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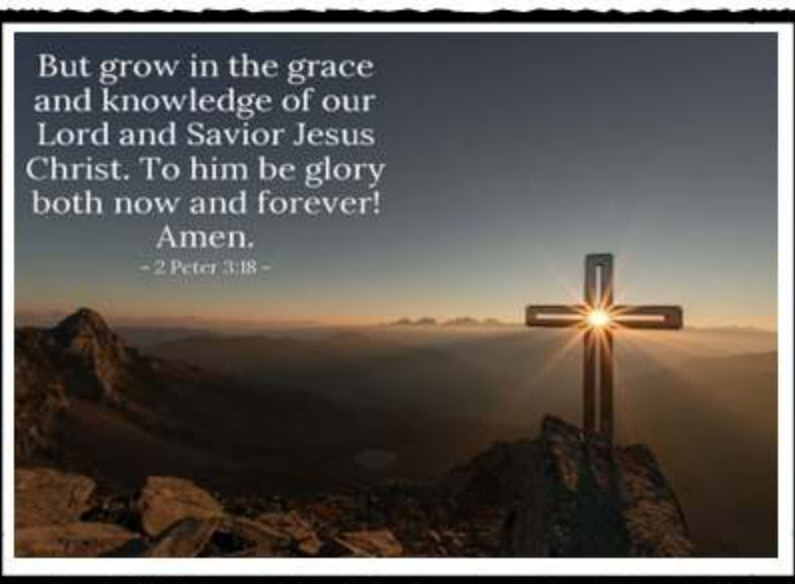
Lutheran Church

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But grow in the grace
and knowledge of our
Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. To him be glory
both now and forever!

Amen.

- 2 Peter 3:18 -



September 2020 Newsletter

"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Remember our Summer Hours:
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Beginning Sept 13th - 10:00 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

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Question for Pastor...

"Do you think there is a 'silver lining' in every cloud?"

This question came from a book called "500 Writing Prompts" that Violet and I use as conversation starters when we are in the car - or as a replacement for mindlessly watching TV or playing games on our tablets. It's a great way to get to know each other better - even after 32 years!



It didn't take long for me to come up with an answer: "Yes!"

The answer was an easy one because of this passage from Romans 8:28

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

That verse assures us that God can make a "silver lining" no matter the cloud.

Of course, sometimes the silver linings are hard to see. Often the silver lining is simply a lesson for us to learn. And sometimes they don't show up until years later. You see, God not only has the power to make something good come from bad things that happen to us (or even bad things we do), but He also knows the perfect time to bring the positive results!

With that in mind, here's a question for you to talk about with your spouse or a friend: "How have you seen God making something good come about from this bad COVID thing?"

Thanks for Asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

REMINDER:

Worship time through Labor Day Weekend (September 6) is 9:00 a.m.

We move back to 10:00 a.m. on Rally Sunday, September 13

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A Huge VBS "Thank You" to ...

- VBS organizers/leaders Mona Hjelle and Wendy Robbin
- VBS "Music Master" Sharon Willen
- VBS "Master Gardener" Pastor David
- VBS "Orchard Helpers": Lara Dahl, Gage Dahl, Will Dahl, Tammy Fuglie, Carmen Macik, Lexi Macik, Levi Miller and Alison Sarsland, Linda VanMeter, Marcia Welsh,
- VBS Meal Makers: Duane & Bonnie Hansen, Tammy Miller, Heather & Anthony Vemeulen, Violet Dauk

If you have someone you'd like to thank, please email Scott at webmaster@livingwordlutheran.net.



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. This past month we thanked God for:

- Vacation Bible School
- School !

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence during September

Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the First and Third Sundays in September. (September 6th & 20th)

NEW 'SOCIAL DISTANCING' COMMUNION PROCEDURE:

Everyone will remain in their seat for communion. After consecrating the elements, Pastor and the Elders will distribute a sealed packet of both wafer and grape juice to each communicant. After everyone has received their packet, we will all open them and partake of communion at the same time. Pastor will then give the communion dismissal to everyone. (Please continue to pray for an end to the restrictions so we can come to the altar rail for the Lord's Supper again soon!)

Congregational Outreach....

...AKA "Fun Stuff"

STINGERS' GAME & PICNIC

- Date: TBA
- Picnic begins at 12:05 (Game @ 1:05)
- Includes:
 - + Reserved-Seat Game Ticket
 - + All-you-can-eat Ballpark Buffet

Cost: \$21.58 (Sign up at Church or call Mardia Welsh 320-796-6840)



Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Study: "The Holy Land"

Sunday mornings @ 9:00

Starts up again on Rally Sunday
(September 13)

THAT THE
WORLD
MAY KNOW.

Filmed on site in the Holy Land. Lessons from God's
Word on living as a Christian in the midst of a non-Christian society."

Please join us for coffee and Growing in God's Word!

Wednesday Prayer Time-
Will return in October



Wednesday Evening Women's Study:
Will be back next month



Monthly Morning Women's Study:
Is on "Summer Break"



Confirmation Class

Parents' Meeting

(for parents of both in-coming and returning students)
Wednesday, September 9 @ 6:00 p.m.

Men's Group Study

Kicks off the fall season with a work project @ Pastor's on Tuesday,
September 8.



Living Word Sunday School

Begins another year on Rally Sunday
September 13th @ 9:00 a.m.

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That for a day: Just when you think you've won the rat race, along come faster rats.

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Email Inspiration...

THE 23RD PSALM ... (EXPLAINED)

The Lord is my Shepherd ... (that's relationship)

I shall not want ... (that's supply)

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ... (that's rest)

He leadeth me beside the still waters ... (that's refreshment)

He restoreth my soul ... (that's healing)

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness ... (that's guidance)

For His name sake ... (that's purpose)

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ...
(that's testing)

I will fear no evil ... (that's protection)

For Thou art with me ... (that's faithfulness)

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me ... (that's discipline)

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies ...
(that's hope)

Thou anointest my head with oil ... (that's consecration)

My cup runneth over ... (that's abundance)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life ...
(that's blessing)

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ... (that's security)

Forever ... (that's eternity)

Living Word Blog...

Check out our Living Word Blog for lots of fun thoughts, ideas, music
videos and more. www.livingwordluthereanlcms.blogspot.com



Email Wisdom...

(From the Jews for Jesus Newsletter)

Between the daily headlines about death and countless other disturbing news stories, it is natural for believers to wonder, **"When will Jesus show up?"** The story of Lazarus addresses that question in a uniquely challenging, yet hopeful way.

Jesus' unexpected response to His friend's illness:

Jesus was baptizing people in the Jordan River when an urgent message arrived: His dear friend Lazarus was seriously ill. The Scriptures tell us, *"Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was"* (John 11:5-7). It sounds like such a bizarre contradiction. Why wouldn't He come right away?

Jesus tells His disciples the delay is *"for the glory of God."* He's going to do something He couldn't have done had He shown up right away. But for Mary and Martha—and especially for Lazarus—His decision is hugely disappointing. Many of us can relate to that gut-wrenching disappointment and confusion when God does not prevent our own tragic losses. Whether or not we voice it, it's natural to want to know, *"Why, Lord?"*

Jesus' response to Mary and Martha's unspoken question:

Yeshua responded to the unspoken question by engaging His dear ones with His deep love, His eternal truth, His personal comfort, and ultimately, with the power of His resurrection. But not in the way they expected.

The Lord, in His deep and unconditional love, did (and does) what He knows is ultimately best for His people and for His kingdom. But the hard truth is, it's not always evident or understandable.

Yet that truth was exactly what sister Martha needed. *"Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died"* (John 11:32). I want answers! Why did this happen? The Lord wanted to show that there was far more at stake than extending a loved one's life for a small measure of days on this broken planet.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord'" (John 11:25-27).

What an extraordinary exchange. Yeshua engages Martha, and He

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That for a day: The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever deal with watches you from the mirror every morning.

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engages each of us with His everlasting truth. There is a reality beyond the number of days, weeks, months, and years that we occupy this temporal body. This life is but a foretaste of the great things to come for those who trust in Jesus.

That eternal perspective, as glorious as it is, can't inoculate us from the pain of death. We mourn and we grieve, and that is right and proper and a most human response, as Jesus demonstrates. Mary comes to Him and just like her sister, says, *"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died"* (John 11:32). But she needs a very different response, and the Lord gives it: *"Jesus wept"* (John 11:35). Sometimes our best response is not an explanation, but simply to *"weep with those who weep"* (Romans 12:15).

The ultimate happy ending:

We tend to think the best part of this story is that Lazarus was raised from the dead, and yes, what a glorious miracle that was. But Jesus was after something far greater than extending the life of a loved one on this broken planet. After all, Lazarus was going to die again someday. People who loved him would have to mourn his death all over again. This miracle wasn't the ultimate happy ending.

Jesus showed up at Bethany and gave a temporary happy ending to prepare people to believe and receive the ultimate happy ending. Then He *"showed up"* at Calvary to make that ending possible. Jesus' resurrection is proof that death truly has been overcome. Lazarus is now more alive than he was when Jesus called him forth from the grave; he's at home with the Lord in heaven—and so will we all be who love and trust Jesus.

As D. L. Moody said, *"Someday you will read in the papers that D. L. Moody is dead. Don't you believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now; I shall have gone ... into a house that is immortal—a body that death cannot touch, that sin cannot taint; a body fashioned like unto His glorious body."* Amen!

LWML...



SHOES FOR MISSIONS

(fundraiser for Lutheran Island Camp):

Shoe collection has been temporarily interrupted due to COVID. Collection will hopefully begin again this fall. Watch the Newsletter for a notice when collection begins again. Thank you to everyone who has donated shoes!

Labor Day...

In the past few weeks, the United States has experienced intense political debate, racial tensions, a pandemic, a hurricane, and a somber upcoming anniversary of 9/11. In the throes of this month, it seems we forgot something: What about Labor Day go? Labor Day is coming up on Monday, September 7th. Why is that important to us as Christians?

Labor Day is...

...a time to **reflect on the provision** of having a job and be grateful to God.

That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil – this is the gift of God. (Ecd. 3:13)

This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil – this is a gift of God. (Eccl. 5:18-19)

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. (Deut. 8:10-14)

...a time to **reflect on the profit** of work and understand how the benefits of working outweigh living on welfare when you don't have to.

Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. (Prov. 10:4)

Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense. (Prov. 12:11)

All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty. (Prov. 14:23)

One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys. (Prov. 18:9)

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That for a day: Lead me not into temptation, I can find it myself.

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Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. (Eph. 4:28)

...a time to **reflect on the purpose** in working beyond the paycheck and let it affect your attitudes and motivations in going to work.

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matt. 5:16)

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col. 3:17)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters (Col. 3:23)

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 Cor. 10:31)

...a time to **reflect on the pause** from labor and admit your need for renewal.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, ... For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Ex. 20:9-11)

...a time to **reflect on the priorities** greater than a job and maintain perspective.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matt. 6:19-21)

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. (Jn. 6:27)

Pope Francis explains to us: "Work is part of God's loving plan, we are called to cultivate and care for all the goods of creation and in this way participate in the work of creation! Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person..."

And so, as we are annually invited to reflect on our various forms of work on Labor Day it's helpful for us all to consider the worth and importance of our work and what contribution we are seeking to make to our world and society through it.

Email Humor...

EXCERPTS FROM A DOG'S DIARY

Day number 180

8:00 am - OH BOY! DOG FOOD!
MY FAVORITE!

9:30 am - OH BOY! A CAR RIDE!
MY FAVORITE!

9:40 am - OH BOY! A WALK! MY FAVORITE!

10:30 am - OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!

11:30 am - OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!

12:00 noon - OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!

1:00 pm - OH BOY! THE YARD! MY FAVORITE!

4:00 pm - OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!

5:00 pm - OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!

5:30 pm - OH BOY! MOM! MY FAVORITE!

6:30 pm - OH BOY! LEFTOVERS! MY FAVORITE!

7:30 pm - OH BOY! BALL WITH DAD! MY FAVORITE!

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Pastor's Note: Maybe there's a lesson for us in this dog's diary!



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That for a day: If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

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The Free to be Faithful® newsletter highlights important and relevant details on religious liberty issues that impact the rights of Christians to live faithfully.

In the summer issue, read:

Thoughts from LCMS Office of National Mission Executive Director Rev. Robert Zagore on how the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue* could help Lutheran schools;

An article from newsletter editor Rev. Jonathan Lange about the implications of the recent Supreme Court ruling on *Bostock v. Clayton County*;

Information from Chaplain (Navy Capt.) Craig Muehler, director of LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, about how COVID-19 mandates are restricting the constitutional rights of those serving in the U.S. Navy;

An article from Lange about how faith and love can heal the poisonous state of public discourse; and

An excerpt from "The Child as a Gift of God" written by a member (Dr. Gilbert Meilaender) of the 2016 Task Force for the Study of Issues Relating to Procreation, Fertility, and Care for Unborn

Pick up a copy at church - or Read it here:

<https://files.lcms.org/wl/?id=tRlxagOWXvFcSawTJh2OY5SyN27waT5>

It's Time to Start Planning for Re-starting Our After-Worship Fellowship...

We will need some folks who would like to plan and organize this Coffee/Etc... Fellowship. Please talk to Pastor David if you could like to help with this. Thanks!

September 2020 - Daily Readings

September is the month that we "Get Growing Again" - growing in our faith in Jesus, that is. With that in mind we spend the month reading all about Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. Use the lines to record what you learn about or from Jesus. (We finish reading the book of Romans before we jump into Luke's gospel).

Pastor David makes audio recordings of each day's readings (and summarizes some main points at the end of each reading). Find them on the Readings page on our website.

Week of AUGUST 30

Aug 31 Romans 12 _____

Sep 1 Romans 13 _____

Sep 2 Romans 14 _____

Sep 3 Romans 15 _____

Sep 4 Romans 16 _____

Sep 5 No Readings for Labor Day Weekend

Week of SEPTEMBER 6

Sep 7 Luke 1 _____

Sep 8 Luke 2 _____

Sep 9 Luke 3 _____

Sep 10 Luke 4 _____

Sep 11 Luke 5 _____

Sep 12 Luke 6 _____

Week of SEPTEMBER 13

Sep 14 Luke 7 _____

If you prefer to listen to the recorded version of the daily readings, visit our website.

Sept 15 Luke 8 _____

Sept 16 Luke 9 _____

Sept 17 Luke 10 _____

Sept 18 Luke 11 _____

Sept 19 Luke 12 _____

Week of SEPTEMBER 20

Sept 21 Luke 13 _____

Sept 22 Luke 14 _____

Sept 23 Luke 15 _____

Sept 24 Luke 16 _____

Sept 25 Luke 17 _____

Sept 26 Luke 18 _____

Week of SEPTEMBER 27

Sept 28 Luke 19 _____

Sept 29 Luke 20 _____

Sept 30 Luke 21 _____






Oct 1 Luke 22 _____

Oct 2 Luke 23 _____

Oct 3 Luke 24 _____

Go to <http://www.livingwordlutheran.net/readings.htm>

September 2020 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 30 9:00 - WORSHIP	Aug 31	1	2 6:00 - TRAP SHOOTING 	3	4	5 <div> Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, Sept 6th Sunday, Sept 20th </div>
6 9:00 - WORSHIP w/COMMUNION 	7 	8 5:00 MENS' WORK PROJECT	9 6:00 - CONFIRMATION PARENTS	10 MISSION Ministry 5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	11	12
13 RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 - ADULT STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP	14	15	16 6:00 - TRAP SHOOTING 	17	18	19 <div> REMINDER: We move back to 10:00 Worship time on September 13th. </div>
20 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 - ADULT STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP w/COMMUNION 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 - ADULT STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP	28	29 6:00 MEN'S STUDY	30 6:00 - CONFIRMATION	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3 <div> Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net </div>

Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

We will not be having "Fellowship" after worship until the social distancing guidelines are relaxed. - Please pray for that to happen soon!

Usher Schedule

Sept 6	Brady & Eli Sharp
Sept 13	Derek & Sarah Olson
Sept 20	Brent & Lance Sawatzky
Sept 27	Jason & Levi Miller

Elders

Sept 6,13	Keith Hanson & Kevin Welsh
Sept 20,27	Jason Miller & Ed Vegdahl

Make A Meal Volunteers

September Jamie & Laurel Iverson

Scripture Readers

NOTE: Pastor David will read the Scriptures in Worship until COVID restrictions are eased

Nursery

Sept 6	Pam Johnson
Sept 13	Violet Dauk
Sept 20	Mona Hjelle
Sept 27	Volunteer needed

Custodian

September	Joe Johnson
October	Volunteer needed

Altar Guild

September	Mona Hjelle
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Seen on Church Signboards...

For all the "cooks"
(and everyone else) who serve us
in the National Guard !

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Thot for a day: You spend the first 2 years teaching them to walk and talk, and the next 16 telling them to sit down and shut up.

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Accompanying Musicians

Sept 6	Sharon Willen	Oct 4	Sharon Willen
Sept 13	Scott Wachter	Oct 11	Scott Wachter
Sept 20	Pam Johnson	Oct 18	Pam Johnson
Sept 27	Carmen Macik	Oct 25	Carmen Macik

Mexican Fiesta 2020...



Mark your calendars!

Saturday October 16th
4:30 pm start time.

If you are interested in being on planning
committee please contact
Tammy Miller 320-905-2434.
Thank you!

September Discipleship Verse...



*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be
glory both now and forever! Amen."*
2 Peter 3:18

Miscellaneous Notes...

Food Pantry Reminder

2nd Sunday of each month, please remember to bring your donations for the Food Pantry. Place them in the purple container by the door at church. Thanks to everyone for donating!

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 Bible
- September Newsletters
- July—Sept Portals of Prayer



Sermons Now Available in Video on our Website

Find at livingwordlutheran.net. Sermons can be found in our recorded worship services at

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

08-02-20	"3 HUGE Truths About God"
08-09-20	"Getting Rid of the "Rotten Fruit"
08-16-20	"The Choice You ALWAYS Have- No Matter Your Circumstance"
08-23-20	"God's Model for Resolving Conflict"

Still Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Living Word has the option of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account .

Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

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

Reminders of your scheduled day to serve will be coming to your phone soon.

Pam Johnson has graciously volunteered to give a call or send a text to help us all remember our scheduled dates to serve as ushers, acolytes, fellowship servers, etc...



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Another Chance to...

Order Your Living Word Trap Shooting Caps

Cost: \$15.00

Available in several color choices Sign up at church.

- ___ Black front - white back (not shown)
- ___ Charcoal front- orange back (above)
- ___ RealTree Camo- (right)



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 and PRAY for...

- Thanking God for a great turnout for Vacation Bible School
- All students, teachers and parents as school re-opens.
- Asking God to provide for the social needs of those in nursing homes.
- Asking God to replace fear with trust in Him
- God to show you opportunities to Share His Love in Practical Ways.
- Asking God for His power to bring healing to our nation - in all ways!
- Asking God to humble you, seek Him and repent (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for gov't leaders
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

Remember to use "The Prayer Force"

Please continue to call, text (320-220-1816) or email (pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) prayer requests to Pastor David for the Prayer Force prayer chain to include in their prayers. Thanks!



And an Invitation to Join our "Prayer Force"

Being a part of our prayer chain is a HUGE important - and very simple - way you can serve God and His people! When a request to pray comes in, Pastor forwards it via text message (or email for those who don't have a cell phone). Then you simply include that request in your prayers. Text Pastor today and tell him "Yeah, I can do that!" Thanks!

From MN North District...

On the 1st Sunday of the month, every congregation in the Minnesota North District is encouraged to pray for Someone You Know who needs to hear the GOOD NEWS that Jesus Christ died and rose again to pay for their sins.

Watch the video at <https://mnnlcmis.360unite.com/someone-you-know>

SOMEONE you know

Prayer for SOMEONE YOU KNOW who doesn't know Jesus as Savior,
or who has drifted away from church:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we are living through difficult times. People are hurting and need hope. Despite the restrictions we face due to the virus, give us opportunity to tell someone we know about Your love and forgiveness. Someone we know needs hope. Use us to give Your hope to them. In Jesus name we pray,
Amen.

Do they know you care?

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:21-23

I imagine your church has been forced by the pandemic to do things they have never done before in order to God's Word out to the people. Are there ways you might try and reach out to Someone You Know that might be open to you now because of the pandemic?

More than ever people need the human touch - some reassurance and friendship. Brainstorm some ways you might reach out and show a little kindness to Someone You Know. Look for opportunities that God gives you to share the hope you have in Jesus.

WATCH THE VIDEO AT
someoneyouknow.church

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There is no mechanical problem so difficult that it cannot be solved by brute strength and ignorance.

That for a day:

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Bible Wordsearch

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Matt. 10:34-11:3

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Jesus the Teacher

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We are so happy to have you as part of our missionary team. Your support for LCMS mission work in Asia means a lot to us. Dan & Joan Jastram



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More Email Wisdom...

There was a farmer in a village in India who had the misfortune of owing a large sum of money to the village moneylender. The old and ugly moneylender fancied the farmer's beautiful daughter, so he proposed a bargain. He would forgive the farmer's debt if he could marry the farmer's daughter.

Both the farmer and his daughter were horrified by the proposal, but the cunning moneylender suggested that they let providence decide the matter. He told them that he would put a black pebble and a white pebble into an empty money bag. The girl would have to reach in and pick one pebble from the bag. If she picked the black pebble, she would become his wife and her father's debt would be forgiven. If she picked the white pebble, she need not marry him and her father's debt would still be forgiven. If she refused to pick a pebble, her father would be thrown into jail until the debt was paid.

They were standing on a pebble-strewn path in the farmer's field. As they talked, the moneylender bent over to pick up two pebbles. The sharp-eyed girl noticed that he had picked up two black pebbles and put them into the bag. He then asked the girl to pick a pebble. Now, imagine that you were the girl standing in the field. What would you have done? If you had to advise her, what would you have told her?

Careful analysis would produce three possibilities: (1) the girl could refuse to take a pebble—but her father would then be thrown in jail. (2) The girl could pick a black pebble and sacrifice herself in order to save her father from debt and imprisonment. Or (3) the girl could pull out both black pebbles in the bag, expose the moneylender as a cheat, and likely incite his immediate revenge.

Here is what the girl did: She put her hand into the money bag and drew out a pebble. Without looking at it, she fumbled and let it fall onto the pebble-strewn path, where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles. "Oh, how clumsy of me," she said. "But never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked." Since the remaining pebble was black, it would have to be assumed that she had picked the white one. And since the moneylender dared not admit his dishonesty, the girl would have changed what seemed an impossible situation into an extremely advantageous one.

Solomon wrote, "Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her." (Prov. 3:13-15)

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That for a day: Genius is perseverance in disguise.

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Coming Soon to our Playground...



Donated by Susan Johnson in memory of her sister Lora.

Mark Your Calendar...

Rescheduled for November

Reminder that NOW the Women's Retreat is fast approaching: November 13-15th.

If you had already registered and paid, be assured you are still registered.

Anyone else interested please contact Laurel, Ruth, Violet or Tammy M and please invite. It's a huge house and we still have room available. The home is situated on Mille Lacs Lake.



The NEXT National Youth Gathering (2022 in Houston)

September Trap Shooting...

NOTE: Trap Shooting Fellowship



Trap Shooting will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd and Wednesday, September 16th (Both at 6:00 p.m.)

Opportunities to Serve...

Help With Our Nursery

We need a couple more volunteers to help with our during-worship nursery (2-6 year olds). Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help.

Operate our PowerPoint display during worship:

In an effort to keep "touchable surfaces" to a minimum, we are projecting the order of worship - Scripture readings, songs, etc... onto the front wall instead of having them in a worship folder. We need some volunteers to "click" from one screen to the next at the appropriate time during worship. Please talk to Pastor if you could do this one Sunday a month. Thanks!

Operate our new Camcorder

to record parts of each worship service that we can later upload to our website. Talk to Pastor David if you can help out with this - at least one Sunday a month.

Pick Your Month for you (or your family) to be our Church Custodian: You can choose any month from October - December. Talk to our new Trustee, Steve Wulf, to sign up or find out more details. Thanks



Make A Meal

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 call Pastor David or our September Make-a-Meal volunteers, Jamie and Laurel Iverson, if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks !

We are also looking for a person to be the Make-a-Meal coordinator - someone who notifies the meal makers when a meal is needed and who also arranges for the meal to be delivered.

If you could be that person, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!



Remember to use our "We Prayed for You" program...

We'd like to send out a card or two each week to people we prayed for during worship.

Please contact pastor@livingwordlutheran with the address of someone you asked us to pray for who would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. Nancy will take care of the rest. It truly is a simple way to brighten the spirits of someone who's going through a tough time.



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Thot for a day: Therapy is expensive. Popping that bubble wrap stuff is cheap. You choose.

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Story Behind The Song...

The words of many of our favorite hymns are born out of life-changing experiences. Last month we featured the hymn "It Is Well With My Soul" penned by Horatio Spafford after the tragic death of his children in a shipwreck over the Atlantic Ocean.

On the other hand, the words of some hymns spring not from a traumatic occurrence in the writer's life but in the midst of the daily routine. That is just the case in the writing of one of the 20th century's most loved hymns: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Thomas Chisholm was born in a simple log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky, in 1866. Lacking a high school education or any college training, he became a school teacher at the age of 16 and later entered the newspaper business. The following years found him ordained a pastor, but poor health forced him to leave the ministry. After a time of recuperation, he moved to New Jersey to work as an insurance agent.

A prolific writer of poetry, he sent a collection of his poems in 1923 to his good friend William Runyan, a musician associated with Chicago's Moody Bible Institute, who also worked for a hymnal publishing company. While on a trip to Baldwin, Kansas, Runyan leafed through the poems sent by Chisholm and was immediately taken in by the depth of meaning and lyrical beauty of the words found in the poem "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Out of a simple prayer, Runyan's melody took shape, and the completed hymn was published by Runyan that same year.

Due to Runyan's association with Moody Bible Institute, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" became a favorite with the students and faculty alike and has become the Institute's unofficial college hymn.

Yet, it was slow to catch on in churches across the United States until George Beverly Shea (1909-2013), the famous Canadian-born singer of the Billy Graham Crusades, introduced this hymn to those attending the evangelistic meetings in Great Britain in 1954. It immediately became a favorite.

The hymn's first verse is a simple expression of God's unchanging faithfulness, based on Lamentations 3:22 (KJV): "It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not."

Verse two continues with an expression of God's faithfulness to us in the natural world He created—the changing of the seasons, the movements of the celestial bodies—all joining together in praise to their Creator.

The hymn culminates in the final verse with the testimony of peace that comes through redemption, God's abiding presence in our daily lives, and the blessed hope of heaven.

The refrain echoes the infinite faithfulness of God to extend mercy and compassion: "They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:23, KJV).

"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou ~~change~~st not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that ~~endureth~~,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Thot for a day: Pride is what we have. Vanity is what others have.

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This hymn's lyrics are both timeless and timely. We don't understand fully why God allows all the things that happen, but in the midst of all that, our hope, our means of courage and grace and steadfastness is not that we are faithful, but it's that He is faithful. We lean, we rest on His unchanging grace. God is always faithful and gives us "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow."

Editor's note: Though I love the version recorded by Anthem Lights at <https://youtu.be/fLWAI6KRIsQ>, I would be remiss if I didn't feature the beautiful version made famous by George Beverly Shea at countless Billy Graham Crusades - <https://youtu.be/E2CysVq1mUI>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chr 7:14