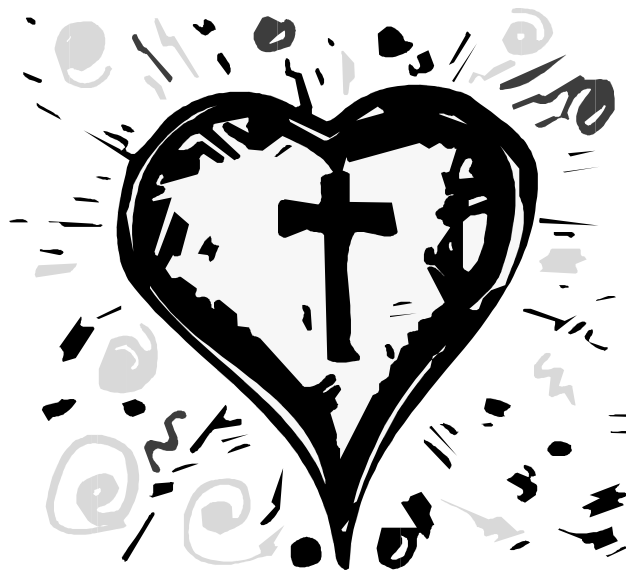




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September 2005
Newsletter



“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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questions for pastor...

"How can the demons believe?"

This question came at our confirmation retreat after we read James 2:14-19

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.....

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.

This passage gets at the heart of what it means "to believe." And knowing what it means to "believe" is a necessity for each one of us, because the Bible tells us at the end of the most-remembered verse in the Bible: "...whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

The passage from James plainly shows us that 'just knowing God exists' isn't the kind of "believing" that God is looking for. It's not enough to know that Jesus is God's Son. It's not enough to know that Jesus really lived on this earth. It's not enough to know that Jesus died and rose. *Even the demons "believe" that.*

The "believing" that God is looking for was summed up by Jesus when He told His disciples (in John 14) "Trust in God. Trust also in me."

TRUST. That's the kind of belief that God is looking for.

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7-8th Graders: Confirmation classes - 6:00 p.m. 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. Join us for a light supper at 6:00. Then we help with the All Stars at 6:30 and at 7:30 we get together to study how God works in our lives to help us become "Just Like Jesus"

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

Join us as we take a look at God's guidance for the issues facing High Schoolers today.

Sunday, September 25: "Doubts About Creation? Not after this!" A presentation for all congregations in the circuit about the Facts on Creation vs the myth of evolution, **2:00 p.m @ Redeemer**

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Jonah 1-4)

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**WE'RE SORRY, YOU ARE OUTSIDE OF CELL
COVERAGE OR INSIDE OF A WHALE**

get growing again...

Jesus compares us to branches connected to a vine. He is the Vine. Our job as branches is to produce fruit - do things that nourish the lives of people around us. Just as a grapevine can only grow and produce fruit when it is attached to the vine, Christians can only grow and produce fruit when attached to Jesus. One of the ways we stay attached to Jesus is by getting into God's Word. If the summer found you not growing very much....

Here are some opportunities to "get growing" again.

Sunday:

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

Adult Study: "God's Grace in the 60's" 9:15 - 10:15 On September 11, we begin a 6-week look at the events of the 60's that have shaped our society for the past four decades. We'll God's guiding presence leading us through the changes and challenges we face today as a result of those 60's events.

Monday:

Women's Bible Study 11:00 - noon

Join us to study faith issues important to women.
Sept 12 and 19 :"Spiritual Warfare - We learn about the weapons God gives us to fight Satan.
Starting Sept. 26: "Breaking Free": 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.

Tuesday:

Prayer and Bible Study - Noon

Join us for a great time of fellowship and walking through books of the Bible. This month we start on the *book of Romans*.

Men's Group - 7:00 p.m. join us each Tuesday to study faith issues important to guys

Wednesday:

4th-6th Graders: The "Living Word All Stars" - **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.

Trust goes beyond just knowing something is true. To trust in something or someone is to *rely on* them. You put your life in their hands in some way. For example, I might "know" that a certain bridge is the most technologically advanced design, and I might know that it has more reinforcements than any other previous bridge. But it's only when I drive over it that I put my trust in it.

So, back to the question. How can the demons believe? They "believe" in that they "know" that God exists. They know he exists, because He created them and they were residents of His heaven until they followed (put their trust in) Satan and were booted out of heaven. They know that Jesus is God's son. He existed in eternity with them. They know that Jesus lived and died and rose. They were there when it happened. They "believe" that Jesus is everything the Bible says about Him, but that "belief" will not save them, because their "belief" stops short of putting their trust in Him, relying on Him and following Him.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See John 4:13-14)

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Confirmation information...

Parents Meeting: Wednesday, September 7 @ 7:00 p.m. For parents of all students in Confirmation classes

8th & -9th Graders returning from last year: Please give pastor any money you still owe for Heidy. (Checks payable to Compassion International) Also turn in any past-due assignments you have.

7-8th Graders: Remember to read one chapter a day in the gospel of John. This assignment needs to be turned in on September 14.

9th Graders: Start in on your New Testament readings

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faith is first of all the parent's job. Starting with fathers: *"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord"*. Ephesians. 6:4 NIV

Take a look at the opportunities to "Get Growing" found elsewhere in this newsletter. Which one will you plug into to help you grow in your own faith as you seek to teach the that faith to your children? God will bless you for doing it.

a story to think about...

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like. "The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand."

It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other. While the greedy think only of themselves.

Fear factor

Are you up for a Challenge?

Find out what the Bible says about FEAR.

Find out how to deal with your FEARS.

and

Be ready to have FUN!

(and maybe get a little dirty too.)

WHEN: Sunday, September 11th
9:00 to 9:15 registration
9:15 to 10:15 challenges

WHERE: Living Word Lutheran
Church in Spicer

PS. parents are also invited to
participate if they DARE.

a minute for parents...

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TEACHING THE FAITH - PART 1

How do your children come to place their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord? How do they grow in that faith, so their relationship of trust and obedience to Jesus becomes ever-closer?

...and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 12:3b NIV

The verse above clearly indicates it is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that anyone comes to faith in Jesus.

The Holy Spirit Works through people.

But the Spirit never works in a vacuum. He doesn't just "zap" people with faith. He works through people - people sharing God's word. This next passage shows us whom God has chosen to work through to teach the faith to children:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Deuteronomy 6:5-8 NIV

God has commanded (not suggested) that parents teach their children about God - who He is, what He's done, what He's said, and why we trust in Him.

Parents are the most important faith teachers

It may come as no surprise that teaching the faith *begins* at home (learning always begins in the home). But what may be surprising is that the biblical model is for the "home" to continue to be the *primary* faith teacher as long as children are at home.

This means that teaching the faith to our children isn't first of all "The Church's job" through the Sunday School, or "The pastor's job" in confirmation class. Teaching the

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opportunities to "share the love of Jesus in practical ways" ...

Invite Someone to Rally Day - Next Sunday

See details elsewhere in the newsletter

Help with our "All Stars for Jesus" Program

for our Wed. evening program for 4-6th graders. we still need

- 1) A meal coordinator
- 2) an adult group leader
- 3) an activity leader

Please talk to Pastor David if you can help. Thanks!

Help Plan our Mexican Fiesta Dinner

Our 3rd Annual Mexican Fiesta Dinner, Saturday October 1st 4:30-7:00 PM at Living Word Lutheran. All proceeds go to the Building Fund. Menu consists of Taco's, Burrito's, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tortilla Chips, Beverage and Dessert. Cost: \$6.00 for adults \$3.00 for kids 3-11 and 2 & under is free. Great place to bring family and friends. Please spread the word, this is open to the community! Tickets will go on sale around September 1st! Please contact Tammy Miller @ 354-4161 (evening) or 354-2021 (day) I need help with advertising, decorations, preparation and serving. I would greatly appreciate any and all help! Thanks!

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.

breaking free...

A new Bible Study for Women -
Starting Monday, September 26.

Breaking Free is an in-depth study by Beth Moore that will take you on a journey unlike other Bible studies you may have been involved in. In Beth Moore's previous studies people like David or Paul have been the main characters. This time *you* are the subject. The journey is yours.

Each of us are products of things that have happened to us in the past. But we don't have to let those past events, people or influences keep us "locked up" for the rest of our lives. We will look to God's Word - focusing on the book of Isaiah - for answers on how to break free of the things that hold you captive.

Breaking Free is an 11-week study that includes both personal, daily assignments and weekly group sessions (Mondays from 11-noon). In the group sessions we will view Beth Moore's video lectures and discuss what we have learned from God's Word about removing the obstacles that get in the way of our relationship with God. The study includes a workbook (cost \$20)

Please talk to Shelli Block (354-2594) if you have questions. Otherwise, just come to Living Word at 11:00 on Monday, September 26.



Little Bobby was spending the weekend with his grandmother. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful.

His grandmother remarked... "doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?"

Bobby said, "Yes, God did it and he did it left handed."

This confused his grandmother a bit, and she asked him "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand!"

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enough just because you got confirmed one day "way back when." Follow Jehoshaphat's example and realize that you can never stop learning about God. Make a commitment to open up your Bible and read every day. You will be amazed at how many times the things you read apply to your life that day. That's not a coincidence. And if you need a place to start, try the daily readings you'll find in this newsletter. God will bless you for it as He did Jehoshaphat and the people of Israel.

... Take your questions (even your complaints) to God.

... Wait around for God's answer.

... Then trust that God does have your best interest in mind and that He really is in control.

september discipleship verse...

***" Let the word of Christ dwell
in you richly..."***

Colossians 3:16a



Need for "Models" - Soon !

Hope Pregnancy Center has a huge need for ultrasound "models" (women who volunteer to receive ultrasound for training purposes). To complete their training our three nurses must perform a number of ultrasounds under the direction of a registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer in late September. **WE NEED HELP IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE!**

If you are in the 1st or 2nd trimester, or know someone who is, and are willing to volunteer, please give Hope Pregnancy Center a call at 235-7619. This will be a very exciting time, and you will leave with a picture of your baby.

a minute for men...

Lessons from Bible Guys: Jehoshaphat

Aside from having one of the "coolest" names in the Bible (other than maybe Zerubbabel), Jehoshaphat sets us a couple of very important examples. One of which we see in these verses from 2 Chronicles 17

In the third year of his reign he sent his officials ...to teach in the towns of Judah.... They taught throughout Judah, taking with them the Book of the Law of the Lord; they went around to all the towns of Judah and taught the people.

As king, Jehoshaphat discovered that the people had little knowledge of God and of God's laws. So, he sent the temple-workers out into the countryside to teach the people. He knew that God's word has power for our lives and that we can never assume that we know it well enough.

We read about the result of his teaching effort in the next verses:

"The fear of the Lord fell on all the kingdoms of the lands surrounding Judah, so that they did not make war with Jehoshaphat. Some Philistines brought Jehoshaphat gifts and silver as tribute, and the Arabs brought him flocks: seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred goats."

God blessed Jehoshaphat for his devotion and godly leadership.

Over 2000 years late Martin Luther discovered the same problem in Germany and came up with his Small Catechism to instruct the people in the basics of God's Word. Martin Luther said, *"You should diligently learn the Word of God and by no means imagine that you know it... The letters of God are to be read three times, seven times, yes, seventy times seven times, or, to say even more, an infinite number of times... I do not want to let the mildew of the notion grow that I know the Scriptures well enough. The devil is a greater rascal than you think he is. His definite design is to get you tire of the Word and in this way draw you away from it."*

Don't assume that you know God and His ways well

sunday morning study...

"God's Grace in the 60's"

The events and philosophies of the 1960's have influenced our country and our lives maybe more than any other decade.

Often there are uncanny parallels between Scripture and the events of history. As we review the 60's we'll note a close parallel to the church of Thyatira described in Revelation 2:18-28. The sixties was a decade of sexual permissiveness and dissension with the established way of doing things. Young people often rebelled against the values of a past generation, abandoning the religious beliefs and standards of their parents. Warnings were given but ignored, much as they were ignored by those in the church of Thyatira.

Each Sunday from **September 18 through October 23** (six weeks) we will take a look at some of the most important events and philosophies that came out of the 60's. We'll see how those events and philosophies have shaped the world we live in today. Most importantly, we'll see how God has used those events in our lives and look to His guidance for the future.

- September 18: **Rebellion against the Establishment**
- September 25: **"Ask Not What Your Country Can Do For You"**
- October 2: **Vietnam and the Cold War**
- October 9: **Beatlemania and "The Andy Griffith Show"**
- October 16: **Free Love and Drugs**
- October 23: **"Fly Me to the Moon"**

For those of you who lived through the 60's this will be a "trip down memory lane." For those born after the 60's it will be a great chance to understand the influences that made our society what it is today.

Please join us at **9:15** for coffee, baked goods and our study of "God's Grace in the 60's"

september 25th...

Have YOU ever wondered...

What about Carbon dating?

Where did Cain get his wife?

Did dinosaurs live with man?

What about Cave men and the Bible?

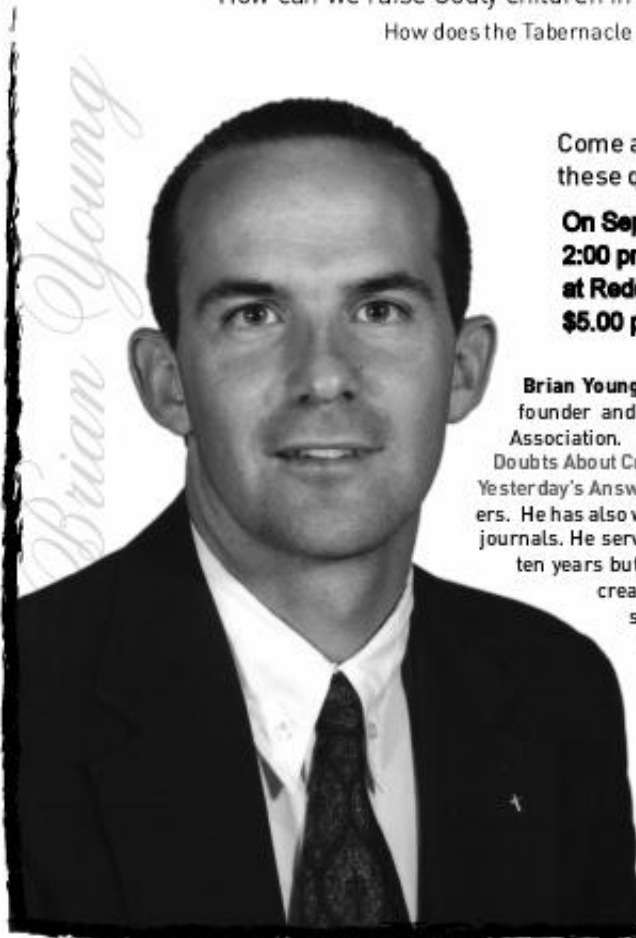
How can we raise Godly children in today's society?

How does the Tabernacle give us a picture of heaven?

Come and hear answers to these questions and others...

On September 25th, 2005
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
at Redeemer Church in Willmar.
\$5.00 per person

Brian Young is a nationally known speaker, founder and director of Creation Instruction Association. He has authored books such as *Doubts About Creation? Not After This!*, *Genesis: Yesterday's Answers to Today's Problems* and others. He has also written for various magazines and journals. He served as a teacher and principal for ten years but currently speaks on the topic of creation and evangelism. He will be speaking on scientific creation as a foundation for good science, theology and moral living.



for more information:
www.creationinstruction.org

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THE revolve TOUR

New! Exciting!

Music * Drama * Speakers * Fun

This event is specifically designed for teen girls, 7th - 12th grades. (Sorry, Mom, this one isn't for you - but you're welcome to come with your daughter.) Sponsored by Women of Faith, but you won't see our regular speakers there - instead we've asked our coolest and hippest young friends to join us...

Friendships

Friends are sooo important! If only they came with guarantees. Hear how to make the most of your friendships, and how to handle it if one goes bad



It's A Guy Thing

What do guys really think? Why do they say what they say? We hear 'em, but what do they mean? We've got the honest truth from a guy about the view from 'the other side'



Real Faith Meets Real Life

Our speakers are real - and they've got real-life experience to share with you. Stuff you can pack in your spiritual survival kit to successfully navigate your own life journey.



What I Think About Me

We've all got it in us to be confident, act confident. But where does self-esteem come from? From 'how to think' to 'who to believe', we'll help you find and appreciate the real, wonderful you.



Find out more at <http://www.revolutour.com>

Group leader:	Shelli Block phone# 320-354-2594
event date:	November 4-5, 2005
event time:	to be announced
event city:	Minneapolis, MN
cost:	to be determined (depends on how many go)
sign up time:	IMMEDIATELY

What do we believe...

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.



To everyone who helped at the Kandiyohi County Fair booth and at the Living Word Block Party in August!!!

September 5-Minutes-a-day Devotional Readings

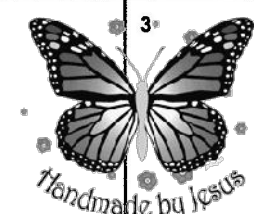
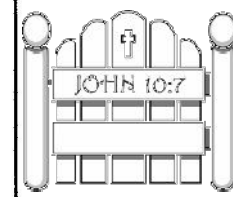


This Month's Readings: selected readings from the book of Hebrews

(Use the lines to record the important insights in that reading)

- Sep 2 Hebrews 1:1-3 _____
- Sep 3 Hebrews 2:14-18 _____
- Sep 4 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed
- Sep 5 Hebrews 3:1-6 _____
- Sep 6 Hebrews 3:12-19 _____
- Sep 7 Hebrews 4:12-13 _____
- Sep 8 Hebrews 4:14-16 _____
- Sep 9 Hebrews 5:7 _____
- Sep 10 Hebrews 5:11-6:3 _____
- Sep 11 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed
- Sep 12 Hebrews 6:9-12 _____
- Sep 13 Hebrews 7:23-25 _____
- Sep 14 Hebrews 7:26-28 _____
- Sep 15 Hebrews 9:11-15 _____
- Sep 16 Hebrews 9:24-28 _____
- Sep 17 Hebrews 10:23-25 _____
- Sep 18 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed
- Sep 19 Hebrews 10:32-39 _____
- Sep 20 Hebrews 11:1-3 _____
- Sep 21 Hebrews 11:5-6 _____
- Sep 22 Hebrews 12:1-3 _____
- Sep 23 Hebrews 12:4-11 _____
- Sep 24 Hebrews 12:14-17 _____
- Sep 25 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed
- Sep 26 Hebrews 12:25-28 _____
- Sep 27 Hebrews 13:1-3 _____
- Sep 28 Hebrews 13:4-6 _____
- Sep 29 Hebrews 13:7-8 _____
- Sep 30 Hebrews 13:15-17 _____
- Oct 1 Hebrews 13:20-21 _____

Important Insights from the readings:

September Living Word Lutheran Church - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
USHERS: 8:00 Duane Hansen 10:30 Chuck Weflen GREETERS: Jim & Janet Towner	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Talk to Violet Dauk if you can help with children's church once a month.	ELDERS: 8:00 Wally Abraham 10:30 Ron Wothe		1 6:00 - Elders Team	2 	3
4 8:00 - Traditional Worship w/ L.S. 9:15 - Bible Study 10:30 - Contemporary Worship w/ Lord's Supper	5 	6 Noon - Prayer 12:15 Bible Study - Daniel @ Glen Oaks Apts	7 7:00 Info Meeting for Parents of Confirmation Students	8 	9	10
11 8:00 - Traditional Worship 9:15 - Sunday School Rally Day "Fear Factor" 9:15 - Bible Study 10:30 - Contemporary Worship Noon - Rally Day Dinner	12 11:00 Women's Study @ Church "Spiritual Warfare" Pastors Conf @ L.I.C	13 Noon - Prayer 12:15 - Bible Study - Romans @ Glen Oaks Apts	14 6:00 Meal 6:30 7-8th Confirmation 7:30 9th Grade study 10-12th Gr. Study	15 7:30 - Mission & Ministry Team Plan yearly calendar Finish revising 3-year plan Begin budget prep	16 6:00 Scholl - Wold Wedding Rehearsal	17 3:00 Scholl - Wold Wedding
18 8:00 - Traditional Worship w/ L.S. 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 - Bible Study "God's Grace in the 60's" 10:30 - Contemporary Worship w/ Lord's Supper	19 11:00 Women's Study @ church "Spiritual Warfare"	20 Noon - Prayer 12:15 - Bible Study - Romans @ Glen Oaks Apts	21 3:00 All Stars 4 Jesus bike to Jimmy Appleseed 6:00 Meal 6:30 7-8th Confirmation 7:30 9th Grade study 10-12th Gr. Study	22	23 6:00 Rustad Rehearsal	24 3:00 Alex & Dana Rustad Wedding Vow Renewal @ Bethel
25 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 - Bible Study: "God's Grace in the 60's" 10:30 - Contemporary Worship 2:00 - "Doubts About Creation? - Not after this!" @ Redeemer, Willmar	26 11:00 Women's Study @ church "Breaking Free"	27 Noon - Prayer 12:15 - Bible Study - Romans @ Glen Oaks Apts	28 6:00 Meal 6:30 7-8th Confirmation "All Stars 4 Jesus" 7:30 9th Grade study 10-12th Gr. Study	29 	30	Oct 1 4:30 - 7:00 Annual Mexican Fiesta Dinner