

**June 2017 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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## Question FROM Pastor...

"Would you die for Jesus?"

Every now and then I switch the Question FOR Pastor to a Question FROM Pastor. That's the case this month.

The question above is one that came up in Violet's 3-4th Grade Sunday School class. It came up after Violet mentioned that history tells us all of the disciples (except John) were killed for proclaiming their faith in Jesus.

The Bible recounts for us in Acts chapter 7 that the first martyr (a word whose original meaning is 'witness') was Stephen, one of the men the disciples had chosen to be a deacon in the church at Jerusalem. The Bible also tells us that James, son of Zebedee was the first disciple to lose his life for being a follower of Jesus.

It's a question that, not long ago, may have seemed an abstract question with the common idea that being killed for faith in Jesus "wouldn't happen here." But that 'couldn't happen here' thought had to be re-evaluated in 1999. Some of you may remember the school shooting at Columbine HS in Colorado that year. It was reported that one of the students was asked by the killer if she believed in God - and then was shot because she answered 'Yes.' The recent movie I'm Not Ashamed was based on that girl's life and her faith in Jesus.

We now live in a world where far too many people think nothing of killing Christians. Just last week 20 Christians were killed in Egypt, specifically because they were Christian.

It's not an easy question to answer. We all hope that our answer would be "Yes." But then we might also be afraid we'd be like Peter who, the day before Jesus died, boldly stated in Matthew 26:33, "Even if all [the other disciples] fall I way on account of You, I never will." And then, the very next day, denied (3 times!) that he even knew Jesus. But after witnessing Jesus risen from the grave, that same apostle Peter did die for Jesus - even asking to be crucified upside down, not feeling worthy



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to die in the same manner as his Lord had died.

The students in that Sunday School class and Violet answered, "Yes," when they asked each other that question.

God grant us all the courage to do the same - with the remembrance that death could not keep Jesus down, and He promises that same resurrection to eternal life for all who have faith in Him.

Thanks for asking  
Pastor David

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

## LWML News...

**LWML planning meeting** is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 7 at Leone's. All women are welcome to attend. See you then.



**Living Word** donated 17.5# of food for the Food Pantry at the Link. The second Sunday each month is the Sunday we have set aside to bring food items for this community service. Please continue to be generous for this most needed service. Thanks to everyone for their donations;

**LWML has made 24 pies** that are in the freezer for the Music Fest. This is our money making project we have yearly to support many of the missions here at home and also as part of our Synod. If you are interested in helping make these pies for this event or perhaps willing to be the coordinator of the booth August 19th at the Music Fest please let Leone know. I would love to give you the details in coordinating this event. A special thanks to all the ladies who have been so faithful in donating ingredients and preparing all these pies. We truly are the PIE LADIES!

### LWML Has Started a 'Tough Times' Fund

If you know someone who is going through some temporary financial difficulty and would be blessed to get a gas card or grocery card to use for these expenses, please talk to Pastor David. If you would like to donate to the fund, please talk to LWML treasurer, Nancy Jo Wendt. Thanks!

### THANKS...

To everyone who brought food or served for Don Bjork's funeral.



## Email Inspiration...

I know Memorial Day is past, but EVERY day is a good day to remember those who gave their lives and those who serve now.....

### STOP TO SALUTE

EAGLE BASE, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Army News Service, May 22, 2002) -- It was raining "cats and dogs," and I was late for physical training. Traffic was backed up at Fort Campbell, Ky., and was moving way too slowly. I was probably going to be late and I was growing more and more impatient.

The pace slowed almost to a standstill as I passed Memorial Grove, the site built to honor the soldiers who died in the Gander airplane crash, the worst redeployment accident in the history of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Because it was close to Memorial Day, a small American flag had been placed in the ground next to each soldier's memorial plaque.

My concern at the time, however, was getting past the bottleneck, getting out of the rain and getting to PT on time. All of a sudden, infuriatingly, just as the traffic was getting started again, the car in front of me stopped. A soldier, a private of course, jumped out in the pouring rain and ran over toward the grove.

I couldn't believe it! This knucklehead was holding up everyone for who knows what kind of prank. Horns were honking. I waited to see the butt-chewing that I wanted him to get for making me late.

He was getting soaked to the skin. His BDUs were plastered to his frame. I watched as he ran up to one of the memorial plaques, picked up the small American flag that had fallen to the ground in the wind and the rain, and set it upright again. Then, slowly, he came to attention, saluted, ran back to his car, and drove off.

I'll never forget that incident. That soldier, whose name I will never know, taught me more about duty, honor, and respect than a hundred books or a thousand lectures.

That simple salute -- that single act of honoring his fallen brother and his flag -- encapsulated all the Army values in one gesture for me. It said, "I will never forget. I will keep the faith. I will finish the mission. I am an American soldier."

I thank God for examples like that. And on this Memorial Day, I will remember all those who paid the ultimate price for my freedom, and one private, soaked to the skin, who honored them.

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That for a day: what your heart possesses, your life expresses

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## Opportunities for Growth...

### Daily Bible readings:

(See pages 10 & 11 in this Newsletter )

### Men's Study - Tuesdays @ 6:30

Work Day Tues, June 6

### Sunday Morning Study - 9:00

"How NOT be a Christian Atheist" -

Next Week: *You believe in God - but you don't think He's fair*

### Wednesday Evening Women's Study—on Summer break

### Confirmation -

Finish up your '100 (or so) Key Chapters'

We'll meet once a month over the summer. ( June 28 this month. )

### 3-6th Grade Group - still in need of adult leaders

### H.S. Youth Study - Every other Sunday @ noon

### Sunday School: on Summer break

Possible New Daytime Study: Please talk to Pastor David if you would be interested in a morning or noon study during the week.

### Bible Story Book / Video lending library:

We have over 100 books in the nursery that you can sign out to read with your children at home. We also have videos to sign out: Adventure in Odyssey (in the old VHS format)! Veggie Tales (dvd) and more!

### NEW Women's Daytime Study - Will start in August

Watch for details in the July Newsletter

Please talk to Pastor David if you are interested.

### Vacation Bible School -

Mark Your Calendar: July 31-August 4



## Email Wisdom...

### Learning to Listen

*"A wise old owl sat upon an oak. The more he saw, the less he spoke. The less he spoke, the more he heard. Why aren't we like that wise old bird?"*



## Get To Know Your...

...Music Folks

**Pam Johnson - Piano Accompanist**



**Family (including pets):** Daughter Rebecca (husband Levi); Son Joseph (wife Allison) and granddaughter Brooklyn; Daughter Michelle, foreign-exchange 'daughter' Thamyres. Pets (also in order of age): Milo (cat); Peanut (dog), Tiger Lily (cat) and Midget (cat).

**Job / Career:** Hair Stylist- Owner/manager of "It's About Hair" in New London, Mary Kay consultant and with catering assistant at McKales.

**Hobbies / Favorite things to do :** Biking, walking, camping, fishing, gardening, garage-saling and wine-making.

**How did you get started playing piano and organ?** I started playing in my church at Two Harbors during high school. My mom was the organist and when she couldn't play I had to. (It was a pump organ when I first started!)

**Favorite hymns and songs:** I really don't have favorites. I like songs that are peppy and fun.

**Things I you enjoy most:** Going on walks; playing with my granddaughter Brooklyn and eating just about anything.

**Bible verse that God used in your life (and how He used it):**  
"God can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." and  
"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

**A Bible character that inspires you:** I can relate to Mary and Martha. Sometimes I'm like Mary and other times I'm like Martha.

**"Interesting trivia" about you that most people won't know:**  
I love staying up until at least midnight every night!

## Living Word Directory...

NOW AVAILABLE Online.

Email [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) and he will send you a link to view the directory online.

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## Welcome New Members...

(Watch for "Get to Know Them" bios in upcoming Newsletters)

- Carroll & Donna Sarsland
- Mike & Carmen Macik and Lexi
- Phil & Jean Lungstrom
- Nate Lungstrom
- Hayley Lungstrom
- Derek & Sarah Olson
- Bryan & Meggie Ashburn, Isaac & Gabriel



### Congratulations:

to these NL-S Grads (and where they're headed from here)

- Michelle Johnson - MSU Mankato
- Emma Kalevik - SDSU
- Eve Bajari - APMC
- Chelsea Eckhoff - U of M Duluth



Please email [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

### 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 NL-S grads and asking His continued presence
- Thanking God for our New Members
- Thanking God for our MMT people whose terms are up Mona Hjelle, Linda Dilley, Mark Fuglie
- Thanking God for those elected to serve in new positions on our MMT: Amanda Sharp & Ruth Vegdahl
- Asking God for a successful RibFest (the Link's main fundraiser)
- Asking God for safe travel for everyone over the summer.
- Favorable weather for the growing season.
- Thanking God for fathers (Father's Day is June 18)
- Protection for all our Armed Forces personnel
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The Spirit's guidance and angels protection for all our elected officials
- God to keep strengthening faith thru our daily Bible readings
- The mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

That for a day: Do not believe in miracles...rely on them.



## Opportunities to Serve...

### Needed THIS Week:

People to Bake Pies for RibFest (Which is held on June 11)  
Talk to Pam Johnson for details

### Tell us who could use a "We Prayed for You" card.

Tell Pastor or Nancy Jo Wendt when someone you asked us to pray for would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. Then just give us their address.

### Help Out With the 3rd - 6th Grade Group

Pastor David would like to have the 4-6th graders meet a couple of times per month during the summer for fun activities and service projects. If you have a heart for helping kids have fun getting closer to Jesus and each other, please pray about this. Talk to Pastor David for more details. Thanks!

### Be "Custodian of the Month"

You (or your whole family) can sign up to provide the necessary deaning. 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 July through December**

### 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.

### Serve After-Worship Fellowship Snack

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

### Help With Our Nursery

We need a couple more volunteers to help with our during-worship nursery (2-4 year olds). "Grandparent-age" is great, so parents can have a break. 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.

### Great Opportunity to Put Your Faith into Action By Driving for Spicer's Meals on Wheels Program This Summer

Delivery of hot, nutritious meals to local seniors usually takes 30-45 minutes and includes



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Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

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only about 5-8 stops. While one person can easily do it by themselves, two people make it so much easier and fun. Children especially enjoy participating in this service to our elders and make great helpers! The prepared meals can be picked up at 11:00 am at the Dethlefs Center behind Teal's Market.

## Elected to Serve...

at our Spring Voters' Assembly on April 30.

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| • Vice Chair:                            | Brady Sharp      |
| • Director of Education - Sunday School: | Amanda Sharp     |
| • Congregational Outreach Director:      | Ruth Vegdahl     |
| • Elder:                                 | Kevin Welsh      |
| • Treasurer:                             | Patty Wroblewski |

## New Project Connect Booklet...



### **"Regrets, Reality, Restoration"**

What's happened in our lives does not have to dictate the present - or the future! In Jesus there is a way out of your past. We can move beyond the pain and anguish our decisions have caused. Find out how in the Project Connect rack by Pastor's office.

## JUNE...

### **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 June volunteers are: Scott & Tammy Wachter and Nancy Jo Wendt



## 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 **Another School Year**. Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next week.

## June 2017 - 100 (or so) Key Readings

DAILY READING PROGRAM: We continue our '100 - or so - Key Chapters of the Bible' readings.

Just look for one main thing God has for you to learn in each reading, then write that down.

June 4 Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed

June 5 Romans 12 \_\_\_\_\_

June 6 Galatians 1 \_\_\_\_\_

June 7 Galatians 5 \_\_\_\_\_

June 8 Ephesians 2 \_\_\_\_\_

June 9 Ephesians 4 \_\_\_\_\_

June 10 Ephesians 6 \_\_\_\_\_

June 11 Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed

June 12 Philippians 4 \_\_\_\_\_

June 13 Luke 1 \_\_\_\_\_

June 14 Luke 2 \_\_\_\_\_

June 15 Luke 3 \_\_\_\_\_

June 16 Luke 4 \_\_\_\_\_

June 17 Luke 10 \_\_\_\_\_

June 18 Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed

June 19 Luke 15 \_\_\_\_\_

June 20 Luke 19 \_\_\_\_\_

June 21 1 Corinthians 12 \_\_\_\_\_

June 22 1 Corinthians 13 \_\_\_\_\_

June 23 1 Corinthians 15 \_\_\_\_\_

June 24 2 Corinthians 5 \_\_\_\_\_

June 25 Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed

June 26 2 Corinthians 9 \_\_\_\_\_

June 27 John 1 \_\_\_\_\_

June 28 John 3 \_\_\_\_\_

June 29 John 11 \_\_\_\_\_

June 30 John 15 \_\_\_\_\_

July 1 John 17 \_\_\_\_\_

July 2 Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed

July 3 John 20 \_\_\_\_\_

July 4 John 21 \_\_\_\_\_




July 5 Acts 1 \_\_\_\_\_

July 6 Acts 2 \_\_\_\_\_

July 7 Acts 4 \_\_\_\_\_

July 8 Acts 8 \_\_\_\_\_

# June 2017 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4 NEW-MEMBER SUNDAY</b> 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 NEW-MEMBER MEAL	5	6	7 10:00 LWML Planning @ Leone's	8 8:15 CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL	9	10
<b>11</b> 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 2:00 The Link's RIBFEST At Glacial Ridge Winery	12 	13 	14 FLAG DAY 5:45 4-6th Bike to DQ CHURCH CLEAN-UP EVENING (Come any time after 5)	15 7:15 CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL	<div> <b>Lord's Supper Dates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday, June 4th</li> <li>Sunday, June 18th</li> </ul> </div>	
<b>18 FATHERS' DAY</b> 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	19	20	21 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	22 8:15 CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL	23	24
<b>25</b> 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship	26	27 	28 6:30 CONFIRMATION (Monthly summer mtg)	29 8:15 CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL	30	July 1
<b>2</b> 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 	5	6 6:15 CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL	<div>           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> </div>	



## Upcoming Schedules...

### Fellowship Servers

June 4 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller  
 June 11 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham  
 June 18 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson  
 June 25 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen

July 2 Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl  
 July 9 Mike & Brooke Knutson  
 July 16 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson  
 July 23 Becky Sarsland / Mary Raddatz  
 July 30 Nancy Jo Wendt & Tammy Fuglie

### Usher Schedule

June 4 Brent & Lance Sawatzky  
 June 11 Jason & Noah Miller  
 June 18 Bo & George Arends-Schmidt  
 June 25 Wendy & Lonny Robbin

July 2 Brady & Andrew Sharp  
 July 9 Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad  
 July 16 Wally Abraham and Joe Johnson  
 July 23 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer  
 July 30 Larry Levin

### Scripture Readers

June 4 Mark Fuglie  
 June 11 Tammy Fuglie  
 June 18 Becky Sarsland  
 June 25 Nykki Foshaug

July 2 Mona Hjelle  
 July 9 Kevin Welsh  
 July 16 Laurel Iverson  
 July 23 Tammy Wachter  
 July 30 Wendy Robbin

### Accompanying Musicians

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

July 2 Sharon Willen  
 July 9 Pam Johnson  
 July 16 Scott Wachter

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**Thot for a day:** Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, it's just a bend, not the end!"

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July 23 Open  
 July 30 Scott Wachter

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

June 4 Zoe Rustad  
 June 11 George Arends-Schmidt  
 June 18 Carson Jaspersen  
 June 25 Noah Miller

July 2 Davis Rustad  
 July 9 Lance Sawatzky  
 July 16 Andrew Sharp  
 July 23 Gage Dahl  
 July 30 Levi Miller

### Elders

June 4/11 Mark Fuglie & Jason Miller  
 June 18/25 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson

July 2/9 Ed Vegdahl & Joe Johnson  
 July 16/23/30 Jason Miller & Kevin Welsh

### Altar Guild

June Nancy Jo Wendt  
 July Mona Hjelle

### Custodian

June Kari & Amanda Sharp  
 July Custodian needed

### Make A Meal Volunteers

June Scott & Tammy Wachter and Nancy Jo Wendt  
 July Wendy Robbin & Pam Johnson

## June Discipleship Verse...

**Glory be to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.**



Ephesians 3:20



## 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*
- June Living Word newsletters
- *100 (or so) Key Chapters in the Bible* reading guide
- July—Sept Portals of Prayer - daily devotionals
- Family Devotion Books
- Christian Magazines + tapes and DVD's
- *Free to be Faithful* update on Religious Freedom issues



### 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:

Apr 30 - "What God reminds us every time we eat."

(Not what you think)

May 14 - "Really Important Questions" (from the confirmation test)

May 21 - "Jesus wants EVERY day to be 'Fishing Opener'"

May 28- "What you need for your future - and where to find it"



### Offering Envelopes Now Available for Those Who Want

In response to some requests, we now have offering envelopes available for those who want to use them. They are on the table by the mailbox. Please write down the identifying number of the box you picked up. You can begin using them right away.

### Monthly Whist Card Fellowship...

Takes a Spring / Summer break and will return in the Fall.

### Elders Available for Prayer After Worship

Each Sunday, after worship two members of the Living Word Elders' Team will be available near the altar to pray with you. Simply come up and tell them your request and they will bring that to the Lord in prayer for you.



### Summer: A Great Time for Direct Deposit Your Offerings

Bad winter weather may keep you away, but 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

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That for a day: If you think time heals everything, try sitting in a doctor's waiting room.

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your bank account to the Living Word's general fund. Please see Jason Miller for more details.

### NEW 2017 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.



## Sunday Morning Study...

### **How NOT to be a.... "Christian Atheist"**

(Someone who 'believes in' God, but lives like He doesn't exist)

the Christian atheist

Each week we are challenged to ask (and answer) the question: "Am I putting my whole faith in God or still living as if everything was up to me?"

Upcoming sessions:

When you believe in God, **but don't think He's fair**

When you believe in God, **but aren't sure He loves you.**

When you believe in God, **but put more trust in money.**

When you believe in God, **but pursue happiness at all costs.**

When you believe in God, **but don't want to 'go overboard' about Him.**

Please join us at 9:00 every Sunday morning.



## Annual Peach Fundraiser

**Now taking orders for July and August deliveries of Colorado peaches.**

Order online: [www.yfcmnnesota.com](http://www.yfcmnnesota.com)

By Phone: 320.235.0119

Or stop in: 106 Litchfield Ave SW

Enjoy summers best peaches and feel good about it!  
All proceeds support our programming for local youth.



## Mark Your Calendars...

### Church-League Softball

Another Season has begun!

June 8 - 8:15  
June 15 - 7:15  
June 22 - 8:15  
June 29 - 8:15  
July 6 - 6:15  
July 13 - 6:15  
July 20 - 6:15  
July 27 - 8:15

All games are played on the Red field at Swanson Fields in Willmar

### 4-6th Graders: Bike to DQ

Wednesday, June 14



Have your parents bring you (and your bike) to the Bike Trail parking area at the corner of Birch Street and 4th Av SE in New London. We'll leave for the Spicer DQ at 5:45 and plan to be back around 8:00. Any parents who would like to help chaperone are welcome to join us. Please tell Pastor David if you plan to bike to DQ with us.

### Mark Your Calendars: Church Cleanup Evening.

Wed., June 14

Cleaning, painting, etc...

Come any time after 5:00

### SAVE THE DATE : VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"SonSpark Labs"

JULY 31 - AUGUST 4



"Some religions don't eat meat on Friday because there's separation of church and steak."

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That for a day: Okay, so I danced like no one was watching. My court date is pending.

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# JUNE NEWS



Chasity Onnott, Director of Outreach & Volunteer Engagement | 354.5555 | outreach@youarethelink.org



### "Smokin' for The Link" Rib Fest:

Get your tickets for the 4th Annual "Smokin' for The Link" Rib Fest, Sunday, June 11th at Glacial Ridge Winery. Join the fun and vote for your favorite ribs, eat pie and listen to live music. There is still a need for fruit pie donations! If you are interested, please contact The Link office.

Tickets are available at our Gold Sponsor locations: New London Real Estate, Three Sisters Furnishings, Green Lake Liquor, Chappell Central, O'Neil's, Hampton Inn, The Happy Sol/Rugged Sun and Weichert Realtors.

This year there are two ticket options:

- **Tasting tickets are \$20** (tasting will be 2-5pm) This includes 5 rib samples & 1 piece of pie with ice cream
- **VIP tickets are \$100** (Designed for 2 people, with early access from 1-2pm) Ticket includes 15 rib samples, 2 pieces of pie with ice cream & 2 beverages of choice

### USPS Food Drive:

The New London and Spicer Postal Service dropped off over 2,900 pounds of food to The Link Food Pantry. Thank you to our friends across the community that put out donations and a special thank you to the mail carriers that collected them and delivered them!

### Welcome Shawna!

The Link is happy to announce that we have added Shawna Roemeling to The Link team! Shawna has been married to her husband Wade for 15 years and together they have three daughters: Bailey, Erin and Elli. They live on a farm near Alwater and enjoy sports, camping and new adventures. Shawna comes with extensive experience working with people in need. She also has a creative flair that will improve the Household Exchange program. We are excited that she will be sharing her gifts and talents to make a positive impact on the lives of others!

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



Shawna Roemeling joins The Link

### Household Exchange & Food Pantry Hours:

**Monday:** 9am-3pm  
**Tuesday:** 12pm-6pm  
**Thursday:** 9am-3pm

### Food Pantry:

**Key food items:**  
Bread, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, tuna

Please contact Chasity at 354.5555 or stop in during hours of operation to make a donation of food.

### "Rib Fest"

Sunday, June 11th

### Your Impact!

The Link Food Pantry served 33 households with food in April!

### Tuesday's Table

June 6th: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church  
June 13th: Evangelical Covenant Church  
June 20th: Faith Lutheran Church  
June 27th: Peace Lutheran Church  
Food, Friends, Fellowship.



## Children's Ministry Reminders...

### Nursery:

We have a Nursery area in the East Classroom at the rear of the fellowship hall. You may take Pre-K children to the Nursery after the Children's Message (or at other times during worship as needed).

### Children's Worship Bags:

These contain Bible story coloring pages and Bible story books. They are available for the older children to take back to their pew after the Children's Message.

### Bible Story Book / Video lending library:

We have over 100 books in the nursery that you can sign out to read with your children at home.

We also have videos to sign out: Adventure in Odyssey (in the old VHS format)!

New Video additions in DVD format:

- + Veggie Tales: All the Shows - Volume I (1993-1999)
- + Buddy Davis' Amazing Adventures: I Dig Dinosaurs
- + Buddy Davis' Amazing Adventures: Extreme Caving
- + Buddy Davis' Amazing Adventures: Swamp Man!
- + The Wild Brothers: Welcome to Our World
- + The Wild Brothers: Jewels of the Jungle
- + The Wild Brothers: Paradise Lost

### We are looking for adult Nursery Helpers -

"Grandparent-age" is great, so parents can have a break.

Talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help in the Nursery once a month.

## We Prayed For You...

Remember to use our

"We Prayed for You" program...

In 2016 we started a new prayer ministry where we send out a card or two each week to people we prayed for during worship. Nancy Jo Wendt is our card sender.

How you can help: Simply tell Nancy 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: Sometimes I think I understand everything - but then I regain consciousness.

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## Thanks for...

a Great Sunday School Year:

Director & 5-6th Teacher: Mona Hjelle

Pre-K teachers: Michelle Johnson

Alana Friehl

1-2nd Teacher: Amanda Sharp

3-4th Teacher: Violet Dauk

## E-mail Humor....

Now that the kids are out of school for summer...

THINGS A MOM DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR

- ~ I swallowed a goldfish.
- ~ Your lipstick works better than crayons.
- ~ Does grape juice leave a stain?
- ~ Look, I painted the front door!
- ~ The Summer School Principal called...
- ~ But DAD says that word all the time.
- ~ What's it cost to fix a window?
- ~ The dog doesn't like dressing up in your clothes.
- ~ Has anyone seen my pet snake???
- ~ I'm going to run away!! (Well, maybe SOME day...)

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Nine year old Dewey, was asked by his father what he had learned in Sunday school.

*"Well, Dad, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."*

*"Now, Dewey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" Dad asked.*

*"Well, no. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"*



## Story Behind The Song...

### *His Eye is On the Sparrow*

(From "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan)

Jesus frequently referred to bird-life in His sermons, saying things like: "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will," (Matthew 10:29)

"Do not fear... you are of more value than many sparrows." (Luke 12:7)

"Look at the birds of the air, they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? (Matthew 6:26)

It was verses like these that caused the author of "God Will Take Care of You" to write, a year later, another great hymn about God's care: "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

Civilla Durfee Martin was a Canadian by birth, born on August 21, 1869 in Nova Scotia. She became a school and music teacher, but when she married Dr. Walter Martin, an evangelist, she gave up teaching to travel with him and assist in his meetings. The following is her account of the writing of this song:

*Early in the spring of 1905, my husband and I were sojourning in Elmira, New York. We contracted a deep friendship for a couple by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle— true saints of God. Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for nigh twenty years. Her husband was an incurable cripple who had to propel himself to and from his business in a wheel chair. Despite their afflictions, they lived happy Christian lives, bringing inspiration and comfort to all who knew them. One day while we were visiting the Doolittles, my husband commented on their bright hopefulness and asked them for the secret of it. Mrs. Doolittle's reply was simple: "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me." The beauty of this simple expression of boundless faith gripped the hearts and fired the imagination of Dr. Martin and me. The hymn "His Eye is on the Sparrow" was the outcome of that experience."*

The day after writing the song, she mailed it to the famous Gospel composer Charles Gabriel, who penned the music.

Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come  
Why should my heart be lonely And long for Heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

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That for a day: Nobody is perfect, until you fall in love with them.

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Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Tho' by the path He leadeth But one step I may see:  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies,  
I draw closer to Him, From care He sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He cares for me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He cares for me.

Editor's note: Probably my favorite of all hymns. Maybe the most famously remembered version is by Lauryn Hill and Tanya Blount from the movie Sister Act 2: <https://youtu.be/k7Pk5YMKEcg>

### THE LORD IS MY CAMPGUIDE

I have everything I need.  
He lets me rest at clear  
campsites with running  
water and electric. He  
gives me good rest and  
leads me on paths  
marked clearly to the  
restrooms and hot  
showers because he is  
good. Even though I  
walk through the valley  
of MOSQUITOES I will  
not be afraid, cuz you  
giveth me DEET. Your

campfire and picnic pavillion comfort me. You prepare smores and hot dogs in the  
presence of raccoons. You fill my coleman lantern with oil and my coffee mug overflows.  
Surely good weather and fun will be with me, and I will stay in the Lord's Campground  
FOREVER! Ps 23 (CIV) Campers International Version

