Newsletter, July 2014

With the recent rains, many people in our communities are facing devastation: flooded basements or home fires, for example. Local farmers, whose livelihood is deeply connected to the weather, are facing crop loss or an inability to plant due to wet conditions.

Recently, the Link was able to be a critical resource as listening ear to a family that lost everything and provide them with short-term crisis assistance. In gratitude and sadness, the person said: "I have always helped other people. I never dreamed that I would be needing help."

### Tuesday's Table in June:

Food. Friends. Fellowship.

July 1st: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church  
July 8th: Evangelical Covenant Church  
July 15th: Faith Lutheran Church  
July 22nd: Peace Lutheran Church  
July 29th: Hope Presbyterian Church

A friend and colleague says: "We all need help in different ways and at different times in our lives." The resources of our neighbors may not be enough to help in these drastic circumstances. Sometimes, families with whom the Link works lack any basic

support system: someone they can call when their basement floods or the ability to stay with friends or family due to a fire.

You can be a support by contacting the Link to lend a helping hand, whether time or resources, and joining our mission: "Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other."

With gratitude,  
Rhonda Otteson, Link Director

The Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) owns the **Community Services Building** where three organizations are working to meet the needs of our neighbors:

- The Willmar Area Food Shelf operates the New London Area Food Shelf
  - The Link operates the Household Exchange
  - ECC operates the Clothes Closet
- Hours: Tuesday 2 pm - 6 pm; Thursdays 10 am - 2 pm; Saturday (Clothes Closet only) 9 am - 1pm

We are so grateful for the partnership and many volunteers that make this such a success!

### Link contact information:

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▼ 320.796.2522

## Sharing the Love of Jesus in Practical Ways...

### Please Fill Out an Orange "Opportunities to Serve" Insert...

if you haven't done so yet. You can place it in the offering plate

### Remember to use our Make-A-Meal Program

One of the best (and simplest) ways to share Jesus' love is by making a meal for someone who is 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! Our June Make-a-Meal volunteers: Pam Johnson & Donna Peterson

### Purchase Some Baked Goods ...—July 13th

for "1001 Orphans"

The Confirmation students are holding a bake sale the second Sunday of every month to raise funds to support one (or more) of the million-plus children orphaned in Kenya, Africa. Anyone else who would like to bring baked goods for these monthly fundraisers is most welcome to.

Support to a Kenyan orphan or disadvantaged child provides one year of:

- Family and spiritual-care support, by placing each child with a Christian family with ties to a local Lutheran congregation;
- Economic support, by providing money or food to supplement the already stretched-thin resources of families caring for an orphan; and
- Education support, by providing funds so each orphan can attend school.

### Bring Food Shelf Items—July 13th

Bring some canned goods to help stock the Link's New London food shelf. Sponsored each month by the women of Living Word's LWML

### Be Custodian of the Month

For August, September, October and November. You (or your whole family) can sign up to provide the necessary cleaning for any of these months. A check-list of duties is posted by the mail-boxes.. Please consider being a part of this service. Talk to Wendy or Lonny Robbin if you have questions or to volunteer yourself or your family. THANKS !!!

### Help With Our Nursery

We need volunteers to help with our during-worship nursery (2-4 year olds). Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help out one Sunday a month.

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Thot for a day: Whatever happened to Preparations A through G ?

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## Suggest a "Thank God For ..." Message



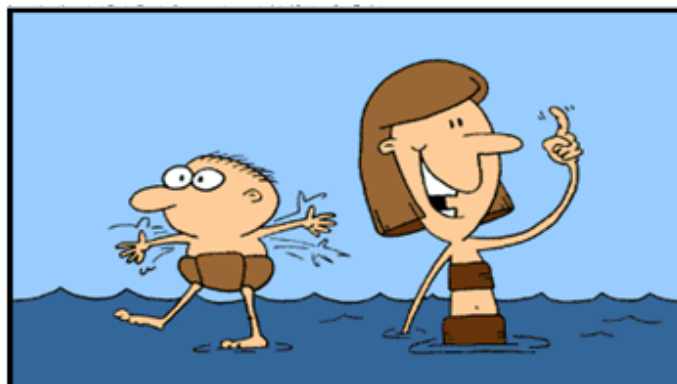
You've seen our message board by the road with the beginning of a sentence, "Thank God For..." Each week we want to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people to remember that God is the Giver of all good things – especially things we often take for granted. Last week we thanked God for sump pumps. Tell Pastor how you'd finish the sentence this week.

### Please Remember to Pray At 11:09 Every day

(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")

Remember to take a time-out to be "impudent" and PRAY for...

- + Thanking God for our new playground equipment.
- + Asking God for safety for all the kids who play on it.
- + Asking God for good weather for Becca Johnson's wedding-July 11
- + Asking God for good weather for our Parade Outreach - July 19
- + Asking the Holy Spirit to work through our parade handouts.
- + For continued good growing & outdoor-activity weather
- + For continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- + For the ability to live like you know that Jesus IS alive.
- + An overturn of laws that restrict our religious freedom
- + Opportunities to "be Jesus" to someone where you live, work or play
- + Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way



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JOSEPH, COME QUICK ... JESUS IS TAKING HIS FIRST STEPS



## The Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting



The class is finished, but the parenting never stops, so we'll have excerpts of things we learned in this and future newsletters.

### DAILY DOZEN # 8 Don't Buy Into the Lies of Society - Part 2

(Remember who is behind the lies of society: Satan - "the Father of Lies")

**Satan, through our culture, lies to us with the idea that when it comes to spiritual matters we need to be "consumers"** and search out the things we like, instead of listening to God's plan for us spiritually. The following is a quote from the *Daily Dozen* workbook

*Consumers, by definition, choose whether, when and where to purchase. The most important principle in consumerism is that everything is up to me. I make every decision based upon "what I'm getting out of it." When a thing no longer entertains me, interests me, or serves me, I discard it, abandon it or give up on it. When we apply that to our Christian faith we come up with some very wrong notions. For example, the idea that we no longer need to attend church every week. (....because it doesn't always entertain me or give me what I want)*

*Bill was a 17-year-old who wept in my office, because he missed the fact that his family didn't worship consistently (as a family) at his church. His tears really impacted me (and his mom) and I started thinking about the importance of regular public worship and how it is the antidote to spiritual consumerism.*

*Some parents buy into spiritual consumerism when they say to me: "I can find God at the lake or in the woods, Jim, so I don't need to go to church on Sunday." I delight that people can find God at the lake and in the woods. So can I. I love watching the sun dance on the lake during a beautiful summer day. I can also find God by walking in the woods, hiking, mountain climbing, biking, talking to a friend, getting lost in a leaf, walking on the beach, etc.. I just love nature!*

*But the question about weekly public worship is not about where I can find God (that can be a form of spiritual consumerism). It is rather about what God wants me to do as His creature. God created me. I didn't create God. God tells me what's best, not the other way around. God tells me that He wants me to worship publically every week, and Bill missed that because His parents had slowly bought the lie of spiritual consumerism.*

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That for a day: If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

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## Story Behind The Song...

### "America the Beautiful"

As we approach our Independence Day celebrations this song gives us a great reminder not to take for granted the country God has blessed us with.

Katherine Lee Bates, who was a teacher and head of the English department at Wellesley College in Massachusetts penned the original text of this song in 1893., while teaching summer school in Colorado Springs. She was inspired by the Rocky Mountains and Pikes Peak in particular. The poem *America* was published two years later to commemorate Independence Day. The tune *Materna* was composed by church organist and choir-master Samuel A. Ward. The poem was first set to the tune in 1910 and published

She once said, "We must match the greatness of our country with the goodness of personal godly living. If only we could couple the daring of the Pilgrims with the moral teachings of Moses, we would have something in this country that no one could ever take from us."

The song is revered for highlighting the scenic beauty of our nation, the courage of those who settled our nation as well as the sacrifices made by all who have fought to make and keep it free. But the song also encourages us to pray for our nation, as each stanza concludes by asking God to bring His grace, heal-

ing, refining, goodness and unity to our nation's people.

The original version of the poem *America* is printed left column and the song as we know it in the right. You'll notice quite a few revisions.

#### **America. A Poem for July 4.**

*O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the enameled plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
Till souls wax fair as earth and air  
And music-hearted sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
Till paths be wrought through wilds  
of thought  
By pilgrim foot and knee!*

*O beautiful for glory-tale  
Of liberating strife,  
When once or twice, for man's avail  
Men lavished precious life!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
Till selfish gain no longer stain,  
The banner of the free!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
Till nobler men keep once again  
Thy whiter jubilee!*

Editor's note: Many great versions of this song by many artists, but in my opinion the all time best has to be Ray Charles. See at: <http://youtu.be/8xk1P1913y0>

#### **"America the Beautiful"**

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brother-  
hood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare of freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife.  
Who more than self their country  
loved And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness  
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with  
brother-hood  
From sea to shining sea!

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

### **Boy Praises His Way Out of Kidnapping**

A 9-year-old boy in Atlanta had a unique response to being kidnapped from his own driveway: He sang praises to God. Willie Myrick repeatedly sang Hezekiah Walker's "Every Praise" (the theme of deliverance is in the chorus) during the three-hour ordeal. Eventually, his abductor - who had been cursing and telling the boy to shut up - pulled the car over and kicked him out.

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"You Can't Always Choose What Happens in Life...  
But You ALWAYS Have a Choice  
About How You Will Respond."

## **The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**

This is a job for the SUPERNATURAL  
POWER of  
ALMIGHTY  
GOD!



Mild mannered Joe Christian knows that when trouble arises... THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR... The HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD is here! Ro 8:26-27