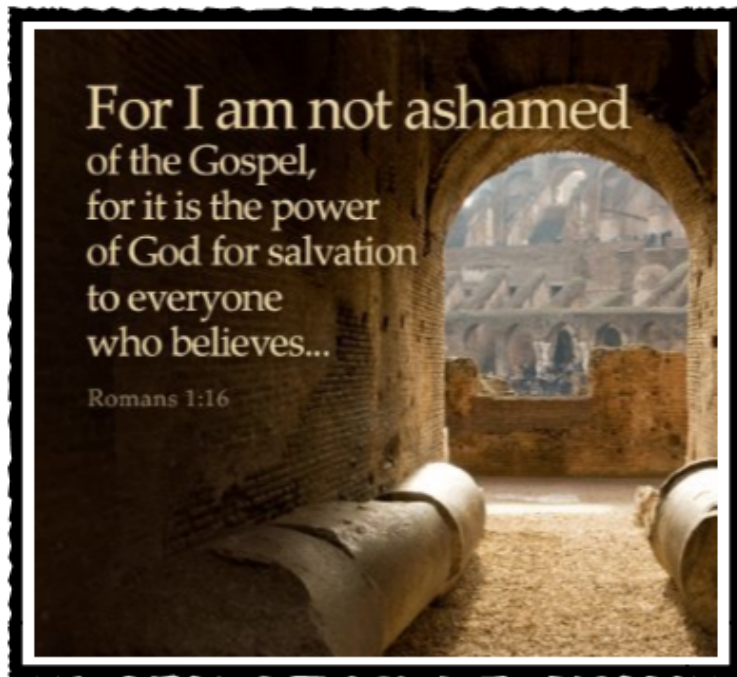


Living Word
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November 2016 Newsletter
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"
Worship Hours:
Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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What we aim to do:
Make disciples for Jesus - as we go, wherever we go.
What we aim to be:
A joyful, caring, Christ-centered family of God.

Question for Pastor...

With the election coming up, it's not always easy to figure out who to vote for. What does God's Word have to say about electing leaders?



Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:15-22 *"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."* In so doing, Jesus sets down the principle that as Christians we have a duty to our government ("Caesar"). There are certain things we "owe" the officials who rule over us.

Jesus gave this response to a specific question about taxes. So, yes, we owe our taxes to our government. That's how they pay for services provided to the citizens. But our obligation to our leaders doesn't stop there. We owe...

Our prayers - *specifically for our leaders and for laws that will enable us to live "peaceful, quiet, godly and dignified lives" and enable us to share the truth of the message of salvation that comes through Jesus Christ alone.* (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Our respect, honor, and submission to their authority - *and thus, our obedience to their laws.* (Romans 13:1-7)

The one exception to the "obedience" responsibility is when our rulers would make laws that would *force* us to disobey God. In that case we must say along with Peter and the other apostles in Acts 5:29 *"We must obey God rather than men."* (And, of course, be willing to suffer the consequences of that civil disobedience.)

Since we are to pray for the ability to live "godly" lives, it logically follows that we should, in a nation that allows our participation in

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government, use our voice and our vote to do everything we can to see that "godly" laws are put into effect and that "ungodly" laws (those contrary to what God has told us) are done away with.

Faithful Christians voting for godly laws is definitely a way of following God's command to "Love your neighbor," since ungodly laws are by definition harmful to our neighbor.

It may be obvious, but the requirement to give our voice and our vote also requires us to take the time to educate ourselves about the positions of the individuals seeking office and the political parties they represent.

I've found it interesting, enlightening - and in some 'scary'- to read the "action agendas" and "platforms" of the two largest political parties. I'd encourage each of you to read them as well. Here are the web links for both the major parties in Minnesota :

<http://mngop.com/about/gop-principles/>

<https://www.dfl.org/about-our-party/dfl-party-documents/>

Here's another good website offering a comparison of the Republican and Democrat national platforms

<http://www.commit2vote2016.com/commit-2-vote-2016-landing-page/elections-matter/platforms-comparison/>

The Lutheran Voter Information Guide gives great questions to ask regarding the four areas our District advocates for on public policy matters:

1. Life Issues (e.g. abortion and assisted suicide)
2. Marriage and Sexuality
3. Religious Freedom
4. Parental Choice in Education

We've been looking at these issues in the LVIG in both our Sunday Morning and Men's studies. Copies are available at church or for download at files.constantcontact.com/d67548c2201/359dbaa1-8141-4efd-b2c4-bc47528f953e.pdf

WE MUST REMEMBER that voting won't convert hearts. Jesus didn't send his disciples out to "take over governments" but rather to "make disciples." Faithful followers of Jesus can never be *mandated* by governments, but can only be *cultivated* by the Holy Spirit through the sharing of the Gospel.

Finally, no matter which individuals and parties come into power we would do well to remember the message our government (at least for

the time being) places on our currency: "In GOD we trust." No matter who wins, Jesus is still - and always will be - King of all kings (and presidents). We know how the story of humanity ends: Jesus wins - and so do all who vote for Him with their trust!

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Opportunities for Growth...

Could You Host A Small Group Study This Fall?

One of our Core Values at Living Word is that making disciples (people who are committed to growing to become more like Jesus) happens best in small group settings. For example, it's easier for people to get connected to Jesus through small groups. It's easier to get to know other Christians in small groups. Caring happens best in small groups. With that in mind 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.

Today's Light Daily Readings:

See pages 10—11 of this newsletter



Sunday Morning Study (9:00)

We continue our look at the study We the People and A Lutheran Voter Information Guide

Join us next Sunday as we continue to prepare for casting our ballots in November.

Men's Study— Tuesday, Sept 13th @ 6:30

NEW MEN'S STUDY - Begins Tues., Nov. 8 "Fight" -

Winning the Battles that Matter Most

Some battles are worth fighting for. Fight is a five-session DVD-based study that helps men uncover who they really are - powerful men with warriors' hearts. Through studying the life of Samson, a strong man with glaring weaknesses, men will find the strength to fight the battles they know they must win.



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Thot for a day: A speech is like a wheel. The longer the spoke, the greater the tire.

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Mom's Study - Wed. @ 9:00 a.m.-

watch for details about a new study for moms- coming soon on Tuesday mornings!

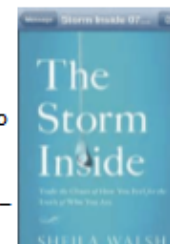
Wed. Evening Women's Study -

Begins Wednesday, October 5th @ 6:30

New Women's Study: "The Storm Inside"

Trading the chaos of how you feel for the truth of who you are.

Do you realize that you are a daughter of the King? You need to live, hope, and dream as if this were true—because it is! You don't need to be paralyzed with fear, frozen by the chaos you feel inside. Instead, you must choose to stand on the truth of who God says you are.



The study unpacks the stories of women from the Bible who faced seemingly insurmountable problems—things like regret, shame, insecurity and heartbreak. And just like the women from the Bible, you can overcome the lies the enemy uses to torment you. You too can rely on the truth of God's word so you can stand during the strongest storms of your life. Designed for use with The Storm Inside Study Guide.

3rd-6th Grade Group—starts Wednesday @ 6:30

See page 21 for more information

H.S. Youth Study - November dates TBA

Sunday School: 9:00 (see info on page 20)

Confirmation - Wednesdays @ 6:30

Mexican Fiesta Dinner 2016...

We Served: 70+

We netted \$850 for Outreach events



Thanks...

- Amanda Sharp for Organizing the Event
- Everyone who donated food
- Everyone who helped serve, set up or take down
- Everyone who invited friends
- Everyone who came and enjoyed the food & fellowship

Opportunities to Serve...

Suggest something to "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 **The Reformation!** Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next week.

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. Our November Make-a-Meal volunteers are Gwen Ruchti & Gerri Strohbeen Thanks!

Volunteer to "Make-a-Meal"

We could use more people who would be willing to make a meal or two for folks who are going through a tough time. Please talk to Pastor David if you could help in this way.

Serve After-Worship Fellowship Snack

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

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 a couple more volunteers to help with our during-worship nursery (2-4 year olds). Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help out

Bring Food Shelf Items Every Second Sunday

The women of our LWML collect canned and dry goods the second Sunday of each month.

Be "Custodian of the Month"

You (or your whole family) can sign up to provide the necessary cleaning. A check-list of duties is posted by the mailboxes. Please consider being a part of this service. Talk to Trustee Jamie Iverson if you have questions or to volunteer yourself or your family. Custodian still needed for November

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That for a day: War does not determine who is right -- only who is left.

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Email Humor...

If... you can start the day without caffeine,
... you are always cheerful,
... you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
... you understand when your loved ones are too busy for you,
... you never treat a rich friend better than a poor friend,
... you face the world without lies and deceit,
then... you are probably the family dog!

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From 'kids say the darndest things' real-life stories:

A three-year-old asked very loudly at a funeral, during the moment of silence, "WHAT'S IN THE BOX?" Kids - Gotta love 'em!

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At a recent wedding, the priest called for a moment of silence to remember the faithful dead...As the church grew quiet, a little boy sitting in front turned to his father and said excitedly, "Dad, you have some of their albums!"

A HUGE THANK YOU... To Our Living Word Family

...for the cards, messages and gifts you gave us on Pastor (and wife) Appreciation Sunday! We also greatly appreciate each of you and thank God for your partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Pastor David & Violet

LWML News...

LWML We will be meeting at church **Wednesday, November 9th**, at 10:00 AM. This will be a **work day**. We will be cleaning the kitchen cupboards, lining them with linoleum and labeling them. Come and share in the fun fellowship we have working together.



LWML will be making college "CARE PACKAGES" for Living Word's college students. We are planning to put the care packages together on **Tuesday, November 29th**, @ 6:00 PM at church. If you would like to donate items for this please have them at church that evening. Some ideas would be - small Christmas decorations, gum and candy, home made goodies, cold care kits, stocking stuffer items, coins for doing laundry etc. See Leone if you have any questions.

Email Inspiration...

The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him. — 2 Chronicles 16:9

Missionary biography makes great inspirational reading. On a recent vacation, I devoured an old paperback autobiography of Mabel Francis, an American worker who sailed to Japan in 1909, sent by the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

She labored there through World War I, through the Great Depression, and in the difficult years leading up to World War II. She was in her sixties when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Mabel decided to stay in Japan and continue her work as best she could during the war. She wanted to be there after the conflict — whoever won or lost — to spread the healing message of the gospel in a post-war era.



Toward the end of the war ... the Allies began bombing Tokyo, and every night she heard the droning of B-29s in the skies over Japan. The explosions came closer and closer. One night a bomb destroyed an adjacent building and the fire spread. The prisoners were herded into the streets where they huddled in the open air with flames all around them, surrounded by suffering people, orphaned children, weeping women, and broken men.

In her autobiography, Mabel described the difficulties of those days. The whole city was in ruins. She was weakened, undernourished, and exhausted, and she faced unbelievable suffering on every side. With no money, she was desperate and destitute. That's when Mabel opened her Bible and found a single verse that stayed with her the rest of her life. It was a verse about personal strength, about physical, mental, spiritual, moral, and emotional stamina. It was 2 Chronicles 16:9.

In her book, she wrote:

Then, God gave me the promise of Second Chronicles 16:9: **"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him."**

The eyes of the Lord..." He knows just where the money is and where our help is coming from. This was to be our source of strength all through those days, as one miracle followed another.1

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Whoever said there is no such thing as a stupid question has never worked in customer service.

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Mabel also went down to Hiroshima and led people to Christ who had survived the atomic bomb. She helped organize a church among the survivors. After the very first service when nearly everyone was gone, Mabel noticed a little woman standing at the side who seemed to want to say something. Mabel took her hand and asked her to sit and talk. "The morning when the bomb struck," said the woman, "I was at my home, up on the mountainside. My two little children were playing on the floor — a one-year-old and a three-year-old. I stooped down to pick up something, and in that second, that awful flash of light came! I was startled, and stood up to look around, and when I looked back, my two children were charred at my feet — both dead. I didn't know then that I was all burned, I was so concerned for my little ones. I picked them up and laid them aside, and pretty soon I began to feel the pain in my own body. Then I found how badly I was burned."

The woman went on to tell Mabel of her overwhelming despair, her suffering, and her attempts to drag herself to every shrine and every temple, looking for peace, but nothing helped. "But tonight you told us of this God's love, and that it was He who created us, and you said my children are with Him — I believe it! I believe it! My heart is comforted. Light has come to me."

"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

This very same promise is as available to us now as it was in biblical times or during the days of World War II. It's a promise with no geographical limitations. It's a promise of strength with no expiration date. It has no shelf life; it's perpetually fresh and potent.

The eyes of the Lord never droop, never close, never slumber, and never sleep. Every moment of every day our Lord's eagle eye scans every corner of the globe, surveying every heart of every person, looking for someone, for you, for anyone whose heart is fully committed to Jesus Christ.

Mabel Francis, *One Shall Chase a Thousand* (Harrisburg, PA: Christian Publications, Inc., 1968), 83; 103-104.

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Choir Notes...



Come to choir rehearsals on November 20th and November 27th. Choir will be singing the first Sunday in December. Rehearsals are after coffee fellowship. Come and sing praises.

November 2016 - Daily Devotionals

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We start by finishing our readings from the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel. Then we finish our Old Testament readings with Lamentations, Amos and Malachi. We finish the month with three of the New Testament Letters. Next Month: Revelation

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

Oct 30 **Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed**

Oct 31 Ezekiel 37-39 (37:1-14) _____

Nov 1 Ezekiel 40-42 (41:14) _____

Nov 2 Ezekiel 43 (43:1-12) _____

Nov 3 Ezekiel 44 (44:1-15) _____

Nov 4 Ezekiel 45-46 (46:1-15) _____

Nov 5 Ezekiel 47-48 (47:1-12) _____

Nov 6 **Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed**

Nov 7 Lamentations 1 (1:1-7,20-22) _____

Nov 8 Lamentations 2-3 (3:22-36) _____

Nov 9 Lamentations 4-5 (5:1-22) _____

Nov 10 Amos 1-2 (2:6-16) _____

Nov 11 Amos 3 (3:1-8) _____

Nov 12 Amos 4-5 (5:1-27) _____

Nov 13 **Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed**

Nov 14 Amos 6 (6:1-10) _____

Nov 15 Amos 7 (7:14-17) _____

Nov 16 Amos 8 (8:9-14) _____

Nov 17 Amos 9 (9:8-15) _____

Nov 18 Malachi 1-2 (1:1-14) _____

Nov 19 Malachi 3-4 (3:1-18) _____

Nov 20 **Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed**

Nov 21 1 Thessalonians 1 (1:1-4) _____

Nov 22 1 Thessalonians 2 (2:1-13) _____

Nov 23 1 Thessalonians 3 (3:1-10) _____

Nov 24 1 Thessalonians 4 (4:13-18) _____

Nov 25 1 Thessalonians 5 (5:1-11, 23-24) _____

Nov 26 2 Thessalonians 1 (1:1-10) _____

Nov 27 **Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed**

Nov 28 2 Thessalonians 2-3 (2:1-17) _____

Nov 29 1 John 1 (1:5-10) _____




Nov 30 1 John 2 (2:1-17) _____

Dec 1 1 John 3 (3:13-24) _____

Dec 2 1 John 4 (4:1-6) _____

Dec 3 1 John 5 (5:1-13) _____

November 2016 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Oct 30</p> <p>9:00 ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 FALL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>Oct 31</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 MEN'S STUDY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 - 3rd-6th Gr. GROUP</p> <p>6:30 - CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6:30 -WOMEN'S STUDY</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:00 ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 ELECTION DAY ELECTION 2016</p>  <p>5:30 ELDERS' TEAM</p> <p>6:30 NEW MEN'S STUDY: <i>Fight</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 LWML Work Day</p> <p>6:30 - 3rd-6th Gr. GROUP</p> <p>6:30 - CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6:30 -WOMEN'S STUDY</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:00 ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 S.S. TEACHERS Mtg</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 MEN'S STUDY</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 - 3rd-6th Gr. GROUP</p> <p>6:30 - CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6:30 -WOMEN'S STUDY</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 ANNUAL CRAFT & BAKE SALE</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:00 ADULT STUDY SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 MEN'S STUDY</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 THANKSGIVING EVE Worship (w/communion)</p>	<p>24 THANKSGIVING</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 FFAA Night</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:00 ADULT STUDY SUNDAY SCHOOL (Christmas Pgm Practice)</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 LWML Care-Pkg Assembly</p> <p>6:30 MEN'S STUDY</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 - 3rd-6th Gr. GROUP</p> <p>6:30 - CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6:30- WOMEN'S STUDY</p>	<p>Dec 1</p> <p>noon NL-S MINISTERIAL @Living Word</p>	<p>Dec 2</p>	<p>Dec 3</p>

Lord's Supper Dates

- Sunday, November 6th
- Sunday, November 20th
- Thanksgiving Eve—Nov 23rd @ 7:00

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Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Nov 6 Kevin Welsh
Nov 13 Tammy Wachter
Nov 20 Wendy Robbin
Nov 27 Jason Miller

Dec 4 Linda Dilley
Dec 11 Mark Fuglie
Dec 18 Christmas Program
Dec 25 Tammy Fuglie

Fellowship Servers

Nov 6 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Nov 13 Becky Sarsland / Mary Raddatz
Nov 20 Nancy Jo Wendt & Tammy Fuglie
Nov 27 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore

Dec 4 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Dec 11 Kerry & Leone Quigley
Dec 18 Christmas Dinner
Dec 25 No Fellowship

Usher Schedule

Nov 6 Brent & Lance Sawatzky
Nov 13 Jason & Noah Miller
Nov 20 Bo & George Arends-Schmidt
Nov 27 Wendy & Lonny Robbin

Dec 4 Brady & Andrew Sharp
Dec 11 Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad
Dec 18 Wally Abraham and Joe Johnson
Dec 25 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Nov 6 George Arends-Schmidt
Nov 13 Carson Jaspersen
Nov 20 Noah Miller
Nov 27 Davis Rustad

Dec 4 Lance Sawatzky
Dec 11 Andrew Sharp
Dec 18 Gage Dahl
Dec 25 Levi Miller

Make A Meal Volunteers

Nov Gwen Ruchti & Gerri Strohbeen
Dec Scott & Tammy Wachter & Nancy Jo Wendt

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Thot for a day: When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts," and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?

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Nursery (volunteers needed)

(Amanda Sharp - substitute helper)
Nov 6 George Arends-Schmidt & Mona Hjelle
Nov 13 Davis Rustad & McCartney Knutson
Nov 20 Andrew Sharp & Carson Jaspersen
Nov 27 Lance Sawatzky & Noah Miller

Dec 4 George Arends-Schmidt & Mona Hjelle
Dec 11 Davis Rustad & McCartney Knutson
Dec 18 Christmas Program
Dec 25 Andrew Sharp & Carson Jaspersen

Altar Guild

Nov Mona Hjelle
Dec Nancy Jo Wendt & Mona Hjelle

Elders

Nov 6 Ed Vegdahl & Mark Fuglie
Nov 20 Jason Miller & Kevin Welsh
Nov 23 Keith Hanson & Ed Vegdahl
Dec 4 Mark Fuglie & Jason Miller
Dec 18 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson
Dec 24 Ed Vegdahl & Mark Fuglie

Accompanying Musicians

Nov 6 Sharon Willen
Nov 13 Scott Wachter
Nov 20 Pam Johnson
Nov 23 Open
Nov 27 Scott Wachter
Dec 4 Sharon Willen
Dec 11 Scott Wachter
Dec 18 Pam Johnson
Dec 24 Open
Dec 25 Scott Wachter

Custodian

November Custodians Needed
December Custodians Needed

November Discipleship Verse...



For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...

Romans 1:16

Mark Your Calendars...

Fall Voters' Assembly

Sunday, October 30 after fellowship

The purpose of the fall assembly is to approve both a 2017 budget and 2017 ministry goals. The Mission and Ministry Team came up with a set of recommended goals at their September planning meeting. They will be preparing a proposed budget at their October meeting.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship...

Wednesday, November 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

A special Thank-offering will be collected:



God commanded the Israelites to come to the temple once a year for a joyful celebration of the blessings God provided in the harvest. This harvest festival was called The Feast of Weeks.

Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you. Deuteronomy 16:10

With that in mind we will come together on Thanksgiving Eve for a special joyful celebration of the blessings God has provided us. We're each encouraged to bring a special freewill offering in proportion to how God has blessed us this past year.

Please pray about your Thank-offering proportion.. Use the special Thank-Offering envelope to make your Thank-Offering. (Your yearly Thank-Offering can be given any Sunday, if you are not able to attend the Thanksgiving Eve service.)

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." King David in 1 Chronicles 29:14

Please use the Song-Suggestion Box to let us know favorite songs of Thanksgiving and Praise that you'd like to sing at this service.

Living Word Lutheran FALL CRAFT BAZAAR

Saturday, November 19 - 9am to 2pm.

We will have crafters from the congregation and friends selling items they create - just in time for the holidays and gift-giving. If you make crafts and would like to have a table, please talk to Amanda Sharp (amanda_s9088@yahoo.com or 320-354-9088)

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That for a day: You cannot discover new oceans unless you have courage to lose sight of the shore.

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Our Friends at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar

Invite Us to Join Them for a couple of Bus Trips:

1. To the Plymouth Playhouse on Nov. 27, for the play *Away in the Basement* (A Church-Basement Ladies' Christmas)
Cost is \$42 for bus and ticket. Bus Leaves At 11:30 A.M. from Redeemer's North Parking Lot. Reservations are needed by NOV. 7.

2. To Concordia Univ in St. Paul on Sat., Dec 10, for their *Into The Way of Peace: 2016 Fine and Performing Arts Christmas Concert* Cost is \$25 (bus and ticket). Bus leaves at 1:30 p.m. from Redeemer's North Parking Lot. Reservations needed by NOV 14.

Call the Redeemer office to reserve your spot. 320-235-4685

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...

- The Spirit's guidance for our Election Decisions at all levels of gov't
- God to place into office those people who would seek His will and protect our religious freedoms.
- Thanking God for a great start to our 3rd - 6th Grade Group
- God's protection for all who are harvesting or hunting
- Thanking God for an abundant harvest
- Asking God to bring encouragement through our new 'Praying 4 U' program
- Thanking God for a great Mexican Dinner
- Thanking God for all Veterans and those who currently serve
- A great turnout for our Fall Bazaar .
- An "Attitude of Gratitude" everyday - not just on Thanksgiving Day
- Safe travels over the Thanksgiving holiday
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- God to embolden our Christian witness in our daily lives
- The Holy Spirit to work through our Bible studies
- God to keep strengthening faith thru the Today's Light Bible readings
- The mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

A Question from Our Confirmation Students:

"Can We Have a Lock-In?"

All it takes for a 'Yes' answer is a couple of adults to say, "Sure, I could help with that." Talk to Pastor David if you could be one of those adults. (The students will love you for it!)

Miscellaneous Notes...

Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

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

- Read With Me Bibles for toddlers
- Today's Light Devotional Bibles
- November Living Word newsletters
- November Today's Light daily Bible readings
- Oct-Dec Portals of Prayer- daily devotionals
- Family Devotion Books



Fall: A Great Time to Direct Deposit Your Offerings

School and sports schedules can keep people busy during this time of year. Direct-deposit can ensure your offerings are still supporting our mission while you are away. Thrivent Financial 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 Jason Miller for more details.

Sermons Now Available in Audio on our Website

<http://livingwordlutheran.net/sermons.htm>

(Or just click on "New Sermons Online" at the bottom of the livingwordlutheran.net home page)



Sermons from this past month:

- + October 2 - "Two (Really Important) Things God Can't Do"
- + October 9 - "Extraordinary Influence from Doing Ordinary Things"
- + October 16 - "The Connection Between Faith and Persistent Prayer"
- + October 23 - "Why Your Week Goes Better When You Worship"

NEW: We Prayed For You...



We have started a new prayer ministry where we send out a card or two each week to people we prayed for during worship.

How you can help: Simply tell our card-sender, Nancy Jo Wendt when you feel that someone you asked us to pray for would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. Then just call, email or text Nancy with that person's address. It truly is a simple way to brighten the spirits of someone who's going through a tough time.

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That for a day: Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution.

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Congratulations...

- Joe Johnson - on getting your Journeyman certification
- Please email pastor@livingwordlutheran if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

NOVEMBER NEWS

Charity Owned, Client Service and Community Engagement | 328.796.2522 | bulletin@wafw.org



Your Impact:

Thanks to your support, The Link was able to partner with the emerging Long Term Recovery Coalition (LTRC). This effort is in response to concerns that area households affected by the August floods will begin to see even more damage as the colder months approach. Families whose furnaces, water heaters and washer/dryers received damage yet are still operable will begin to corrode as the water damage affects the major components. Together, the LTRC has secured furnaces, water heaters, washer/dryer sets and most importantly healthy homes without mold. Your support is making a difference!

The Link's Household Exchange:

The Link's Household Exchange located in New London is still open and will remain so. There has been some confusion in the community with the closing of the Willmar Area Food Shelf's New London location. The Link's Household Exchange is separate from WAFS and will not be closing. At this time the Household Exchange is in great need of furniture! If you or anyone you know has furniture taking up space, now is the time to donate.

Video wins \$1,000:

The Link won \$1,000 for participating in the Willmar Area Community Foundation's friendly video competition. The video showcases The Link's mission and programs along with thanking donors and partners. The proceeds will go towards outreach for area families!

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

Donations Needed:

Sofas, love seats, chairs, tables and chairs.

The Link will also be coordinating Christmas gifts for area families in need. Would you like to bring Christmas cheer to a family in your community?

Please contact Charity at 796-2522

Happy Thanksgiving

The Link would like to wish you a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends!



Charity and Rhonda accepting \$1,000 check from WAFS

Tuesday's Table

Nov. 1st: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

Nov. 8th: Evangelical Covenant Church

Nov. 15th: Faith Lutheran Church

Nov. 22nd: Peace Lutheran Church

Nov. 29th: O'Neil's and The Open Door

Food, Friends, Fellowship.

Sunday School News...

Class: 9:00 - 9:50



Sunday School staff:

Director:	Mona Hjelle
Music:	Sarah Miller
Pre-K thru Kindergarten:	Our Senior High girls: Gracie Geer, Alana Friehl and Michelle Johnson
1st & 2nd Grade:	Amanda Sharp
3rd & 4th Grade:	Violet Dauk
5th Grade- Jr High	Keith Hanson
Subs:	Jason Miller, Mona Hjelle

We could benefit from having another sub or two. Please talk to Mona if you can be a substitute teacher. Thanks!

Lessons:

1-8th grade:

Oct. 30 - "Boo" Peter goes from Afraid to Courageous - Luke 22/ Acts 3
 Nov. 6 - "Caramel Apples" Joseph put in charge of Egypt - Gen 41:14-43
 Nov. 13 - "Pumpkin Seeds" Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand - John 6:1-15
 Nov. 20 - "Give Thanks" Give Thanks to the Lord - Psalm 118
 Nov. 27 - Christmas Program Practice

Preschool- Kindergarten

Oct. 30 - Parable of the Lost Sheep
 Nov. 6 - Give with a Grateful Heart
 Nov. 13 - Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
 Nov. 20 - Give Thanks to God
 Nov. 27 - Christmas Program Practice

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Christmas Program Practice Begins Nov. 27....

The Christmas season is fast approaching, and the Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 during 10:00am Worship (with Christmas Dinner to follow.)

We would like as many kids to participate in this as possible. Practice will be during the Sunday School hour beginning Nov. 27th. The name of the program is "12 Symbols of Christmas" and is different from past programs, more of a skit/play. Even if your child is not comfortable with a speaking part or is very young, we will have parts for them!!!

PLEASE let me know as soon as possible if your child/children will be participating, so I can start dividing and handing out the parts! Contact me at 212-0069 or rhielle@tds.net Thanks!

That for a day: The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first.

3rd—6th Grade Group...



Meets every Wednesday from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. (Except on days NLS does not have school or is cancelled)

+ The gatherings each month will be focused around a theme.

+ Our gatherings include (not all in one night):
 Bible study (with a monthly Bible-learning contest)
 Theme-based crafts
 Games
 Field Trips
 Servant Events
 Adults from the congregation sharing their talents

+ Kids are encouraged to invite friends (We have postcard invitations they can give to their friends)

+ Organizers of the group are
 Alex Rustad (320-905-1434),
 Amanda Sharp (320-979-6285)
 Violet Dauk (320-220-0344)

Please feel free to contact them if you have questions or would like to help in any way. Thanks!

E-mail Wisdom...

An outspoken atheist went on a tour of a local monastery during his vacation. At the end of the tour, he remarked sarcastically to the monk who had been his guide, "Imagine, if God doesn't exist - and I believe He doesn't- you will have wasted your whole life here in this place."

The monk replied: "If I am wrong, I shall have wasted only 60 to 80 years. But if you are wrong, you will waste eternity."

A grandfather was going by his little granddaughter's room one night when he saw her kneeling beside her bed, with head bowed and hands folded, repeating the alphabet.

"What are you doing?" he asked her.

She explained, "I'm saying my prayers, but I couldn't think of just what I wanted to say. So I'm just saying all the letters of the alphabet, and God can put them together however he thinks best."

Story Behind The Song...

"A Mighty Fortress is our God"

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, igniting what we refer to as "The Reformation." Next year we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of that great event!

The introduction of singing into the congregation was one of the results of Luther's efforts to bring the church back to the truth of the Gospel message that we are saved by Grace through Faith in Jesus. Prior to Luther, hymns in worship were sung by choirs of dergy, not by the congregation. Lay people did have some vernacular hymns that were sung outside of the church, but Luther was the father of congregational singing.

Luther's musical career was first inspired when he learned about the first martyrs of the Reformation. On July 1, 1523, two young monks, Heinrich Voes and Johann Esch, little more than teenagers, were burned at the stake in Brussels for their evangelical faith. Luther was moved to write a ballad, "A New Song Now Shall Be Begun," telling the story of these two "lads," from the cruelty of their inquisitors to how "they stepped into the flames with song."

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is, of course, Luther's 'greatest hit.' It has often been called the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation." Luther composed the music and based his words on Psalm 46. Read the text of the Psalm below and then read (or sing) how the hymn paraphrases the psalm and brings great comfort.

Psalm 46 (NIV)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

7 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

8 Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

11 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**A mighty fortress is our God A sword and shield victorious
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation for us
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe
His craft and power are great And armed with cruel hate**

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Thot for a day: If someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it.

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On earth is not his equal

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost rejected.
But now a Champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be The Lord of Hosts is He
Christ Jesus mighty Lord God's only Son adored
He holds the field victorious

And though this world with devils filled Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, For God has willed His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure For lo! his doom is sure
One little Word shall fell him!

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes who fear it
For God himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit
Were they to take our house Goods, honor, child or spouse
Though life be wrenched away They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Editor's note: The classic version by Michael W. Smith at
<https://youtu.be/N8M78bLEHow>

I have to mention that being a child in the 60's, this hymn still always reminds me of Davey & Goliath <https://youtu.be/N8M78bLEHow>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



A SCRIPTURE FOR VOTERS

I find it hard to choose between the two.
I would like to leave this life and be with
Christ. That's by far the better choice.

Phil 1:23

