

# **Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS**

**March 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

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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.**

## Questions for Pastor...

### Questions about angels...

We've been taking a look at what the Bible says about angels in our Wednesday noon Bible study. One thing we've found (over and over) is that many popular ideas about angels are not biblical. In other words many of these popular ideas are born from Hollywood scripts or people's imaginations, but not grounded in truth. Like the idea that people become angels when they die. The Bible is clear that angels are angels and people are people. Angels may from time to time temporarily take on human form, but people will never become angels. If we are human now, we will be human in eternity.

Question One: Do angels have wings?

Yes and no. Whenever the Bible uses the term "angel" to describe the spirit-beings that serve God, it never refers to them as having wings. On the other hand, the Bible does depict both the cherubim and seraphim as having wings. The cherubim and seraphim are spiritual beings that appear to have been granted the most trusted positions in the King's (God's) court, but they are never specifically called "angels." (And if the picture that comes to mind when you hear the word "cherub" is that of a chubby-cheeked toddler with wings, you might want to check out Ezekiel chapter one for the accurate - but not nearly as cute - picture of them.)

Question Two: Do people have guardian angels?

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Guarding/protecting/rescuing is definitely a function of angels that we see quite often in the Bible. A couple of well-known instances are found in Daniel 3 and Daniel 6 where angels protected Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace and Daniel in the lion's den. The cherubim also are seen guarding - not people, but the tree of life and the throne of God.

Psalms 91:11-12 specifically talks about God sending his angels to guard and protect. Acts 12:12-16 is one passage that hints at the idea of each person having a "guardian" angel. In this case the person is Peter. And in Matthew 18:10 Jesus' comment about angels and little children is also taken to indicate the possibility of specific angels assigned to guard specific people. Although both of these passages hint at the idea of specific "guardian" angels assigned to specific people, neither passage *proves* that idea.

There are some things we can say with certainty about angels and their guarding/protecting/rescuing function:

- God does send angels in answer to prayer.
- Guarding/protecting/rescuing is one of many ways angels are sent to serve believers (God knows exactly what we need angels to do for us in any situation.)
- They have the power to rescue us from any situation or from any evil.
- They don't save us from every bad situation or consequence. God sees the "big picture" and knows when rescuing best serves His eternal purpose for us and when it doesn't.

One writer summed up by saying, "These [Bible] verses do not prove that every believer has a guardian angel at all times, but they do prove that God will use these guarding angels for that purpose when and where He sees fit."

Thanks for asking,  
Pastor David

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

## The Story Behind the Hymn...

In our Tuesday noon study we've recently been looking at the stories behind some of the popular hymns. It always makes singing them more meaningful when you know what Bible passages they are based on and what went into the writing.

One story in particular caught me by surprise: The story behind the popular hymn *In the Garden*. This hymn is not one to come out of the Lutheran tradition, so we don't find it in our hymnals and thus, don't sing very often. In fact, I can't remember using it in worship - ever. I do remember that *In the Garden* was a favorite of my mom's and I would hear her sing it around the house from time to time. I always figured it was just some sentimental song written by someone who enjoyed gardening, and who just wrote about a vague sense of God's presence while out weeding the tomatoes. Boy was I wrong! The song is actually quite biblical and, even though it isn't considered an Easter song, that's what it's all about:

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. [2] So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"....*

*[10] Then the disciples went back to their homes, [11] but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb [12] and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.*

*[13] They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"*

*"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." [14] At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.*

*[15] "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"*

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That for a day: Do not believe in miracles ... Rely on them.

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*Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."*

*[16] Jesus said to her, "Mary."*

*She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).*

*[17] Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"*

*[18] Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:1-2,10-18*

The hymn writer, C. Austin Miles, recounted that he had been reading the above passage and had a vision that he was part of the scene - a silent witness to the interaction of Mary and Jesus ("the gardener"). He states, "Under the inspiration of this vision I wrote - as quickly as the words could be formed - the poem exactly as it has since appeared. That same evening I wrote the music."

The song really has nothing to do with tomatoes and a vague sense of God's presence. It has everything to do with the very real, touchable presence of the Risen Lord and Mary Magdalene's encounter with him.

### We need your talents for Easter...

- + Singing in a choir (familiar songs) -
- + Singing a solo or duet -
- + Playing music (whatever your instrument)
- + Doing readings -
- + Drama (short sketches) -

**We'll practice songs after worship during March.**



## E-Mail Humor...

(...or is it really wisdom?)

Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job, and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart," the man replied.

Then, in a theatrical whisper, he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment, and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and, without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."



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That for a day: Does your train of thought have a caboose?

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## God Knows My Situation...

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Written by a man (married with five children) who had just learned that he had lost his job...

God knows my situation...

He has my cell phone number...

He knows what's in checking and savings and how long it will last...

I am more important to Him than hairs, ravens or lilies...

I'm His child and He is my "Abba," my Dad...

I'm His heir and His riches are my riches...

He is my Jehovah Jireh, my Provider...

He makes me lie down in green pastures, leads me to quiet waters and restores my soul...

Hallelujah, I have a heavenly Dad who will never leave me or forsake me...

I will fear no evil nor the future for He is with me...

What valley of the shadow of death? I can't see it past this oil dripping into my face from an overflowing cup! (See Psalm 23)

I am His and He is mine...

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so!

My situation has not taken God by surprise. Jesus knew the cry of my heart before I knew to cry.

He is working ALL things - even bad things - together for my good!

All praise and thanks to You, dear Jesus, my Savior, my Friend. I hope in You! Amen.

During Lent read daily Lenten devotions online at:

<http://www.lentendevotions.net/>

## Opportunities for Growth...

### Today's Light Bible Reading

(See the schedule of readings on pages 14 & 15 in this Newsletter)

### Parenting Young Children

Sunday mornings @ 8:45

A special class for parents of pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children

### Confirmation - Wednesday evenings

6:45 Confirmation studies (after Lenten worship)

### 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. Just a sample of the ones we will look at:

- How Great Thou Art
- A Mighty Fortress
- Jesus, Savior Pilot Me
- Amazing Grace

We gather at noon and share a light lunch and study. Please join us.

### Wednesday NOON study:

"ANGELS"

Some topics we will cover in this study during March:

- Watching and Communicating Angels
- Angels and Jesus
- Evil Angels today
- Angels and believers today
- On Judgement Day and in eternity

Join us and bring a friend.

### Sunday Morning Study

Please join us at 9:00 for the Sunday Forum Topic

*Faith Under Fire*: "A New Kind of Faith"

We finish *Faith Under Fire* study this month, and will address these topics on the relevance of Christ for today's society.

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That for a day: Don't bother me, I'm living happily ever after.

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- How should Christians respond to unbiblical laws?
- Does the Bible require us to submit to all ruling authorities?
- Time for a New God ?
- How are we "changing God" to fit our society?
- Is Christianity Arrogant ?
- Jesus claimed to be the only way - that doesn't fly in a post-modern world where nothing is absolute.

### Men's Study: "No Ordinary Men"

"What's the Point?"

- A study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of February at 6:30

### All Stars 4 Jesus (1-6th Grades)

(And confirmation helpers)

This Wed (March 4) at 6:45 (after Lenten Worship)

### Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Meets the 2nd Thurs. @ 7:00 pm

### Youth (7-12 Grades)

Meetings:

- Wednesday, March 4, from 5:00 - 5:55  
(during Lenten supper).
- Wednesday, March 25 from 5:00 - 5:55  
(during Lenten supper)

Last month:

We mailed out "Care Packages" to college students.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, March 29: Participate in Worship

### **WED., APRIL 1: FUNDRAISER AT PIZZA RANCH**

Proceeds used to send youth to 2010 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, as well as for other events prior to that time.

Schedule on April 1:

4:00 - 9:00 YOUTH - serve by bussing tables and clean up

5:00 - 8:00 EVERYONE - attend the Buffet fund-raiser.

## Upcoming Schedules...

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

### Scripture Readers

Mar 1	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
Mar 8	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
Mar 15	Janet Towner	444-0125
Mar 22	Tammy Wachter	796-6222
Mar 29	Youth	

Apr 5	Duane Hansen	796-5605
Apr 12	Scott Wachter	796-6222
Apr 19	Bryson Wachter	894-6378
Apr 26	confirmand	

May 3	Jack Kuppich	254-8355
May 10	Tris Mische	354-9046
May 17	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
May 24	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
May 31	Youth	

### Fellowship Servers

Mar 1	Linda Dilley	235-0235
Mar 8	Bonnie Hansen	796-5605
Mar 15	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
Mar 22	Nancy Jo Wendt	354-2398
Mar 29	Youth	

Apr 5	Donna Peterson	354-5247
Apr 12	Easter Breakfast	
Apr 19	Pam Johnson	354-3545
Apr 26	Laurel Iverson	354-4932

May 3	Elaine Abraham	354-2615
May 10	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
May 17	Janet Towner	444-0125
May 24	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
May 31	Youth	

### Usher & Greeter Schedule

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Mar 1	Janet Towner/Linda Dilley	Lu
Mar 8	Troy Hansen/Bryson Wachter	Laurel

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Thot for a day: Even worse than raining cats and dogs is hailing taxicabs.

Mar 15	Mona Hjelle/ Pam Johnson	Janet
Mar 22	Jamie Iverson/Lonny Robbin	Violet
Mar 29	Youth	Youth

Apr 5	Charlie & Heather Carver	Lu
Apr 12 (Easter)	Duane Hansen/Chuck Weffen	Laurel
Apr 19	Jason Miller/Mark Fuglie	Janet
Apr 26 (confirmation)	Kevin Welsh/Jack Kuppich	Violet

May 3	Wally Abraham/Brady Sharp	Lu
May 10	Joe Johnson / Anthony Dauk	Laurel
May 17	Troy Hansen/Bryson Wachter	Janet
May 24	Janet Towner/Linda Dilley	Violet
May 31	Youth	Youth

### Acolyte

Mar 1	Noah Welsh
Mar 8	Michelle Johnson
Mar 15	Phil Iverson
Mar 22	Mikayla Geer
Mar 29	Youth

Apr 5	Noah Welsh
Apr 12	Michelle Johnson
Apr 19	Phil Iverson
Apr 26	Mikayla Geer

May 3	Noah Welsh
May 10	Michelle Johnson
May 17	Phil Iverson
May 22	Mikayla Geer
May 29	Youth

### NEW: Children's Church Schedule

Mar 1	Becca Dauk
Mar 8	Emily Fuglie
Mar 15	Joe Johnson
Mar 22	Kasey Nieland
Mar 29	Mona Hjelle

### March Discipleship Verse...






*And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

Hebrews 13:16



## March 2009 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March 1</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - <i>Faith Under Fire</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Easter Choir Practice	<b>2</b> Circuit Pastors' Conference	<b>3</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's Favorite Hymn study	<b>4</b> Noon Study: Angels 5:00-5:45 Supper 5:00 Youth Meeting 6:00 Lenten Worship 6:30 Men's Study 6:30 All Stars 4 Jesus	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11:00 Bridal Shower For Ashley Raveling - Bride-elect of Troy Hansen
<b>8</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - <i>Faith Under Fire</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship Outreach Team mtg after f-ship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	<b>11</b> Noon Study: Angels 5:00-5:45 Supper 6:00 Lenten Worship 6:30 Confirmation	<b>12</b> 7:00 Elders' Team LWML	<b>13</b> 6:00 Progressive Supper	<b>14</b> 
<b>15</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - <i>Faith Under Fire</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Easter Choir Practice	<b>16</b>  <b>Jesus Loves The Irish</b>	<b>17</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	<b>18</b> Noon Study: Angels 5:00-5:45 Supper 6:00 Lenten Worship 6:30 Men's Study 6:30 Confirmation	<b>19</b> 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - <i>Faith Under Fire</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	<b>25</b> Noon Study: Angels 5:00-5:45 Supper 5:00 Youth Meeting 6:00 Lenten Worship 6:30 Confirmation	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Youth Lead Worship 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - <i>Faith Under Fire</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship Easter Choir Practice 6:00 New Neighbor Visits	<b>30</b> 8:30 Circuit Pastors' Conference @ Living Word	<b>31</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	<b>April 1</b> Noon Study: Angels 5:00 Youth Fundraiser @ Pizza Ranch in Willmar	<b>April 2</b> 	<b>April 3</b>	<b>April 4</b>

## March - 15-Minutes-A-Day

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We finish Ezekiel then move to Daniel and begin the Gospel of John in time for Holy Week

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

Mar 2 Ezekiel 22:1-23:49 (22:24-31) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 3 Ezekiel 24:1-27 (24:1-14) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 4 Ezekiel 25:1-27:36 (27:1-11,33-36) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 5 Ezekiel 28:1-26 (28:1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 6 Ezekiel 29:1-32:32 (31:1-18) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 7 Ezekiel 33:1-34:31 (34:11-31) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 8 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Mar 9 Ezekiel 35:1-36:38 (36:21-38) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 10 Ezekiel 37:1-39:29 (37:1-14) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 11 Ezekiel 40:1-42:20 (41:1-4) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 12 Ezekiel 43:1-27 (43:1-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 13 Ezekiel 44:1-31 (44:1-15) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 14 Ezekiel 45:1-46:24 (46:1-15) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 15 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Mar 16 Ezekiel 47:1-48:35 (47:1-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 17 Daniel 1:1-21 (1:1-7,17-21) \_\_\_\_\_

## Today's Light Devotional Readings

Mar 18 Daniel 2:1-49 (2:1-13,24-45) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 19 Daniel 3:1-4:37 (3:1-30) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 20 Daniel 5:1-31 (5:1-12,22-31) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 21 Daniel 6:1-28 (6:1-23) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 22 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Mar 23 Daniel 7:1-8:27 (8:1-27) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 24 Daniel 9:1-27 (9:1-19) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 25 Daniel 10:1-12:13 (11:36-12:13) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 26 Zephaniah 1:1-2:15 (1:1-18) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 27 Zephaniah 3:1-20 (3:5-20) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 28 Haggai 1:1-2:23 (2:1-9) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mar 30 John 1:1-2:25 (1:29-51) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 31 John 3:1-36 (3:1-21) \_\_\_\_\_

Apr 1 John 4:1-54 (4:1-42) \_\_\_\_\_

Apr 2 John 5:1-6:71 (6:25-58) \_\_\_\_\_

Apr 3 John 7:1-8:59 (7:37-53) \_\_\_\_\_

Apr 4 John 9:1-10:42 ( ) \_\_\_\_\_



## A Minute for Your Marriage...

"Sacrifice" is a major theme of the Lenten season. It's also a major requirement in love. Jesus demonstrated His love for us by sacrificing His life taking the punishment for all of our selfishness.

What kind of sacrifice can you make for your spouse these next 40 days? If you aren't sure, try this: Ask him or her. I'll bet your spouse will be able to think of some sacrifices you can make.

And remember, don't quit making that sacrifice after Easter comes. Use Lent to get into the habit of making that sacrifice for the rest of your life.

## A Minute for Parents...

Lent is traditionally a time for giving "alms-giving" (doing or giving something to help someone in need). Talk to your kids about a project that you can work on together.

And when they ask why you want to do it, you can tell them something like, "It's just a small way that we can follow the example of what Jesus did for us." You can also dig out your Bible and read the passage in John chapter 13 where Jesus washed the disciples feet and then told them that He had set them an example that they should follow. The example of serving others.

## New on the website...

Now you can direct interested people and potential donors to our website for more information on the status of our new building project.

Go to <http://www.livingwordlutheran.net/update.htm>

We even have the capabilities to take donations online via PayPal.

Don't forget that you can find all the latest church news and information at [www.livingwordlutheran.net](http://www.livingwordlutheran.net)

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Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

## Just For Fun...

### LOOK IT UP!

All the answers to this quiz are in the Bible.  
Write the first letter of each answer in the box then read something amazing about Jesus.

<input type="text"/>	First book of the Bible	<input type="text"/>	Name the judge in the book of Judges 3:31
<input type="text"/>	The name of Noah's father. Genesis 5:25	<input type="text"/>	Who was the first man ever to sin? Genesis 12:6
<input type="text"/>	What Jacob poured on a stone? Genesis 28:18	<input type="text"/>	Another word for "deer meat" Genesis 25:28
<input type="text"/>	Who did Isaac marry? Genesis 25:20	<input type="text"/>	Who was Joseph sold to? Genesis 37:27
<input type="text"/>	What did Aaron burn? Exodus 30:18	<input type="text"/>	The first animal mentioned in Exodus 20:17
<input type="text"/>	Who was the brother of Kenaz? Joshua 15:17	<input type="text"/>	Who was Bezaleel the son of? Exodus 31:2
<input type="text"/>	Which city did Abram come from? Genesis 15:7	<input type="text"/>	What colour was Esau when he was born? Genesis 25:25
<input type="text"/>	How many good cows came out of the river? Genesis 41:2		

If you don't know the answers, get a Bible and look them up!



No-one can hide from God. He sees us wherever we are, and He knows what we are doing and thinking and saying. Nothing is hidden from God who loves us dearly.



## Upcoming Events...

### Lenten Devotion Worship -

Each Wednesday (except April 1)

**Supper from 5:00 - 5:45      Worship at 6:00**

Thanks to your input we have scheduled the midweek Lenten services at 6:00. Various groups from the congregation will take turns serving supper from 5:00 - 5:45. With this schedule, you can come "just as you are" from work. We'll fix you supper, so you don't have to worry about that. You'll have a chance to worship and still be home early in the evening.

These Midweek services will be shorter services of prayer and devotion (about 30 minutes). Each devotion will focus on a passage from the book of Jonah. Confirmation classes will start at 6:45 after worship and be finished by 7:45.

### Palm Sunday / Easter Choir Practice -

**Sundays after worship** We meet after worship to practice songs for Holy Week.

### Bridal Shower: Saturday, March 7

A Bridal Shower honoring Ashley Raveling, bride-elect of Troy Hansen will be held here at Living Word at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7. Everyone is invited!

### Progressive Supper -

**Friday, March 13, 6:00pm**

The Progressive supper is always a fun event and great way to get to know some of the people in the church. We travel from home to home and eat one course of a meal at each place. The Main Course will be at church with Dessert @ Dauks'. **Hosts are still needed for the appetizer.** See Laurel Iverson if you can host.

### Youth Fundraiser @ Pizza Ranch -

**Wednesday, April 1**

The Fundraiser runs during the evening buffet time (5:00-8:00). Youth from Living Word will bus tables and receive tips. Funds earned will be used for special events as well as for the 2010 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Please mark your calendar and tell your friends.

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**That for a day:** If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

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## The Last Move...

They say there is a painting of a chess game called "The Last Move." The devil is shown grinning at a young man who is sweating. The youth had gambled with the devil for the joys of the world, and on the next move he would lose the game and his life. "The Last Move."

One day a famous chess champion studied the picture. Then he said, "I'll make the young man's move for him." They set up a chess board exactly as it was in the picture. He then made a move which the artist had not seen as possible. The devil lost the game.

If such a chess champion had come to save the young man, not in the picture, but in real life, do you think the young man would ever forget such a savior?

A much greater CHAMPION saved you when your game was lost and your number was up. It cost Him His life. Are you remembering Him? How often do you acknowledge that in your life by your words and attitude? What can you do to change that?

*"My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you - I, whom you have redeemed" (Psalm 71:23).*



## A Quick Quiz...

**What costs \$3,000,000,** is over in 30 seconds, and it may not be remembered the next morning. It's a Super Bowl commercial. How many of them can you remember? How many caused you to do anything other than laugh for a couple seconds?

**What costs more than all the money in the world,** will never be over, and will be remembered for all eternity. It's your salvation. How can you show God that you remember? What lasting effect has that had on your life? *"You were redeemed... with the precious blood of Christ, a Lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:18-19).*



## Lenten Projects...

### Lenten Service Project

"Care Package" Items for Deployed Military Personnel

Blue Star Mothers - Willmar Chapter 1 mails "care packages" to troops deployed in war zones. During the Lenten Season we will help them collect items like .....

#### Snacks:

Beef Jerky  
Nuts  
Raisins  
Granola Bars  
Microwave Popcorn  
Hard Candy  
Licorice  
Powdered Drink Mix

#### Hygiene Items

Nasal Spray  
Eye Drops  
Lip Balm  
Foot Powder

#### Other Items

Paperback Novels  
Magazines (less than six months old)

Remember to pick up one (or more) of these items each time you go shopping. Bring the items with you each time you come to worship during Lent (Sunday or Wednesday). We'll take care of getting them to the Blue Star Mothers. We will also have an opportunity to write short notes to send along with the care packages. THANKS!

### A Lenten Challenge

How much could we raise for our Building Fund if each of us set aside just a dollar a day during Lent? Let's find out.....



## St Patrick's Day...

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, is not one of the major festivals of the church year—or even a minor one, for that matter. We've come to think of this day more in terms of parades, green beer, and Irish nationalism.

Patrick himself deserves to be remembered, though, especially for his passion for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There's a lot of myth mixed in with the facts of Patrick's life, and sometimes it's hard to separate the two. What is not debated is that he became a man on a mission for our Lord and Savior.

Born in Roman Britain in the late fourth century, Patrick was kidnapped as a teenager by Irish pirates and sold into slavery. While he freely admitted later that he wasn't particularly religious as a youth, he did come from a Christian family. Faced with the hardship of slavery, he turned to the Lord in prayer.

After six years, Patrick escaped from Ireland and returned home. God gave him a burning desire to return to Ireland, however, to take the light of Jesus Christ to his former captors. He spent years studying God's Word, became a priest, and at last did go back.

It was not an easy ministry. Patrick was opposed by the pagan Druid priests who had the allegiance of Ireland's people and princes. Many attempts were made on his life. But the evil that opposed Patrick was no match for the working of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel that Patrick proclaimed. By the time of his death 20 years later, Ireland had become overwhelmingly Christian.

He exemplified the words of St. Paul: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile" (Rom. 1:16). This same power is ours—and ours to proclaim—still today.

St. Patrick was ablaze with the God-given desire to bring the Gospel of life and salvation to those who had not heard this Good News. May God grant us that same desire—and many opportunities—to share with others our Christian faith and the sure hope of eternal life that is ours in Jesus Christ.



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

### Pray

(Become a part of our Prayer Chain)

Prayer is a simply way to share the love of Jesus. We are updating our Prayer Force list. People on the list receive special requests for prayer via email or phone (you choose which).

My email \_\_\_\_\_

My phone # \_\_\_\_\_

( Sign up on the list at church or email Pastor with your information )

### Could You Help With Children's Church?

The only pre-requisite is a love for Jesus and for His kids. You read a Bible story or Object Lesson, say prayers and do an activity that reinforces the lesson. Lessons are provided. All you do is show up and lead. Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help in this way. Thanks

### Plan and Organize Fellowship Activities

One of our goals is to provide more opportunities for members to get to know each other outside of church. In order to accomplish that goal we need someone who enjoys organizing activities that "get people together." Things like 'fun nights' or service projects or outings. Please talk to Pastor David if you would like to help in this way. Thanks!

### "Secret Paul" Prayer Partner Program

Reminders:

1. Please remember to pray for your person.
2. Send them a St Patrick's Day card.

### Help with our Youth Ministry

Please talk to Pam Johnson if you would like to serve the Lord by helping with the youth ministry.

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Thot for a day: Don't take life so seriously ...it's not permanent.

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## E-mail Humor...

One Sunday after church Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

Her daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilts."

Needless to say, Mom was perplexed.

Later in the day, the Pastor stopped by for tea. Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said, "Be not afraid, Thy comforter is coming."

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Well Sven led Ole to da Lord while ice-fishin, and in an ill-fated moment of spiritual exhilaration.. Ole was baptized right den-n-dere in da first ICE FISHIN HOLE BAPTISM!