

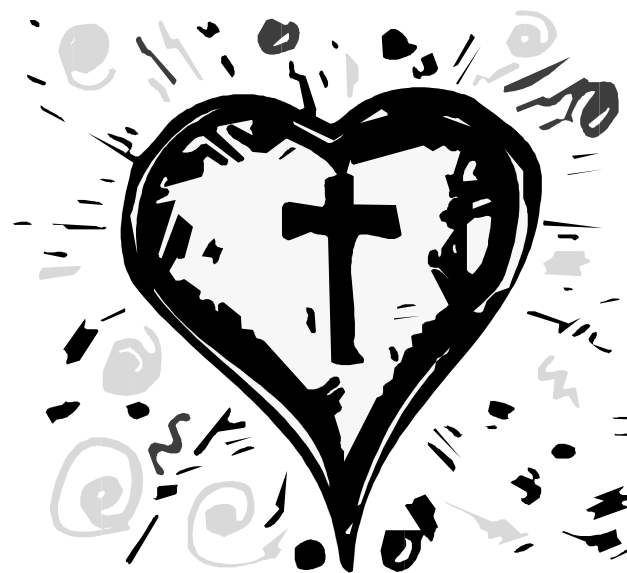


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Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

**November 2005
Newsletter**

“Communicating the Love of Jesus”



**Traditional Worship : 8:00 a.m.
Christian Growth Hour: 9:15 a.m.
Contemporary Worship: 10:30 a.m.**

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in old Prairie Meadows building
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(?) Questions for Pastor...

Why do we change colors on the altar and pulpit - green, red, purple, etc...?

The colors on the altar change with the changing seasons and celebrations of the Church Year, so maybe it would be best to start with a little explanation of the Church Year - what it is and why we have it.

Just as our calendar year is divided into months and seasons that repeat each year, the Church Year is divided into seasons and festivals that we repeat each year. The six seasons are: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. The purpose of the repetitive festivals and seasons is to make sure that we don't forget to commemorate important events and teachings in the life of Jesus. e.g. In the Old Testament God commanded His people to celebrate the Passover every year at a certain time, so 1) they would never forget what God had done for them and 2) so they would be forced to tell their children about it when the kids ask "Why are we doing this?" We celebrate Christmas and Easter each year for the same reasons.

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

1 Chronicles 16:8

Opportunities to “Share the Love of Jesus in Practical ways”...

Coordinate our “Make-and-Take A Meal” Program

We are looking for someone to take over the coordination aspect. This position is responsible for collecting names of people going through a tough time (people who could use a meal). It is also responsible for contacting the people who have volunteered to make and take meals to let them know when a meal is needed. If you can serve the Lord in this position, please contact Tammy Fuglie. Thanks!

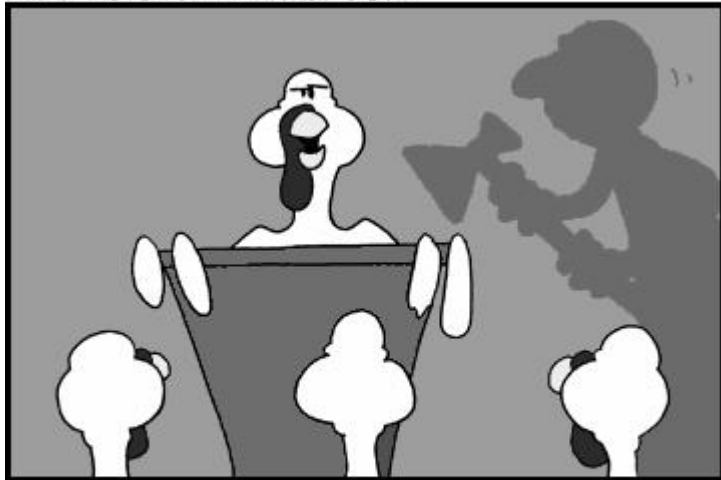
Help with Children’s Church Once a Month

During the sermon message in the sanctuary, you will lead children in a Bible story, activity based on the story (e.g. coloring pictures) and prayers. Bible story and activity is provided. All you need to do is show up and lead the kids. Please talk to Violet Dauk if you can serve the Lord in this way..

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(See 1Thessalonians 5:1-3)

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LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT YOU NEVER KNOW
WHEN YOUR TIME ON THIS EARTH WILL RUN
OUT

The idea of a “church year” can’t be attributed to a certain person who “sat down one day and came up with the idea.” Rather, the idea of a “church year” developed slowly. At first

Lessons From Bible Guys: The Man With No Name

There are many guys who go nameless in the Bible, guys who set us positive examples of faith in action. Guys like the centurion in Matthew 8. Guys like the man born blind in John 9. Here’s another from Luke 17:

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. [12] As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance [13] and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

[14] When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

[15] One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. [16] He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.

[17] Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? [18] Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” [19] Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

The obvious lesson from this nameless man is to remember to thank God. How often do you ask God for something - maybe even beg - and when He gives it, you forget to go back and say “thanks”?

We don’t just do that with God, do we. Do you ever forget to say “thanks” to your spouse for something she did or said? Do you ever forget to thank your kids for things? How about the people you work with or your neighbor or Yeah, I forget too. Thank God (no pun intended) that he doesn’t just give us things when we remember to say “thanks”! Thank God that He forgives us for our lack of gratitude! But that doesn’t mean we need to settle for being “thank”less.

Ask God right now to help you make a point of remembering to thank Him - and the people He puts into your life. What better month than this to become like the man with no name.

Simple Ways to Give Your Spiritual Life a Lift...

Life is a series of choices.

One choice we have every day is the choice...

- 1) To give thanks for what God has given
OR 2) To complain about what he hasn't given.

It doesn't take a rocket-scientist to figure out which choice gives you a lift and which choice brings you (and everyone around you) down.

I always remember the advice of the Pastor who did our wedding ceremony. He told me that when he had a particularly tough day, one of those where everything seemed to go wrong and everyone seemed to be against him, he would force himself to take out a piece of paper and write out a list of all the things God had blessed him with. He said that invariably the result would be a change in his own attitude from one of "poor me" to a humble, "Thank you, Lord"

Don't wait until Thanksgiving Day to give thanks. Start right now, so that by the time November 24 rolls around, you'll be into the thanksgiving habit and out of the complaining habit.

Take a moment to turn to the "My Thank You, God" List and write down the things God *has* given you. Don't forget the spiritual blessings like forgiveness and eternal life. And don't complain about what God *hasn't* given. Instead, **thank him for what he hasn't given - because if it was good for you at this time, he'd have given it.**

In the Old Testament, people would set up piles of stones to help them remember what God had done for them at that place. (e.g When they would pass that place, they'd see the pile of stones and it would remind them of what God had done.) **Take your "Thank You God" list and place it somewhere that you'll see it everyday** and be reminded of all that God has done for you. Then bring it to Thanksgiving Eve Worship as a "Thank" offering to God.

Cultivating an attitude of gratitude will give your spiritual life a lift!

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MMT minutes...

MMT leaders met October 20, 2005 with guest Pastor Dave Stroshein, Mission and Ministry Facilitator from the MN north District.

Pastors Devotion was taken from the New Member Class, which asked, "What are we (the Church) really about?" And that is that we want to point people to Jesus--We are to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus--We don't want people to see us, but to see Jesus through and in us.

Treasurer's Report: We will be going through State Farm Insurance for our Church liability Insurance. It will cost us \$550 a year and they need 25% down by November 1, which is \$130. Paid outstanding bills with the exception of Amundson Attorney.

Moved on to setting the budget for 2006. Pastor Dave Stroshein will ask the district for \$12,600 in subsidy funds. And hope for us to be self-funding by the year 2008.

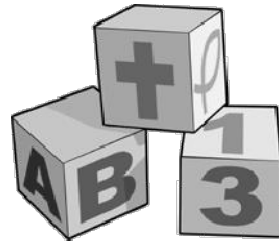
We set the agenda for the Voter's Meeting.

1. Land Up-date
2. 2006 Budget
3. 3-Year Plan
4. Board Reports-Calendar
5. Treasurer's Report

Have set the Children's Christmas Program for Sunday December 18, at 4:00 P.M. with Ham Potluck Supper to follow.



A Minute for Parents...



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Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday School Classes: 3 years to 9th grade **9:15 -10:15**

Sunday Adult Study: *Martin Luther: The Movie and the Man*
Beginning Nov. 6 we will take a close look at the man God used to return the church to its true teaching.

Women's Bible Study: "*Breaking Free*"

11:00 - noon Mondays

An in-depth, Beth Moore study designed to help us break free of the "strongholds" that keep us from experiencing the blessings God has planned.

"What do Missouri Synod Lutherans Believe"

6:30 pm Mondays November 7th & 21st

Find out (or refresh your memory) what our church believes about God, the Bible and current issues. This class serves as the instruction class for those interested in discipleship (membership) at Living Word

Tuesday Prayer and Bible Study - Romans

9:30 @ Agape' Coffee

Join us for a great time of fellowship and walking through books of the Bible. We learn what it means to be righteous in the *book of Romans*.

Men's Group - Is God really our father? Study of 1 John
7:00 p.m. Tuesdays

All Stars 4 Jesus (4th - 6th Graders)

Wednesday -6:00 p.m.

Join us at 6:00 for a light supper followed at 6:30 by lots of fun growing closer to Jesus.

7-8th Graders: Confirmation classes -

6:00 p.m. Wednesday

We get to know God by reading His Diary (the Bible)

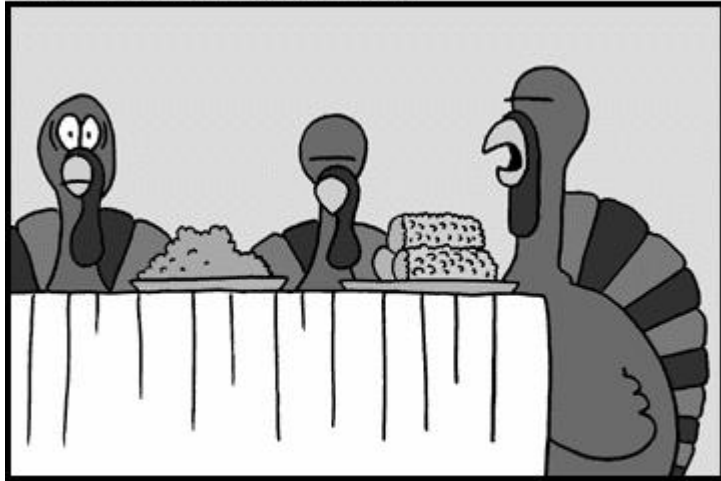
Join us at 6:00 for a light supper before we study at 6:30

9th Graders: 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays

Join us for a light supper at 6:00. We study at 6:30 how to become "Just Like Jesus". After that we help out with All Stars 4 Jesus

10-12 Graders: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Join us to learn what it takes to become "Just Like Jesus"



WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE BOUNTY THAT FARMER BOB HAS BLESSED US ALL WITH THESE PAST FEW MONTHS

duce a plum instead of an apple. It will naturally produce a plum if it's attached to a plum tree. The apple branch doesn't have to "work hard at" producing an apple instead of a pear. It *naturally* produces an apple - if it's attached to the apple tree.

So it is with us. The fruit we produce (in this case, the beliefs our children grow to have) is a natural product of what we are attached to. How strongly are you attached to Jesus? Do you need to get connected again? Sunday worship is a great place to start.

Where are YOU Going?

Dr. Curtis Hutson, former editor of The Sword of the Lord, and before he became a full time pastor, worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Decatur, Georgia. One day at the post office he was sharing the gospel with a lady, telling her that there was only one way to obtain salvation and an eternal home in heaven - through Jesus Christ. The lady offered an alternative analogy. She said she believed getting to Heaven was similar to how several people had gotten to the post office that day. Some had come by bus, some by car on the expressway, some driving across town and some even walking. She pointed out that, that no matter how they got there, whatever route they took, they all ended up at the same place.

Politely, Dr. Hutson replied, "Yes, ma'am, but that's only true if, when you die, you're going to the post office."

What Do Missouri Synod Lutherans Believe ?

Pastor is planning a class that covers the basics of our faith. We'll answer questions like the ones listed below. We'll also attempt to answer whatever other specific questions you have about what we at Living Word believe.

- What do we believe about God ?
- What do we believe about prayer ?
- What are the goals of Living Word?
- What do we believe about the Bible ?
- What is the purpose of the Church ?
- What do we believe about heaven and hell ?
- What do we believe about sin and forgiveness?
- What do we believe about creation and evolution?
- What do we believe about baptism and communion?
- What do we believe about eternal life - who will get it and how?
- What do we believe about current issues facing Christians - like abortion and same-sex marriages?

This class also serves as the instruction class for those interested in discipleship (membership) here at Living Word.

The first class will be Monday, October 3, from 6:30 - 8:30.

Please talk to pastor if you have questions about the class or would like to attend.

God's Goal for You

After God has brought you to place your faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior,

His goal is for you to become more like Jesus. (Romans 8:29)



Here's what we've already seen in our sermon series "Becoming Like Jesus":

+ GOD CAN CHANGE YOU.. Even in those areas of your life that you think *"I can't change - that's just the way I am."* So, you don't have to settle for "that's just the way I am" for the rest of your life.

+ God's Word is the place we learn what it means to be "Just Like Jesus" AND God's Word is also the power to help us become what we learn.

The first Sundays in November we will see how becoming like Jesus means being faithful with the gifts God entrusts to us. Jesus is the ultimate model of a good steward.

Sunday, November 20 will be a special "Faith-Promise" Sunday where we will make commitments to God about the use of the gifts He's entrusted to us. Gifts of our time, our talent and our treasure.

November Discipleship Verse...



Special Services

Advent Midweek Worship

Begins Wednesday, November 30 @ 7:30
Join us for special services that prepare us to celebrate the coming of Christ.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 23 @ 7:30

Join us for a special time of giving thanks to the One "from whom all blessings flow."

We will bring special "Thank Offerings" (see "Give Your Spiritual Life A Lift" article) and celebrate the Lord's Supper (one of the titles for the Lord's Supper is "Eucharist" which means "thanksgiving.").

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(See Psalm 100)

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HAS IT ALREADY BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE WERE THANKFUL?

Opportunities to Learn...

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Martin Luther: *The Movie and the Man*

Sunday Mornings, November 6, 13 and 20

A 3-week study of the man God used to bring the church back to its biblical roots. On November 6 and 13 we will watch the 2003 motion picture *Luther*. Then on the following Sunday, we will talk about some of Luther's accomplishments that are still with us today.

Please join us at 9:15 for coffee, cookies and an excellent movie.

"Doubts About Creation? Not After This."

Starting November 27:

With court cases all over the country trying to prohibit the teaching of creation, it's easy to get talked into the idea that this is one of those "separation of church and state" issues. It's not. It's also easy to get brainwashed into thinking that the *theory* of evolution is "science" and the teaching of creation is "religion." Again, that's not true either. We will take a look at the facts. Facts that show we don't have to apologize for believing in creation by a Creator God.

Please join us at 9:15 for coffee, cookies and the truth of God's Word.

Christmas Program...

This year's Living Word Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday December 18, at 4:00 P.M. with a Ham Potluck Supper to follow.

Mark your calendars and we hope to see everyone there!



November 5-Minutes-a-day Devotional Readings

This Month's Readings: More "Bible Overview in 125 readings (plus Psalm & Proverb)

(Read the major passages of the Bible along with the confirmation students)

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

Oct 31 Exodus 20:1-21 _____

Nov 1 Exodus 32:1-24 _____

Nov 2 Psalm 13 _____

Nov 3 Exodus 34:1-7 _____

Nov 4 Leviticus 18:1-19 _____

Nov 5 Proverbs 2:1-11 _____

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

Nov 7 Numbers 13:1-33 _____

Nov 8 Numbers 14:1-24 _____

Nov 9 Psalm 19 _____

Nov 10 Numbers 22:21-38 _____

Nov 11 Deuteronomy 6:1-25 _____

Nov 12 Proverbs 3:1-12 _____

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

Nov 14 Joshua 2:1-24 _____

Nov 15 Joshua 6:1-27 _____

Nov 16 Psalm 23 _____

Nov 17 Joshua 24:1-31 _____

Nov 18 Judges 2:6-19 _____

Nov 19 Proverbs 3:27-35 _____

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

Nov 21 Judges 16:4-31 _____

Nov 22 1 Samuel 1:1-28 _____

Nov 23 Psalm 24 _____

Nov 24 Luke 17:11-19 _____

Nov 25 1 Samuel 3:1-21 _____

Nov 26 Proverbs 4:20-27 _____

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

Nov 28 1 Samuel 10:1-27 _____


Nov 29 1 Samuel 16:1-13 _____

Nov 30 Psalm 27 _____

Important Insights from the readings:

November

Living Word Lutheran Church - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 30 8:00 - Traditional Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 9:30 - VOTER'S ASSEMBLY 10:30 - Contemporary Worship Led by Youth	31 11:00 Women's Study "Breaking Free"	November 1 9:15 - Prayer @ Agape' Coffee 9:00 - Bible Study - Romans @ Agape' 7:00 - Men's Study	2 5:00 Youth prepare van for painting 6:00 Meal 6:30 All Stars 4 Jesus 7-8th Confirmation 9th Grade Conf. 10-12th Gr. Study	3 6:30 WOMEN'S CRAFT NIGHT Make clothes and jewelry with beading	4 Revolve Tour Leave for Target Center After school	5 Revolve Tour @ Target Center return approx 7:00pm
6 8:00 - Traditional Worship w/ Lord's Supper 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 - Bible Study "Luther: The Movie" 10:30 - Contemporary Worship w/ Lord's Supper	7 11:00 Women's Study "Breaking Free" 6:30 Class "What Does The Missouri Synod Believe?"	8 9:15 - Prayer @ Agape' Coffee 9:30 - Bible Study - Romans @ Agape' 7:00 - Men's Study	9 6:00 Meal 6:30 All Stars 4 Jesus 7-8th Confirmation 9th Grade Conf. 10-12th Gr. Study	10	11	12
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