

April 2015 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 ★ from Pastor...

What do we have to offer?

From time to time I switch things up and throw out a "Question FROM Pastor." The above question is one of those.

I asked, "What do we (as Christians) have to offer?" at the end of a couple of recent studies.

The first was a study on the beliefs of Mormons. In that study we found that Mormons use a lot of the same terms we use (God the Father, Jesus, Heaven, Grace) but they define those familiar terms with very unfamiliar (and unbiblical) meanings. But the bottom line on Mormonism - as recounted by folks who have left the Mormon church - is the teaching that our ultimate salvation does *not* rest on Jesus but rather on things we do for the church and for God. With the resulting uncertainty and great anxiety of "Never knowing if you have done enough."

What do we as Christians have to offer someone in that situation?

In a word: Peace. The peace that comes from the "blessed assurance" of etemal life. With Christianity there's no "cross your fingers and hope against hope that God is in a good mood on the day you die!" We have the blessed assurance of a salvation that rests not on what we have done for God, but on what God has done for us in the person of His Son Jesus.

As I've said many times, if I've come to my last breath and my two options are to 1) trust in what I did for God OR 2) trust in what God did for me through Jesus... that has to be the biggest "No-Brainer," in all of history! There is no way that I'm going to place my trust in what I have done, because I know how totally

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imperfect I am. Thank God we are not stuck with that "trusting in what I have done" choice. We have the peace of knowing that what Jesus did for us on the cross was full, complete and perfect payment for all of our sins. It's all on Him - literally!

The second time I asked "What do we (as Christians) have to offer here?" was after we watched a video where people were being interviewed and were asked lots of questions about spiritual things. Their answers were "all over the board" except in response to this one question, "Are you fearful of the future?" To a person, their answers were all in the affirmative, "Yes," "Absolutely," "Terrified," "Of course," "Very much so!" And who can blame them. It seems our world is going from bad to worse daily.

So, what DO we as Christians have to offer someone who is fearful of the future? Fearful for their lives. Fearful for the lives of their kids and grandkids. Fearful for humanity as a whole?

In a word (again) Peace. Peace that comes from knowing (as one of our Today's Light reading summaries said,) "We don't know what the future holds, BUT we do know Who holds the future." And, of course, that One who holds the future died and rose so we could spend that future with Him for, well, for eternity! No matter what happens in the future here on earth, everyone who trusts in Jesus can have the peace of knowing an eternal future where nothing bad ever happens again. Ever.

Is there someone you know who needs that peace right now? Invite them to join you to find it in Jesus at one of our Holy Week services and on Easter Sunday.

> Thanks for asking Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Welcome to our Living Word Family...

The following brothers and sisters in Christ who were received into membership at Living Word on March 22. We will introduce them with pictures and biographies in upcoming Newsletters.

- Kevin Hokom
- Cassandra and Alex Hunstad
- Bvron Meis
- Larry Levin
- Marylee Moore
- Becky & Cody Sarsland, Alison and Troy

New Bible Studies...

resuming after Holy Week

Wednesday Noon: TWELVE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

In this Bible study we will look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve biblical women and what they mean for your life!

- Apply biblical lessons to your own modem-day struggles
- Live through their failures as well as successes
- Draw near to God in a world filled with trials
- Find lasting contentment
- Overcome rejection and insecurity and much more

Examples of Sessions include:

- Rebekah: Breaking Free of Feminine Stereotypes (Jonalyn Fincher)
- Leah: Overcoming Rejection and Insecurity (Naomi Zacharias)
- Hannah: Surrendering in Waiting (Amena Brown)
- Abigail: Dealing with Confrontation in Relationships

Wednesday Evening: Let. It. Go.

How to Stop Running the Show and Start Walking in Faith

Let's face it: many women are wired to control. We make sure that the house is clean, the meals are prepared on time, the beds are made, the children are dressed, and everyone gets to work, school, and other activities on time. And trying to control it all is not only exhausting, but can also cause us to lose friends and sometimes, the affection of our families. It can earn wives and mothers the label of 'control freak' and send those within our sphere of influence packing.

In this humorous, yet thought-provoking small group Bible study you'll find the freedom and reward of living "out of control" — putting God in the rightful place he deserves in your life. Armed with relevant biblical and current examples (both to emulate and to avoid), and practical tools to implement, this study will gently lead you out of the land of over-control and into a place of quiet trust.

Sessions include:

- Pursuing the Appearance of Perfection
- Practicing the Art of Self-Control
- When Comparisons Lead to Over-Control
- Fixing Your Eyes on the Attitude Indicator



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New Men's Study The Holy Land

The all new Holy Land Series speeds through the ancient world of the Bible, giving you a fast-paced encounter with the people, places, and events that have shaped our world and the Christian faith.

Recommended by The Dove Foundation, this Drive Thru History series includes on-location explorations with lots of anima-

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tions and fun narration that is definitely "outside the classroom." From the Patriarchs of the Old Testament to the events in Jerusalem during the life of Christ, you will travel on a visually exciting journey through the land of the Bible. This drive gives delightful insight into the history and culture behind the stories of Scripture. The video also includes discussion questions designed to help you apply what you've seen.

Join us beginning April 7 at 6:30 as we look at The Temple, The Cross and the Empty Tomb

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

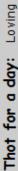
A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

"I love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied.
"Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged. It's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every moming when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away.. Just for this time in my life..."



Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Moming Study (9:00)

"The Mormons: Who they are, what they believe - and what difference does it make to us!

Today's Light Daily Readings:

See pages 10-11 of this newsletter

Wed. Noon Study -

NEW: "Twelve Women of the Bible"
(See details on page 4 in this Newsletter)

Wed. Evening Women's Study - 6:30

"Let It Go!"

(See details on page 4 in this Newsletter)

Men's Study - Tuesdays at 6:30

New Study: Starting April 7
"Drive Through the Holy Land
(see details on page 5 in this newsletter)



Confirmation:

Meets April 11th & 25th

4-6th Grade Youth Group - Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

HS Youth Group - 1st & 3rd Sundays at 7:00pm

Could You Host A Small Group Study This Winter?

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 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

Miscellaneous Notes...

Still Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans sponsors Simply Giving, a direct-deposit program that you can set up to have offerings automatically transferred from your bank account to the Living Word's general fund. Please see Stewardship Chair Jason Miller for more details.

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Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

If you already receive the Lutheran Witness magazine, please tell Pastor if you'd like to renew for another year (Cost is \$22). New Members receive a complimentary subscription for the first year.

Easter Lilies Welcome

If you would like to provide Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter, just bring them to church. Thanks!

Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

Here's just a sampling of what you'll find:

- . NEW: Fruit of the Spirit tote bags
- Today's Light Bibles
- April June Portals of Prayer daily devotional
- April Living Word newsletters
- 2015 Lutheran Island Camp schedules
- NEW Lutheran Women's Quarterly magazines

Keep Saving Toothpaste for 'Just the Basics'

The Link's giveaway of basic household items ('Just the Basics') will be held this year on Saturday, Apr. 25, 9-10:30 at Crossroads Church. This year Living Word has volunteered to provide 300 tubes of toothpaste for the event, so start purchasing toothpaste. You can bring your toothpaste donations to church and place them in the box outside Pastor David's office. Thanks in advance!

Family Promise of Kandiyohi County Is hiring



a Director to lead this new organization! Key responsibilities include volunteer training, resource development, overseeing guest services. Full job description on the Minnesota

Council of Nonprofits website: www.minnesotanonprofits.org. To apply, send resume and cover letter to: FPKC, 312 6th St. SW, Willmar, MN 56201 or submit via email at fpkc835@gmail.com.

NEW 2015 Lutheran Island Camp brochures available

All Parents of students received one in your mailbox. Extras are available on the "Free Stuff" table. Scholarships are available to help with the cost. Just ask.



MILITARY OUTREACH

Audio Bibles for Military & Families

If you would be interested in helping promote here at Living Word a program to raise funds to help get audio Bibles into the hands of Armed Forces personnel and their families, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!

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

Earlier this month Becky Sarsland sent me an email asking for ideas on a devotion she was preparing for MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers). When she sent me back the final draft I asked if I could re-print it in our Newsletter. Here it is. Thanks, Becky!

In-ten-tion-al-i-ty noun

1. the fact of being deliberate or purposive.

a. PHILOSOPHY

the quality of mental states (e.g., thoughts, beliefs, desires, hopes) that consists in their being directed toward some object or state of affairs. ~as defined by Google.

Intentionality is a concept I am becoming re-acquainted with, <u>and I am loving it!</u> I recently sat down with a To Do list that contained 22 items I had wanted to get done last year, but didn't. Everything from growing closer to God to parenting to budgeting. Most made at least some progress, but I didn't feel like any were done completely enough to check off the list.

So I attempted to prioritize the list. Picking just one or two items to tackle for the month seemed impossible, because everything seemed so important and worthwhile. But despite how glamorized Multi-Tasking has become in the United States, it's rarely ever truly successful. I had attempted to multi-task most things on the list, so most things on the list were started, but never really finished, and definitely not finished to the standard that I had desired. It's also incredibly stressful, and when we spread ourselves so thin we are only half present mentally, emotionally, and physically to the people and things that are truly important.

Dave Ramsey, author of "Financial Peace," says that we should pick one debt, the smallest, and tackle it with every extra penny we have. He explains this is not a mathematical move. Mathematically pick the one with the highest interest rate, but in his 20 plus years of financial coaching, what was most important for his clients was to win. If they could pay off a small debt and win, they understood they could do it and were more eager to pay off the next, larger one, which again boosted their confidence in the process. In the long run, this "snow ball" effect proved to be much more successful mentally, which turned mathematical when they actually won the big race, and did not get exhausted and quit from the marathon of multi-tasking little debts.

This seems to coincide with a blog post from a friend of mine. (To read the full version, visit <u>legataesempiternus.wordpress.com</u>.) She writes, n other words, we must begin acting in order to experience a change in our emotions. This is true for any area of life, whether it's exercise, cleaning the kitchen, folding laundry, time with the Lord –

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even loving your spouse. Act first. Feelings follow. This is TOUGH! Our natural tendency will a lways be to do what we feel... it's great when how we feel and what we need to do line up... but this isn't reality most of the time!.... I had to run to feel like running....I had to spend time with God to feel like spending time with God feel like I could finish these sentences with her! I had to read the Bible to want to read on. I had to play with my kids on the floor to want to play with my kids. I had to purposely sit down and write a budget to want to do better. Doing one thing at a time, with intensity and quality, produced real results and made for a more satisfying, prize at the end.

When asking the pastor about intentionality, he pointed me to this passage from 1 Corinthians 9:24-26 where the Apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race. "24 Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. 26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air."

This seemed to further the point that we cannot be running multiple races at once. We need to pick one, train for it, and complete it. And further, for me as a Christian, it reminded me that God needs to always be my number one priority, and that our ultimate goal is to get a crown that will last Intentionality inspires us to pick the things that are most important, and do them in a way that's winnable, attainable, and purposeful. God does not want us to run around aimlessly, like a boxer beating the air, multi-tasking ourselves to death. It's ok to say no. It's ok to only accomplish one thing per day and it's OK, just and right to put God first and foremost in our lives. I have enjoyed the benefits of Intentionality the past couple months, and I'd encourage everyone I know to give it a try;)

"Just the Basics"

Household Item and Toiletries Distribution Event

Saturday, April 25, 2015 9:00 am—10:30 am

Cross Roads Community Church 3400 113th Ave NE, Spicer, MN

> Bring your own box! First come, first served.

The Link

"Just the Blasics" is a project of the Link, in cooperation with area churches, the Willmax Area Food Shelf and service groups. "Just the Basics" provides basic tolletines and household goods to help our neighbors in need.

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each other; "Want to sponsor the cost of an item? Take up a collection? Volunteer for the event?"

Call Chasily at 329.796.2522 or email the inkservices@faithspicer.org for more information.

April 2015 - Daily Devotionals

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We Read Through the Bible, in Just 15 Minutes a Day.

After Mark we jump back to the Old Testament, picking up where we left off-with the book of Numbers

(In parentheses are verses to focus on if you are short on time that day)

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Mar 29	Use the time to	day to worship and catch up on any readings you missed		
Mar 30	Mark 9:1-50	(9:30-50)		
Mar 31	Mark 10:1-52	(10:32-45)		
Apr 1	Mark 11:1-33	(11:12-19)		
Apr 2	Mark 12:1-13:37	(1228-44)		
Apr 3	Mark 14:1-72	(14:10-25)		
Apr 4	Mark 15:1-47	(15:24-47)		
EASTER SUNDAY - Use the day to worship and celebrate the greatest event of all ! Apr 6 Mark 16:1-20 (16:1-16)				
Apr 7	Jude (17-25)			
Apr 8	Reading "catch-up" day ()			
Apr 9	Numbers 1:1-3:51 (21-34)			
Apr 10	Numbers 4:1-6:27 (6:1-27)			
Apr 11	Numbers 7:1-8:26 (&1-20)			
Apr 12	Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed			
Apr 13	Numbers 9:1-10:36 (10:11-36)			
Apr 14	Numbers 11:1-1	2:16 (11:1-35)		

Apr 15	Numbers 13:1-15:41 (14:1-35)
Apr 16	Numbers 16:1-18:32 (16:1-40)
Apr 17	Numbers 19:1-20:29 (20:22-29)
Apr 18	Numbers 21:1-35 (21:1-9)
Apr 19	Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed
Apr 20	Numbers 22:1-25-18 (22:1-41)
Apr 21	Numbers 26:1-27:23 (27:15-23)
Apr 22	Numbers 28:1-30:16 (28:1-31)
Apr 23	Numbers 31:1-54 (31:1-8)
Apr 24	Numbers 32:1-34:29 (32:1-27)
Apr 25	Numbers 35:1-36:13 (35:9-34)
Apr 26	Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed
Apr 27	Deuteronomy 1:1-46 (1:1-5)
Apr 28	Deuteronomy 2:1-37 (2:1-8)
Apr 29	Deuteronomy 3:1-29 (3:21-29)
Apr 30	Deuteronomy 4:1-49 (4:1-39)
May 1	Deuteronomy 5:1-33 (5:28-33)
May 2	Deuteronomy 6:1-25 (6:1-12)
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Daily Readings Available in Audio

...on our website www.livingwordlutheran.net.

April 2015 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

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Upcoming Schedules					
Scripture Rea	ders				
Apr 5	Jason Miller				
Apr 12	Mark Fuglie				
Apr 19	Tammy Fuglie				
Apr 26	Duane Hansen				
May 3	Confirmands				
May 10	Tammy Wachter				
May 17	Wendy Robbin				
May 24	Bryson Wachter				
May 31	Scott Wachter				
Fellowship Se					
Apr 5	Easter Breakfast				
Apr 12	Leone Quigley				
Apr 19	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson				
Apr 26	Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky				
May 3	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie				
May 10	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller				
May 17	Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham				
May 24	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson				
May 31	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen				
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Apr 5	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen				
Apr 12	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter				
Apr 19	Wendy & Lonny Robbin				
Apr 26	Joe Johnson & Brady Sharp				
May 3	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer				
May 10	Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle				
May 17	Kevin & Noah Welsh				
May 24	Jamie & Phil Iverson				
May 31	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen				
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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

Mark Your Calendars...

Progressive Dinner to Welcome Our New Members...



On Saturday, April 25 members of our Mission and Ministry Team will be hosting various courses of a meal (appetizer, soup/salad, main course and dessert) as a way of helping introduce our new members to our congregation. If you could host one of the courses,

please contact Linda Dilley this week.

Spring Voters' Assembly

Sunday, April 26 following worship

At each Spring Voters' Assembly we elect officers to a two-year term. The offices up for election this spring are:

- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Congregational Outreach
- Christian Growth Education
- Elder (2)

Reminder: The only requirement for being a voting member is that you attend one meeting prior to becoming a voting member. ('Voting member' status is maintained by attending at least one meeting each calendar year.)

Concert to Benefit the Food Shelf

The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra, directed by Robert Murphy with Associate Directors Derick Rehurek, Richard Alton and Steve Kennedy will present "Te Deum We Praise Thee O God" at 4:00 p.m. on April 19th, 2015 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 302 Olena Ave SE, Willmar MN. This concert of orchestral and choral music will feature Hymns of Praise to God in a variety of settings. The concert is free and no tickets are required.

During the program, a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Willmar Area Food Shelf. This concert will be the 6th concert in the last 6 years. In the first five concerts, \$20,573 was raised for the Willmar Area Food Shelf, enough to provide 102,865 meals.

This concert is so-sponsored by Calvary Lutheran Church, Vinje Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church. Each year a different church hosts this amazing musical event. Please join us in supporting the mission of the Willmar Area Food Shelf and helping your neighbors in need.

Any questions, please email <u>kari@willmarafs.org</u> or call 231-2641.

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Coming in May...

- Confirmation Sunday May 3.
 Gracie Geer & Alana Friehl will be getting confirmed
- A New Church-League Softball Season!



Thank God For...

You've seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For..." Each week we'd like to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people who drive past to remember that God is the giver of all good things - especially

things we take for granted. Last week we thanked God for Spring!. Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next week.

Sunday School News...

Classes:

Students start at 9:00 each Sunday with music, prayer requests from the kids and offering (for "Project 24").

April lessons:

April 5 Easter Series - The Resurrection Luke 24:1-4

April 12: When Trouble Comes - Jesus Understands-Hebrews 4:14-16

April 19: When Trouble Comes- Jesus Protects Us-Matt. 18:5-6:10-14

April 26: When Trouble Comes- Jesus Helps Us Grow-Hebrews 12:5-13

May 3: When Trouble Comes- We Can Help One Another-Romans 15:1-2,2 Corinthians 1:3-5, James 1:27

Teachers / Classes:

Pre-school to Kindergarten: Amanda Sharp
1st to 3rd Grade: Violet Dauk
4th to 6th Grade: Keith Hanson
Substitute teachers: Jason Miller, Tammy Fuglie, Mona Hjelle

Rides are Available

We have volunteers who will pick kids up for Sunday School. Please contact either Mona Hjelle, Amanda Sharp or Keith Hanson



Project 24 - Our Mission Project

Project 24 is committed to building at least 24 orphan rescue centers. Donations help construct safe homes, provide food, clothing, and healthcare for children in need.

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Financial Peace University...

Sunday Evenings at 6:30 here at Living Word

(Childcare is provided)

You'll learn about...

Relating With Money

Learn why it's important for spouses to communicate and work together toward success. Also, singles will learn the importance of teamwork, and parents will find out how to teach their kids about money.



Cash Flow Planning - The Nuts and Bolts of Budgeting

Unlock the secret of developing a monthly spending plan that really works. Learn how to live on less than you make, pay your bills, allow for entertainment, AND still have money left over at the end of the month.

Dumping Debt - Breaking the Chains of Debt

It's time to debunk some common debt myths! Dave reveals the truth about credit lies and gives you a plan to walk out of debt with confidence.

Buyer Beware - The Power of Marketing on Your Buying Decisions

Dave draws on decades of experience to reveal the power and influence that marketing has on your everyday buying decisions.

The Role of Insurance - Protecting Your Health, Family and Finances

In this lesson, Dave walks you through the world of insurance, carefully explaining what you need—and what you need to avoid.

Retirement and College Planning - Mastering the Alphabet Soup of Investing

Dave walks you through the maze of retirement options and helps you figure out your best retirement plan. You will also learn how to plan for college so your kids can graduate debt free!

Real Estate and Mortgages - The American Dream Needn't be a Nightmare

Dave draws on over 20 years of real estate experience to teach you how to win when buying or selling your home, and the ins and outs of mortgages.

The Great Misunderstanding - Unleashing the Power of Generous Giving

Learn how generous giving can completely revolutionize your attitude and improve your finances, business and relationships Page 18

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Who Can You Invite?...

1. To Any of our New Bible Studies or FPU course

Everyone could use the help God has for us in His Word

2. Maundy Thursday Worship - April 2 @ 7 p.m.

We'll look at what Jesus taught in the Upper Room "on the night He was betrayed." Then we'll share communion with unleavened bread baked by our confirmands.

Good Friday - the Seven Last Words - Apr 3 at 7 p.m.

Easter is just a "feel-good" story without Good Friday.

We extinguish one candle for each of the seven last words Jesus spoke from the cross until all lights have been put out.

Join us to be reminded why we call such a dark day "Good.

4. Easter - We celebrate the Resurrection on April 5.

- 6:54 a.m. Sonrise Worship We begin outdoors watching the sun rise, then move to the sanctuary to finish our celebration of the Greatest Event in History.
- 8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast served following Sonrise service
- 10:00 a.m. Communion Service We again celebrate the Greatest Event in all of History at our regular worship time and share in communion as the Feast of Victory
- 5. Crafting Day Saturday, April 18 @ 11:00

Bring a friend and your craft/art/scrapbook projects

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...

- God to work through Easter invitations to bring people to Him
- God to work through the Today's Light program to strengthen faith
- Safe travel for everyone over the Easter Holiday
- For God to work through the proceedings of our District Convention
- For increased trust that God will continue to provide
- For protection and boldness is witness for all persecuted Christians
- For the ability to love unconditionally and sacrificially
- For those who are having their first Easter without loved ones

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Opportunities to Serve...

A Great Month 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 April Make-a-Meal volunteers: Jamie Iverson & Mona Hjelle

Serve After-Worship Fellowship Snack

We are looking for more folks to take a turn at serving snacks for fellowship time after worship.

Be "Custodian of the Month"

You (or your whole family) can sign up to provide the necessary deaning for any of these months. A check-list of duties is posted by the mailboxes. 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.

Read Scripture in Worship

Please talk to Pastor David if you can take a turn once every couple of months reading our New Testament and Old Testament Scriptures.

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 .

Donate on Food Shelf Sunday

April 12th (always the 2nd Sunday of the month)

Volunteers NEEDED!

Grace Living Community of Glen Oaks is seeking volunteers to assist and be a companion to our residents. It is our mission to provide the best quality of care however we could use you to help us! Volunteers are needed to visit, play games, share in music, crafts and other talents, and join us with friendship and fellowship for the residents we serve. Contact Ruth Templer if interested: Ruth.Templer@bhshealth.org (320) 354-6074

Sing with our choir...

Choir will be singing on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. Please join us to practice after worship on March 29 and prior to the services the days we sing. We will also sing for the Confirmation Service on May 3 and practice at 11:30 April 19 and 26th to prepare for that.

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"99 Envelope Challenge"

UPDATE:

As you know, our 99 Envelope Board is a fund-raising effort to raise money to replace the yearly mission funding we have been receiving from our District (We began with 99 envelopes on the board - each with a dollar amount from \$1 to \$99. If we fill up every envelope with the amount listed on the envelopes we'ill raise \$ 4950.)

To date: 1/3 of our envelopes have been taken off the board and filled with \$1343! THANK YOU!

If you haven't taken an envelope yet... we are asking you to prayerfully consider grabbing one from the board and filling it with the dollar amount listed on the envelope. You may simply place it in the offering plate any Sunday.

Please keep in mind that The 99 Envelope Board Challenge is in addition to your regular offering, so take an envelope off the board only if you are able to fill it with money would be overand-above your regular offering.

A Tax-Refund suggestion: If each of us gave 10% of our tax refund we'd likely fill the rest of the envelopes and get a good start on another hundred envelopes!

You're Invited...

The Members of Redeemer Lutheran invite you to join them for a BUS TRIP to North Heights Lutheran Church – Arden Hills, MN. On Sunday, April 12

Beyond The Room - The Resurrection Story

North Heights presents a new Easter production! For three agonizing days the first followers of Jesus are secluded in a room. As stories are shared, their desire to continue to follow in the footsteps of Jesus expands, seals their friendships, and breeds determination. The most amazing story ever told—the resurrection story—will unfold as the first believers go Beyond the Room!

Invite Your Family And Friends!

COST: \$27.00 -- includes ticket and bus ride
Bus Leaves Redeemer North Parking Lot at 12:15 p.m.
(Bus can also pick people up in Kandiyohi, Atwater, or
Grove City if that is more convenient).
We will stop for supper on the way home.
Just call the Redeemer office 235-4685 to sign up by March 30)

Thot for a day: ⊤

Story Behind The Song...

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

In looking back at previous Easter-month Newsletters I was quite surprised to find that I had not done a "Story Behind the Song" article about Jesus Christ is Risen Today. There may be some room (just a tiny bit) for argument here, but in my estimation Jesus Christ is Risen Today is THE greatest Easter song of all time! How could it be that I had not done an article on it?

Then I did some research and found out why: No one really knows the story behind the song. About all we know is that it was written in Latin way back in the 14th Century, but no one knows who wrote it. Charles Wesley added the fourth stanza much later. So, I will simply let you read the verses, ponder on their meaning and invite you to join us to sing it in great celebration on Easter morning!

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, A----le-lu-ia! Our triumphant holy day, A----le-lu-ia! Who did once upon the cross, A---- le-lu-ia! Suffer to redeem our loss, A----le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, A----le-lu-ia! Unto Christ our heav'nly king, A----le-lu-ia! Who endured the cross and grave, A----le-lu-ia! Sinners to redeem and save, A----le-lu-ia!

But the pains which he endured, A----le-lu-ia! Our salvation have procured; A----le-lu-ia! Now above the sky he's king, A----le-lu-ia! Where the angels ever sing, A----le-lu-ia!

Sing we to our God above, A----le-lu-ia! Praise eternal as his love, A----le-lu-ia! Praise him all you heav'nly host, A----le-lu-ia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost, A----le-lu-ia!

Editor's note: A classic version performed by King's College Cambridge: https://youtu.be/iOvVe3NifCY

Congratulations!

 Josie Strohbeen - On your baptism into the family of Jesus March 25

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

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Email Humor...

A priest was invited to attend a house party. Naturally, he was properly dressed and wearing his priest's collar.

A little boy kept staring at him the entire evening. Finally, the priest asked the little boy what he was staring at. The little boy pointed to the priest's neck.

When the priest finally realized what the boy was pointing at, he asked him, "Do you know why I am wearing that?"

The boy nodded his head yes, and replied, "It kills fleas and ticks for up to three months."

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And, in honor of the start of baseball season...

A high school history teacher was discussing the funeral of Pope John Paul II with his class. One student asked how they chose the new pope.

The teacher explained the process, finishing with, "So the cardinals pick him."

A student in the back of class, asked, very seriously, "Why would they let a baseball team pick the next pope?"

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Jesus told his disciples to "WATCH AND PRAY"... and the time honored tradition of sleeping in church was born. Mt. 26:36-46

That for a day: It is easier to preach ten sermons than it

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