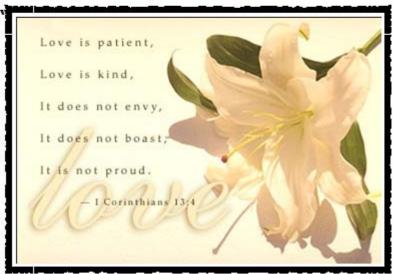


February 2013 Newsletter



Communicating the Love of Jesus" Worship Hours:

Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

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Located north of the New London Township Hall on Cty Rd 9 NE

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What we aim to do:

Make disciples for Jesus - as we go, wherever we go.

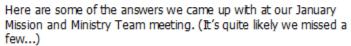
What we aim to be:

A joyful, caring, Christ-centered family of God.

Question for Pastor...

""What Ministry "wins" have you had this past month that have moved Living Word forward in spiritual and numerical growth?"

This question was posed by Rev. Michael Ruhl, the Director for the Center for US Missions for the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. Pastor Ruhl has been an integral part of our building and mission planning since leading our strategic planning session in September 2011.



 We received two new families as members on January 6: The Jaspersons: Nate, Angie, Travis and Carson The Ouiglevs: Kerry and Leone

You can read about the Quigleys in this month's newsletter and the Jaspersons next month.

- We held the first baptism in our new building:
 Austin Lyle Hjelle, son of Kelly and Adam Hjelle, was baptized into the family of the Triune God on January 20. (See pictures elsewhere in this newsletter.)
- We sent two couples to a training session to learn how to teach a parenting course called "The Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting" here at Living Word.

Parents (and grandparents) look for the initial session next month led by Jason and Sarah Miller, Pastor David and Violet. (Course details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter).

 The Elders are excited about planning our annual Friendship Sunday.



Friendship Sunday will be February 10. The men of Living Word are hosting a Fish Fry (and Swedish Meatball) Brunch after worship.

 Consistent and increased involvement in Bible studies.
 Our Men's Study began studying the book of Revelation in January.

We have had a great time digging into the book where Jesus unveils the future - and it's looking pretty bright.

The Mom's and Women's study groups finished a study called "The Genius of Generosity" and will be starting to take a look at "Keys to Understanding the Bible."

- We celebrated the first Christmas in our new home.
 From our Sunday School Christmas Program on December 16 through our First Candlelight Christmas Eve service, celebrating the birth of Christ in our new building was a great blessing that we've looked forward to for years!
- January was the first month in recent memory that our monthly "Mission-Congregation support" from District was not needed!

God has blessed us with generous offerings at the end of the year.

 One of our Elders, Troy Hansen is hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class.

Seven families - including two from outside the congregation - are learning the Christian principles of money management each Sunday evening.

Consistent youth attendance at activities, classes and service projects.

From our dedicated acolyte guys to our Sunday School classes to Confirmation to Sunday evening youth group to providing childcare for *Financial Peace University* our young people are demonstrating that they are not just the future of the church. They are truly an integral part of the church *today!*

 We have received a beautiful cross for the exterior front of our building.

The cross was given in memory of Living Word charter member Randall Nissen by his family. We will hold a special "Cross dedication" as soon as the weather warms and we are able to mount the cross on the front of the building.

Praise God for what He is doing through Living Word!

Thanks for asking Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

LCMS Article...

... About Our Building Dedication.

(From the MN-North District Newsletter sent to all district churches)

Living Word, New London Dedicates New Building

The members of Living Word Lutheran Church of New London dedicated their new facility on Sunday, October 22, 2012. The dedication came just five months after their "ground-breaking" ceremony on May 20, 2012. The first worship service in the new

building was actually celebrated on September 9, 2012, six weeks prior to the official dedication.

Rev. David Dauk who serves as Living Word's pastor commented that the building came together so quickly due to the great number of volunteer hours logged by



members, summer worshipers and friends of the congregation. "It was truly a team effort," said Dauk. Contractors who worked on the building also commented about being amazed at how many volunteers showed up to work every day - even to hang drywall in ninety-degree heat! A video slide show of the construction process can be viewed at their website: www.livingwordlutheran.net



Since January, 2005 Living Word had been worshiping at the Prairie Meadows Learning Center of Spicer in space rented from the New London-Spicer school district. Fundraising for the new structure began in 2007 and centered on the theme "So That the World"

May Know." From start to finish the new facility has not been

viewed as a "goal" in itself, but rather as one of many "means" to a much greater goal. That greater goal, of course, is the making of disciples by "communicating the love of Jesus" in words and actions. The new facility - and the team effort required to bring it together so



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quickly - has indeed attracted a lot of attention in the New London-Spicer community. The congregation has seen a great increase in the number of visitors in worship since moving to their new home.





The 52'x80' multipurpose structure represents Phase 1 of Living Word's building project. The second phase will include a dedicated sanctuary that will attach to the east end of the current building. Living Word is located at 16245 County Road 9 NE, about 1 ½ miles south of New Lon-

don. Their Sunday worship service is held at 10:00 a.m. The members of Living Word would like to thank the congregations of the Minnesota North District for your support of their mission and invite everyone to join them some Sunday for worship.

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Ash Wednesday

Traditional Service of Ashes

Yes, Lent is coming soon. The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Ashes symbolize our frailty, our mortality, humiliation and need for repentance before God (people in ancient times showed their repentance by putting on sackdoth and ashes). Ashes also suggest a need for deansing by the blood of Christ and renewal by His Holy Spirit.

During our Ash Wednesday service, ashes will be applied to the foreheads of all worshipers in the form of a small cross. Please join us for our special services, **Wednesday**, **February 13 @ 7:00pm.**

Lenten Mid-Week Devotions

Each Wednesday from February 20 through March 20

Supper served from.. 6:00 to 6:30 Devotion & Prayer Time 6:30 to 7:00

If you - or your group - could help provide the pre-devotion meal, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!



The LINK...

February 2013

Over the holidays, the Link had the great pleasure in providing Christmas assistance

to local families in need. Target/Wal-Mart gifts cards and gas cards were donated to the Link. Households received assistance to ensure they had the gas to see family and friends. Gift cards were given to parents to provide gifts to their children or buy much needed toiletries.

Here is the text from a thank you I received from a family that received Christmas assistance:

"The Link: Thank you so much for the gas card and two Target gift cards I received from you for Christmas. We used the gas card to get to Rice Hospital for medical care and at Target, we were able to get some much needed toiletries. You have an awesome generosity."

Several donations, made at the end of the year, were made in honor of loved ones. What a fantastic way to show appreciation and respect to those people that "have everything!" A certificate is prepared with the name of donor and the honoree. One was even sent several states away.

The Link has scheduled its next distribution event for April: "Just the Basics". The Link will be working with local churches and the community to collect basic items to help low income families or people with fixed incomes S-T-R-E-T-C-H their budget by providing a few necessities. Examples of items that will be collected include: band aids, shampoo, conditioner, light bulbs, toilet paper, laundry soap, etc.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement of the mission and ministry of the Link.

Gratefully, Rhonda Otteson, Link Director

Tuesday's Table in February: All are welcome!

- February 5, 2013: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church
- February 12, 2013: Evangelical Covenant Church
- February 19, 2013: Faith Lutheran Church
- February 26, 2013: Peace Lutheran Church

Donations can be sent to: The Link

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Opportunities for Growth...

Could You Host A Small Group Study This Fall?

One of our Core Values at Living Word is that making disciples (people who are committed to growing to become more like Jesus) happens best in small group settings.

For example, it's easier for people to get connected to Jesus through small groups. It's easier to get to know other Christians in small groups. Caring happens best in small groups. With that in mind we'd like to "plant" more small groups this fall. If you could host a small group study - at your home, a coffee house or at church, please talk to Pastor David. There are many different kinds of studies available. We can find one that fits your situation.



Men's Study: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. "Explaining All The Scary Stuff in REVELATION":

Nobody said demons, plagues, and an appointment with Armageddon would be fun, but it doesn't have to be feared-at least not for the Christian. Check out how our new Bible study, Explaining All The Scary Stuff In Revelation, gives both insight-and encouragement to those who

follow "the bright Morning Star."

What we've learned so far

- Revelation was written primarily as an encouragement to Christians who were persecuted for faith in Jesus.
- It was written in symbolism or "code" language.
- God promises blessings for reading, hearing and taking to heart" what is written in Revelation - therefore it must be possible to understand what is read and heard from it.
- We get really messed up when we interpret symbolism as though it were literal. E.g. The 1000 year reign of Jesus and 144,000 who are saved are symbolic, not literal, numbers.
- 5. Despite what is happening on earth, God is still in control.

<u>Sunday Moming Study:</u> Sundays at 9:00 am (Do you need yours adjusted?)

This month we continue study on the book of Philippians. So far we've seen the apostle Paul model an attitude of both Peace and Joy - in spite of being in prison and not knowing if he will get out alive. Please join us to find out the key to having the same attitudes in your life when things seem to be falling down all around you.

Mom's Study and Wednesday Noon Women's Study: "Keys to Understanding the Bible"

The majority of the Bible is quite self-explanatory- as long as you keep certain basic principles in mind as you read. Maybe the most basic of those is the fact that the Bible is not just another collec-

tion of human ideas. It is totally the word of God. Inspired by Him and revealing of Him. We will learn more of those basic principles beginning on February 6. Then we'll put those principles to use studying one of the books of the Bible in subsequent weeks. Please join us...



Reminder: Childcare is provided for the Mom's Study

which begins at 9:30

Sunday School Theme for February: "LOVE"

We have classes for Pre-school through 8th Grade.

February 3 Lesson: Love is patient 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
 February 10 Lesson: A loving heart Luke 10:30-36
 February 17: Lesson: Love is forgiving Genesis 37:12-28
 February 24: Lesson: Love is everlasting Psalm 136:1-26

Confirmation

We are on a year-long tour through the Bible. This month:

Feb 6: Return to the Promised Land / Esther

Feb 13: Rebuilding the walls Feb 20: The birth of the King Feb 27: The ministry of Jesus

Sunday Night Youth Group

For youth (grades 5+) from 7:00 to 9:00

Please feel free to bring yourself and any friends that want to come to any Sunday night group because the more people we have the better and more fun it will be. We will be starting out taking a look at the characteristics of God and what they mean for us. Sunday nights will include some activities, a short study, and some snacks, along with other special things. Please come and hang out, have some fun, and learn about God. (P.S. we will also try and mix in a special event night every once and a while.)

Lutheran Witness Magazine Subscriptions

Please talk to Pastor David if you would like a subscription to the official magazine of the LC-MS. You can check out some of the most recent issues on the table on the north wall. Subscriptions are \$21.65/year.

Portal of Prayer Daily Devotionals

Are available in your mailbox and on the "Free Stuff" table.

Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net

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Coming in March...

"Christ in the Passover"

http://www.jewsforjesus.org/programs/cip

Jesus' Last Supper was actually a Jewish Passover. Liz Goldstein of Jews for Jesus will recreate the traditional Passover service and explain how it foreshadowed Jesus' death and resurrection in a presentation called "Christ in the Passover" here at Living Word on Monday, March 11 at 7pm.



Liz will set a table with items traditionally used at the Passover meal and detail their spiritual significance. She will also explain the connection between the events of the first Passover.

also explain the connection between the events of the first Passover in Egypt and the redemption that Jesus accomplished, a well as the deep bond between the ancient Passover feast and the Christian communion celebration today.

Jews for Jesus has presented "Christ in the Passover" at over 38,000 churches - including several years ago at Living Word (see letter from Amer Olson on page 18 in this newsletter) "Christ in the Passover" is a great blessing for us with non-Jewish backgrounds helping us come to a greater appreciation of the Old Testament background of our faith. Moishe Rosen, who founded Jews for Jesus in 1973, has also co-written the book, *Christ in the Passover*, with his wife, Ceil. This foundational work which will be available after the presentation, includes a look at Passover in ancient times and how it is practiced today.

Also available will be a DVD of the Christ in the Passover presentation with David Brickner, the executive director of Jews for Jesus, officiating. Brickner states the mission of Jews for Jesus: "We exist to make the Messiahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people worldwide."

Liz will be available to answer questions following the presentation. There is no admission charge, but we will collect a free-will offering to help offset her travel expenses.

Also in March...

The Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting

We'll learn twelve biblical principles designed to make the tough job of being a Christian parent a little bit easier. Watch for more details.



That for a day: Success

February - Daily Devotionals

We will use this month to get into the habit of reading a chapter of Proverbs - God's Book of Everyday Wisdom - each day. Record the "wise saying" that stood out for you from the chapter. Then head over to www.livingwordlutheran.net and check out the Blog to see which proverb Pastor chose to highlight for the day. Make sure to click on the "comments" at the bottom and add your insights from reading.

	Wk of Feb 3 Daily Readings Proverbs 3-9
Feb3	Proverbs 3
Feb4	Proverbs 4
Feb5	Proverbs 5
Feb6	Proverbs 6
Feb7	Proverbs 7
Feb8	Proverbs 8
Feb9	Proverbs 9
	Week of Feb 10 Daily Readings Proverbs 10-16
Feb 10	Proverbs 10
Feb 11	Proverbs 11
Feb 12	Proverbs 12
Feb 13	Proverbs 13
Feb 14	Proverbs 14

Feb 15	Proverbs 15
Feb 16	Proverbs 16
	Wk of Feb 17 Daily Readings Proverbs 17-23
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Feb 18	Proverbs 18
Feb 19	Proverbs 19
Feb 20	Proverbs 20
Feb 21	Proverbs 21
Feb 22	Proverbs 22
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	Wk of Feb 24 Daily Readings Proverbs 24-28, 1-2
Feb 24	Proverbs 24
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February 2013 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

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Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Feb 3	Duane Hansen
Feb 10	Tammy Wachter
Feb 17	Eve Bajari
Feb 24	Terrell Abbott
Mar 3	Scott Wachter
Mar 10	Bryson Wachter
Mar 17	Wendy Robbin
Mar 24	Mona Hjelle
Mar 31	Phil Iverson

Fellowship Servers

Feb 3	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
Feb 10	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Feb 17	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Feb 24	Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky
Mar 3	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Mar 10	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Mar 17	Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
Mar 24	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
Mar 31	Easter Breakfast

Children's Church Schedule

Feb 3	Mona Hjelle
Feb 10	Violet Dauk
Feb 17	Michelle Johnson & Eve Bajari
Feb 24	Grace Geer & Terrell Abbott
Mar 3	Mona Hjelle
Mar 10	Violet Dauk
Mar 17	Michelle Johnson & Eve Bajari
Mar 24	Terrell Abbott & Grace Geer
Mar 31	Leader needed

Confirmation Meal

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Feb 6	Vicky Skotterud
Feb 13	Pam Johnson
Feb 20	Julie Bajari
Feb 27	Tim Geer
Mar 6	Vicky Skotterud
Mar 13	Pam Johnson
Mar 20	Julie Bajari
Mar 27	No Class

Custodian

Feb	Duane, Bonnie, Troy & Ashley Hansen
Mar	Jason & Sarah Miller & family

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Make A Meal Volunteers

February	Jamie Iverson	Mona Hjelle
March	Gracie Geer	Laurel Iverson
April	Pastor David	Linda Dilley

Elders

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Feb 3	Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter
Ash Wed	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
Feb 17	Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter
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Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Feb 3	Lance Sawatzky
Feb 10	George Arends-Schmidt
Feb 17	Carson Jasperson
Feb 24	Noah Miller
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Mar 3	Andy Sharp
Mar 10	Lance Sawatzky
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Mar 24	Carson Jasperson
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February Discipleship Verse...



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"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud." 1 Corinthians 13:4

Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen

E-mail Humor...

A woman in a supermarket was following a grandfather and his badly behaved 3-year-old grandson. It's obvious to her that he has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets in the sweet aisle, cookies in the cookie aisle, and for fruit, cereal and soda in the other aisles.

Meanwhile, Granddad is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, William, we won't be long, easy, boy."

Another outburst, and she hears the granddad calmly say, "It's okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and Granddad says again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, William."

Very impressed, the woman goes outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car. She said to the elderly gentleman, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa."

"Thanks," said the grandfather, "but I'm William. The little brat's name is Kevin."

E-Mail Wisdom... (received via e-mail)

With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Today, we share with you ten predictions that will certainly come true (or stay true)!

- The Bible will still have all the answers.
- Prayers will still be answered.
- The Holy Spirit will still move...
- 4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
- There will still be God-anointed preaching.
- 6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
- 7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
- 8. There will still be room at the Cross.
- 9. Jesus will still love you.
- 10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it great To Remember Who Is Really In Control, and that; "the Word of the Lord endures forever."(1 Peter 1:25)

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A Proverb A Day

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In the sermon on January 27, I said that I wanted to challenge each of us to make 2013 the year that we dedicate ourselves to



"keeping the darkness at bay by doing the small, everyday things the way God wants us to do them,"

- in other words:

Using Wisdom in our everyday activities, words and attitudes.

Right in the middle of God's Library (the Bible) is a bookthat has been called The Book of Everyday Wisdom - the book of Proverbs.

Proverbs has 31 chapters, so it is perfect for reading one chapter a day each month (at least for 7 of the 12 months). I invited everyone to read the chapter of Proverbs that corresponds to the day of the month. For example, read Proverbs 27 on January 27th. Read Proverbs 28 on January 28th, etc...

(use the February daily reading schedule in this newsletter).

As you read, you will discover that most of the chapters of Proverbs contain many short, one or two verse "wise sayings" designed to help you make godly choices in everyday situations. Since these "proverbs" or "bits of wisdom" were written close to 3000 years ago, there will naturally be some references that we won't understand. (Much like the people 3000 years ago - or even people 30 years ago - would not understand a reference we might make to "Facebooking" or "Googling".) As you read I'd suggest not worrying about those verses that you don't understand, just focus on the vast majority of verses that are self-explanatory.

I also promised to write a blog entry each day to let you know which of the everyday bits of wisdom jumped out at me - and gave the invitation to add a comment about the proverb that 'stuck out' for you.

In addition to reading a chapter of Proverbs each day, I'd invite you to head over to our website www.livingwordlutheran.net and click on "Blog" in the upper right to check out my comments on the Proverb of the Day.



LWML News

At our next meeting we will learn about a new project we will be taking on: making quilts for autistic kids.

We will also be hosting our LWML zone's Spring Rally on Saturday, April 27 from 8:30-noon.

Some of You May Remember...

Amer Olson

He led a Jews for Jesus "Christ in the Passover" presentation for us several years back. At that time he asked us to pray that the Holy Spirit would work in his Jewish mother's heart to bring her to place her trust in Jesus. This past week I received this email from Amer:

Dear Pastor Dauk.

Shalom from New York City! I hope your new year is off to a great start. Since coming on staff with Jews for Jesus, I have been requesting prayer for my Jewish mother, Lucy, to come to faith in Y'shua. Therefore, I'm certain you and your congregation have at some point lifted her up before the Lord.

I just want to share my joy with you – last week she called me to say, "I accepted Jesus!" For twenty years I have been praying and witnessing to her. In fact, all my siblings and my father have come to trust in Jesus and she was the last holdout...and hold out she did! The more she investigated the claims of Jesus, the more she struggled with accepting that He is God in the flesh, that God exists in three persons and that we need a mediator to get to God. Underneath these objections also lurked the feeling that to become a Christian was just a very un-Jewish thing to do.

God began to open Lucy's eyes in the last couple of months. She visited us in New York and Shoshannah, one of our missionaries, challenged Lucy from Ephesians 2:8-9. Shoshannah told her that even faith itself is a gift that we have to receive. We can't muster it ourselves — it comes from God. That thought challenged my mother. She really did want to receive faith, but in her own mind she wasn't persuaded — yet. Nevertheless, she began to visit weekly over the phone with Shoshannah's husband Stewart to study the Bible.

Then, on Christmas Eve, after praying about all this with my sister Anna, she told me she was filled with a very tangible sense of joy and peace — she compared it to being in love — which simultaneously dispelled her usual feelings of self-criticism, guilt, bitterness and unforgiveness. I said, "Mom, did you receive what you were asking for?" And she timidly said, "Yes." Last week, after meeting again with Stewart, she called my wife and me to tell us she had accepted Jesus, and that of course she had to "confess with her mouth" (Romans 10:9-10).

Praise the Lord with me and please continue to pray for her to grow in God's grace until she reaches the full stature of Messiah and we are all together with Him face to face – the whole family!

Thank you so much for the prayers you have made on my mother's behalf. I know they contributed to this day of celebration. May God

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answer all your prayers and may you be filled with more and more confidence in Him as a result of His great faithfulness. If you would



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Our daughter Samantha and my mom Lucy

like any more details about my Jewish mom's journey of faith, just let me know by e-mail, phone or writing to the address on this page. If you would like, I could send you my own update as I serve with Jews for Jesus. We need plenty of prayer as we share Y'shua with our Jewish people. If you have a story of God's faithfulness in answering your prayers, I would love to hear that as well.

Again, thank you so much for your prayers and thanks be to God for His faithfulness, His sovereign timing and bringing us to this season of rejoiding.

In His Son, Y'shua our Great Redeemer, Amer Olson

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

February 10

As always, our annual "Friendship Sunday" is a great opportunity to invite some friends to come and meet the Ultimate Friend: Jesus.

Special Events:

- Worship service celebrating our Greatest Friend, Jesus
- Valentines Brunch after worship Fish Fry & Swedish Meatballs prepared by men of the congregation
- Games for all ages after the meal.

Mark your calendars and start praying about friends you will invite. (Talk to God about your friends, then talk to your friends about God)

First Baptism in our Building...

Austin Lyle Hjelle - Baptized January 20, 2013







Kelly and Adam Hjelle Beth and Matt Stark Mona and Byron Hjelle Janet and John Kennedy

New Member Biographies...

Kerry & Leone Quigley

...Kerry was born in St. Paul, MN and lived in the Twin Cities area for 66 years.

...Leone was born in Slayton, MN and lived there for 18 years before moving to the Twin Cities where she resided for 46 years.



- ...Kerry & Leone have 6 children, 15 grandchildren, 3 greatgrandchildren.
- ...They both are retired with Leone working part-time as a nurse at Glenn Oaks Care Center and Kerry raises and sells gourmet garlic and he also keeps bees and sells raw honey.
- ...Pets and animals at home include 2 cats and one dog, and 4 rabbits.
- ...Hobbies include: Kerry--reading, gardening (he raises a lot of his own vegetable plants) beekeeping and growing gourmet garlic and making gourmet garlic powder.

 Leone--reading, sewing, flower gardening crocheting, going to garage sales and thrift stores.
- ...They moved to New London in June, 2011 and live on 3 1/2 acres located at 7100 199th Ave NE which is 1 mile North of New London.
- ...They attended numerous churches looking for a church home. One day while getting her hair cut, Leone was invited to Living Word by Pam Johnson and one visit was all it took. They said the warm welcome and obvious presence of the Holy Spirit as manifested by the sincere love of God and fellow-man as displayed by Living Word members made it obvious that they needed to look no further.
- ...One of their joint goals is to let people they encounter know about Living Word and invite them to come for a look-see. They will leave the rest up to the Holy Spirit.
- ...Leone's favorite bible verse is 1 Peter 5:7. Casting all your cares upon him; for he careth for you. She learned this as a child and it has remained firmly as a great comfort to her.
- ...Kerry's favorite bible verse is St. Matthew 7: 16-18 which says you shall know men by their fruits--a good tree bringeth forth good fruit and a corrupt tree bringeth forth corrupt fruit. He feels this is a standard against which to measure his actions as a Christian.

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Sharing the Love of God In Practical Ways...

Enjoy Woodworking?

We need someone to build a frame for the new Living Word sign. Wood is provided, we just need someone to make the cuts and put it together. Talk to Pastor David if you (or someone you know) can help. Thanks!

Childcare Subs Needed

We are looking for a couple people to put on a "Substitute" list of childcare providers for our Wednesday morning Mom's Study. (9:30-11:30) Please talk to Pastor

Help Planning Congregational Fellowship Events

Do you like to plan and organize activities that get people together to serve or have fun? Talk to Congregational Outreach Coordinator Linda Dilley for details on how you can help. Thanks!

Immediate Need for Children's Church Leaders

We are in immediate need of Children's Church Leaders. The only pre-requisite is a love for Jesus and for His kids. You read a Bible story or Object Lesson, take prayer requests from the kids and lead them in prayer; and do an activity with the kids that reinforces the lesson. Lessons are provided. You simply show up and lead. Please talk to Pastor David or Mona Hjelle if you could help lead Children's Church once every 6 weeks or so.

Custodian of the Month

Now that we are in our own building, we need to provide our own custodian services. So, we have started a Custodian of the Month schedule where you (or your whole family) sign up to provide the necessary cleaning. A check-list of duties is posted by the mailboxes. Please consider being a part of this service. Choose your month by signing up today on the board at the back of church. Thanks! (We have volunteers through June - except for May.)

Accompanist Still Needed

We are in need of people who can help in worship by providing accompaniment on piano, organ or keyboard one or two Sundays a month. Please talk to Pastor David if you know of someone who can. Thanks!

Use Our Make-A-Meal Program

One of the best (and simplest) ways to share Jesus' love is by making a meal for someone who is going through a tough time. Please use the Prayer and Care cards in the attendance pad at worship or call Pastor David or Meal Coordinator Linda Dilley if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks!

Elders Available For Prayer After Worship

God tells us in the book of James (5:14-15), "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.... 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." Our Living Word Elders (Troy Hansen, Kevin Welsh, Scott Wachter, and Brady Sharp) will be available each week after worship at the front of the sanctuary to pray with.

Story Behind The Song...

"You Are My King" (Amazing Love)

I know I'm not alone in saying "You Are My King" (Amazing Love) is one of my favorite contemporary Christian songs. It seems to fits so well with the "unofficial" theme of February (love), that I decided to try to find out the story behind the writing of it.

The song was written by Billy James Foote whose website describes him

as graduating from East Texas Baptist University before he began his full time itinerant ministry leading worship for youth, college, missions, camps, and church-wide events. His songwriting began just a few songs before he penned "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" in 1995 and since then, Billy has written songs known and embraced by the church world-wide. Such songs include "Break Our Hearts", "I Have a River", "Sing to the King", "You Are God Alone (not a god)" and more.

Billy James and his wife Cindy have adopted two girls, Libby, from China, and Gracie Lu from Ethiopia. They are in the process of adopting another girl, Sunny Eliza, from Haiti.

While I could not find any comments referring to the actual writing of the song, the words pretty much speak for themselves as a great summary of the undeserved sacrifice Jesus made. It's the sacrifice of the King of kings who died so that His unruly subjects might be forgiven and spend eternity with Him. That sacrifice is truly what makes God's love so amazing:

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken I'm accepted. You were condemned. I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me Because You died and rose again. (Repeat Verse)

Amazing love, How can it be That You my King would die for me?

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Amazing love, I know it's true And it's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You.

(Repeat Verse and Chorus)

You are my King, You are my King Jesus, You are my King, Jesus, You are my King.

Editor's note: Lots of versions recorded by different artists, but the most popular (and my favorite) is by the Newsboys...

Watch at: http://youtu.be/nwjTT2bqKk0

Congratulations!

- Austin Hjelle on your baptism into the family of Christ on Jan 20.
- Dan Miller on your new job!

Please email <u>pastor@livingwordlutheran.net</u> if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



In the 'Minnesota Gospels'.. Peter walks on water (aka frozen lake) until he steps into an open ice fishing hole. In this case faith was not Peter's problem.. he just needed to watch his step.

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on your dryer.