

Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

**June 2007
Newsletter**

"Communicating the Love of Jesus"



Summer Hours:
Christian Growth Hour: 8:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

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Questions for Pastor...

Someone told me there's a place in the book of Revelation that says people will be forced to get a special identifying mark and without it they won't be able to buy or sell. They told me this is one of the signs that the end of the world is coming. Is that true? (And is it true that there are plans in our country to do that)?



The simple answer - at least to the first question - is, "Yes. That is true. There is a passage in Revelation about an identifying mark needed to conduct transactions" The passage being referred to is in Revelation 13:16-17

He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, [17] so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

"He" refers to the second "beast" referred to in Revelation. This "beast" represents false religious teachings and teachers. It may refer to a specific person who promotes a specific religion. Just prior to the passage above we read: (Rev. 13:15)

He was given power ... and cause all who refused to worship the image (of the first beast - a political "beast") to be killed.

The book of Revelation was written to Christians some 50-60 years after Christ had ascended to heaven. The Christians at that time were undergoing great persecution by the Roman government under emperor Domitian. The Roman government at that time did indeed force people to worship an image of Caesar Domitian (who claimed to be the incarnation of God). There is also evidence that people at that time were forced to

have some kind of identifying mark in order to carry on business.

As to the question of our own government planning to force everyone to have some kind of identifying mark in order to conduct transactions, well.... there's been lots of speculation, rumors and conspiracy theories.

The remainder of this article contains the "scoop" from the website www.truthorfiction.com about a recent email rumor that's been going around since April about our government planning to force us to have an identifying mark.

The email is long narrative by a woman who went through a hassle trying to get a California driver's license after moving there from Alaska. She says she was told by the Department of Motor Vehicles in California that everyone is going to have to have a Federal ID Number which will be implanted under the skin of the left hand and that nothing can be transacted with the government without it.

As to the "Federal ID #":

Legislation was passed in the U.S. Congress under what was called the REAL ID act and sought to establish minimum standards for driver's licenses and identification cards that would be acceptable by Federal Agencies. The legislation prohibits Federal Agencies from accepting IDs for any official purposes that have not been issued based on the requirements of the act... The Department of Homeland Security says this is not a "National ID Card." It is simply an attempt to establish common standards for states to issue licenses and identification cards. The licenses will be issued from each state, not the Federal government.

About the implant:

The part of the email rumor that says a number will be required under the skin of your left hand may have been prompted by questions about whether some of the states may want to embed what are called RFID devices in the drivers licenses. RFID stands for "radio frequency identification" and refers to small, inexpensive chips that are increasingly used for a variety of things including identifying products in stores. It's a high-tech electronic substitute for bar codes. An RFID chip doesn't require

a battery and merely needs to be passed near a special device to be read. RFID devices have also been implanted into animals for identification purposes and there is some use of RFID devices being implanted in humans for the same reason.

This has led to another email rumor...

...which claims that the chip can be implanted into people's bodies and that the two best places for it were the right hand or the head. The story harkens to a Biblical passage in the book of Revelation that describes "The Mark of the Beast," a system in which buying and selling can take place only with the approval of a world ruler who requires his mark to be on the right hand or forehead of every living person.

While the thought of having implanted chips seems to provide a lot of good things such as information for medical emergencies, tracking missing persons, and making purchases simpler, there are a lot of concerns to be overcome. One is security. How secure would your chip be from people you don't want reading it?

The conspiracy theorists do have a point: Systems that have been enacted by governments for one purpose could be used for other, less honorable purposes.

Does all of this have Biblical significance. It could if governments decided to adopt the technology and make it mandatory. At present, it's commercial and voluntary. But it's always good to be reminded that a "Mark of the Beast" type system isn't dependent on technology and could be implemented using something as simple as tattoos.

That's quite a lengthy answer to the question(s). But hopefully it helped to clear up at least a couple of things. If you are interested in more of what the Bible says in the book of Revelation - AND how it impacts your life today - please join us on Wednesdays @ 11:30 for our Revelation study. (If you can't attend at that time, but would like to study Revelation, I'm open to starting a second class in the evenings if there's interest in that.)

Thanks for asking ,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

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"SERVANT AUCTION"

THE YOUTH FUND-RAISER CONTINUES

For those of you who missed our live auction, you can still help with our fundraiser by "renting" a servant. We have lots of servants waiting to serve (and raise funds for the Igniters' Youth). Please check this list then talk to the servant to schedule them to help you.

Supplemental funds are being applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Kandiyohi Chapter

Anthony Dauk	354-4103	Yard work; playing music, "just about anything"
Peter Erickson	276-8523	Anything you need help with
Joe Johnson	354-3545	"Pretty much anything"
Rebecca Dauk & Dani Skaggs: (Servant team)	354-4103	Babysitting; house cleaning; groom animals; Baking; Yard work
Allan Fuglie	796-6975	Math tutoring "Pretty much anything" - with instructions"
Vince Mische	354-9046	Whatever you need. Can even haul manure
Mariah Welsh	796-6840	Babysit Clean house Laundry Pet sit Yard Work
Emilie Fuglie	796-6975	Pet sit, Baby sit, etc...
Bryson Wachter	894-6378	Anything you need help with.
Pastor Dave	354-4103	Paint a room; Take you to a Twins game
Chuck Weffen	295-2071	Haul stuff in pickup truck

Thanks to everyone who has
already "rented" a servant!!!

Opportunities to "Share the Love of Jesus in Practical ways"...

Help with our Youth Ministry

Can you help with any of these events :

- Chaperone the Valley Fair Day: Thursday, June 14
- Provide a boat for our Fishing Outing (Date to be determined)
- Lead A Bible Study for College-Age Young Adults
- Take a group to the Boundary Waters (whenever it works for you)

Please talk to Pastor if you can serve the Lord any of these ways.

Join our Prayer Force

One of the most practical ways you can share the love of Jesus is by praying for people in need. That's what people on our "Prayer Force" do. The "Prayer Force" is an e-mail prayer chain. You simply receive requests via email, then take those requests to the Lord in prayer.

Phone or e-mail Pastor David to sign up: dvdauk@mail.tds.net

Welcome New People

It's "Moving Season"

PLEASE Keep your eyes open for people who have just bought or rented a home (or apartment) in your area. THEN .

As soon as possible, notify our Visit Coordinator, Violet Dauk (220-0344) She will notify our cookie bakers and move-in visitors to go make a "welcome" visit. More Cookie Bakers & Visitors are also needed. Please call Violet if you can help with either of these. Of course, don't forget to take your own batch of cookies (or whatever) to the new folks to welcome them to your neighborhood too.

"SECRET PAUL" Prayer Program

Secret Pauls... have you sent a note to the person you are praying for just to let them know you are praying? If not, please take some time to do that this week. (Don't forget to send a card for their birthday, too!)

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Help Provide A Scholarship for a Student to Attend Camp at Lutheran Island Camp

If you can help provide money for scholarships to help our VBS students attending camp for one day this year, please contact Pastor David or Bonnie Hansen. Thanks for your help!

Make A Meal Program ...

You will notice special "PRAYER and CARE" cards in the worship attendance folders. Please use these cards to give us the names of people you know who could use a meal. (You can also use the cards to give prayer requests for Pastor and/or the Prayer Force prayer chain). The cards can be filled out and placed in the offering plate. Or you can tell Pastor David or Meal Coordinator Jack Kuppich of someone who needs a meal.



"Remember the good ol' days when we'd just give 'em a Gospel of John?"

THANK YOU !!

To these people who used their teaching gifts this past year in our Sunday School and midweek programs:

Ryan & Shelli Block, Tammy Fuglie, Bonnie Hansen,
Pam Johnson, Bryson Wachter, Tammy Wachter,
Marcia Welsh

E-Mail "Humor" of the Month...

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POSITION OPEN:

Dad, Daddy, Dada, Pa, Pop

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Long-term team players needed for challenging permanent work in an often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work variable hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24-hour shifts on call. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in faraway cities! Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- + The rest of your life.
- + Must be willing to be hated, at least temporarily, until someone needs \$5.
- + Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly.
- + Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf.
- + Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets, and stuck zippers.
- + Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars, and coordinate production of multiple homework projects.
- + Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks.
- + Must be willing to be indispensable one minute and an embarrassment the next.
- + Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap plastic toys and battery-operated devices.
- + Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst.
- + Must assume accountability for the quality of the end product.

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Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

POSSIBILITY FOR ADVANCEMENT & PROMOTION:

If you are lucky, you may be promoted to the position of Grandparent. Of course, you must still retain and fulfill all the responsibilities of Parent while assuming the new title and job responsibilities of Grandparent.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

None required, unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

WAGES AND COMPENSATION:

- + Get this! You pay them! Offering frequent raises and bonuses.
- + A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption
that college will help them become financially independent.
- + When you die, you give them whatever is left.
- + The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

BENEFITS:

While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays, and no stock options are offered, this job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs and kisses for life if you play your cards right.








NEED PRAYER ?

(who doesn't?)

We now have Prayer Partners available to pray with you after worship. Meet them outside the prayer room (across the hall - look for the sign)

June

Living Word Lutheran Church - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 GRADUATION SUNDAY 8:00 History of Christianity 9:00 Combined Worship w/LS 10:15 Fellowship	4 	5 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	6 6:30 am VBS bus leaves for Lutheran Island Camp (return @ 5:30) No Revelation Study today	7	8	9 11:00 - 2:00 Bike Trail Outreach (free water/lemonade)
10 8:00 History of Christianity 9:00 Combined Worship 10:15 Fellowship 	11	12 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	13 11:30 Bible Study: "Revelation" 5:30 - 8:00 VBS "Quest for Truth" 7:00 Sunday School Planning for parents & teachers 7:00 Youth NYG Study @ Johnson's	14 8:00 Youth Leave for Valley Fair 6:00 Elders' Team 7:00 LWML meeting	15 	16 
17 FATHER'S DAY 8:00 History of Christianity 9:00 Combined Worship w/LS 10:15 Fellowship 7:00 Destination Vision / Youth Worship & Study Bonfire @ Blocks	18	19 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	20 11:30 Bible Study: "Revelation" 5:30 - 8:00 VBS "Quest for Truth"	21 6:30 INFO SESSION with ARCHITECT ("So the World May Know") 8:00 Mission & Ministry Team <i>First Day of Summer</i>	22	23 10:00 - 1:00 Spicer Mall Outreach (free cookies/lemonade)
24 8:00 History of Christianity 9:00 Combined Worship 10:15 Fellowship	25	26 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	27 11:30 Bible Study: "Revelation" 5:30 - 8:00 VBS "Quest for Truth" 7:00 Youth NYG Study @ Dauk's	28 	29	30
July 1 8:00 History of Christianity 9:00 Combined Worship 10:15 Fellowship	July 2	July 3 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	July 4 Independence Day No "Revelation" study	July 5	July 6	July 7

June 5-Minutes-a-day Devotional Reading

Readings this week focus on our HEAVENLY FATHER

June 3 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

June 4 Psalm 68:4-6 _____

June 5 Matthew 6:6-15 _____

June 6 Matthew 7:9-12 _____

June 7 1 Peter 1:13-10 _____

June 8 John 14:6-11 _____

June 9 John 14:23-24 _____

Readings this week focus on Godly examples from FATHERS in the Bible

June 10 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

June 11 Matthew 2:13-15 _____

June 12 Judges 13:6-8 _____

June 13 Genesis 18:18-19 _____

June 14 1 Kings 2:1-4 _____

June 15 Acts 10:12 _____

June 16 Luke 15:11-32 _____

Readings this week focus on Instructions to FATHERS

June 17 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

June 18 Luke 11:11-13 _____

June 19 Hebrew 12:5-11 _____

June 20 Colossians 3:21 _____

June 21 Luke 1:13-17 _____

June 22 Deuteronomy 4:9 _____

June 23 Proverbs 10:1 _____

Readings this week focus on more INSTRUCTIONS FOR FATHERS / PARENTS

June 24 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

June 25 Proverbs 22:6 _____

June 26 Proverbs 19:18 _____

June 27 Deuteronomy 31:12-13 _____

June 28 Deuteronomy 6:4-12 _____

June 29 2 Corinthians 12:14 _____

June 30 Ephesians 6:1-4 _____

Readings this week focus on FREEDOM

July 1 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

July 2 1 Corinthians 8:9 _____

July 3 1 Peter 2:11-16 _____

July 4 Romans 8:1-4 _____

July 5 John 8:31-36 _____

July 6 Luke 4:14-21 _____

July 7 2 Corinthians 3:17-28 _____

LIST THE MAJOR THINGS YOU LEARNED FROM THIS MONTH'S READINGS:

REMINDER: Go to www.livingwordlutheran.net
Click on "Pastor's Notes" for Pastor David's comments on the daily Bible readings. You can add your own insights by clicking on "comments" below Pastor's comment

Welcome New Members...

We continue introducing our new members to you with short biographies in this newsletter...

Welcome to... **Linda Dilley**

Ever since I can remember I have felt close to the Lord. I praise God for the gift of faith, and I am in awe of how the Holy Spirit has been working in my life.

My faith history began with baptism and confirmation in Trinity Lutheran Church in New London. I sang in the choir and was active in Luther League until graduating.

In 1967 I was married to David Herman at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. We lived in Willmar and belonged to the Church of St. Mary where I taught CCD for various ages for ten years and sang in the "guitar group" for five years. I was also youth director for three years. Dave and I were divorced in 1984. I have four children, Tom, Mark, Carrie and Daniel.

After going back to school and receiving a Master's Degree in Communication Disorders at SCSU I began work as a Speech-Language Clinician at Kingsland Schools (Spring Valley/Wyckoff). While in SE Minnesota I began a two-year study in the Lay Ministry Institute and was commissioned in the Winona Diocese. I also did Music Ministry for six years at my church in Spring Valley.

In 2000 I resigned my position to move back to the Willmar area to be closer to my family after the deaths of my nephew Andrew and father Bob. It was difficult to leave my job and friends, but after much prayer the answer came.

Before my father became ill, he began going to Shepherd of the Hills and I would go with him whenever I was home for a visit. After moving back, Shepherd of the Hills became my church home. I helped with the New Life outreach and am now a member of Living Word!

My hobbies are singing, playing guitar, gardening, drawing and painting. I also am a Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol Wesota Composite Squadron (I am not a pilot). I currently

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work at Bethesda Pleasant View in the Activity Department and at Hair Designs as a massage therapist.

This congregation and pastor have seen my family through some very difficult times. I cannot ever thank you enough. Your love and prayers have sustained us. I look forward to serving Jesus at Living Word!



Any More Ideas?

Quest For Truth...

(Vacation Bible School)

Every Wednesday Evening in June (from 5:30 - 8:00)

(Supper is included and transportation can be provided if you need.)

For information contact
Bonnie Hansen (796-5605),

Mona Hjelle (354-4315), or Rachel Tri (796-0681).

(It's not too late to bring your child - or some from the neighborhood)

Special VBS Outing on June 6 (This Wednesday)

We will be leaving at 6:30am for Lutheran Island Camp (near Henning) to participate in VBS Day at camp. We will return by 5:30pm. Please talk to Bonnie, Mona or Rachel today if you haven't signed up for the camp outing.

So That the World May Know...

Capital Fund Raising Campaign UPDATE:

"When we follow where God guides,
He always provides."

ARCHITECT INFORMATION SESSION

JUNE 21 @ 6:30

An architect who works with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund will be here to give us some info on possible designs in our price range.

Pastor Strohschein from the District Office will also be here to explain some special financing options available from Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

Everyone is welcome and encourage to attend this info session!

As of this printing we thank the Lord for the commitments we have received from 27 families with gifts totaling \$77,000. Added to the \$32,000 we have remaining after purchasing land we have \$110,000 - well over half the way toward our goal of \$190,000! Pledge cards can be

Coming Soon...



Lutherans For Life...

We have several people interested in forming a Lutherans for Life chapter here in the New London - Spicer area. If you are interested in helping with this, please talk to Violet Dauk.



LWML...

(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)
First Meeting for Living Word LWML will be June 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

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THE BACK PEW - Jeff LARSON



A SCRIPTURE FOR THE GRADUATES
"For I know the plans I have for you,"
Declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you
and not to harm you. Plans to give you
hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11



God's Blessings to the 2007 High School Graduates:

Becca Johnson - New London
Wade Elton - New London
Erica Bjork - Paynesville

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A real sheepskin...



Thanks to Blaine
AT SHEPHERD GRADUATION

Opportunities to Serve...

Cold Water / Lemonade Giveaway on Bike Trail

Saturday, June 9 from 11am - 2pm.

This is a simple way of sharing the love of Jesus that anyone can help with. Please talk to Pastor or Bryson Wachter if you can help for just an hour.

Outreach at Spicer Mall

Saturday June 23 at the Green Lake Mall
from 10am - 1pm

Another simple way of sharing the love of Jesus with our community. We plan to wash windshields, give away free lemonade and cookies. Please talk to Pastor or Bryson if you can help for just an hour with this outreach.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING

What better time to plan for next year than when this year is fresh in our memories?

Are you interested in helping us have an exciting Sunday School program that excites the students and helps them learn about God in fun ways they will remember? Please join us **Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.** for a planning meeting.

This meeting is for parents, teachers, past teacher and everyone who has a heart for our kids learning about Jesus. THANKS!

June Discipleship Verse...



*"We aim to give glory to God,
making disciples - as we go,
wherever we go - by being a
joyful, caring, Christ-focused
family of God."*

Living Word Mission Statement

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Opportunities to Grow...

"History of Christianity"

Sunday Mornings at 8:00 in the Sanctuary

This month we finish up looking at the struggles of the Middle Ages and move into the Reformation Era learning about people God used to bring the church back to its foundation - focused on Christ.

"Everything in the present makes so much more sense when you understand the things that happened in the past."

Please join us before summer worship for this informative look at our Christian heritage.

Bible Study: 1 Samuel

Tuesdays at noon at Geneva Olson's in New London.

Join us as we learn lessons for today from Old Testament people like Hannah, Samuel, Eli, David, Saul and Jonathan.

Bible Study: The Book of Revelation

Wondering just what God is saying in this book? Confused about the prophecies of the End Times? We just started taking a look at this great book of encouragement and hope. Please join us Wednesdays over the lunch hour - (starts at 11:30) at Church.

National Youth Gathering Bible Study

Will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13 at Joe Johnson's in New London

Wednesday, June 27 at Anthony & Rebecca Dauk's in New London

NOTE: All youth are invited -
you don't have to be going to Florida to attend the study.