

March 2013 Newsletter



"Communicating the Love of Jesus"
Worship Hours:

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

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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...

How do we know God is real - other than the Bible telling us?

We live in a society that seems to want us to believe that God is nothing more than a figment of our imagination. The above question is a natural result of being constantly bombarded with messages to that effect.



God actually answers that question for us in His Word. In Romans chapter one (vv19-20) God tells us that His creation (the earth we live on as well as the things that live on the earth) is constant proof of God. It's quite simple logic really: When you see Creation, you instinctively know there had to be a Creator who designed it and made it.

This basic logic is why it "boggles my mind" to think that people can actually be convinced that the theory of evolution is a viable explanation for how everything got here. You look at a painting and you *instinctively* know that it didn't just one day by chance happen to appear out of thin air. You know there had to be a painter who painted it. You look at a building and you instinctively know there had to have been a builder who built it. You look at creation and you know there had to be a Creator who created it.

God also tell us in the next chapter, Romans 2, that our conscience our instinctive knowledge of the existence of "right and wrong" - is evidence of a God who designed things to function well when used the 'right' way and not function well when used the 'wrong' way.

After pointing out creation and conscience as evidence of God, I asked this question: "How do you know there is wind? No one can see wind, so how do you know there is such a thing?" This is the answer I received: "You know the wind is there, because of the effect it has on

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things. Trees bend. Leaves come off trees and float or fly through the air. Your skin feels cooler when the wind is blowing on it than when there's no wind."

BINGO! It's the exact same with God. He tells us that He is a spirit (which, interestingly is the same word in Hebrew as the word for 'wind'). You can't see a spirit any more than you can see wind, but you know that God is there because of the effect He has on things (us)!

This need to be reminded that God really is part of our everyday lives - in spite of the fact we can't see Him - is part of the reason we begin each worship service with the question, "How have you seen God working in your life this past week?"

A couple weeks ago in confirmation dass we studied the book of Esther. The book of Esther is unique among books of the Bible in that it is the only one that does not mention God. In other words, God is not 'visible' in the book. But you cannot read Esther without quickly coming to the conclusion that God is constantly working 'behind the scenes'. He's always there even though He's not seen or mentioned. We know it by the effect that He has on us. Things that happen that just cannot be mere coincidences.

Thanks for asking Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Slideshow of Building The Church Photos



Is available to watch:

1) At our website

http://www.livingwordlutheran.net/building%20video.htm

2) On DVD - ask Pastor David or Scott Wachter for a copy

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Mark Your Calendars...

Lenten Mid-Week Devotions

Each Wednesday through March 20 (except for "Christ in the Passover" on MONDAY, March 11 at 7:00p.m.)

This Lenten Season we are looking at Festivals celebrated in the Old Testament and finding how those festivals point us to Jesus.

So far we've looked at

- Purim
- Hanukkah
- Coming Up:
- The Feast of Tabernacles (March 6)
- Passover (Monday, March 11)
- Rosh Hashanah (March 13
- The Feast of Weeks (March 20)
- Yom Kippur (Good Friday)

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!

"Christ in the Passover" Monday, March 11th @ 7:00 pm http://www.jewsforjesus.org/programs/cip

Jesus' Last Supper was actually a Jewish Passover. Liz Goldstein of Jews for Jesus will re-create 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 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 elsewhere 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

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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.

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

- Maundy Thursday (March 28): 7:00 p.m. Lord's Supper is celebrated
- Good Friday (March 29): 7:00 p.m.
 The Seven Last Words Tenebrae Devotion
- Easter Sonrise (March 31) 7:03 a.m (actual sunrise)
 Worship begins outside watching the sunrise
- Easter Breakfast 8:15 a.m.
 Served by Congregation Youth
- Easter Celebration Worship 10:00 a.m. Lord's Supper is celebrated.

Easter Celebration for Kids "Jesus Lives - Let's Celebrate!" Saturday, March 23 10-11 am

Ages 3 and up...

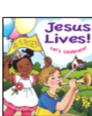
- · The Easter Story
- A Craft to take home
- Snack Time
- · Baby Animals (Lambs, chicks, bunnies, etc...)
- Coffee/cookies for parents

Coming Soon 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 and specific dates.







Keys to Understanding the Bible...

From our recent Bible Study

1. THE BIBLE IS A "LIBRARY" that contains 66 books. You will find many different types of literature in that library: History, legal documents, poetry, songs, prophecy, biographies, letters, etc.. Since it's a library not a 'book' it is not necessarily meant to be read continuously from front to back like you would normally do with a book. (Although it is good read Genesis and Exodus first.)

2. IT IS A LIBRARY WITH A PURPOSE. That purpose isn't to provide reading for our entertainment or reference. It's primary purpose may be best summed up in John 20:31

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- 3. JESUS IS AT THE HEART and center of what it is all about. The Bible can seem like a puzzle that doesn't fit together until you know that Jesus is the center piece. The Old Testament points ahead to Him. The New Testament reveals Him
- 4. GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL OF IT. It's not just the ideas and opinions of the guys who wrote it down. Everything they wrote was what God wanted them to write. It truly is God's Word, and His Word has power to change anything.
- 5. CONTEXT IS IMPORTANT. Be careful about taking verses out of context (thus making them say things they really don't say). Make sure to read the chapters surrounding a specific verse to make sure you know what that verse is really talking about.
- 6. NOT EVERYTHING IS "SELF-EXPLANATORY" This makes sense on a couple of levels: 1) Because we aren't God, there are things about Him that we just can't understand cf. Isaiah 55:8-9. 2) We are at least 2000 removed from the writing of the Bible, so things that folks 2000 years ago understood easily, we have to have explained to us. This is why study Bibles are great.
- 7. DON'T GET HUNG UP ON PARTS YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND. Satan wants you to throw up your hands and just quit reading when you hit a part you can't figure out. The majority of the Bible is easy to understand. Make note of parts you don't understand and email pastor about it. Then keep reading.
- **8. DON'T "MISS THE FOREST FOR THE TREES".** In other words, don't get so caught up in minor details that you miss the "big picture message" God is giving you in your reading.

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Opportunities for Growth...

<u>Sunday Morning Study:</u> Sundays at 9:00 am "It's all in your attitude." (Do you need yours adjusted?)

This month we continue study on the book of Philippians.. A sampling of what we've learned...

- Joy and Peace are two attitudes displayed by the Apostle Paul even while writing from prison, not knowing if he will ever get out. We can have both when we know the outcome of our lives: We Win! (Because Jesus won for us.)
- 2. God tells us over and over that Humility ("not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less") is an absolute necessity for us. Humility is an attitude connected with security. And security comes only when we look to God and who He is and what He's done NOT when we look at ourselves and who we are and what we've done.

Please join us to find out the key to having those attitudes in your life, even (especially) when things seem to be falling down all around you.

Men's Study: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Mom's Study: Wednesdays at 9:30 a.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."

Some things we've learned so far:

- 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.
- 2. It was written in symbolism or "code" language.
- Much of the symbolism comes out of the Old Testament especially the books of Exodus, Daniel, Ezekiel and Zechariah
- 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.
- It is at the same time a book of encouragement and warning. Encouragement to 'keep the faith' and warning against falling away.

Reminder: Childcare is provided for the Mom's Study which begins at 9:30

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"Genesis: The Foundation of the Bible"

Please join us as we discover what God reveals to us about Himself and His plan for us in this all-important first book of the Bible.

Sunday School for March:

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

March 3 Lesson: Luke 10 - Mary & Martha
 March 10 Lesson: Luke 15 - Prodigal Son
 March 17: Lesson: John 11- Lazarus Raised
 March 24: Lesson: Palm Sunday - Triumphal Entry
 March 31: Lesson: Easter - Resurrection of Jesus

Confirmation

We are on a year-long tour through the Bible. This month: March 6: "Jesus' Ministry" meal: Vicky Skotterud

March 11 (MONDAY): Participate in "Christ in the Passover"

March 13: "No Ordinary Man" meal: Pam Johnson
March 20: "Son of God" meal: Julie Baiari

March 28: (THURSDAY) Participate in Maundy Thursday worship

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.)

Could You Host A Small Group Study This Spring?

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 spring. 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.

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... Reasons to Come to Church on Easter

- 10. Beats hunting for Easter eggs
- It's the only time "Everyone Else is Doing It" is actually a good reason
- Not much compares to singing "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" with other believers as you watch the sun rise
- It is the Super Bowl, World Series, Final Four, Stanley Cup, Daytona 500, Masters Tournament, Wimbledon, American Idol Finale, Survivor-Mt. Calvary, all rolled into one (but this victory actually means something!)
- 6. It's a "foretaste of the eternal feast to come"
- With apologies to the Christmas song, Easter is "the greatest celebration of them all!"
- Jesus' resurrection is THE event our faith in Jesus hinges on.
- Jesus Jesus! invites you! Do you really want to turn Him down?
- If Jesus could rise from the grave for you well, it really is the least you can do
- 1. It's your team's victory celebration! You can't miss that.

By the way, Easter is on March 31 and you have two choices of worship:

- 7:03 (actual sunrise) Sonrise Worship (starts outside watching sun rise)
- 10:00 (regular Sunday time) Worship with the Lord's Supper.



LWML News...

At our next meeting will be **March 13 at 7 pm** where we will spend our time planning the LWML Spring Rally on Saturday, April 27 which we will host here at Living Word from 8:30-noon.

It's Not Too Soon To Plan For.... Creation Camp - At Lutheran Island Camp

Each camper will design their own experience that may include adventures, arts and photography, science, nature, leadership skills, and much more. There will be group experiences as well as individual opportunities. This would be a great camp for Jr High youth. Check out our website to find out more about all of the options to choose from. Call camp about group discounts and adult rates. Dates: August 4-9 Cost: \$250

March - Daily Devotionals

We'll begin in John's gospel reading about events leading up to Jesus' death. We will finish with Holy Week event readings from Matthew's gospel. Head over to www.livingwordlutheran.net and check out the Blog to see Pastor's comments on the readings. Make sure to click on the "comments" at the bottom and add your insights from reading.

Wk of Mar 3 Daily Readings Pre-Crucifixion events from John's Gospel Mar 3 John 10:22-42 _____ Mar 4 John 11:1-16_____ Mar 5 John 11:17-37 Mar 6 John 11:38-44 Mar 7 John 11:45-57 _____ Mar 8 John 12:1-11 Mar 9 John 12:12-19 Week of Mar 10 Daily Readings Pre-Crucifixion events from John's Gospel Mar 10 John 12:20-36 Mar 11 John 12:37-50 _____ Mar 12 John 13:1-17 _____ Mar 13 John 13:18-30 _____ Mar 14 John 13:31-38 _____ Mar 15 John 14:1-14 _____

Mar 16	John 14:15-31
	Wk of Mar 17 Daily Readings Pre-Crucifixion events from John's Gospel
Mar 17	John 15:1-17
Mar 18	John 15:18-16:4
Mar 19	John 16:5-16
Mar 20	John 16:17-33
Mar 21	John 17:1-6
Mar 22	John 17:7-19
Mar 23	John 17:20-26
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Mar 25	Matthew 21:1-11
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March 2013 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum / Sun. School 10:00 Worship w Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 4:30 Financial Peace University 7:00 Youth Group	9:00 Circuit Pastors @ Canby	6:30 Men's Study "Revelation"	9:30 Mom's Study "Revelation" Noon Women's Study "Genesis" 6:00 Meal 6:30 Lenten Devotion 7:00 Confirmation	7 Noon NL-S Ministerial @ Faith Luth.	8	Set Your Clocks ahead before bed
10 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour -Adult Forum / Sun. School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 6:00 Financial Peace University 7:00 Youth Group	7:00 Christ in the Passover Presented by Jews for Jesus	6:30 Men's Study "Revelation" 7:15 Elders' Team	9:30 Mom's Study "Revelation" Noon Women's Study "Genesis" 6:30 Meal 6:30 Lenten Devotion 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 LWML	Sunday, MarchSunday, MarchMaundy Thursd	17	
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31 EASTER SUNDAY 7:03 Easter Sunrise Worship 8:15 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour 10:00 Easter Worship w/communion	April 1 THE LIFE RESURRECTION	April 2 6:30 Men's Study "Revelation"	April 3 9:30 Morn's Study Revelation Noon Wornen's Study Genesis	(inspired by Luke 1	April 5 ER TO PRAY AT 11: 1:9: "So I say to you, ek and you will find; if to you")	Ask and it will

Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Scott Wachter
Bryson Wachte
Wendy Robbin
Mona Hjelle
Phil Iverson
Kevin Welsh
Linda Dilley
Mark Fuglie
Tammy Fuglie

Fellowship Servers

Mar 3

Mar 10	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Mar 17	Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
Mar 24	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
Mar 31	Easter Breakfast
April 7	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
April 14	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
April 21	Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky
April 28	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie

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Children's Church Schedule

Mar 3	Mona Hjelle
Mar 10	Violet Dauk
Mar 17	Michelle Johnson & Eve Bajari
Mar 24	Terrell Abbott & Grace Geer
Mar 31	Leader needed
April 7	Mona Hjelle
April 14	Violet Dauk
April 21	Michelle Johnson & Eve Bajari
April 28	Terrell Abbott & Grace Geer

Confirmation Meal

Mar 6	Vicky Skotterud
Mar 13	Pam Johnson
Mar 20	Julie Bajari
Mar 27	No Class
April 3	No Class
April 10	Pam Johnson
April 17	Julie Bajari
April 24	Tim Geer

Custodian

Mar Jason & Sarah Miller & family Apr Scott & Tammy Wachter

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Make A Meal Volunteers March Gracie Geer Laurel Iverson April Pastor David Linda Dilley

Elders

Mar 3	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
Mar 17	Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter
Mar 28	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp (Maundy Thurs)
Mar 31	Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter

Apr 7	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
Apr 21	Troy Hansen & Scott Wachte

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

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Mar 3	Andy Sharp
Mar 10	Lance Sawatzky
Mar 17	George Arends-Schmidt
Mar 24	Carson Jasperson
Mar 31	Noah Miller

Apr 7	Andy Sharp
Apr 14	Lance Sawatzky
Apr 21	George Arends-Schmidt
Apr 28	Carson Jaspersen

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ı	Mar 3	Lonny Robbin & Jason Olson
l	Mar 10	Troy Hansen & Brady Sharp
l	Mar 17	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
l	Mar 24	Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle
l	M. Thurs	Kevin & Noah Welsh
l	G. Fri	Jamie & Phil Iverson
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l	Mar 31	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
l	April 7	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
l	April 14	Lonny Robbin & Jason Olson
l	April 21	Troy Hansen & Brady Sharp
ı	April 28	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer

March Discipleship Verse...



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



The LINK...

March 2013

Great grant news!

The Link has been awarded a grant of \$25,000 from the Otto Bremer Foundation. The Link will receive \$15,000 right away and \$10,000 is a challenge grant for new donations! As soon as the Link raises \$10,000, we'll receive the remaining \$10,000. The Link received an ELCA Hunger Grant for \$1,600 to support the food costs for Tuesday's Table.

Great event!

Thank you to all the churches and community groups that are sponsoring or collecting an item for the "Just the Basics" distribution event. "Just the Basics" provides basic household and hygiene items to help our neighbors stretch their budget by providing

Mark your calendar:

Just the Basics Event
Saturday, April 27, 2013!
9 am - 11 am
Hope Presbyterian Church, Spicer
We need volunteers for set-up and
distribution. Can you help?

Give me a call!

a few necessities. Examples of items that are being collected include: band aids, shampoo, conditioner, light bulbs and toilet paper.

Great opportunity!

Free cell phones for low income households. The Lifeline program is a federally funded program by the Federal Communications Commission. Free Phone MN is pleased to now offer the ability to order your free wireless phone and free service right over the Internet! http://www.freephonemn.org/order

Great time!

The Link's Views & Voices Project will be on display during the Willmar Area Community Foundation Women's Fund Gala event on Friday, March 15th at the Holiday Inn, Willmar. Tickets are \$50, dinner and entertainment included Gratefully,

Rhonda Otteson, Link Director

Tuesday's Table in March: All are welcome!

- March 5, 2013: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church
- March 12, 2013: Evangelical Covenant Church
- March 19, 2013: Faith Lutheran Church
- March 26, 2013: Crossroads Community Church

Donations can be sent to:

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

EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE I LEARNED FROM A JIGSAW PUZZLE

By Jacquie Sewell (with apologies to Robert Fulghum)

- Don't force a fit--if something is meant to be, it will come together naturally.
- 2. When things aren't going so well, take a break. Everything will look different when you return.
- Be sure to look at the big picture. Getting hung up on the little pieces only leads to frustration.
- Perseverance pays off. Every important puzzle went together bit by bit, piece by piece.
- 5. When one spot stops working, move to another. But be sure to come back later (see #4).
- 6. The creator of the puzzle gave you the picture as a guidebook. Refer to the Creator's guidebook often.
- 7. Variety is the spice of life. It's the different colors and patterns that make the puzzle interesting.
- 8. Working together with friends and family makes any task
- Establish the border first. Boundaries give a sense of security and order.
- 10. Don't be afraid to try different combinations. Some matches are surprising.
- Take time often to celebrate your successes (even little ones).
- 12. Anything worth doing takes time and effort. A great puzzle can't be rushed.
- When you finally reach the last piece, don't be sad. Rejoice in the masterpiece you've made and enjoy a welldeserved rest.

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Can You Be Part of an Easter Choir?

Please talk to Pastor David or Leone Quigley

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New Member Biographies...

Nate, Angie, Travis and Carson Jaspersen

The Jaspersens live in Willmar and joined Living Word in January. Here's their story...

Angie grew up in rural New London. She works as a machine operator at Gurley Foods. Her hobbies are crocheting and sewing. She loves to go on motorcycle rides with 'the hubby' and friends. She also really enjoys playing baseball with the boys. Camping and going to the lake cabin in South Dakota are also among her favorite things to do.

Angie says, " I have an interest in people and what makes them tick. My favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11-13.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

I love this passage, because the day I heard and read it my life and relationship with God changed! I've struggled with depression and anxiety most of my adult life. I had been at a point when I had been struggling for several months and called my sister Amanda, and she in turn called Pastor Dave, and we talked and I was given the Jeremiah verse and also reminded of how God gave me all the people in my life to help me. I can't even tell you how many prayers have been answered since that day!! But I've learned to seek out and find the joy and happiness in my life since that day!!"

"The reason I enjoy Living Word is...I feel God touching my life since I've started going there! I love the interaction between Pastor and the congregation in the question that starts us off every Sunday, 'How is God working in your life or someone else's this week?' I love hearing what people have to say!! I also really love when my little boy raises his hand during prayer requests!! I also love that whether you're there every week or miss a few you're always welcomed in with "It's nice to see you. How have you been?"

Nate grew up in Willmar and works for West Central Steel. Hobbies and interests include motorcycles and playing bass guitar. Nate loves tearing apart motorcycles and fixing and painting them. He also loves football and camping out with friends and the lake cabin. His favorite Bible verse is John 15:5....

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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It's the verse given to him on his confirmation day and just rings true. He likes the church because it's welcoming and people are not judgmental about what you're wearing or what you have. (And because that's where the wife is happiest going!)

Travis was also born in Willmar and is a junior at Willmar Sr. High this year. He's involved in a Robotics dub at school. He loves music and hanging with his friends and is a big on-line gamer. Travis is leaning towards going to school for welding after high school. Like the rest of the family Travis also loves camping and going to the lake cabin. His favorite verse Joshua 1:9 given to him on his confirmation day. He says it just "suits him."

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Carson was also born in Willmar and is in 4th grade at Roosevelt Elementary. He LOVES sports!! He plays baseball and wants to pitch this year. He also loves hanging out with his cousins and friends, riding bike, and fishing. He too loves the lake cabin and also going to visit friends and family.

We welcome the Jaspersen family to Living Word!

Update from Jade Dohls...



It's been waaaay too long since I've written an update! I apologize. With so much happening so quickly and my mind spinning a mile a minute, it has been difficult to sit down and collect my thoughts in one place.

There is too much to fit into a single blog, so I decided to space it out a bit...

From Dec 18th to Jan 23rd I was on a wild ride through the states. It was chock full of hellos, goodbyes, and speaking engagements. This journey took me from Minnesota, all the way out to Iowa, Washington DC, Virginia, and then both northern and southern California.

Although it was great to be back in the states for a while, I soon missed Thailand. I longed for the families I have been working with, my church community, and even the hustle and bustle of Bangkok. Although I was homesick, it was good to receive a powerful confirmation that Thailand is where God wants me.

Once I got back to Bangkok, there was no time to slow down! I went straight back to work with Life Raft and my new responsibilities with Xealot, I'll write more about that in my next post.

Opportunities to be a Friend Like Jesus...

Use Our Make-A-Meal Program

Several years ago we began the Make-A-Meal program as a way to share Jesus' love/mercy with people 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 could use a meal as a reminder that we are thinking of them. Thanks! (Our March Make-a-Meal volunteers: Grace Geer and Laurel Iverson

<u>Don't Forget to Collect</u>....Toothbrushes & Band Aids... for The Link sponsored "Just the Basics" giveaway this April. Each church in the area will provide 300 of the items they are responsible for. So, add "toothbrushes" and "band aids" to your shopping list. We will begin 'stock-piling' them at church, so bring them here after you purchase them. Thanks!

Lead Children's Church

We are still in need of Children's Church Leaders. The only prerequisite 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. Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you could help.

Do Some Framing for Our Sign

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!

Be a Childcare Substitute

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) and also for the *Financial Peace University class*, (Sundays 6-7:30) Please talk to Pastor

Be a Custodian of the Month

We still need families to volunteer for July-December. A check-list of duties is provided. Talk to Trustee Lonny Robbin and choose your month. 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 to pray with you.

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Proverb A Day...

(still better than an apple a day)

Last month I challenged 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 book that 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 use February to get into the habit of reading the chapter of Proverbs that corresponds to the day of the month. For example, read Proverbs 3 on February 3rd. Read Proverbs 28 on February 28th, etc...

If you didn't get started on the "Proverb a Day" readings, I'd encourage you to start this month. If you read through Proverbs in February... start over in March.

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

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.

God will bless our reading.

Pastor David

Let Us Do The Driving - KAT

Kandiyohi Area Transit's <u>Senior Transportation Program</u> utilizes volunteer drives using their personal vehicles. These volunteer drivers provide safe, reliable transportation to various appointments, shopping and errands. Anyone who lives in Kandiyohi County and is at least 60 years of age qualifies for this program. The program runs Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and may be used up to three (3) times per week. This program utilizes a cost-sharing sliding-fee scale. Please call (320) 235-8413 for more information or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver!

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Story Behind The Song...

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Jeannette Threlfall, who was born in Blackburn, Lancashire, England in 1821 and died at Westminster, London in 1880, wrote the text of this song in an "idle moment" (as she says she wrote all of her hymns). Almost every modern hymnal that includes this song contains the same three verses (in **bold** below), but those verses have all changed over time. Today's second verse is made up of the original second half of verse two, and the first half of the original verse three.

Her text primarily relates the events of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but it also alludes to Mark 10:13-16, where Jesus welcomes the little children to come to Him, pointing more starkly to the kind of King that Jesus was and is. Stanzas 1 and 2 tell how the children shared in the songs during Christ's procession into Jerusalem. Stanza 3 is our cue to participate in praising our Redeemer.

Threlfall's life was extremely difficult: she was orphaned at an early age, and two serious accidents caused her to be an invalid for life. But she bore her misfortune with grace and fortitude and maintained a ministry to many people who came in contact with her.

It is not known who composed the tune "Ellacombe" that is traditionally used with this song. The tune was first published in a chapel hymnal for the Duke of Würtemberg (Gesangbuch der Herzogl, 1784), Ellacombe is the name of a village in Devonshire, England.

"Hosanna! loud hosanna! The little children sang; Through pillared court and temple The glorious anthem rang. To Jesus who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast, The children sang their praises, The simple and the best."

"From Olivet they followed, 'Midst an exultant crowd, Waving the victor palm branch, And shoutling clear and loud; Bright angels joined the chorus Beyond the cloudless sky—'Hosanna in the highest: Glory to God on high!"

"Fair leaves of silvery olive They strewed upon the ground, Whilst Salem's circling mountains Echoed the joyous sound; The Lord of men and angels Rode on in lowly state,

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Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait."

"'Hosanna in the highest!' That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise Him With heart, and life, and voice,
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice."

Editor's note: Here is a nice version to listen to...

Watch at: http://voutu.be/LEZsbS8k9Eg

Congratulations!

Joe Johnson on your new job with Willmar Municipal Utilities! **Nathan & Wendy Johnson** on the birth of a daughter on Feb 28

Anthony Dauk on being named to the Dean's List at Dunwoody

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

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Here comes Peter Cottontail snowshoe'n down the snowmobile trail. Slippity Sloppity Easter's on its way.