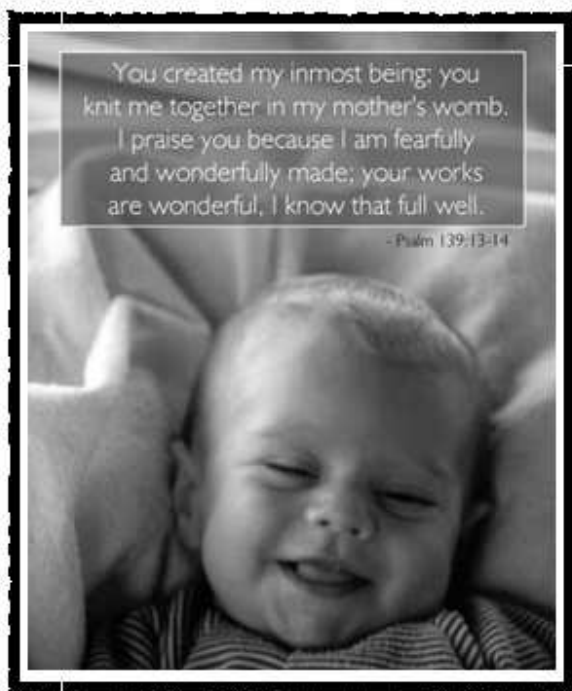


Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

May 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...

Where are we at with our building program ?

This is a question I've been asked quite frequently as of late. And I'm glad. It shows that you are interested and excited to keep moving forward with our building plans.



Here's a brief snapshot of where we are at:

A couple months ago our Building Committee members worked on putting together several different possibilities for floor plans (6500 square feet maximum). While the floor plans differed in specifics (for example, some were single-level and others included space under a main level), the group came to a general consensus on things such as the necessary size and placement for specific rooms. They also decided that the next step needed to be bringing an architect on board. An architect will be able to look at our example floor plans and tell us what is feasible and what is not feasible given our cost constraints.

Several architects have been recommended to the committee. This is good as the committee felt it is best to interview more than one architect to get different perspectives and options. Therefore, we have been praying for God's guidance in our choice of an architect. We would like to choose one that will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance in this project, someone who will not just propose a "cookie-cutter, one-size fits all" design.

We had an interview set up for this past week with one of the recommended architects. A few days prior to the meeting that architect called and cancelled, saying that he didn't feel he could take on a project of this size at this time. God obviously is answering our prayers and has someone else in mind for us.

We are now in the process of contacting the other architects that

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have been suggested to set up interviews with them. We would ask that each of you pray for God's continued guidance in this very important decision. Ask Him to open the eyes of the Building Committee to see which architect He has chosen to lead our project.

In late December we finalized the purchase of our land, so we now have "free and clear" in our name the 7.35 acres just north of the New London township hall. (We are looking for ideas of special events to hold at our land this summer. If you have an idea, please let us know.) We also have over \$50,000 in our building fund account. Last week we held a garage sale fundraiser and applied to Thrivent for matching funds. Continue to pray that God will provide the funds we need, so that our loan amount will be manageable.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Elected... to Mission & Ministry Team Positions

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

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

Please also thank these leaders who have completed their terms of service:

Elder Duane Hansen, Secretary Mona Hjelle, Stewardship Director Janet Towner, Outreach Director Tammy Fuglie and Trustee Director Randy Nissen

Upcoming Events...



Sunday, May 4

Confirmation Sunday

Joe Johnson, Mariah Welsh and Kristina Scholl make their faith commitments

Sunday, May 11

"Youth Choir" sings for Pentecost/Mothers' Day Worship

Wednesday, May 14

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New Men's Study begins at 7:00

Saturday, May 17

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Mother-Daughter/Friend Luncheon

Sponsored by the LWML

10:00 Pictures

11:00 Program

Noon Salad Luncheon

Sunday, May 18

Old Fashioned Sunday School Picnic After worship.

Wednesday, May 21

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"In My Community"

Forum about destructive decisions youth are making

At NL-S from 5:30-7:00

Friday, May 23

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"Make a Difference Day"

Share the love of Jesus in a practical way: Buy someone's lunch

Saturday, May 31st

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MN Ablaze

Sunday, June 1

Reception for Grads and Confirmants After Worship

June 9-13

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Vacation Bible School, Mon-Fri 5:30-8:00

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Thot for a day: It is the daily grind that gives a person polish.

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"Secret Paul" Program 2008...

...Kicked off another year on Sunday, April 20.

Please thank these people for being prayer partners for our young people for the coming year (and don't forget to keep our youth in your prayers too.)

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.

Heather Carver

Pastor David

Violet Dauk

Linda Dilley

Allan Fuglie

Emily Fuglie

Mark Fuglie

Tammy Fuglie

Mona Hjelle

Jamie Iverson

Laurel Iverson

Pam Johnson

Lu Kiehm

Jack Kuppich

Dan Miller

Tammy Miller

Tris Mische

Wendy Robbin

Alex Rustad

Linda Van Meter

Scott Wachter

Tammy Wachter

Bryson Wachter

Kevin Welsh

Nancy Jo Wendt

Mother - Daughter / Friend Luncheon

Spring Salad Luncheon

Saturday, May 17

The LWML is sponsoring a special morning for women.

The fun starts at 10:00 with a picture session (pictures will be taken of you and whomever you bring). A program (with devotion, style show, etc...) will follow at 11:00. At noon a salad buffet will round out the experience.

Bring your mom, bring your daughter, bring a friend, bring an aunt or niece, bring a grandma or granddaughter. It doesn't matter who you bring, just bring someone and have a fun morning.



E-Mail Humor...

Church Bulletin Bloopers...

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

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

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

This evening at 7:00 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10:00 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00 PM. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours'.

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E-Mail Wisdom...

"Drug Problem"

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county, and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied: Well, as a matter of fact, we did have a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning, I was drug to church for weddings and funerals, and I was drug to community socials no matter what the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults, and I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-letter word. I was drug out to the garden to pull weeds out of mom's vegetables and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood; and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for that kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those "drugs" are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say and think. They were stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin; and, if today's children had that kind of "drug" problem, I daresay America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who "drug" their kids.

Thot for a day: The best cure for shaking knees is to kneel on them.

Youth Choir Practice...

Sunday May 4 and Sunday May 11 from 9:25- 9:50
We will be singing on Pentecost (Mothers' Day)



The spring event you won't want to miss: Minnesota ABLAZE!

Minnesota ABLAZE, a joint event of the Minnesota North & Minnesota South Districts of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) will be held Saturday, May 31st, 2008 at Lake Geneva Christian Center in Alexandria.

Connect with Lutherans from across Minnesota for an exciting day of music, prayer, keynote speakers and breakout sessions. Special children's activities and a variety of accommodations make this an event for all ages.

Minnesota ABLAZE "You will receive power" (Acts 1:8) is for families, individuals, church groups, church workers and entire congregations! Be engaged, energized and equipped for sharing the Good News of Jesus with those who don't yet know Him.

Keynote speakers include Dr. Gerald Kieschnieck, LCMS President (via video), Rev. Scott Snow (LCMS Board for Mission Services) and Rev. William Yonker (Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran, East Dundee, Illinois). Hear what God is doing around the world as people's hearts are ignited with Christ's love.

Connect with a number of local and global mission agencies at the Mission Fair and participate in your choice of breakout sessions focused on various aspects of outreach ministry. Discover exciting opportunities for ministry in Minnesota and beyond!

The Christian music group, Echelon with special guest Beki Hemingway, will lead in worship and perform a special concert Saturday evening. There are a number of meal and lodging packages available, including activities Friday through Sunday.

Registration for Minnesota ABLAZE opens March 31st. Visit www.mnablaze.org for more information or contact the district offices at 218-829-1781 (MN North) or 952-435-2550 (MN South).

ABLAZE is an exciting movement in the LCMS to involve every congregation and member in the joy of sharing the Good News of Jesus with those who don't yet know Him. By joining together in this effort, not only would those who hear and receive the message of salvation in Christ be transformed by it and brought into the body of Christ, but our own church bodies, mission organizations and congregations would be strengthened as members grow in discipleship through mission involvement.

Discover the vision of Ablaze – igniting the world with Christ's love!

Energizing our members to share the hope they have in Christ
Equipping our congregations to be Mission Outposts
Engaging our communities with God's love

New Schedules...

May/June/July Scripture Readers

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

May 4	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
May 11	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
May 18	Wally Abraham	354-2615
May 25	Kevin Welsh	796-6840

June 1	Jamie Iverson	354-4932
June 8	Linda Dilley	235-0235
June 15	Mark Fuglie	796-6975
June 22	Wally Abraham	354-2615
June 29	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975

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

May/June/July Fellowship Servers

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

May 4	Janet Towner	444-0125
May 11	Pam Johnson	354-3545
May 18	Laurel Iverson	354-4932
May 25	Elaine Abraham	354-2615

June 1	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
June 8	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
June 15	Stacy Olson	212-9647
June 22	Violet Dauk	220-0344
June 29	Youth Serve	

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

Make A Difference Day...

If you could, would you try to make a difference in the lives around you with a random act of kindness? This question is what created an event called...

"The Drive-thru Difference."

The event poses the question, "Would you pay the bill for people behind you at a fast-food drive-thru, even though they were strangers to you?"

On Friday, May 23rd, area churches are urging people to make a difference by paying for the order of a person behind them in a drive thru and leaving a card to explain the reason for the generosity.

Actually, we might accept this challenge with an inward motive being to lift our own spirits, but the deeper, more meaningful outcome would be that we have achieved the significant satisfaction of making the day of someone unknown to us. We have lit a candle in the darkness that may have surrounded the stranger and as a result we can go forward rejoicing with our own spirits lifted. *"As you would that men should do to you, do you also to them likewise."* Luke 6:31

If you would like more information and/or copies of the card being handed out, please contact Bryson Wachter.

Today's Light Bible Readings

In one of Jesus' appearances after He rose from the grave we heard two disciples exclaim *"Weren't our hearts burning within us while He opened the Scriptures to Us?"* When was the last time you had "heartburn" from the excitement of understanding something in Scripture?

If you haven't done so yet, make a commitment to get some "heartburn" by taking home a Today's Light Bible, starting the daily readings and asking Jesus to "open" your heart to the insights they contain.

If you've gotten away from your daily readings... Today would be a great time to get some "heartburn" again. This week's readings are found in the "May 15 Minutes A Day Readings" pages.

Vacation Bible School...

IT'S SOON TIME FOR VBS!

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! This year our theme for it is, "Forever Friend, Jesus Christ." The date is set for June 9th-13th, Monday thru Friday, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The ages are from 3 years old to thru the 5th grade. An article I read asked, "so what is so special about VBS? And what makes it a unique part of our Living Word's Ministry?"

1. VBS gives a solid amount of time with kids. We will have 12 1/2 hours in 5 days to share the love of Jesus. What an opportunity!
2. VBS provides a variety of activities to use to "share the faith" with the children. We share in lesson time - and crafts, playing games, eating, singing and in all the events of the evening. There are lots of ways to touch the life and heart of each child.
3. The singing of VBS songs makes the children's enthusiasm soar! (And mine). I know that we will be singing VBS songs in Heaven!!
4. And most special is sharing the story of Jesus with a child for the first time. We ask God to send to us at VBS especially children and their parents who have never heard the Gospel - and He does! So, I know that God has chosen me to be a part of his plan to make an eternal difference in the children's lives.

I'm also asking you to be a part of that. We will need teacher's, craft people, people to help advertise, someone to do the music, help at the registration table, also help in the kitchen, as we will serve supper each night, people to reinforce the Bible verses and lesson's through puppet's and skits. So I ask that you start thinking of what your part could be in this. And also encourage you to think of your children attending and also your grandchildren and other neighbor kids that would be able to come and meet their "Forever Friend, Jesus Christ."

Please contact Mona Hjelle or Bonnie Hansen. Thanks!

May 2008 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 4 CONFIRMATION DAY 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Sunday School Adult Forum 9:25 Youth Choir Practice 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Confirmation Receptions 12-3 Joe Johnson 1-4 Mariah Welsh	5	6 NOON Bible Study "Habakkuk" @ Geneva Olson's	7 Noon Study: LifeLessons from Bible Characters 6:30 All Stars 4 Jesus	8 7:00 Elders' Team 7:00 LWML	9	10
11 PENTECOST 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Sunday School Adult Forum 9:25 Youth Choir Practice 10:00 Worship (Youth Choir sings) 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 Outreach Team Meeting	12 MN PASTORS'	13 No Noon Study Today CONFERENCE at	14 NO Noon Study Today MADDEN'S in BRAINERD 7:00 Youth decorate for Mother-Daughter banquet 7:00 NEW MEN'S STUDY	15 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	16	17 LWML Mother-Daughter Banquet 10:00 a.m. Pictures 11:00 a.m. Program Noon Luncheon
18 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Sunday School Adult Forum 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC	19	20 NOON Bible Study "Habakkuk" @ Geneva Olson's	21 Noon Study: LifeLessons from Bible Characters 5:30-7:00 "IN MY COMMUNITY" Forum at NL-S	22	23 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY Any Time: Use the drive-thru and pay for what the person behind you orders.	24
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June 1 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Sunday School Adult Forum 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 RECEPTION FOR CONFIRMANDS & GRADS	June 2	June 3 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	June 4 Noon Study: LifeLessons from Bible Characters 7:00 Baccalaureate @ NL-S	June 5	June 6	June 7 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS ON MONDAY, JUNE 9

May 15-Minutes-A-Day

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We have finished the book of 1 Samuel and take a brief New Testament detour through 1 & 2 Peter before heading on to 2 Samuel.
(In parentheses are verses to focus on if you are short on time that day)

May 4 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

May 5 1 Peter 1:1-25 (1:1-21) _____

May 6 1 Peter 2:1-25 (2:1-10) _____

May 7 1 Peter 3:1-4:19 (3:18-22) _____

May 8 1 Peter 5:1-14 (5:5-14) _____

May 9 2 Peter 1:1-2:22 (2:1-22) _____

May 10 2 Peter 3:1-18 (3:1-13) _____

May 11 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

May 12 2 Samuel 1:1-2:32 (1:1-27) _____

May 13 2 Samuel 3:1-4:12 (4:1-12) _____

May 14 2 Samuel 5:1-25 (5:1-16) _____

May 15 2 Samuel 6:1-23 (6:12-23) _____

May 16 2 Samuel 7:1-29 (7:1-17) _____

May 17 2 Samuel 8:1-10:19 (9:1-13) _____

May 18 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

May 19 2 Samuel 11:1-12:31 (12:1-14) _____

May 20 2 Samuel 13:1-14:24 (13:1-39) _____

Today's Light Devotional Readings

May 21 2 Samuel 14:25-16:23 (15:7-37) _____

May 22 2 Samuel 17:1-18:33 (18:1-16) _____

May 23 2 Samuel 19:1-20:26 (19:1-7) _____

May 24 2 Samuel 21:1-22:51 (21:1-25) _____

May 25 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

May 26 2 Samuel 23:1-39 (23:8-17) _____

May 27 2 Samuel 24:1-25 (24:18-25) _____

May 28 1 Kings 1:1-2:46 (1:1-40) _____

May 29 1 Kings 3:1-4:34 (3:1-15) _____

May 30 1 Kings 5:1-7:51 (5:1-18; 6:7-14) _____

May 31 1 Kings 8:1-66 (8:22-43) _____

June 1 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 2 1 Kings 9:1-10:29 (10:1-29) _____

June 3 1 Kings 11:1-43 (11:1-13) _____

June 4 1 Kings 12:1-33 (12:1-24) _____

June 5 1 Kings 13:1-14:31 (14:21-31) _____

June 6 1 Kings 15:1-16:34 (16:29-34) _____

June 7 1 Kings 17:1-18:46 (18:20-40) _____

Memorial Day... (May 26th)

A Reminder to Never Forget People Like ...

Michael Monsoor, a young man in his twenties. He was drawn to the United States Navy, not out of a desire to serve in the fleet, but out of a burning ambition to serve as a Navy SEAL, a very elite group. For his valor in Iraq he was a recipient of the Bronze Star and then the Silver Star for his bravery while engaged in a fire fight in Ramadi.

On September 29, 2006, he was part of a sniper over-watch position in eastern Ramadi with three other SEALs and eight Iraqi soldiers. A fire fight ensued. An insurgency fighter closed in and threw a fragment grenade into the position of the SEALs and it hit Monsoor in the chest before falling in front of him. Monsoor yelled "Grenade!" and dropped on top of the grenade prior to it exploding. Monsoor's body shielded the others and they were wounded, but their lives were saved.

On April 8th President Bush posthumously honored Michael with the nation's highest military honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor. America still has great heroes, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael A. Monsoor, 25 years old, is one of them. Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

For those of you who have served us in the Armed Forces.... **THANK YOU!**

For everyone else... Please attend a Memorial Day Service to honor those who risk and give their lives to keep us free to do things like worship.

May Discipleship Verse...



*"Submit yourselves then to God.
Resist the devil and he will flee
from you. Come near to God
and He will come near to you."*

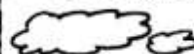
James 4:7-8

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WHO DID WHAT?

See if you can match the names with the descriptions.



ABRAHAM	SHE BETRAYED HER HUSBAND
JOSEPH	HE LED ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPT
MOSES	HE WAS ISRAEL'S FIRST HIGH PRIEST
AARON	SHE WAS A PROPHETESS AND A JUDGE
JOSHUA	HE WAS THE FATHER OF ISAAC
DEBORAH	HE WAS A MIGHTY MAN OF VALOUR
GIDEON	HE WENT FROM SLAVE TO COMMANDER
RUTH	SHE CAME FROM THE LAND OF MOAB
SAMUEL	A SHEPHERD WHO BECAME A KING
DAVID	ELI'S LITTLE BOY HELPER
BATHSHEBA	HE LED THE ATTACK AGAINST JERICHO



What If...

A skeptic once derided a Christian by asking him this question, "What would you say if you died and discovered there was no such place as heaven?"

Smiling, the Christian replied, "I should say, 'I've had a fine time getting there anyway.'"

The Christian then asked the skeptic, "And what would you say if you died and discovered there really was such a place as hell?"

There was no reply.

Have a Happy Mother's Day....

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

**MOMMY, MOMMY
WAKE UP!**



BREAKFAST IN BED FOR MOM... Nothing says 'Happy Mothers Day' better than Cold Cereal and Hot Coffee served with love.

**MOMMY, MOMMY, MOMMY
why is the door locked?**



Behold, I stand at the door and knock... if anyone hears my voice... THAT'S YOU MOM let me in, I wanna play! Rev 3:20 Preschooler Version

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2008 Confirmands'

Faith Statements...

Kristina Scholl

What I believe about God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

I believe that the Father is the all-knowing Creator of all things that are, and that He helps guide us.

I believe that Jesus does miracles and shows us the way to not sin. He died for us to take away our sin and came back from the dead showing that He has power over everything - including life.

I believe the Holy Spirit helps me keep my faith with God. He seems to be anywhere when someone needs Him.

What I believe about eternal life:

I believe that there is more than just this life on earth, that life goes on forever. We get to spend this eternal life in heaven by believing in God (and going to church in order to keep my faith).

What difference has God made in my life here on earth?

He keeps my head held high - keeps me from getting depressed when I think about certain things. He helped me get through my struggles with the accident and everyday life.

Why I want to "enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ:

Because He got me through my accident, and I know that He has a plan for me. He's experienced life and died to forgive us, so He should know what's best. He's all-knowing and He loves me.

What I would like to do with my life as a way of saying "Thanks" to God:

I want to keep my faith in Him. Keep praying, coming to church every Sunday and trusting that He will direct me in the right way. I can help with Children's Church.

That for a dy: Worry is like a treadmill - it wears you out and gets you nowhere.

Joe Johnson

What I believe about God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

I believe that God created me. He created all my characteristics for a reason. I believe God has a plan for me. I believe everything happens for a reason.

I believe God gave His Son to die for me, suffer hell for me and raised Him from the dead as a payment for my sin.

I believe that the Holy Spirit lives in me - started living in me at my baptism and will never stop living in me. I believe the Holy Spirit helps me stay on track and brings me to God.

What I believe about eternal life:

I believe that eternal life will be amazing!. I believe God gave me the gift of eternal life and could take it away at any second if I stop believing. I have to believe in God and repent in order to receive the gift of eternal life.

What difference has God made in my life here on earth?

I believe that if I didn't have God in my life I would be nothing. God gets me through the ups and downs and everyday life.

Why I want to "enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ:

I want to thank Him for everything He has ever done for me. Like I said, I'm nothing without Him. I feel so much better knowing Him - I can see the emptiness inside of those who don't believe.

What I would like to do with my life as a way of saying "Thanks" to God:

I want to follow the commandments, go to church, pray, read the Bible and tell others about God.

I can play bass and do skits in church, help with VBS and maybe teach Sunday school in a couple years.

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Mariah Welsh

What I believe about God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

I believe that God the Father made earth and all things in and on it. I also believe that Jesus Christ, the Son, died and rose for my sins, so that I can go to heaven and live eternally. And I believe that the Holy Spirit puts faith in me.

What I believe about eternal life:

I believe eternal life is real and that I will go to heaven if I believe.

What difference has God made in my life here on earth?

God makes the biggest difference in the world in my life everyday. When I pray, go to church, read the Bible (or anything that would be "Christian-like") and I can feel my life enlightened.

Why I want to "enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ:

To take my relationship with God to the next level. I want to put my life into God's hands - give it to Him fully by making (and keeping) a commitment.

What I would like to do with my life as a way of saying "Thanks" to God:

Be the best Christian I can be, praying, going to church, reading the Bible and spreading His word.

I can help with Vacation Bible School and Children's Church.

Thot for a day: You can't direct the wind, but you can adjust your sail.

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.

More Opportunities to Grow...

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays @ NOON

"Life Lessons from Bible Characters" At Living Word
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 already learned:

Ruth: Set the example of faithful devotion. In her story we see the truth that God blesses when we do what is right.

John: Showed us that the focus of Jesus' ministry was people. In his gospel John highlights how Jesus was concerned about individual people and engaged them in personal conversations as a way of inviting them into a personal trust-relationship with Him.

Hannah: Found her joy first and foremost in the Lord, not in the things that the Lord may give. She also set us the example of praying, keeping vows and finding peace in the knowledge that God listens to our prayers and answers in the best way.

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

NEW Bible Study for Guys

Begins **Wednesday, May 11** at 7:00 p.m.

In our recent Men's Ministry survey "Wednesday Evening Every-Other-Week" was the top choice for a men's Bible study. With that in mind we will kick off a Men's Study that will meet "Every other week" on Wednesday evenings.

For those who said you'd rather have a Saturday morning study, we would welcome someone who'd like to lead a study at that time. Talk to Pastor David if that would be you.

Senior High Study

Every other Sunday evening at 6:00

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Thot for a day: Why do we drive on parkways and park in driveways?

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In My Community...

A Community Forum About Youth Destructive Decisions

Maybe you've seen the recent article in the WC Tribune that stated 84% of NL-S seniors have consumed alcohol in the last year (20% higher than the state average). Those aren't even the most alarming statistics to come out of the Minnesota Students Survey that is conducted every three years. The trend is that area youth (not just NL-S) are participating in other "at-risk" behaviors at an increasing rate.

NL-S Schools is sponsoring forum for our community about the destructive decisions youth are making:

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

At the NLS High School/Middle School Cafeteria
Lasagne Dinner will be available at 5:15 p.m.

Join us to Learn About:

- + At-risk trends among youth in our community
- + How to talk with your children
- + Possible initiatives to address these problems in our community

NL-S Ministerial and CUE Youth leaders encourage everyone to attend this information forum and be part of the solution. The purpose of the forum isn't to place blame for the problem, but to get the entire community on board to be part of the solution.

You're Invited...

...to an Open House to celebrate the graduation of Skylar Wachter from New London—Spicer High School

on Saturday, June 7th, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

At 650 County Road 10, Spicer
(Prairie Meadows School Building)