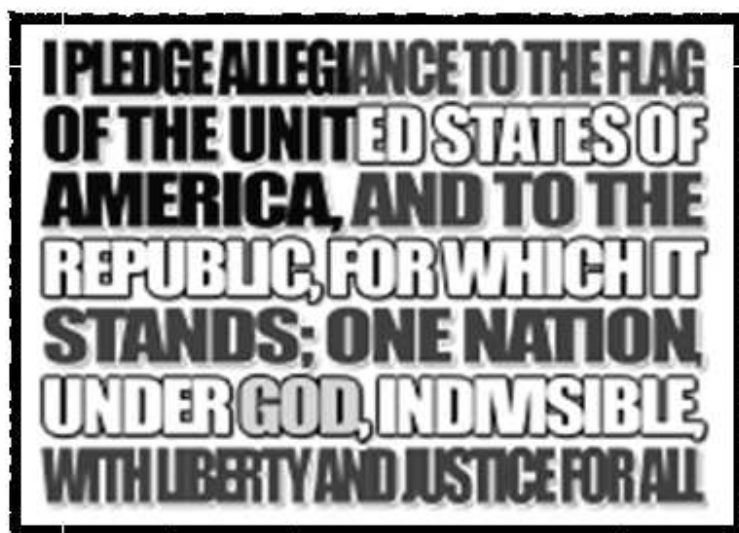


Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

July 2008 Newsletter
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"



Worship Hours:
Christian Growth Hour: 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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Question for Pastor...

Do We Turn Into Angels When We Die ?

At Vacation Bible School last month, the 3rd and 4th Graders had an impromptu "stump the pastor" session. Their questions weren't really designed to stump the pastor but came from a sincere desire to know more about God. This is one of the great qualities I see in kids: They aren't afraid to ask their questions. It seems that as we grow older we still have lots of questions, but now - more likely than not - we are afraid to ask them. The question above came during one of our Q & A sessions.

Some questions take a while to answer. This one didn't. This question has a simple, one-word answer: No. (Angels were created as angels - ministering spirits. Humans were created as humans. Throughout eternity both will remain what they were created to be. Angels will always be angels. Human beings will always be human beings.)

That was an easy question to answer, but it reminded me of another question: If that's not what the Bible teaches, where do people get the idea that we turn into angels when we die? One answer that came to my mind right away was "Movies."

Some of you will remember the old movie that gets a lot of air play each Christmas: *It's a Wonderful Life*. I doubt that's where the humans-die-and-turn-into-angels idea originated, but it sure popularized the belief. That movie had a great message, but some of the details of the message certainly weren't biblical. More recently there was another movie with a good message, *Angels in the Outfield*. But one of the angels in the story makes this statement about a ballplayer who has only six months to live, "Soon he'll be one of us," teaching another generation the unbiblical idea that we become angels when we die.

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I could go on for probably hundreds of pages about unbiblical ideas that are taught in movies - like the idea that everyone who dies goes to heaven. But there's a larger point to be made. The point that we need to be very discerning when it comes to religious ideas that come out of the entertainment industry whether it's movies or TV shows or music or novels or greeting cards. (One of my pet peeves is the "Greeting card (and email) angels" who are made to look like cute, slightly chubby toddlers with wings. But you will never, ever, ever find anyone encountering an angel in the Bible and responding, "Oh, cute!" On the contrary angels are always immensely powerful beings, and because of that they inspire fear when they make themselves known.) There are all sorts of ideas that come out of people's imaginations that make for a good story, but that are not biblical. At best these ideas can be "wrong but pretty harmless," and at worst these ideas can be totally contrary to what God has revealed to us in the Bible.

Being discerning about religious teachings is not always an easy thing. As we saw in our recent study on New Age teachings, just because you hear terms that are used in the Bible, (like "angels", "salvation", "sin," "Christ," etc...) doesn't mean that those terms are given the same meaning as in the Bible. For example, New Age teachings (along with many other religions) catch the attention of Christians when they refer to "Jesus" in an honorable way. But when you dig deeper you find that they teach Jesus was just another human who set us an example. They'll tell you he's not really God-in-the-flesh and certainly his death didn't pay for our sins.

In short, if you want to know what to believe about God and all things spiritual don't get your beliefs from the entertainment industry. Get them from the Bible. (And remember, just because something sounds like it could be in the Bible, doesn't mean that it really is).

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Important Dates...

Monday, July 7 - Living Word Shirt Order Forms Need to Be Returned

Saturday, July 19 - Waterdays Parade Outreach - Talk to Laurel Iverson if you can help.



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E-mail Humor...



A sidewalk preacher stood on a soapbox downtown and started a rousing sermon on salvation, ending with, "Brothers and Sisters, if you want to go to Heaven, come stand by me!"

Half of those standing around joined the preacher, and he went on, raising his voice and fervor, again with the call, "Brothers and Sisters, if you want to go to Heaven, come stand with me!"

Half of those left came over and the preacher continued, ending again with the call to Heaven. This time, all but one man came over.

"Brother!" the preacher called, "Don't you want to go to Heaven when you die?"

The man said, "Oh sure, when I die. I thought you were taking a load up now!"

Check Out Our "Project Connect" Booklets

(In the booklet rack outside the church office)

There are quite a few new booklet titles in the rack. Look them over and take one to a friend or neighbor who is looking for direction in a certain area of life.

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E-Mail Wisdom...

Note: I purposely didn't include the ending to this story. How would you end it? Send me an email with your ending (or write one out and give it to me).

A ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert-like island.

The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no other recourse but to pray to God. However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island. The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren.

After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship wrecked nearby, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the island. On the other side of the island, there was nothing.

Eventually the first man decided to pray for clothes and more food. The next day, all of these were given to him as the belongings from yet another shipwreck were washed ashore. However, the second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found that overnight a ship had anchored on his side of the island. The first man was welcomed aboard the ship along with his wife and he decided to say nothing of the other man, but instead leave him on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings since obviously none of his prayers had been answered.

As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice booming.....

Email your ending to this story to dvdauk@tds.net

We'll print them in the August Newsletter (we won't print your name if you don't want)

That for a day: Every day is a gift; that's why they call it the present.

Resources for Parents...

JC PlayZone - for kids

The JCPlayZone website is offered by Lutheran Hour Ministries as a safe online play space for children ages 2-6 and their parents.

We introduced this website to the kids at VBS and we had the interest and attention of all the 1-4th graders too! Here's what you'll find on JCPlayZone:

- Games (make sure the adults let the kids have a turn)
- Word Puzzles
- A daily kid-sized devotion
- Bible stories (read by kids)
- Printable coloring pages
- A greeting card page (kids can create and send an email card to someone)
- A recipe page - for kids
- A craft page with some cool crafts for the kids to make
- A music page with songs they can learn to sing

Check it out! <http://www.icplayzone.com/>



JC ParentZone - for parents (obviously)

A companion website to JCPlayZone. This site provides "news and notes for parenting families." What you'll find on the site:

- Blogs by Christian parents
- Parenting Situations" - "how to" deal with all sorts of real-life situations
- Articles (on everything from Only Children to Bullying)
- Spiritual Q & A (e.g. "If God is a God of love why does he allow innocent people to die?")
- All sorts of great links for parents

Check it out too! <http://www.icparentzone.com/>

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That for a day: Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Living Word Shirts...

People wear t-shirts to let people know what "team" they are on. Now you can let people know you are on Jesus' team here at Living Word. Jamie Iverson has created a special "Living Word" designs for both t-shirts and polo shirts. Several colors are available with each style. Check out the styles and place your order on the order forms available. Note: Sweatshirts and v-neck t's may be ordered even though they are not shown on the order form.

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH *Shirt Order Form*



Order forms available at church!

Need Something Good To Read This Summer?

Grab a Today's Light Bible (if you don't already have one). Start reading the daily readings. You'll be amazed at the difference it makes to have God's Word in your life every day. If you have a Today's Light Bible and have gotten away from the readings - pick it up and start your summer reading today. God will bless you for it.

New Schedules...

July/Aug/Sept Scripture Readers

If you aren't able to serve on your Sunday, please call someone and switch with them. Thanks!

July 6	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
July 13	Allan Fuglie	796-6975
July 20	Janet Towner	444-0125
July 27	Wally Abraham	354-2615

Aug 3	Tammy Wachter	796-6222
Aug 10	Duane Hansen	796-5605
Aug 17	Scott Wachter	796-6222
Aug 24	Wally Abraham	354-2615

Sept 7	Jack Kuppich	254-8355
Sept 14	Tris Mische	354-9046
Sept 21	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
Sept 28	Mona Hjelle	354-4315

July/Aug/Sept Fellowship Servers

If you aren't able to serve on your Sunday, please call someone and switch with them. Thanks!

July 6	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
July 13	Elaine Abraham	354-2615
July 20	Tris Mische	354-9046
July 27	Linda Dilley	235-0235

Aug 3	Bonnie Hansen	796-5605
Aug 10	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
Aug 17	Nancy Jo Wendt	354-2398
Aug 24	Donna Peterson	354-5247
Aug 31	Janet Towner	444-0125

Sept 7	Pam Johnson	354-3545
Sept 14	Laurel Iverson	354-4932
Sept 21	Elaine Abraham	354-2615
Sept 28	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975

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That for a day: God must work in you before God can work on you.

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Don't Take A Summer Vacation

...From Worship

Summer plans may take you many places, but your summer will go better when you make time for worship - no matter where your plans take you.

Usher & Greeter Schedules

Quarterly Usher & Greeter Schedule

Head Usher for the Quarter: Bryson Wachter

If you are not on this list and would like to be, please tell Pastor David

If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please call to switch with someone, then inform the Head Usher of the change. Thanks!

Ushers

Greeter

July 6	Jamie Iverson & Mark Fuglie
July 13	Wally Abraham/Charlie Carver
July 20	Duane Hansen/Jack Kuppich
July 27	Lonny Robbin/Chuck Weffen

Lu Kiehm
Laurel Iverson
Janet Towner
Violet Dauk

Aug 3	Jason Miller/Kevin Welsh
Aug 10	Joe Johnson/Anthony Dauk
Aug 17	Troy Hansen/Bryson Wachter
Aug 24	Janet Towner/Linda Dilley
Aug 31	Mona Hjelle/Pam Johnson

Lu Kiehm
Laurel Iverson
Janet Towner
Violet Dauk
Bryson Wachter

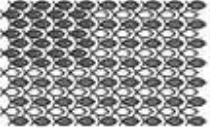
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Sept 14	Wally Abraham/Charlie Carver
Sept 21	Duane Hansen/Jack Kuppich
Sept 28	Lonny Robbin/Chuck Weffen

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Laurel Iverson
Janet Towner
Violet Dauk

It's A Sign! Literally....

If you haven't done so recently, drive past our land on County Road 9 and check out the marquee sign we are now using to inform the community of events at Living Word. We'll also use the sign to "plant seeds" of the Gospel as well as remind of important community events.

July 2008 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 29 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	June 30 Youth Valley Fair Day	July 1 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Building Committee	July 2 Noon Study: LifeLessons from Bible Characters	July 3	July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 	July 5 Cookie Outreach
6 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - "New Age-Old Lies" 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	7	8 No Noon Study This Week 6:00 Building Committee	9 Noon Study: Life Lessons 7:00 MEN'S STUDY "No Ordinary Men"	10 7:00 Elders' Team 7:00 LWML	11	12 8:00 MEN'S STUDY "No Ordinary Men" Cookie Outreach
13 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	14	15 No Noon Study This Week Building Committee (Check for specific time)	16 Noon Study: LifeLessons from Bible Characters	17	18	19 Cookie Outreach WaterDays Parade Outreach
20 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	21	22 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's Building Committee (Check for specific time)	23 Noon Study: LifeLessons from Bible Characters 7:00 MEN'S STUDY "No Ordinary Men"	24 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	25	26 8:00 MEN'S STUDY "No Ordinary Men" Cookie Outreach
27 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	28	29 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's Building Committee (Check for specific time)	30 Noon Study: LifeLessons from Bible Characters	31	Aug 1	Aug 2 Cookie Outreach

July 1 5-Minutes-A-Day

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We start with a couple of the smaller books of prophets in the Old Testament, then take a little detour through some of the Apostle Paul's books of the New Testament. (In parentheses are verses to focus on if you are short on time that day)

June 29 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 30 Micah 1:1-2:13 (2:1-13)

July 1 Micah 3:1-4:13 (4:1-13)

July 2 Micah 5:1-15 (5:1-4)

July 3 Micah 6:1-16 (6:1-8)

July 4 Micah 7:1-20 (7:18-20)

July 5 Nahum 1:1-3:19 (1:1-15)

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

July 7 1 Corinthians 1:1-2:16 (1:1-24)

July 8 1 Corinthians 3:1-4:21 (4:1-21)

July 9 1 Corinthians 5:1-6:20 (5:1-13)

July 10 1 Corinthians 7:1-40 (7:1-24)

July 11 1 Corinthians 8:1-9:27 (8:1-13)

July 12 1 Corinthians 10:1-33 (10:14-33)

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

July 14 1 Corinthians 11:1-12:31 (11:17-34)

Today's Light Devotional Readings

July 15 1 Corinthians 13:1-14:40 (13:1-13)

July 16 1 Corinthians 15:1-58 (15:35-58)

July 17 1 Corinthians 16:1-24 (16:1-9)

July 18 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:17 (2:1-17)

July 19 2 Corinthians 3:1-4:18 (3:6-18)

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

July 21 2 Corinthians 5:1-21 (5:14-21)

July 22 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:16 (7:1-16)

July 23 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15 (9:1-15)

July 24 2 Corinthians 10:1-11:33 (10:1-18)

July 25 2 Corinthians 12:1-13:14 (12:1-10)

July 26 Galatians 1:1-2:21 (1:1-24)

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

July 28 Galatians 3:1-29 (3:1-14)

July 29 Galatians 4:1-31 (4:1-20)

July 30 Galatians 5:1-6:18 (5:1-25)

July 31 Ephesians 1:1-23 (1:1-14)

Aug 1 Ephesians 2:1-22 (2:1-10)

Aug 2 Ephesians 3:1-21 (3:1-13)

So That The World May Know...

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Building Committee Update

This past month our Building Committee has:

- Chosen an architect: Rand Shaper of St. Cloud
- Entered into an agreement with Mr. Shaper to provide construction management services
- Visited some of the projects Mr. Shaper has designed
- Begun work on a design for Living Word

Please keep our building committee in your prayers and thank you for your pledges.

These Mission and Ministry Team Officers began serving their elected term on July 1st.

<u>Chairman</u> -	Mark Fuglie
<u>Secretary</u> -	Tammy Fuglie
<u>Elders</u> -	Jason Miller, Kevin Welsh
<u>Community Outreach Director</u> -	Laurel Iverson
<u>Christian Growth Youth</u> -	Pam Johnson
<u>Stewardship</u> -	Duane Hansen
<u>Director of Trustees</u> -	Lonnie Robbin

Please keep these leaders in your prayers and thank them for their service to God and our congregation.

July Discipleship Verse...



*"The Lord your God is with you,
He is mighty to save. He will take
great delight in you, He will quiet
you with His love, He will rejoice
over you with singing."*

Zephaniah 3:17

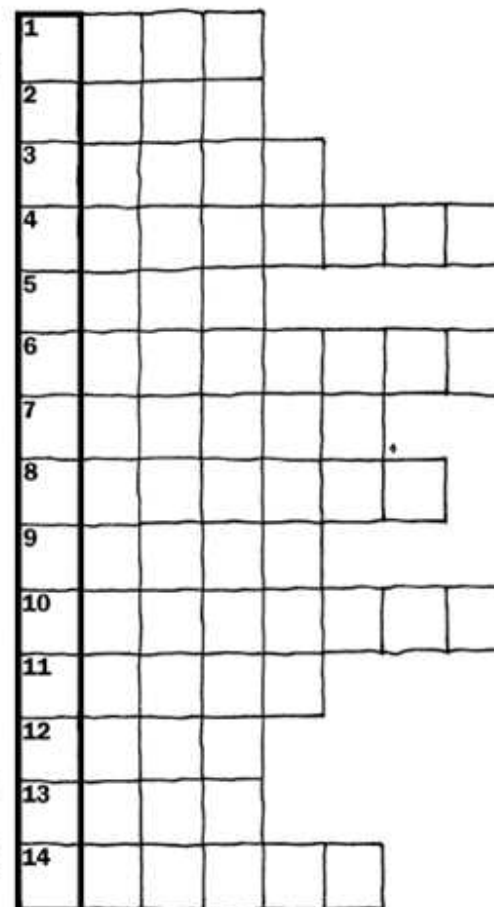
Just For Fun...



In the Old Testament there is a story of a city which had no food, and all the people inside the city walls were starving to death! But outside its gates were some people who found huge amounts of food - who were these people?

To find out, fill in the clues,
and read the answer down from
here:

1. Knife and
2. Big, scary, monster human
3. Opposite of tie up
4. Famous NZ rugby shield
5. Something you do with your tongue
6. Big animal with big ears
7. Brother of a princess
8. Beautiful sky arch during showers
9. Another word for 'bad smell'
10. Handheld rain-deterrent
11. Thing worn on the feet
12. Small rodent with a long tail
13. What we hear with
14. Sewing tool



ANSWER: see 2Kings 7:3

Share the Love of Jesus In Practical Ways...

Share the Love of Christ with a Card or letter:

- **Jessica Jones** (granddaughter of Elaine Abraham's friend Billie Nadeau) mother of three who has leukemia. 11978 191 1/2 Av NW # 207, Elk River, MN 55330
- **Orville Gulden**, 7601 Lyndale Av So, Richfield, MN 55423

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.

"Secret Paul" Prayer Partner Program

Reminders:

- **Secret Pauls:** Don't forget to send your person a note if they have a birthday in July.
- **Parents:** If you have specific things your kids need prayer for during the year, please place those requests in the Secret Paul request box. Thanks.

Make Some Cookies for Campers

We are attempting to provide cookies for the RV Campers at Westrich RV park each Saturday through the summer as a way of welcoming them to our area and welcoming them to worship with us on Sundays. The park manager says "The cookies are a hit." Talk to Pastor or Violet if you can bake cookies for this outreach. Thanks!



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Thot for a day: A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.

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Be Part of NEW NEIGHBOR OUTREACH

STARTING THIS WEEK.

Lutheran Hour Ministries has designed a program for congregations to demonstrate God's care by reaching out and welcoming people who have recently moved into the area. **We'll need lots of help to do this up right, (but thankfully there's something that just about everyone can help with).**

- If you can bake... We Need Cookie/Bar Bakers
- If you have good handwriting... We need people to address the post cards that we will be mailing to welcome people to our area.
- If you can drive a car (or ride along) and like to make people happy... We need people to deliver the "Welcome" boxes
- If you can pray... We need people to pray for those who receive the "Welcome" boxes (and for those who make the deliveries)

If you haven't had a chance to sign up to be a part of this ongoing outreach, please talk to Bryson Wachter who is coordinating this effort.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Prayer in school? no. 10 Commandments? no. One nation under God? no. Separation of church and state? yes. NOW WHAT AGAIN IS IT THAT WE ARE CELEBRATING ON JULY 4TH?

More Opportunities to Grow...

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

"Life Lessons from Bible Characters"

Join us at noon each Wednesday to discover the lessons for life that we can learn from Bible characters like Joseph, Joshua, Mary, Hannah, Elisha, Gabriel, Rahab

Here are some examples of lessons we've learned recently:

Priscilla & Aquilla:

- When instructing someone who is off-base spiritually Speak the truth, but do it in love, not from an "I'm right and you're wrong" perspective
- Hospitality can go a long way in helping someone grow closer to God

Apollos:

- Don't ever think you know it all - be open to correction
- Be bold
- Make sure people follow Jesus and not you



Rahab:

- God can use you no matter what you've done in the past
- When you have faith in God you need to act on that faith

We take requests for this study. Let us know if there's a Bible character that intrigues you.

Men's Studies: "No Ordinary Men"

Every other week at the church. We finish this study by looking at "The secret to contentment in the journey of life."

- Evening Study next on Wed, July 9 @ 7:00pm
- Morning Study next on Sat, July 12 @ 8:00am

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That for a day: If you can't sleep, don't count sheep: talk to the Shepherd.

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Church Bulletin Bloopers...

Real church bulletin notices... (read closely)

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang I will not pass this way again, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: 'Break Forth Into Joy.'

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.