



"If you abide in my word,
you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free."

-Jesus

John 8:31

September 2017 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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Question for Pastor...

Does God love everyone - even if they don't believe in Him?

A great question from one of our young people.

God's love is something many people have the wrong idea about - the idea that we have to earn His love by doing and saying things that please Him (or by not doing things He's not happy with). But, the truth is that God loves us even when we are not 'loveable.'

The short answer to the question is a simple: Yes, He does!

There are a couple passages in the book of Romans that really make it clear that God's love is unconditional:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:35, 37-39

...at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6-8

In short, there is nothing - not disobedience or even our lack of trust in Him - that can cause Him to stop loving us. As we learned in Vacation Bible School there actually are things God can't do:

He can't lie. He can't do anything evil. And He can't stop loving us! Truth, Goodness, and Love are basic characteristics of God.

God's love is shown in the fact that He won't force us to do what He



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wants. He created us with the ability to choose to obey or disobey, to trust in Him or reject Him. When we choose to disobey His good rules, choose to not follow His good plans or choose to reject Him instead of trust in Him, He may be disappointed and deeply saddened, but He still loves us. And, until our final breath, He will continue showing us that "amazing love" in an effort to bring us to place our trust in Him and receive the gift of eternal life that He has for all who do believe in Him.

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

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 great attendance at Vacation Bible School
- Thanking God for another great Pie Outreach at NL Music Fest
- Thanking God for everyone involved in Christian Education this year
- The Holy Spirit to work through our Life of Jesus Sunday School
- Kids (and parents) to have a great start to the school year.
- God to provide people for our remaining two Phase 2 Building Committee positions
- Protection for all Armed Forces personnel who serve to keep us free - Especially those connected in some way to members of LW: Allan Fuglie, Jonathan Carter, Shawn Opie
- God to continue to open our eyes to opportunities to serve others
- God to open our hearts to be willing servants
- Continued favorable weather for the harvest season.
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The Spirit's guidance and angels protection for all elected officials
- God to keep strengthening faith thru our daily Bible readings
- The mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

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 **Homemade Pie**

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next week.



Get to know our newest members...

Carroll & Donna Sarsland

Family: We have four children, seven grandchildren and one great granddaughter:

Corina Sarsland

Trae

Carmen Macik - married to Mike Macik

Andrew, Aaron, Arica and Alexis

Colleen Sarsland

Cody Sarsland - married to Becky Sarsland

Alison & Troy



Where were you born and grew up?

Carroll was born at Rice Hospital in Willmar and grew up just north of New London. Donna was born in the Wadena hospital and grew up in Spicer.

We both graduated from NL-S High School in the class of 1964. Donna graduated from Ridgewater in 1966.

Where do you live now?

We have lived on Carroll's grandfather's farm north of New London. It's been in the family over 100 years. It's 4 1/2 miles north of New London on the north side of Lake Monongalia on County Road 33.

Jobs / Career

Carroll farmed over 1000 acres and raised beef cattle. He's also retired from Willmar Poultry where he was a Flock Supervisor for several farms. Donna is a homemaker and is also retired from the US Postal Service.

Hobbies or things you like to do for fun:

Carroll loves to hunt, fish and trap. He also loves to read.

Donna knits, crochets, and decorates our home. We fish together on several area lakes.

A favorite Bible passage or story:

Carroll: The book of Leviticus and Revelation 22:13

Donna: The book of Ruth

Both of us like John 3:16

What attracted you to Living Word?

We share the same fundamental beliefs. Also, our children attend Living Word, and we wanted to worship as a family. We love the small, country-church atmosphere.

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That for a day: In a democracy, it's your vote that counts; In feudalism, it's your count that votes.

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A "fun fact" :

Carroll and Donna are High School Sweethearts and have been happily married over 51 years! We look forward to many more years together!

Jean & Phil Lungstrom

Family: Philip and Jean Lungstrom have four children and six grandchildren:

Lara (and Mike) Dahl

Gage, Will, Harrison and Drew

Meggie (and Bryan) Ashburn

Isaac and Gabriel

Nate Lungstrom

Hayley Lungstrom



Where were you born and grew up?

Phil: Born Willmar MN, grew up New London MN

Jean: Born Granite Falls MN, grew up Sacred Heart MN

Where do you live now?

County Rd. 31 just east of New London - By the state trail and by the Ryape Clark Memorial parking lot.

Job or career:

Phil: Pressman for Maracom Corp., Willmar MN EMT for New London Ambulance.

Jean: Cosmetologist for Flair Beauty Salon, Willmar MN

Hobbies or things you like to do for fun:

Phil- Waterfowl and upland bird hunting, sport shooting, kayaking

Jean- Bike riding, walking, reading, puzzles, kayaking, spending time with my family

A favorite Bible passage or story:

The story of Job is one I think of often. He had many trials, and still loved God so much.

What God used to attract you to Living Word:

Jean's mom guided us here.

Derek & Sarah Olson

Family:

Derek, Sarah, and Kaia Olson

We were married on April 23, 2016

Where were you born and grew up?

Derek was born in St. Paul and grew up in the Chisago Lakes area, graduated



from Chisago Lakes High School. Sarah was born in Minot, ND and grew up in northwest Iowa (Rock Valley), graduated from Rock Valley High School, Augustana College with degree in biology, University of South Dakota with degree in physical therapy. Kaia goes to Maccray High School.

Where do you live now?

Willmar

Job / Career

Derek works at Thrifty White delivering medicine to nursing homes, etc. Sarah works at a medical group home and at Office Max.

Hobbies / things you do for fun

Derek likes to play video games, watch movies, and go hiking.

Sarah likes to spend time with friends and family and be in the outdoors.

Kaia likes to watch movies and play sports and paint.

Favorite Bible passage or story

Sarah - the crucifixion because it means I get to go to heaven and be with Jesus when I die.

Derek - Daniel and the Lion's Den because God saved the day.

What God used to attract you to Living Word

Indecision, friendly people at the church, the Lutheran traditions.

A "fun fact"

Derek - he's really funny but not everyone knows that.

Sarah - all my grandparents lived in the same house at the same time for a while in Bismarck, ND.

Miscellaneous News...

CHOIR...

It is that time of year again for scheduled choir rehearsals. We will start rehearsals September 17th and the 24th after coffee fellowship on Sunday Morning. If you have always wanted to sing in the choir, please come and join us. We sing the first Sunday of each month and during special Holidays. Hope to see you there. Make a joyful noise!



HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

Invites you to: Our Annual Celebration of Life Event



It will be held at the Willmar Conference Center on Thursday, Sept. 14. Kirk Walden, author and national speaker, will be our presenter. He will bring a unique perspec-

tive on the ministry of Hope Pregnancy Center and a bigger picture of the powerful impact that pregnancy-help ministries have across our nation.

The Social Hour and Silent Auction will begin at 5:30. Dinner, Program and Live Auction will begin at 6:30. No tickets are required, but an RSVP is necessary to hold your place at a table. Call 320-235-7619.

Water Days Parade Recap

We had a float in the New London Water Days Grand Day Parade to advertise

VBS. Candy and bracelets

were given to the crowd. Information on VBS dates and registration was attached to the bracelets and some of the candy. Many thanks to Mike Knutson who drove his beautifully-restored 1948 John Deere tractor and pulled the 20' car trailer. Thank you to Brooke for understanding and waiting to go home from the hospital with new son Chase while Mike did this. Congratulations to the family on your new son/brother Chase! Thank you to Mona for helping decorate. Thank you to all the people who rode or walked in the parade: McCartney, Alexa, Ella, Cody, Zoey, Kari and Rya, Jason, Michael, Ricardo, Norma, Ed, and Pastor Dave. Special thanks to Mary Raddatz for coming alongside me to get the project going, helping prepare for the float and obtaining supplies!



Hurricane Harvey Disaster Response

LCMS World Relief and Human Care, through LCMS Disaster Response, is coordinating with Texas District Disaster Response to launch a significant and sustained relief effort in response to Hurricane Harvey. LCMS Disaster Response teams will deploy as soon as emergency officials allow them to enter the disaster zone.



The Synod will learn from pastors and other leaders in the more than 160 LCMS congregations in the affected areas about their greatest, immediate needs. In time, after we stabilize and restore our congregations, we want them to serve as hubs of outreach in their communities.



Read the latest newsletter from the Jastrams at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yd2d7q4e>

Opportunities to Serve...

Needed: Chaperones for a Fun Event for:

4-6th Graders or The Confirmation Group

We'd like to have a fun outing (somewhere within an hour drive) for each of these groups during the fall. If you could help with either group this month, please talk to Pastor David or Lyndsay Ampe.

Still Needed: A Sunday School Teacher for 5-6th

We are still in need of one teacher (or co-teachers) for our 5-6th grade students. Sunday School starts on September 10. If you could fill this need or have more questions, please talk to Amanda Sharp.

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.

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 & 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.

Tuesday's Table "Thank You"

We served close to 100 meals! A HUGE "Thank You" to everyone who brought food or utensils, served food, set up, cleaned up, or helped with planning!



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Thot for a day: If you want to do something positive for your children, work to improve your marriage.

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Let's Extend ... "A Summer of Serving" into:

"An Autumn of Serving"



Remember the 3 Simple Steps....

1. **Identify ways that you'd be willing to help someone out.**
If you haven't had a chance to do so, take a moment to fill out a "I Can Help" checklist - on the 'Free Stuff' table
2. **Keep your eyes and ears open for someone we could help:**
Neighbors, friends, co-workers, relatives - anyone who needs something done and can't do it on their own.
3. **Contact "An Autumn of Serving" coordinator Wendy Robbin**
(320-354-9049) or Pastor David (320-220-1816) with opportunities to serve.

An Invitation to Pray

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people..." 1 Timothy 2:1

Living Word has a group of 'prayer warriors' who have been meeting informally for about a year on Wednesday evenings following the Apostle Paul's urging in the above passage.

They start their meetings by looking at an example prayer in the Bible, then they have a time of prayer and praise - including silent time.

The group has been expanding by word of mouth, but as we begin a new Christian Growth season, they would like to issue a formal invitation to everyone who has a heart for prayer to join them Wednesday at 6pm. (Don't worry if you aren't able to attend every week.)

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.

September 2017 - Daily Readings

DAILY READING PROGRAM: . We start September with a week of passages about teaching children. We finish the month with passages about growing in our own knowledge of & trust in Jesus.

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

Week of September 3 Teaching Children

Sept 4 Deuteronomy 11:18-21 _____

Sept 5 Joshua 24:15 _____

Sept 6 Proverbs 1:8-9 _____

Sept 7 Proverbs 3:1-12 _____

Sept 8 Proverbs 22:6 _____

Sept 9 Proverbs 29:15,17 _____

Week of September 10 How to Grow Spiritually

Sept 11 John 15:1-8 _____

Sept 12 2 Timothy 3:12-17 _____

Sept 13 Romans 5:1-5 _____

Sept 14 Romans 12:1-8 _____

Sept 15 1 Peter 2:1-3 _____

Sept 16 2 Peter 3:14-18 _____

Week of September 17 How to Grow Spiritually - Part 2

Sept 18 Hebrews 5:11-6:3 _____

Sept 19 Ephesians 1:15-21 _____

Sept 20 Ephesians 3:14-19 _____

Sept 21 Colossians 2:6-10 _____

Sept 22 Colossians 3:1-11 _____

Sept 23 Colossians 3:12-17 _____

Week of September 24 Following Jesus

Sept 25 John 13:12-17 _____

Sept 26 Philippians 2:5-11 _____

Sept 27 Matthew 7:24-29 _____

Sept 28 1 John 2:1-6 _____

Sept 29 1 Peter 2:19-25 _____

Sept 30 Luke 19:1-10 _____

Week of October 1 The Power of God's Word

Oct 2 Isaiah 55:10-11 _____

Oct 3 Romans 1:16-18 _____



Oct 4 Hebrews 4:12-13 _____

Oct 5 1 Peter 1:22-15 _____

Oct 6 Psalm 119:9-16 _____

Oct 7 Psalm 148:1-6 _____

September 2017 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship		5	6 10:00 LWML PLANNING	7	8	9
10 RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - 1 st Day Sunday School 10:00 RALLY DAY WORSHIP 11:15 RALLY DAY POTLUCK	11 	12 5:00 MEN'S BRATS & WORK PROJECT (Landscaping) 6:30 COMMUNITY- OUTREACH Mtg	13 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:30 CONFIRMATION PARENTS	14	<div> Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, Sept 3rd • Sunday, Sept 17th </div>	
17 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:00 "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"	18	19 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	20 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:30 CONFIRMATION	21 <i>MISSION Ministry</i> 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM 2017 Planning Mtg	22	23 BRIDAL SHOWER: Mikayla Geer
24 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:00 "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"	25	26 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	27 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:30 CONFIRMATION	28	<div> Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net </div>	
Oct 1 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship	Oct 2	Oct 3 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	Oct 4 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:30 CONFIRMATION	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7 BAPTISM: Chase Knutson

Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

Sept 3	Leone & Kerry Quigley
Sept 10	Rally Sunday Potluck
Sept 17	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Sept 24	Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl
Oct 1	Mike & Brooke Knutson
Oct 8	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Oct 15	Becky Sarsland / Mary Raddatz
Oct 22	Nancy Jo Wendt & Tammy Fuglie
Oct 29	Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore

Usher Schedule

Sept 3	Wendy & Lonny Robbin
Sept 10	Brady & Andrew Sharp
Sept 17	Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad
Sept 24	Wally Abraham and Joe Johnson
Oct 1	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
Oct 8	Larry Levin
Oct 15	Derek & Sarah Olson
Oct 22	Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson
Oct 29	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Sept 3	Carson Jaspersen
Sept 10	Noah Miller
Sept 17	Davis Rustad
Sept 24	Lance Sawatzky
Oct 1	Andrew Sharp
Oct 8	Gage Dahl
Oct 15	Levi Miller
Oct 22	Eli Sharp
Oct 29	Alison Sarsland

Make A Meal Volunteers

Sept	Mona Hjelle & Laurel Iverson
Oct	Linda Dilley & Violet Dauk

Nursery

Sept 10	Violet Dauk
Sept 17	Mona Hjelle
Sept 24	Laurie Hanson
Oct 1	Pam Johnson

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Thot for a day: Never be ashamed to admit you are in the wrong - it's just another way to say you are wiser today than yesterday.

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Altar Guild

Sept	Mona Hjelle
Oct	Nancy Jo Wendt

Custodian

Sept	Custodians needed
Oct	Duane & Bonnie Hansen

Scripture Readers

Sept 3	Becky Sarsland
Sept 10	Nykki Foshaug
Sept 17	Mona Hjelle
Sept 24	Ruth Vegdahl

Oct 1	Sarah Olson
Oct 8	Kevin Welsh
Oct 15	Laurel Iverson
Oct 22	Tammy Wachter
Oct 29	Wendy Robbin

Elders

Sept 3/10	Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson
Sept 17/24	Ed Vegdahl & Joe Johnson

Oct 1/8	Jason Miller & Kevin Welsh
Oct 15/22/29	Keith Hanson & Ed Vegdahl

Accompanying Musicians

Sept 3	Sharon Willen
Sept 10	Scott Wachter
Sept 17	Pam Johnson
Sept 24	Scott Wachter

Oct 1	Sharon Willen
Oct 8	Scott Wachter
Oct 15	Pam Johnson
Oct 22	Scott Wachter
Oct 29	TBD

September Discipleship Verse...



"If you abide in My word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31

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
- September 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:

- Aug 13 - Vacation Insights: Proverbs 19:21
- Aug 20 -God's Schedule: Time to 'Mix the Crust' or "Eat the pie"?
- Aug 27 -Why would you want people to know you're a disciple?



Offering Envelopes Still 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.



New in Your Mailboxes

Monthly offering & ministry expense summary.
Our Mission and Ministry Team feels this is a good way to keep members up to date on our financial stewardship.

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.

Living Word Directory... NOW AVAILABLE Online.

Email pastor@livingwordlutheran.net and he will send you a link to view the directory online.

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That for a day: You haven't had enough coffee until you can thread a sewing machine while it's running.

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Opportunities for Growth...

Daily Bible readings: The Proverbs
(See pages 10 & 11 in this Newsletter)

Men's Study -

Starts with a Work Project on Sept 12th

Sunday Morning Study - 9:00

"How NOT be a Christian Atheist" -

Wednesday Evening Women's Study—on Summer break

Confirmation -

Finish up your '100 (or so) Key Chapters'
NEW Season starts Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:30

Sunday School: Starts on Sept 10th

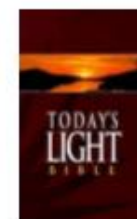
Bible Story Book / Video lending library:

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 "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"

- Starting in Sunday, September 17th @ 6:00
- see page 19 for more information.

Please talk to Pastor David if you are interested.



Sunday Morning Study...

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

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

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 want to 'go overboard' about Him.

Please join us at 9:00 every Sunday morning.



Mark Your Calendars...

Community Outreach Events Coming up:

- The Mexican Dinner will be on Saturday, October 28th.
- Fun For All Ages nights will be continued.... We'd love your ideas for FFAA
- Scheduling of the Craft Fair will be happening soon
- Anyone interested in a bus tour to Noah's Ark & Creation Museum ??

If you are interested in being on the Community Outreach Team or a particular project, please contact me! Our first meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 12 at 6:30 pm at church. All ideas are welcome. I'm excited to see where God is going to take us and what He's leading or calling each of us to do!

Sunday School Begins Next Sunday!

Our new curriculum is entitled, "The Life of Jesus." Here at Living Word we are all so excited to kick off this year's Sunday School program and spread the Joy of Christ in the hearts of our young ones!



For those of you who have expressed interest in helping with our program, I am still looking for 1 - 2 teachers, substitutes, and I would love to have a music leader.

We also have plenty of volunteer opportunities throughout the year helping with various events we hold for the kids such as Christmas program, Birthday party for Jesus, Easter outreach, VBS, and different celebrations throughout the year.

Not able to volunteer? That's OK too! We understand busy schedules! Please continue to keep our Sunday School kids, leaders, and parents in your prayers! Thank you and God's Blessings to all of you!

The next LC-MS Youth Gathering

is scheduled for July 11-15, 2019, in Minneapolis, at the Minneapolis Convention Center and U.S. Bank Stadium.



Held every three years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. **We'll have another parent/youth meeting at 6:30 on Wednesday, September 13 to begin planning for the 2019 NYG!**

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That for a day: The biggest problem with the younger generation these days is that I don't belong to it any more.

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STARTING SEPTEMBER 17th

For Young Married Couples (you get to define 'young')



Pastor & Violet will host ...

Video-based sessions from Mark Gungor's wildly popular seminar, Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage® builds on Gungor's success with tens of thousands of couples who credit him with enriching, and even saving, their marriages. By using his unique blend of humor and tell-it-like-it-is honesty, he helps couples grow closer and have fun doing it. Sessions include "The Tale of Two Brains," "How to Stay Married and Not Kill Anybody," and more.

LWML News...



Planning Meeting will be held at Leone's 7100 199th Ave. NE Wednesday Sept. 6th @ 10:00 AM. We will be working on a service project (bring your embroidery hoop), planning for the October LWML Sunday and making plans for the October General meeting. All are welcome to come and be a part of the planning. We have a short devotional, lots of exciting planning and a lunch. Also a special thanks to all who made the Pie Booth at the Music Fest so successful. Leone

Thanks for supporting the New London Food Pantry.

We collected 24 pounds of food and a \$20.00 donation. The 2nd Sunday each month is Food Pantry Sunday.

Reminder: LWML Has a 'Tough Times' Fund

If you know someone who is going through some temporary 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.

SEPTEMBER...

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 Dille if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks! Our August Make-a-Meal volunteers are Laurel Iverson & Mona Hjelle.

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.

Email Wisdom...

Words have power. Words educate, inform and entertain us. Words can shape our vision of our world. They can also be used to distort truth.

Listen to KFuo's *Free to Be Faithful* broadcast on how "the media" uses words to bias listeners & readers against Christian ideas:

<https://blogs.lcms.org/2017/kfu0-audio-synods-drinnon-slayton-discuss-political-agenda-of-words>

"Free to be Faithful" on Worldwide KFuo is a religious liberty, awareness, and education program created by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in response to increasing governmental incursions into religious life.



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That for a day: Progress always involves risks. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first.

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Email Inspiration...

A blind man sat on the steps of a public building with a hat by his feet. He had propped up a sign nearby which said, "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the hat. A man walking by took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind man.

That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came by to see how things were doing. The blind man recognized his voice and asked, "Did you change my sign this morning?" "What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way."

He had written, "Today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it."

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that God has given you a thousand reasons to smile.

E-mail Humor....

NOTE: *This one would be even funnier if the guy's problem wasn't so true for ALL of us!*

When the new patient was settled comfortably on the couch, the psychiatrist began his therapy session.

"I'm not aware of your problem," the doctor said. "So perhaps, you should start at the very beginning."

"Of course," replied the patient. "In the beginning, I created the Heavens and the Earth..."

Church-League Softball

Another Season is over!

Thanks to everyone who played.

Special Thanks to Joe Johnson and Brady Sharp for leading us this year!



Story Behind The Song...

Come As You Are by Crowder

One of Satan's most successful lies is this:

"You can't come back to God until you get your life in order."

Nothing could be further from the truth!

God has the power we need to get our lives 'in order,' and He alone has the forgiveness that 'wipes the slate clean' of whatever we've done, thought or said that messed up our lives in the first place.

"Come As You Are" is a very powerful, recent song by David Crowder that reminds us of the truth that we can come to God just as we are.

Explaining the significance of "Come As You Are," Crowder told The Christian Post that the track brings listeners closer to God.

"What I love about 'Come As You Are' is that it makes room for all of us," the singer revealed. "When you talk about invitations, an invite into something bigger and grander than what you know and experience, 'Come As You Are' feels like one that throws the door really wide," he explained.

The lyrics

Come out of sadness
Come broken hearted
Come find your mercy
Earth has no sorrow
Earth has no sorrow

From wherever you've been
Let rescue begin
Oh sinner come kneel
That heaven can't heal
That heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens
All who are broken
Oh wanderer come home
So lay down your hurt
Come as you are

Lay down your shame
Lift up your face
You're not too far
Lay down your heart

There's hope for the hopeless
Come sit at the table
There's rest for the weary
Earth has no sorrow

And all those who've strayed
Come taste the grace
Rest that endures
That heaven can't cure

So lay down your burdens
All who are broken
Oh wanderer come home
Lay down your hurt

Lay down your shame
Lift up your face
You're not too far
Lay down your heart

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That for a day: Dogs believe they are humans. Cats believe they are God.

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Come as you are Come as you are
Fall in his arms Come as you are

There's joy for the morning
Earth has no sorrow
Earth has no sorrow

Oh sinner be still
That heaven can't heal
That heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens
All who are broken
Oh wanderer come home
So lay down your hurt
Come as you are

Lay down your shame
Lift up your face
You're not too far
Lay down your heart
Come as you are Come as you are

Editor's note: In my opinion, Crowder is one of the best modern contemporary Christian artists. From the Neon Steeple album... Watch a live performance at <https://youtu.be/r2zhf2mqEMl>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Renowned Potluck Chef Al Zumbrotski hopes his potluck cookbook 'MARANATHA MACARONI' is received on the same level as other christian classics like MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST by Oswald Chambers, and MERE CHRISTIANITY by CS Lewis.