



June 2021 Newsletter "Communicating the Love of Jesus"

~ Summer Hours ~
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. (& Facebook Live)

Living Word Lutheran Church

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Questions for Pastor...

Do you remember your confirmation verse?

This is a question the confirmation students asked me after I handed out four (FOUR!) pages of possible verses they could choose as their confirmation verse. I'm guessing they were expecting a "No," answer, since they seemed surprised when I said, "Actually, I do!"

Then I rattled it off for them, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last." John 15:16

Then I told them how I didn't choose that verse like they were going to choose theirs. My pastor had chosen it for me - and very appropriately so!

I told the class that when I was their age, becoming a pastor was not on my radar - even though it was something my mom had wanted me to do. In other words, I definitely did not choose to become a pastor, but fifteen years later God chose me for the very task that had been the farthest thing from my mind at fifteen years of age! (He had to set LOTS of things in place before I was ready for that - His timing is always perfect!)

They thought my pastor choosing that verse for me - and God's subsequent work of bringing it about - was "So Cool!" I wholeheartedly agree!

This June 13 the members of that confirmation class will be publicly professing their faith in Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I hope you'll be able to attend that worship service to celebrate their faith with them! I'd also ask that you keep them in your prayers that God would continue to prepare them for whatever calling He has chosen them for!

Thanks for asking! Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

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Worship will be at 9:00
Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend.

A New Way to "Participate" in Worship

If you can't be here in person:

We have begun livestreaming the entire Sunday worship service on the Living Word Facebook group page. NOTE: You need to join the Living Word Facebook group in order to watch.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/131798513523470/

NEW:

We created a public page on Facebook to view Sunday Sermons. It's called "Live Living Word Sermons." This page will be mainly for sermon recording and viewing. Please invite people!

We will attempt to post to our other Living Word pages as well, and will make them available on YouTube.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/951062175671064

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 sen-



tence to encourage people who drive past to remember that God is the giver of all good things - especially things we take for granted.

In May we Thanked God for ... Moms!

Fish!

All Who Died for Our Freedom!

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence in June.

Communion Notes...

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

COMMUNING AT THE ALTAR HAS RESUMED:

We have resumed coming to the altar for communion! Those who are not comfortable coming to the altar should inform an Elder or Usher, and communion will be brought to you in your pew.



We'll continue to use the Sealed Communion Packets until we run out of them. Since the COVID protocols were put into effect, we have been using pre-sealed packets of grape juice and an unleavened bread wafer as well as pre-sealed packets that contain wine and an unleavened bread wafer. Once those are gone, we will return to using individual cups and wafers.

Reminder: Gluten-free bread wafers are available for those who have gluten-sensitive conditions. You will find these wafers in a separate cup in the communion tray.

Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Study:

Is on "Summer Break" until Rally Sunday in September

Please join us for

- Movies.
- Bible Study (and Brats),
- Service Projects

on Wednesday Night "Church Nights"

See calendar for what's going on each specific Wednesday

Wednesday Prayer Time-

A special invitation to everyone to meet weekly in prayer Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Prayer is a foundational part of our spiritual life both personally and as a congregation. We would love to have you join us.

12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." 18 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:12; 18

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Wednesday Evening Women's Study

At Violet's Home @ 6:30

Monthly Morning Women's Study:

Wednesday, June 9th @ 10:00 a.m. We are studying Women of the Bible. All are welcome to attend.



Men's Study

Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Please join us.



Confirmation Class

- 6-7th Graders take their test @ 6:00 p.m. on June 2.
- 8-9th Graders take their test @ 7:00 p.m. on June 2.

They have their individual interviews with Pastor the week of June 6 and get confirmed during worship on June 13!

Thank You...

For the beautiful Easter Lily plant that you had delivered to my apartment. The plant was very pretty with three blossoms on it. It certainly brightened both the apartment and myself that day! Thank you for thinking of me!

Love all of you and miss you! Elaine Abraham

If you have someone you'd like to offer congratulations to, just email Scott at webmaster@livingwordlutheran.net

Living Word Blog...

Looking for some entertainment or things to do during the pandemic? Check out our Living Word Blog for lots of fun thoughts, ideas, music videos and more, www.livingwordlutheranlcms.blogspot.com



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Email Humor....

Mom: "Johnny, it's your turn to say Grace before dinner."

Johnny: "But Mom -- if I thank God for broccoli, won't he know I'm lying?"

Random Thoughts...

- I thought the dryer made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator.
- I thought growing old would take longer.
- Went shopping while hungry; now I'm the proud owner of Aisle 6.
- Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.
- Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say: "close enough."
- Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.
- · Went to an antique show and people were bidding on me.
- I won't say I'm worn out, but I don't get near the curb on trash day.
- · Retired: under new management. See spouse for details.

LWML News...

LWML MEETING:

Wednesday, June 9th @ 10:00 a.m. (followed by Ladies Monthly Bible Study "Women of the Bible")

UPCOMING EVENT:

Summer Tea & Luncheon, Saturday, June 12th @ 11:00 a.m. at Kevin & Marcia Welsh's home. All women of the church are invited.



SHOES FOR MISSIONS:

Thanks to all who have donated shoes. Please bring your shoes, slippers, sandals or boots (in very good condition), in rubber banded pairs, and put them in the collection box at church. This is an ongoing mission project to provide funds for Lutheran Island Camp.

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Elected:

Vice Chair - Tim Geer,
Treasurer - Steve Wulf,
Elders - Joe Johnson & Duane Hansen;
Christian Growth-Sunday School - Mona Hjelle;
Congregational Outreach - Marcia Welsh,
Stewardship position is still open.

We need suggestions for people to fill the Stewardship position. If you have members you'd like us to consider, please give their name to a Mission and Ministry Team member. Thanks!

Mission & Ministry Team Meets:

Thursday, June 10th @ 6:30 p.m. (back to 2nd Thurs this month)

Elders' Team @ 5:30 prior to MMT

Confirmation Day...

Sunday, June 13 During Worship

Please join us as these six students will publicly confess their faith in Jesus:

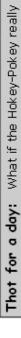
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Lutheran Island Camp

IS OPEN Again This Summer !!!

After a year "off" due to COVID restrictions, the summer camp of the Minnesota North District congregations (like Living Word) is back in action with a full schedule this summer!

Check out the camp-schedule poster at church go to <u>www.islandcamp.org</u> for complete descriptions and pricing information.



Mark Your Calendars...

LWML Summer Tea & Luncheon...

Calling all ladies! Invite a friend!

"Aunt Myrt's Tea Cup Collection" Luncheon Saturday, June 12, 2021 @ Marcia Welsh's Home

- Tea
- Sandwiches
- Fruit Salad
- Bingo
- PRIZES!

RSVP to Marcia at 320-220-0803 (or sign up at church)



Trap Shooting...

SUNDAY, JUNE 27@ 2:00 p.m.

Competition with area churches!

Bring some shells and a friend.



Adopt-a-Highway...

Wednesday, June 23rd

We'll leave from church

at 6:00



We need drivers and a minimum of 8 people in order to complete the cleanup in an hour. Sign up at church.

We'll head to The Deep Freeze after we are finished!

Youth Gathering...

The NEXT National Youth Gathering (2022 in Houston)



The Giving Bean Coffee fundraiser for Father's Day You can order coffee, tea, cookies, chai, etc.... Orders will be in on June 5th. Sign up at church. Thanks!

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Upcoming Fun Stuff...

June 20: Stingers' Game
TICKETS ARE HERE!

GET THEM FROM MARCIA WELSH. Cost: \$21.58

(We have extra tickets for those who didn't sign up yet.)

Call Marcia Welsh 320-796-6840)



Picnic begins at 4:05 (Game @ 5:05)

- + Reserved-Seat Game Ticket
- + All-you-can-eat Ballpark Buffet
- + 1st 200 kids get a FREE youth jersey

July 18: Green Lake Cruise 2:00—4:00

We will have the Sunday Brunch:
Homemade Egg Bake
Fresh, seasonal fruit
Coffee & Orange Juice
Bar open for cash sales.



Price determined by # of people. (We can have up to 50 people!)



August 19th: Big Kahuna 5:30-8:00 \$16/person

Price includes: pizza, pop and two ride tickets.

Also available: Dessert & cheese

sticks! Talk to Marcia Welsh for details - Sign Up at church!

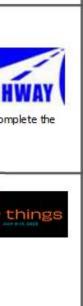
Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School

August 9 -13

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.





A Minute for Couples...

If you had to choose one thing to be better at in your relationship, what would it be? A better communicator, perhaps? More patient? Less critical? What if there was one thing that would actually help you do all of those things? You're in luck - there is: EMPATHY

Empathy is understanding or feeling what another person is experiencing from within their frame of reference – or in other words, putting yourself in their shoes. Seeing things from your partner's frame of reference increases your connection and does wonders for the way you communicate. Here's one scenario that show how em-



pathy can have a profoundly positive effect on your relationship:

Empathy reminds you that your spouse is human.

Have you ever noticed how it's really easy to feel anger and indignation toward someone when you're not interacting with them in person? For example, say you've been emailing back and forth with a Customer Service rep about a mix-up with your order. It's been going on for over a week, and your problem is still not solved! Frankly, you're not even sure the person understands the issue — how can they be so incompetent at their job?! You're about to send a scathing reply when your phone rings. It's the representative you've been dealing with, and you're caught off guard by how friendly they sound. Turns out this whole time you've both been misunderstanding each other. You get your issue resolved, he jokes about you becoming best friends, and your anger has melted away as you hang up. In actually talking to the person, you realized he is just that—a person, trying to to do his best.

Applied to your relationship, empathy is like that phone call. Putting yourself in your partner's shoes and truly seeing things from their perspective helps you remember that they are just a person, doing the best they can. It's easy to get caught up in how ticked off or frustrated we are at something they did or didn't do – that's normal, we're only human, too. They'll mess up, and so will we. So before you hit send on that stinging reply, take a second to remind yourself of the human behind the behavior – your funny, smart, and loving spouse!

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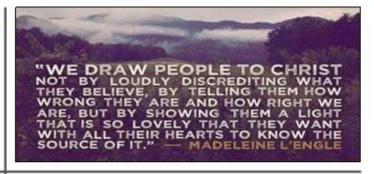
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Email Wisdom...

Be the kind of woman who, when your feet hit the floor first thing in the morning, the devil says: "Oh, oh, here she comes."

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When you can't find the sunshine...be the sunshine.

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People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable!

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Prayer is the original wireless communication - with unlimited minutes!

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Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

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June 2021 - Daily Readings

Luke and Acts were both written by the man we know as Luke. Luke's Gospel focuses on the Holy Spirit's work through God's Son Jesus. The book of Acts picks up right where Luke's Gospel leaves off and focuses on the Holy Spirit's work through Jesus' apostles as they take the message about Jesus' life, ministry, death and resurrection to the world. Last month we read a chapter each day from Luke. This month we continue reading a chapter a day from Acts. Record insights from each day's reading on the lines provided. God will bless your reading!

| May 30 | | Spend today worshiping our Risen Lord and Savior |
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| | | Spend time thanking God for those who gave their lives for our country |
| June 1 | Acts 1_ | |
| June 2 | Acts 2 | |
| June 3 | Acts 3 | |
| June 4 | Acts 4 | |
| June 5 | Acts 5 | |
| June 6 | | Spend today worshiping our Risen Lord and Savior |
| June 7 | Acts 6 | |
| June 8 | Acts 7 | |
| June 9 | Acts 8 | |
| June 10 | Acts 9 | |
| June 11 | Acts 10 | |
| June 12 | Acts 11 | |
| June 13 | | Spend today worshiping our Risen Lord and Savior |
| June 14 | Acts 12 | |

| June 15 | Acts 13_ | |
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| June 16 | Acts 14_ | |
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| June 18 | Acts 16_ | |
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| June 20 | 0. | Spend today worshiping our Risen Lord and Savior |
| June 21 | Acts 18 _ | |
| June 22 | Acts 19 | |
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| June 25 | Acts 22 | |
| June 26 | Acts 23 | |
| June 27 | 9 | Spend today worshiping our Risen Lord and Savior |
| June 28 | Acts 24 | |
| June 29 | Acts 25 | |
| June 30 | Acts 26_ | |
| July 1 | Acts 27 | <u> </u> |
| July 2 | Acts 28 | |
| July 3 | Use toda | ay to catch up on any readings you missed |

June 2021 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|---|
| May 30 9:00 - WORSHIP | May 31 Memorial Day | 6:30 MENS' STUDY | 2 6:00 6-7th Confirmation Test 7:00 8-9th Confirmation Test | 3 | Sunday | pper Dates y, June 6th y, June 20th |
| 9:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion | 7 | 6:30 MENS' WORK PROJECT NIGHT | 9 CHURCH NIGHT 10:00 LWML & Women's Study 7:00 MOVIE NIGHT! | 10 Mission Winistry 5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM | 11 | 11:00 TEA-CUP LUNCHEON @ Marcia Welsh's |
| 9:00 - WORSHIP W/Confirmation | 14 L | 15 | 6:00 Brats & Hot Dogs 6:30 Bible Study | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 9:00 - WORSHIP W/Communion 4:00 - LIVING WORD DAY @ THE STINGERS' GAME | HADDY DAY | 22 | 6:00 Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up (Deep Freeze After) | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 9:00 - WORSHIP 2:00 - TRAP SHOOTING Vs. Area Churches | 28 | 29 | 6:00 Brats & Hot Dogs 6:30 Bible Study | July 1 | July 2 | July 3 |

Upcoming Schedules...

After-Worship Fellowship

Since we are now able to serve food in church, we would like to restart our after-worship fellowship time (complete with coffee, juice, goodies).

BUT WE NEED SOMEONE TO COORDINATE THE EFFORT.

Here's what that would involve:

- + Putting together a rotating schedule of Fellowship Servers.
- + Reminding servers of their date to serve.
- + Making sure there are cups, plates, napkins, etc... to use.

If you could take on this ministry to our congregation, there are LOTS of folks who would be extremely grateful for your effort!

Usher Schedule

We will be needing Ushers for Communion Sundays again. Please tell Pastor David if you could be an Usher. Thanks!

Scripture Readers

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

Elders

June 6, 13 Ed & Joe June 20, 27 Keith & Kevin

Custodian June 27 Violet Dauk

June & July Available

Altar Guild

Make A Meal Volunteers June

June Pam Johnson

Accompanying Musicians

Mona Hielle

 Nursery
 June 6
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 June 13
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 June 13
 Volunteer Needed
 June 20
 Sharon Willen

 June 20
 Mona Hielle
 June 27
 Carmen Macik

Seen on Church Signboards...

We Have AIR CONDITIONING!
Use it for FREE Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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Spring Clean-up...

You can sign up to take on any of these "spring cleaning" projects. They can be completed any time that works for you this month (there won't be a designated "Clean Up Day").



- ADD PAVER SAND TO SIDEWALK
- POWER-WASH NORTH SIDE OF BUILDING
- REFURBISH CROSS ON FRONT (Outside) OF BUILDING (Scrape/sand and apply polyurethane)
- SPRAY BUILDING FOR SPIDERS / INSECTS
- CLEAN / ORGANIZE EAST FURNACE ROOM
- CLEAN / ORGANIZE WEST FURNACE ROOM
- CLEAN / ORGANIZE STORAGE SHED
- CLEAN / POLISH ALTAR & RAIL, PULPIT, LECTERN,
- CLEAN PEWS
- ORGANIZE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS
- ORGANIZE NURSERY
- CLEAN CUPBOARDS

Congratulations...

- Carson Jaspersen, McCartney Knutson, and Noah Miller on your High School graduation!
- Michelle Johnson on your graduation from Minnesota State Mankatol
- Gage Dahl on qualifying for the MN State Trap Shooting tournament!
- McCartney Knutson on qualifying for the MN State Speech Tournament

Please email pastor@livingwordlutheran if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

June Discipleship Verse...

"As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:20

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Miscellaneous Notes...

Food Pantry Reminder

Please remember to bring your donations for the Food Pantry on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Place them in the purple container by the door at church. Thank 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
- 100 or so Key Chapter Bible Reading Booklets
 - July—September Portals of Prayer

Sermons can be found in on our Living Word Facebook page or at http://livingwordlutheran.net/video.htm

May 2: What's God Calling You to Do? - Part I

May 9: What's God Calling You to Do? - Part 2

May 16 What's God Calling You to Do? - Part 3

May 23 Pentecost - Means A Lot More Than What We Think

May 30 Trinity Sunday - Appropriate for Memorial Day Weekend



If you like to use dated envelopes for your offerings, we have them available. Just pick up a box of envelopes from under the mailboxes. Write down the # of the box you took. Thanks!

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 muchneeded 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.

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Page 19 Prayer...

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 HUGELY 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!

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...

- Asking God to show you His "calling" for you and His power to do it!
- Thanking God for All Who Died for our Freedom!
- Thanking God for All Families Who lost a member fighting for our freedom
- Thanking God for our Graduates
- Thanking God for our Confirmands
- Asking God to protect the farmers and everyone who works outdoors!
- Thanking God for great Sunday School year and Sunday School teachers!
- Asking God for the power to "disagree without being disagreeable!"
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- God to show you opportunities to Share His Love in Practical Ways.
- Opportunities to point a friend, relative, neighbor to Jesus
- 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)
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for gov't leaders
- + Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan





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Sunday School Mother's Day



Some of the guys at Easter Celebration 4 Kids

Last Day of Sunday School



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Bouncy house fun



Knocker ball fun...

In honor of our confirmands



In honor of our graduates



Email Inspiration...

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff.

In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Well, here she is on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom, there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lost a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it.

Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the

incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do. I'll carry it for You."



I think it would probably do some of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But if you want me to carry it, I will." God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

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Volunteers Needed for

The Kingery Family Concert:

July 14th at LIVING WORD

We are looking for . . .

- A planning coordinators.
- Volunteers for that day.

The Kingery's Concert will be our Water Days Outreach Event in place of our participation in the Water Days parade this year. But we need lots of help to make it a great outreach! Please contact Marcia Welsh with any way you can help! THANKS!



Community Outreach...

Mexican Fiesta: October 9, 2021

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Living Nativity, December 5, 2021

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Please contact Tammy Miller if interested in ANY part of these fabulous outreaches to our community.

320-905-2434... text or call or email: tammiller1@tds.net

Thank You from the Jastrams...

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.



Read the current newsletter at https://tinyurl.com/49r3wb2r

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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.



<u>Pick Your Month</u> for you (or your family) to be our Church Custodian: You can choose any remaining month in 2021. 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 June Make-a-Meal volunteer, Pam Johnson 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 -

The coordinator is NOT responsible for making the meals, but rather notifies the meal makers when a meal is needed and then 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 <u>pastor@livingwordlutheran.net</u> with the address of someone you asked us to pray for who would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. We are currently in need of a volunteer to mail the cards. If you could help, talk to Pastor David



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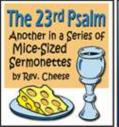
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Story Behind The Song...

This month's featured song is not our typical hymn or even very old, but it is one of my favorites and seems appropriate since we just celebrated Memorial Day... Go Rest High On That Mountain.

Written and recorded by country music artist Vince Gill, "Go Rest High On That Mountain" was released in 1995 as a single from his album When Love Finds You. The "I Still Believe In You" singer started writing the song years before, after the death of country music superstar Keith Whitley in 1989.

Following the death of his older brother Bob, who died from a heart attack in 1993, Gill finally finished the song. The final recording was rounded out by background vocals by Patty Loveless and Ricky Skaggs. Listening to the song and reading the lyrics, you can tell how much passion and pain Gill put into the lyrics that focus on death and wishing those that have passed on the best when they go to God.

During Gill's Christmas at the Ryman residency with his wife Amy Grant, the singer-songwriter began performing an additional verse of his classic song.

"In all these years of singing that song, truthfully, it felt just the slightest bit incomplete to me," Gill said while introducing the song. "I always thought it needed to tie itself up in some way...! didn't know if this was a good idea or not, but I wrote one more verse for this song. I'm debuting it here at the Ryman auditorium. I love this place. It's my church."

The lyrics to the new verse are as follows:

"You're safely home in the arms of Jesus / Eternal life, my brother's found / The day will come I know I'll see him / In that sacred place, on that holy ground."

"In all seriousness, as I looked at it as a piece of work, I thought it was unfinished in a way that a song should close the door and have an end and tell the whole story." Gill told People.

This eulogic ballad, which has become a popular memorial service song over the years, brought in multiple awards after its release. It was the CMA Awards song of the year in 1996 and won two Grammy Awards including Best Country Song.

Gill performed the song with Patty Loveless at the funeral of fellow country artist George Jones. The performance is incredibly moving. You can see the emotion in Gill's performance, even when Patty has to take over, so he concentrates on his guitar playing. Members of the audience are seen crying in the audience at the Grand Ole Opry performance

Go Rest High On That Mountain

I know your life on earth was troubled And only you could know the pain You weren't afraid to face the devil You were no stranger to the rain

Go rest high on that mountain Son, you work on earth is done Go to heaven a shoutin' Love for the Father and Son

Oh, how we cried the day you left us We gathered round your grave to grieve I wish I could see the angels faces When they hear your sweet voice sing

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Editor's note: Watch that emotional video of Vince Gill and Patty

Loveless at https://voutu.be/l11oCvBxnQ0

My personal favorite version and video of this song is the one by

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