

# **Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS**

**August 2009 Newsletter**  
**"Communicating the Love of Jesus"**



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

## Living Word Lutheran Church

Located on the West of Spicer on Cty Rd 10  
in old Prairie Meadows building  
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Website: [www.livingwordlutheran.net](http://www.livingwordlutheran.net)

What we aim to do:  
**Make disciples for Jesus - as we go, wherever we go.**  
What we aim to be:  
**A joyful, caring, Christ-centered family of God.**

### Question FROM Pastor...

#### What lesson has God used His creation to teach you recently ?

I find that God often uses His creation to teach us spiritual truths. I got one of those lessons not long ago when I was mowing lawn. We had been without rain for a couple of weeks, but most of the grass in the back yard was still growing nicely, healthy, green and thick and definitely in need of cutting.

I was mowing along when all of a sudden I came upon this rather large round spot where the grass was getting brown, dry and definitely not as healthy as everything else around it. My first thought was "Aliens have landed in my backyard." (You've seen those pictures of round, bare spots in fields where people claim alien space ships have supposedly landed...)

Anyway, that humorous thought lasted only a second or two until I looked up and saw the trampoline nearby. Then I remembered that round spot is where the trampoline had been sitting a few weeks back. The grass under the trampoline had been shielded from the sun for quite awhile until I moved it. The grass in that circle was alive but it sure wasn't doing well. It wasn't growing and it wasn't healthy. All because it hadn't been getting enough sun.

It dawned on me that the same kind of thing happens to *us* when we are shielded from the *Son* - *Son* - for an extended period. Life is like that round patch of grass in my yard - kind of dry, not full and just plain not doing too well. We're alive

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but not healthy and not growing - something's missing. (The Son). But when we get the Son back in our lives, He revives us and we start to grow and become healthy again.

Next time you find yourself being shielded from the sun in the s, let that be a reminder to ask yourself if you are being shielded from God's Son. Are you letting Him shine into your life by praying, reading His Word, coming to worship, hanging out with Christian friends? Or are you being shielded from Him?



Let the SON shine into your life!

Here's your assignment: Come up with your own "Lessons the Creator teaches through His creation." You can write them out and give them to me or, better yet, email them to me at [dvdauk@tds.net](mailto:dvdauk@tds.net). God has lots of lessons for us. Let's share them with each other.

Thanks for *answering*,  
Pastor David

Send your questions to [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net)

### Opportunities for Growth...

#### Tuesday Noon Bible Study

Stories behind favorite hymns:

Anything is more meaningful when you know the story behind it. We take a look at the Bible passages and life-situations that prompted the writing of some of the favorite hymns. We gather at noon and share a light lunch and study. Please join us.

#### Sunday Morning Forum

We will continue to look at key chapters in our Today's Light Bible readings. You don't have to have read them in order to participate. Join us at 8:45 Sunday Mornings

#### Men's Study:

Will meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in August  
We are currently studying the Book of Revelations  
(see page 4 for more information.)

#### Women's Study: Coping With Stress

Wednesday mornings @ 9:30

Childcare is provided. Perfect for stay-at-home moms:  
(See the page 5 for more information.)



## Wednesday Men's Study...

### Revelation: The Letters (and beyond)

Last week we began our study of the book of Revelation. Numbers are very significant (and very symbolic) in the book of Revelation. For example, the number 7 occurs all over the place and is symbolic of God's perfect time (based on the seven days He used to create a perfect world). The book of Revelation includes seven "beatitudes" or statements of blessing. The first occurs right away in the third verse of the book and sets the tone for the whole book:

*Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.*

There's a lot wrapped up in that one sentence:

- 1) We should not (as many people seem to) be afraid to read Revelation, because God promises a blessing just for the reading of it.
- 2) It is not "beyond understanding" (again, as many people seem to think). If that were the case, we would not be able to "take to heart" what we read. It's tough to take something to heart if you can't understand it.
- 3) The purpose of the reading it is not simply to gather information to satisfy curiosity. Rather, God has given the information in Revelation for the purpose of effecting a change in our attitudes and actions. (To "take something to heart" means to let it have an affect on your life - to let it change the way you think and act.)
- 4) Revelation is prophecy. Prophecy is often wrongly interpreted to mean "mysterious prediction of the future." But "prophecy" simply means "a message from God." Sometimes that message may include predictions of the future, but those predication are not the main purpose. The main purpose of prophecy is always to inform God's people of a message He has for them... SO THAT they will "take it to heart" and change the way they act or think.

So, guys, here's an invitation to receive the blessing God promises for reading and taking to heart His message in Revelation. We meet on Wednesday evenings (5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>nd</sup> this month). Please join us - and bring a friend.

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That for a day: Do you brighten a room just by entering or just by leaving?

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## Wednesday Women's Study...

### Wednesday Morning Women's Study :

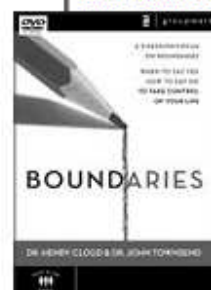
#### "Boundaries"

- Do you have trouble saying no?
- Can you set limits and still be a loving person?
- Are you in control of your life?
- What are legitimate boundaries?
- Do certain people "overstep their boundaries" and take advantage of you?
- How do you answer someone who wants your time, love, energy, and money?

Having clear boundaries is essential to a healthy, balanced lifestyle. A boundary is "a personal property line" that marks those things for which we are responsible. In other words, boundaries define who we are and who we are not. Boundaries determine the limits of what is acceptable and what is unacceptable. Boundaries impact all areas of our lives:

Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend show us how to set healthy boundaries (what's acceptable and what's not) with our parents, our spouses, our children, our friends, our coworkers, and even ourselves.

Please Join us at 9:30 on Wednesdays. Childcare is provided.



### Curiosity...

A teacher was finishing up a lesson on the joys of discovery and the importance of curiosity. "Where would we be today," she asked, "if no one had ever been curious?"



One child quietly spoke up from the back of the room. "In the garden of Eden?"



## Opportunities to Share the Love of Jesus In Practical Ways...

### 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.

### Make Some Cookies for Campers

Again this summer we will be providing cookies for the RV Campers at the RV park each Saturday as a way of welcoming them to our area and inviting them to worship with us on Sundays. Talk to Pastor or one of the Outreach Team if you can bake cookies for this outreach. Thanks!

### "Secret Paul" Prayer Partner Program

See the next page for the latest information on Living Word's Secret Paul Program 2009

### Share the Love of Christ with a Card or letter:

To Heidy, the young girl from Ecuador we support through Compassion, Int'l. Letter forms are on the bulletin board. (p.s. . If you can help with financial support please put your donation in the "Heidy" box by the door. We pay \$32/month to help provide for Heidy.)

### Glen Oaks Bus Silent Auction

GlenOaks is pleased to announce that we are planning our first ever Ranch Rodeo fundraiser at the Lucky Buck Ranch on September 19. Please save the date and plan to attend if you can.

As part of the fundraising activities, we will hold a silent auction with items donated from community members and businesses. We would also like to let our area churches know if any quilters, crafters or anyone who may wish to donate an item please contact Stephanie Williams at 354-6089.

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That for a day: Forget about world peace...visualize using your tum signal

## Living Word "Secret Paul" Program 2009

### Greetings in the name of our Living Lord !

We are starting a new year of our "Secret Paul" program and encourage you, as a parent or grandparent, to fill out the form below to have the child(ren) and young adults in your family participate.

### Program overview

The "Secret Paul" program came about as a way for our church to be involved in the lives of the young people of our congregation and to be for them what a church should be - a caring, extended family. We are now starting the second year of the program. After the end of the first year, many of those that had been praying noted what a positive - even gratifying - thing it was to be praying for a specific young person, knowing what a difference these prayers can make.

The name "Secret Paul" comes from the fact that the Apostle Paul was noted for praying for other believers every day. Praying for such things as their protection, the growth and action of their faith, even prayers of thanks for these other believers. We'll seek to follow Paul's example by each praying daily for the assigned youth, but doing so as a "secret prayer pal" or a "Secret Paul," keeping one's identity secret for the year. At year's end we'll have a special banquet to reveal the identity of each "Secret Paul."

### Getting Started

To begin, each "Secret Paul" will receive a packet of information about the program and the person they are paired up to pray for. We ask that you fill out and return the attached form to me or Pastor by July 19 with information you want included in the packet. We'd also like you to *include a recent school photo or snapshot* of the young person. If desired, you can e-mail the information and a digital photo to [Laurel@beadjam.com](mailto:Laurel@beadjam.com)

As a church-wide program we hope we can count on your participation, not only in signing up your children, but possibly being a "Secret Paul" yourself.

### Thanks for your partnership in the Gospel !

Laurel Iverson, Secret Paul program coordinator

Questions? Call 354-4932 or e-mail me at [Laurel@beadjam.com](mailto:Laurel@beadjam.com)

Name of child / young adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies, Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Prayer Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

## E-Mail Wisdom...

### You Reap What You Sow

The man slowly looked up. This was a woman clearly accustomed to the finer things of life. Her coat was new. She looked like she had never missed a meal in her life. His first thought was that she wanted to make fun of him, like so many others had done before.

"Leave me alone," he growled... To his amazement, the woman continued standing. She was smiling -- her even white teeth displayed in dazzling rows.

"Are you hungry?" she asked.

"No," he answered sarcastically. "I've just come from dining with the president.... Now go away."

The woman's smile became even broader.

Suddenly the man felt a gentle hand under his arm... "What are you doing, lady?" the man asked angrily. "I said to leave me alone."

Just then a policeman came up. "Is there any problem, ma'am?" he asked..

"No problem here, officer," the woman answered. "I'm just trying to get this man to his feet. Will you help me?"

The officer scratched his head. "That's old Jack. He's been a fixture around here for a couple of years. What do you want with him?"

"See that cafeteria over there?" she asked. "I'm going to get him something to eat and get him out of the cold for awhile."

"Are you crazy, lady?" the homeless man resisted. "I don't want to go in there!" Then he felt strong hands grab his other arm and lift him up.

"Let me go, officer. I didn't do anything.."

"This is a good deal for you, Jack," the officer answered. "Don't blow it."

Finally, and with some difficulty, the woman and the police officer got Jack into the cafeteria and sat him at a table in a remote corner. It was the middle of the morning, so most of the breakfast crowd had already left and the lunch bunch had not yet arrived.

The manager strode across the cafeteria and stood by his table. "What's going on here, officer?" he asked. "What is all this, is this man in trouble?"

"This lady brought this man in here to be fed," the policeman

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That for a day: If at first you don't succeed... you're running about average.

answered.

"Not in here!" the manager replied angrily. "Having a person like that here is bad for business."

Old Jack smiled a toothless grin. "See, lady. I told you so. Now if you'll let me go. I didn't want to come here in the first place"

The woman turned to the cafeteria manager and smiled. "Sir, are you familiar with Eddy and Associates, the banking firm down the street?"

"Of course I am," the manager answered impatiently. "They hold their weekly meetings in one of my banquet rooms."

"And do you make a godly amount of money providing food at these weekly meetings?"

"What business is that of yours?"

I, sir, am Penelope Eddy, president and CEO of the company."

"Oh.."

The woman smiled again.. "I thought that might make a difference."

She glanced at the cop who was busy stifling a laugh. "Would you like to join us in a cup of coffee and a meal, officer?"

"No thanks, ma'am," the officer replied. "I'm on duty."

"Then, perhaps, a cup of coffee to go?"

"Yes, ma'am. That would be very nice."

The cafeteria manager turned on his heel. "I'll get your coffee for you right away, officer."

The officer watched him walk away. "You certainly put him in his place," he said.

"That was not my intent... Believe it or not, I have a reason for all this."

She sat down at the table across from her amazed dinner guest. She stared at him intently.

"Jack, do you remember me?"

Old Jack searched her face with his old, rheumy eyes. "I think so -- I mean you do look familiar."

"I'm a little older perhaps," she said. "Maybe I've even filled out more than in my younger days when you worked here, and I came through that very door, cold and hungry."

"Ma'am?" the officer said questioningly. He couldn't believe that such a magnificently turned out woman could ever



have been hungry.

"I was just out of college," the woman began. "I had come to the city looking for a job, but I couldn't find anything. Finally I was down to my last few cents and had been kicked out of my apartment.. I walked the streets for days. It was February and I was cold and nearly starving. I saw this place and walked in on the off chance that I could get something to eat."

Jack lit up with a smile. "Now I remember," he said. "I was behind the serving counter. You came up and asked me if you could work for something to eat. I said that it was against company policy."

"I know," the woman continued. "Then you made me the biggest roast beef sandwich that I had ever seen, gave me a cup of coffee, and told me to go over to a corner table and enjoy it. I was afraid that you would get into trouble. Then, when I looked over and saw you put the price of my food in the cash register, I knew then that everything would be all right."

"So you started your own business?" Old Jack said.

"I got a job that very afternoon. I worked my way up. Eventually I started my own business that, with the help of God, prospered.." She opened her purse and pulled out a business card. "When you are finished here, I want you to pay a visit to a Mr. Lyons. He's the personnel director of my company. I'll go talk to him now and I'm certain he'll find something for you to do around the office."

She smiled. "I think he might even find the funds to give you a little advance so that you can buy some clothes and get a place to live until you get on your feet. If you ever need anything, my door is always open to you." There were tears in the old man's eyes. "How can I ever thank you?" he asked...

"Don't thank me," the woman answered. "To glory goes the God. He led me to you."

Outside the cafeteria, the officer and the woman paused at the entrance before going their separate ways.. "Thank you for all your help, officer," she said.

"On the contrary, Ms. Eddy," he answered. "Thank you. I saw a miracle today, something that I will never forget. And.. And thank you for the coffee."

Don't forget that when you "cast your bread upon the waters," you never know how it will be returned to you. But you can be sure that in some way it will.

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Thot for a day: If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?



## West Central Youth For Christ

Announces Another Year of  
Music Making!

### fast forward

(for 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> graders)

Kicks off with their annual Fall Retreat  
Friday, September 11 – Saturday, September 12  
Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer, MN  
No audition required!

**Early Bird Registration (by July 31) \*\$45**

**Regular Registration (by August 7) \*\$48**

**Late Registration (by August 14) \*\$50**

For more info and to register for Fall Retreat, contact:  
Becca Gardner – YFC Music Director – Willmar, MN  
(320)235-0119 or [becca@yfcminnesota.com](mailto:becca@yfcminnesota.com)

Weekly rehearsals begin Saturday, September 19





10:45 am-Noon

**REHEARSALS WILL ALWAYS BE SATURDAYS**

1<sup>st</sup> Street Warehouse  
106 Litchfield Ave SW  
Willmar, MN 56201

\*Note – price includes fast forward t-shirt which the kids will get in October.

## August 2009 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>August 2</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Noon Softball practice	3	4  <b>Youth:</b> Supper & Movie "Remember the Titans" @ Johnsons	5  LWML Pie Making 6:30 Men's Study: Revelation	6  Men's Softball Time TBD 	7	8  11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp
<b>9</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship / Outreach Mtg	10	11 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's  7:00 Elders' Team	12 9:30 Women's Study "Boundaries"  6:30 LWML	13	14	15  11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp  Youth: Twin Cities Worship Trip
<b>16</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Youth: @ Rock the River	17  	18  7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	19  6:30 Men's Study: Revelation	20	21	22  Fundraiser at NL Music Festival  11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp
<b>23</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	24	25 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	26 9:30 Women's Study "Boundaries" 4:00 Leave for Twins Game 	27	28	29  11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp 4:00 Strohbeen/Olson Wedding
<b>30</b> YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - key chapters 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	31	<b>Sept 1</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	<b>Sept 2</b> 9:30 Women's Study "Boundaries" 6:30 Men's Study: Revelation	<b>Sept 3</b>	<b>Sept 4</b> 	<b>Sept 5</b> 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp



## August - 15-Minutes-A-Day

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We begin with the book of Hebrews telling how Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament. We end the month with a couple smaller books of OT prophecy.

Aug 2 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Aug 3 Hebrews 2:1-18 (2:5-18) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 4 Hebrews 3:1-19 (3:1-13) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 5 Hebrews 4:1-16 (4:9-16) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 6 Hebrews 5:1-14 (5:1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 7 Hebrews 6:1-20 (6:9-20) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 8 Hebrews 7:1-28 (7:20-28) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 9 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Aug 10 Hebrews 8:1-13 (8:7-13) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 11 Hebrews 9:1-28 (9:11-28) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 12 Hebrews 10:1-18 (10:11-18) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 13 Hebrews 10:19-38 (10:19-35) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 14 Hebrews 11:1-40 (11:1-31) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 15 Hebrews 12:1-29 (12:1-13) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 16 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Aug 17 Hebrews 13:1-25 (13:1-8, 10-25) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 18 Obadiah 1-21 (17-21) \_\_\_\_\_

## Today's Light Devotional Readings

Aug 19 Amos 1:1-2:16 (2:6-16) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 20 Amos 3:1-15 (3:1-8) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 21 Amos 4:1-5:27 (5:1-27) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 22 Amos 6:1-14 (6:1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 23 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Aug 24 Amos 7:1-17 (7:14-17) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 25 Amos 8:1-14 (8:9-14) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 26 Amos 9:1-15 (9:8-15) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 27 Hosea 1:1-2:23 (1:1-11) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 28 Hosea 3:1-4:19 (3:1-5) \_\_\_\_\_

Aug 29 Hosea 5:1-6:11 (6:1-16) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Aug 31 Hosea 7:1-8:14 (8:1-14) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 1 Hosea 9:1-10:15 (10:1-15) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 2 Hosea 11:1-12:14 (11:1-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 3 Hosea 13:1-16 (13:4-14) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 4 Hosea 14:1-19 (14:1-4) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 5 No Reading today. Back on Labor Day with 1 John



## Upcoming Schedules...

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

### Scripture Readers

Aug 2	Tammy Wachter	796-6222
Aug 9	Duane Hansen	796-5605
Aug 16	Scott Wachter	796-6222
Aug 23	Bryson Wachter	894-6378
Aug 30	Youth	

Sept 6	Jack Kuppich	254-8355
Sept 13	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
Sept 20	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Sept 27	Wally Abraham	354-2615

Oct 4	Kevin Welsh	796-6840
Oct 11	Linda Dilley	235-0235
Oct 18	Mark Fuglie	796-6975
Oct 25	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975

### Fellowship Servers

Aug 2	Donna Peterson	354-5247
Aug 9	Pam Johnson	354-3545
Aug 16	Laurel Iverson	354-4932
Aug 23	Elaine Abraham	354-2615
Aug 30	Youth	

Sept 6	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
Sept 13	Janet Towner	444-0125
Sept 20	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Sept 27	Stacy Olson	212-9647

Oct 4	Violet Dauk	220-0344
Oct 11	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
Oct 18	Linda Dilley	235-0235
Oct 25	Bonnie Hansen	796-5605

### Usher & Greeter Schedule

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Aug 2	Troy Hansen & Bryson Wachter	Lu
Aug 9	Mona Hjelle & Pam Johnson	Laurel
Aug 16	Jamie Iverson & Lonny Robbin	Janet
Aug 23	Jason Miller & Jack Kuppich	Violet
Aug 30	Youth	Youth

Sept 6	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen	Lu
Sept 13	Kevin Welsh & Joe Johnson	Laurel
Sept 20	Mark Fuglie & Brady Sharp	Janet
Sept 27	Janet Towner & Linda Dilley	Violet

Oct 4	Tim Geer & Wally Abraham	Lu
Oct 11	Mona Hjelle & Pam Johnson	Laurel
Oct 18	Troy Hansen & Bryson Wachter	Janet
Oct 25	Jamie Iverson & Jack Kuppich	Violet

### Children's Church Schedule

July 5	Emily Fuglie	796-6975
July 12	Mariah Welsh	796-6840
July 19	Joe Johnson	354-3545
July 26	Mona Hjelle	354-4315

Aug 2	Kasey Nieland	354-2036
Aug 9	Anthony Dauk	354-4103
Aug 16	Becca Dauk	354-4103
Aug 23	Mykala Geer	354-5035

Oct 4	Kasey Nieland	354-2036
Oct 11	Becca Dauk	354-4103
Oct 17	Mykala Geer	354-5035
Oct 25	Emily Fuglie	796-6975

### Elders

Aug 2	Wally Abraham & Kevin Welsh
Aug 16	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
Sept 6	Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham
Sept 20	Kevin Welsh & Jason Miller
Oct 4	Bryson Wachter & Troy Hansen
Oct 18	Wally Abraham & Kevin Welsh

### Acolyte

We are in need of young people to light and extinguish the altar candles. Please talk to Pastor if your child would like to be an acolyte. Thanks!

### August Discipleship Verse...



*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer. Share with God's people  
who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

**Romans 12:12-13**



## The LINK Update...

The mission of The Link is:

*"Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other".*

But what does this mission mean and how do we achieve it? Our vision of community is one where people of all types are in relationship with one another. That they share a common interest that everyone will have the resources they need to thrive. And that we all have a responsibility to one another to make this happen.

In the Bible, the book of Acts describes the early beginnings of the Christian church and it describes the early Christian community in much the same way- that this faith is meant for all people regardless of background, that they could find common ground through this faith, and that the community shared with one another so everyone had enough.

So how do we get there?- through open minds and open hearts, and by putting our faith into action. But more specifically, by identifying needs, and developing creative opportunities for people to be involved in responding to the needs.

We just did this last month with the Just the Basics household distribution event. Through the generosity of our community, over 40 volunteers gave much needed items to 110 households- 375 people. We are building community with neighbors across denominations, across class and race lines and across generations.

The current reality is that there is real need in our community. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us meet our mission through your time, your talents and your financial support. Upcoming projects include: community suppers, haircut clinics, clothing exchanges, and distribution events.

**Current opportunities to help!** We are looking for people to help us get ready to move into our New London location along with the food shelf. We need help with wallpaper removal, priming and painting. Several dates in August are available. Contact The Link to sign up!

**On our wish list for the new location:** washer and dryer, locking file cabinet, gift cards for paint supplies to Menard's or Home Depot.

**Current resources needed for our neighbors:** refrigerator, large carpet remnants, interior paint, gas cards, and leads on employment opportunities.

Contact information: Michelle Peterson, Director Phone- 320-796-2522 or email: [fle\\_michelle@tds.net](mailto:fle_michelle@tds.net)

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That for a day: Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

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## Youth Notes...

- Meet 1<sup>st</sup> TUESDAY (August 4) at Joe Johnsons' for supper and *Remember the Titans* movie
- Fund-raiser ideas:
  - Serve food at an auction
  - Sell popcorn at NL Music Festival
- Youth Lead Worship 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Aug.
- Visit a Church in the Cities - August 15
- Attend the *Rock the River* concert - August 16

## E-Mail Humor...

The new army recruit was given guard duty at 2 A.M. He did his best for a while, but at about 4 A.M. he went to sleep. He awakened to find the officer of the day standing before him.

Remembering the heavy penalty for being asleep on guard duty, this smart young man kept his head bowed for another moment and looked upward and reverently said, "A-a-a-men!"

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?



## The Story Behind the Song...

### "What a Friend We Have in Jesus!"

Joseph Scriven's life was full of promise. He was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1819 to wealthy parents. He received the best schooling and eventually graduated from prestigious Trinity College. Along the way he met and wooed the most beautiful girl in the world--at least that's what he thought of her. She said Yes, and the world lay at his feet.

Then the evening before their wedding day, tragedy struck. His beautiful, young fiancée accidentally drowned. Scriven was so shocked and saddened, he couldn't find comfort. And so he left home and began to wander the world, hoping to forget his deep sorrow. By the time he finally decided to settle in Canada, he was 25 years old.

Scriven had been raised in the church, but over the years he had fallen away. Now in his deep despair he turned to religion for survival. It often happens that a person turns back to God when they are at the end of their rope.

The young man took his recommitment to the Lord seriously and decided to make the Bible his rule for living. He read Jesus' words that those who help the poor are in fact helping the Lord, so he decided to make it his ministry to help the needy. He began by giving away most of what he owned. He even shared the very clothes off his back, when necessary. People who observed him said that he never once refused to help anyone who needed it.

Often he would walk along the streets of Port Hope, Ontario, carrying a saw and a sawhorse, ready to help anyone in need. Most of the time he worked without pay. The residents of the town considered him a kind man, even though some of them thought he was a little odd.

One day, a rich man saw Scriven and said to a friend, "That man looks like a sober man. I think I'll hire him to cut wood for me." The rich man's friend replied, "That's Joseph Scriven. He wouldn't cut wood for you. He only cuts wood for those who don't have enough to pay."

By helping others, Scriven slowly began to start a new life for himself. Over time his sadness lifted and he fell in love again, this time with a wonderful Canadian woman. Then out of the blue tragedy struck a second time. Before they could marry, his fiancée died of pneumonia. Once again the people of the town saw him walking the

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Thot for a day: Take everything in moderation, including moderation.

streets with his tools, ready to help wherever he was needed.

When he was 36 years old, Scriven received word that his dear mother, who lived in Dublin, was seriously ill. He didn't have the money to visit her, so he wrote her a letter of comfort. In the envelope he enclosed a poem that he had written. He called the poem, "Pray Without Ceasing." A while later when he himself became ill, a friend who came to visit happened to see the poem scribbled on scratch paper lying near his bed. His friend read the beautiful poem with great interest and asked if he had written the words. With his typical modesty, Scriven answered, "The Lord and I did it between us."

Joseph Scriven never intended for the poem to be published. But as fate would have it, the verse made its rounds. Several years later someone found the poem and set it to music. The new hymn was titled, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

In spite of the tragedies that stalked his entire life, Joseph Scriven had learned to make Jesus his dearest Friend, and this is what helped him bear his grief.

This song has special meaning for me as well. When my dad was ordering the gravestone for the cemetery plot he and my mom share, he asked me for suggestions about what to have inscribed on it. I told him that a gravestone was a great way to witness to your faith even after you are gone. So I asked, "What would you like everyone to know about God?"

Here's what he had inscribed: What a Friend We Have in Jesus.

Bible passages incorporated in the hymn:

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. [7] And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:12-15*

*[13] Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is any-*

one happy? Let him sing songs of praise. [14] Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. [15] And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. [16] Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:13-16

### The Song

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

### Summer Bulletin Covers Designed by VBS kids

By now you've noticed some new and really neat bulletin cover artwork. Each young person who attended VBS drew a picture for us to use as a bulletin cover for Sunday worship. Each Sunday will feature a different artist and drawing. Please make sure you thank them for using their talents for the Lord!

## Upcoming Events...

### Saturday, August 22

Fund-raiser at New London Music Fest

Living Word will be selling desserts at the Music Fest. We will need:

- 25-30 Fruit Pies - (no cream pies, please)
  - Donations for ice cream & sundae supplies
  - Some cookies and bars
  - Volunteers to serve that day
- Please talk to Lu Kiehm about how you can help. Thanks

### Church-League Softball



In spite of Pastor Dave's manager-like "discussions" with the umpires, the Flying Pandas (the Living Word softball team) will be playing for the league championship on Thursday, August 6th at 7:15 in Willmar. Come and help cheer them on!

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



**THAT HEAVENLY CUP OF COFFEE**  
Brew unto others as you would have others brew unto you. **Folgers 3:16**