

October 2016 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...

A Couple Questions about the Bible:
Why do we need to memorize the books of the Bible?
How do we study the Bible?

Both great questions that came from one of the students in our 3-4th Grade Sunday School class, Alison Sarsland.

The answer to the first question is a bit easier, so I'll take that one first:

Memorizing 66 books of the Bible can seem a bit overwhelming at first, but once you know them, you will find it is a great help in being able to find passages. For example when someone says, "The Christmas story is in Luke 2," you will know where to find the book of Luke, so you can check it out.

Memorizing the books gets easier as we break them down into smaller groupings like these:

The books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

The Gospels (Good News about Jesus): Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Alison's teacher (Violet) talked about how we need to study the Bible in order to get to know God better. That prompted the great question: "How do we study the Bible?"

It's tempting to answer that question by going into great detail about the four questions to ask of a passage:

- 1) What does it say?
- 2) What does it mean?
- 3) What does it mean for my life?
- 4) What specifically am I going to do about what it means for my life?



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But maybe the best way to study the Bible is to read a passage and then simply ask the question: "What is God trying to teach us here?"

On a recent Sunday the confirmation students did a skit that was designed to get us to think of God's Word as being His diary. Just like a person does in their diary, God in His Word tells us what He likes, what He is like, how He feels when different things happen, His innermost thoughts, dreams and frustrations AND what He thinks about us.

Most people keep their diaries locked, because they don't want people to get to know all those things about them. God is the exact opposite. He's given us His Word so that we would get to know all those things.

So, since God really does want us to know Him, a great thing to do before we read is simply ask Him to show us what He wants us to learn from our reading. Then after we read seek to answer the question, "What is God trying to teach us here?"

What are some important things He wants me to know about...

- ... what He is like?
- ... what He does like (or doesn't like)?
- ... what does He hope for?
- ... what does He think about us?
- ... what does He want us to do or believe?

I did something similar to that with our confirmation students in their class last week. We read the first chapter in the Bible, Genesis 1. Then I asked them to summarize some basic things God wants us to learn from that chapter. Here are some of their answers:

- "God is all-powerful."
- "He has a definite plan."
- "We humans are more special to God than all the rest of His creation."
- "He really wants us to take the seventh day off."
- I'd say they learned a lot by answering that basic Bible study question.

So, thanks Alison for a couple of great questions whose answers we all need to hear.

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

A Question from Our Confirmation Students:

"Can We Have a Lock-In?"

All it takes for a 'Yes' answer is a couple of adults to say, "Sure, I could help with that." Talk to Pastor David if you could be one of those adults. (The students will love you for it!)

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 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.

Today's Light Daily Readings:

See pages 10—11 of this newsletter

Sunday Morning Study (9:00)

Stuff they didn't teach me in Sunday School:

Join us as we dig deeper into John's Gospel

On October 9, we begin our look at a Lutheran Voter Information Guide (details on page 18 of this newsletter.)



Men's Study-- Tuesday, Sept 13th @ 6:30

We'll kick off the fall by:

- Grilling some brats,
- Playing some games (horseshoes, foosball, bean bag, cards)
- Current Men's Study:

As *Reel to Real-Of Fish and Men* shows, there's more to fishing than catching fish. Listen in as five guys talk about temptations, trophy catches, the one that got away, and that day when the fishing season finally ends-for all of us. Anglers share their insights, humor and introspection. The result is a Bible study that offers a telling glimpse of faith at work in the lives of individuals who are Christ-followers first and fishermen second.



Mom's Study - Wed. @ 9:00 a.m.-

watch for details about a new study for moms - coming soon on Tuesday mornings!

Wed. Evening Women's Study -

Begins Wednesday, October 5th @ 6:30

New Women's Study: "The Storm Inside"

Trading the chaos of how you feel for the truth of who you are.

Do you realize that you are a daughter of the King? You need to live, hope, and dream as if this were true—because it is! You don't need to be paralyzed with fear, frozen by the chaos you feel inside. Instead, you must choose to stand on the truth of who God says you are.

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That for a day: The trouble with the rat race is even if you win, you're still a rat.

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The study unpacks the stories of women from the Bible who faced seemingly insurmountable problems—things like regret, shame, insecurity and heartbreak. And just like the women from the Bible, you can overcome the lies the enemy uses to torment you. You too can rely on the truth of God's word so you can stand during the strongest storms of your life. Designed for use with The Storm Inside Study Guide.

Sessions include:

- From Heartbreak to Strength (Hannah)
- From Disappointment to Hope (Woman with Issue of Blood)
- From Fear to Joy (Mary Magdalene)
- From Shame to Love (Samaritan Woman)
- From Regret to Rest (Rahab)
- From Insecurity to Family (Ruth)
- From Insignificance to Courage (Esther)
- From Despair to Faith (Sarah)



NEW 3rd-6th Grade Group—starts Wednesday @ 6:30

See page 20 for more information

H.S. Youth Study - October dates TBA

Sunday School: 9:00 (see info on page 9)

Confirmation - Wednesdays @ 6:30

Thank God For...

You've seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For..."

Each week we'd like to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people who drive past to remember that God is the giver of all good things - especially things we take for granted. Last week

we thanked God for **Larry & Tappy!** Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next week.



God's Blessings, Larry & Tappy Hultgren!

Our long-time summer members Larry and Tappy Hultgren have sold their summer place on Green Lake, and are heading back to Ida Grove, Iowa on a year-around basis. We thank them for their time here and wish them God's blessings in this next chapter of life!

Opportunities to Serve...

Lead a small group of youth

We would like to have our 3-6th, 7-9th and 10-12th groups meet once a week (or every-other week) for study, service projects and fun events. If you could help with any of these activities for one of these age groups, please talk to Youth Director Lyndsay Ampe. Thanks for considering it!

After-work Ride Needed from Willmar to Spicer

One of our elders, Kevin Welsh, has a developmentally disabled person, Chris, who rents from him and his wife Marcia. Chris is not able to drive, but wants to work and has found a job in Willmar. He can get to work in the morning on the CCT bus, but needs a ride home in the afternoon from Willmar (near Dominos on Hwy 12) to the Welsh's home on Co Rd 32 just east of Co Rd 9 (west side of George Lake). He could be picked up from work any time from 3:30-4:15. Chris would be able to pay \$2 per day for anyone who could give him a ride. Please contact Kevin or Marcia if you - or someone you know - could provide a ride for Chris. Thanks!

Help With our Mexican Dinner

Our annual Mexican Dinner is on October 22nd. Wee how you can help with our annual event on page 16 of this newsletter. Please talk to Outreach Coordinator Amanda Sharp if you'd like to help in any way. Thanks!

A Great Month To 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. Our October Make-a-Meal volunteers are Violet Dauk & Bonnie Hansen Thanks!

Serve As Scheduler for Fellowship Servers

Please talk to Pastor David if you could be in charge of scheduling those who serve fellowship snacks after worship. Thanks!

Serve After-Worship Fellowship Snack

We are looking for more folks to take a turn at serving snacks for fellowship time after worship.

Read Scripture in Worship

Please talk to Pastor David if you can take a turn once every couple of months reading our New Testament and Old Testament Scriptures.

Help With Our Nursery

We need a couple more volunteers to help with our during-worship nursery (2-4 year olds). Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help out

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That for a day: One nice thing about going the extra mile is that it is never crowded.

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Bring Food Shelf Items Every Second Sunday

The women of our LWML collect canned and dry goods the second Sunday of each month.

Be "Custodian of the Month"

You (or your whole family) can 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. Talk to Trustee Jamie Ivers on if you have questions or to volunteer yourself or your family. Custodian still needed for November

Congratulations...

- Dani & Caleb Friedrich on your marriage, September 17 !
- Larry Levin... on your new position at PALS !
- Brady Sharp... on your new position with A & B Plumbing !
- Bryan & Kari and Rya Sharp... on your new home !
- Troy Hansen ... on the 49" Muskie you caught on Battle Lake!



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

LWML News...

The Planning Committee will be meeting October 5th @ 10:00 AM. Please come and be part of planning our next general meeting. The meeting will be at Leone's and lunch will be served.



The General Meeting will be at church Tuesday, October 11th @ 6:00 PM. Everyone is asked to bring H'ordeuvres to share. Come for fellowship, Bible study and a short business meeting to discuss care packages for Living Word College students, possibly having a table at the craft bazaar in November, and plans to go forward with the pie booth next summer at the Music Fest. All women of Living Word are welcome to be a part of LWML. Hope to see you there on October 11th @ 6:00 PM

Email Inspiration...

A Good Way to Start a Day

Excerpted with permission from 5 Minutes with Jesus by Sheila Walsh,

I don't trust hotel wake-up calls. Whether you will actually receive one when you ask seems to depend on the state of mind of the person entering your request. If he's just broken up with his girlfriend, for example, and her name happens to be Sheila, I'm either getting a call in the middle of the night or none at all. So I set my own alarm on my phone. I actually set two. The first is when it would be good to get up, and the second is when I'd jolly well better get up.

I'm just not a morning person, so I like to ease into a day slowly. I used to crawl out of bed, check that our son was up and in the shower, turn on the television to the morning news, and make myself a cup of coffee.

It's not a bad way to start the day, but I've found a much better way.

I realized that if the first thing I pay attention to is what's happening in our world, those images and words impact my view of the rest of the day. But if the Word of God is the first thing I give my heart and mind to, I see everything as under the control of my all-good, all-powerful, and all-loving heavenly Father. It's hardly surprising that this new start to my day has had a huge impact on my life.

The moment I awake, I say Psalm 143:8 (NIV) to myself—or, if Barry is already awake, I say it out loud. I repeat the verse several times. It's become a great way to start a day:

*Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,
My love will fall and fail, but God's love never will.
for I have placed my trust in you.*

The psalmist is very intentional here: trusting God is an act of the will. *Show me the way I should go,*

*I pray, "Show me, Father, which way I should go today."
for to you I entrust my life.*

I say, "My life is Yours, Lord, and I trust You with everything."

Then I pray these simple words:

"Good morning, Lord! I don't know where You are going today, but wherever You're going, I'm coming with You!"

A good way to start the day every single day is to declare the Word of God and thank Him for it.

What does the Bible say about beginning your morning with prayer and with the Lord? Listen to a few key scriptures.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. —

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That for a day: Government regulation is a lot like ketchup - you either get none or more than you want.

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Psalm 143:8 NIV

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. — Lamentations 3:22–23 ESV

It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning, your faithfulness in the evening. — Psalm 92:2

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. — Mark 1:35 NIV

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Your Impact:

Thanks to your support, The Link was able to assist a single mom in purchasing school supplies for her middle school-aged son. This mom has had several health issues the past couple of years and is very limited in her ability to work. She was very appreciative and humble. Thank you for making it possible to help this NL-S student succeed in the classroom. Your support is making a difference!

Partnering to assist flood victims:

The Link has been collaborating with other local agencies and non-profit organizations to address the affects of flood victims in the area after the heavy rain in July. Families lost furnaces, water heaters, dehumidifiers and other major appliances. Some families even lost their homes. Your financial support has allowed The Link to reach out and assist families that have direct connections to your community. It was truly heart-rending to meet some of the families and listen to their stories through tears and frustration. Your support will help lessen the burden as they continue to recover from this event.

NL Food Shelf closed:

The Wilmar Area Food Shelf closed their northern location in New London as of August 31, 2016. The Link's Household Exchange and the Evangelical Covenant Church's Clothing Closet will remain open.

Our mission: Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other.

Exciting Changes:

The Link is excited to announce that we are currently working on a new and improved website! Thanks to a generous donor who wants to see The Link reach people more effectively and share our mission!

Happy Halloween

The Link would like to wish you a safe and happy Halloween! Stop by The Link's main office at Faith Lutheran Church for a treat.

Tuesday's Table

Oct. 4th: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church
Oct. 11th: Evangelical Covenant Church
Oct. 18th: Faith Lutheran Church
Oct. 25th: Peace Lutheran Church
Food, Friends, Fellowship.

October 2016 - Daily Devotionals

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We start by finishing our readings from the Old Testament prophet Zechariah. Then we read the shortest book in the New Testament, Paul's letter to his friend Philemon and finally we hear from the last of the 'major' Old Testament prophets - Ezekiel.

(In parentheses are verses to focus on if you are short on time that day)

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

Oct 3 Zechariah 7 (7:8-14)

Oct 4 Zechariah 8 (8:1-17)

Oct 5 Zechariah 9-10 (9:1-17)

Oct 6 Zechariah 11-12 (12:1-14)

Oct 7 Zechariah 13 (13:7-9)

Oct 8 Zechariah 14 (14:1-9)

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

Oct 10 Philemon (1-25)

Oct 11 Ezekiel 1-2 (1:1-28)

Oct 12 Ezekiel 3-5 (3:1-27)

Oct 13 Ezekiel 6-7 (6:1-10)

Oct 14 Ezekiel 8-9 (9:1-11)

Oct 15 Ezekiel 10-11 (10:1-22; 11:22-25)

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

Oct 17 Ezekiel 12-13 (12:21-28)

Oct 18 Ezekiel 14-15 (15:1-8)

Oct 19 Ezekiel 16-17 (16:3-14)

Oct 20 Ezekiel 18-19 (18:20-32)

Oct 21 Ezekiel 20-21 (20:1-44)

Oct 22 Ezekiel 22-23 (22:24-31)

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

Oct 24 Ezekiel 24 (24:1-14)

Oct 25 Ezekiel 25-27 (27:1-11; 33-36)

Oct 26 Ezekiel 28 (28:1-10)

Oct 27 Ezekiel 29-32 (31:1-18)

Oct 28 Ezekiel 33-34 (34:11-31)

Oct 29 Ezekiel 35-36 (36:21-28)

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

Oct 31 Ezekiel 37-39 (37:1-14)

Nov 1 Ezekiel 40-42 (41:1-4)


Nov 2 Ezekiel 43 (43:1-12)

Nov 3 Ezekiel 44 (44:1-15)

Nov 4 Ezekiel 45-46 (46:1-15)

Nov 5 Ezekiel 47-48 (47:1-12)

October 2016 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00 ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	3	4 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	5 10:00 LWML Planning @ Leone Quigley's 6:30 - NEW 3 rd -6 th Gr. GROUP 6:30 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - NEWWOMEN'S STUDY	6	7 <div> Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, October 2nd Sunday, October 16th </div>	8
9 LWML & BIBLE SUNDAY 9:00 ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 S.S. TEACHERS Mtg	10	11 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:00 LWML 6:30 NEWMEN'S STUDY	12 6:30 - 3 rd -6 th Gr. GROUP 6:30 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	13	14	15
16 9:00 ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	17	18 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	19 No Activities - MEA	20 MISSION Ministry 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM Budget Planning Meeting	21	22 4:30-7:30 ANNUAL MEXICAN DINNER
23 9:00 ADULT STUDY SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship	24	25 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	26 6:30 - 3 rd -6 th Gr. GROUP 6:30 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	27	28  6:30 FFAA Night "Pumpkin Carving"	29 10:00 BATTERY OUTREACH noon Baby Shower
Oct 30 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00 ADULT STUDY SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 Fall VOTER'S ASS'Y	31	Nov 1 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	2 6:30 - 3 rd -6 th Gr. GROUP 6:30 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY TBA Sr High Costume Dodgeball Tourney	3 <div> Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net </div>	4	5

Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Oct 2 Jason Miller
Oct 9 Mark Fuglie
Oct 16 Tammy Fuglie
Oct 23 Becky Sarsland
Oct 30 Mona Hjelle
Nov 6 Kevin Welsh
Nov 13 Tammy Wachter
Nov 20 Wendy Robbin
Nov 27 Jason Miller

Fellowship Servers

Oct 2 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
Oct 9 LWML
Oct 16 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Oct 23 Gwen Ruchti
Oct 30 Mike & Brooke Knutson
Nov 6 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Nov 13 Becky Sarsland / Mary Raddatz
Nov 20 Nancy Jo Wendt & Tammy Fuglie
Nov 27 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore

Usher Schedule

Oct 2 Wally Abraham and Joe Johnson
Oct 9 LWML (Violet D & Nancy Jo W)
Oct 16 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
Oct 23 Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iversen
Oct 30 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen
Nov 6 Brent & Lance Sawatzky
Nov 13 Jason & Noah Miller
Nov 20 Bo & George Arends-Schmidt
Nov 27 Wendy & Lonny Robbin

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Oct 2 Lance Sawatzky
Oct 9 Andrew Sharp
Oct 16 Gage Dahl
Oct 23 Levi Miller
Oct 30 Eli Sharp
Nov 6 George Arends-Schmidt
Nov 13 Carson Jaspersen
Nov 20 Noah Miller
Nov 27 Davis Rustad

Make A Meal Volunteers

Oct Violet Dauk & Bonnie Hansen
Nov Gwen Ruchti & Gerri Strohsen

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That for a day: Measure your wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.

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Nursery (volunteers needed)

(Amanda Sharp - substitute helper)
Oct 2 Lance Sawatzky & Noah Miller
Oct 9 Alana Friehl & George Arends-Schmidt
Oct 16 Mona Hjelle & Davis Rustad
Oct 23 McCartney Knutson & Andrew Sharp
Oct 30 Gracie Geer & Carson Jaspersen
Nov 6 George Arends-Schmidt & Mona Hjelle
Nov 13 Davis Rustad & McCartney Knutson
Nov 20 Andrew Sharp & Carson Jaspersen
Nov 27 Lance Sawatzky & Noah Miller

Altar Guild

Oct Mona Hjelle
Nov Nancy Jo Wendt

Elders

Oct 2 Mark Fuglie & Jason Miller
Oct 16 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson

Nov 6 Ed Vegdahl & Mark Fuglie
Nov 20 Jason Miller & Kevin Welsh
Nov 23 Keith Hanson & Ed Vegdahl

Accompanying Musicians

Oct 2 Sharon Willen
Oct 9 Scott Wachter
Oct 16 Pam Johnson
Oct 23 Scott Wachter
Oct 30 Open
Nov 6 Sharon Willen
Nov 13 Scott Wachter
Nov 20 Pam Johnson
Nov 23 Open
Nov 27 Scott Wachter

Custodian

October Linda Van Meter & Kevin Hokom
November Custodians Needed

October Discipleship Verse...



Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. — Psalm 143:8 NIV

Mark Your Calendars...

Mission & Ministry Team - 2016 Budget-Planning

Thursday, October at 6:30 p.m. We will finalize our Strategic Ministry Plan for the coming year and craft a budget proposal. The planning session is for all Mission and Ministry Team members.

Fall Voters' Assembly

Sunday, October 30 after fellowship

The purpose of the fall assembly is to approve both a 2017 budget and 2017 ministry goals. The Mission and Ministry Team came up with a set of recommended goals at their September planning meeting. They will be preparing a proposed budget at their October meeting.

FFAA Nights Are Back!

"Fun For All Ages Nights" are not just for summer any more! We will host these fun event nights the last Friday of each month, beginning with Pumpkin Carving this month - October, 28 @ 6:30
Bring the family & some friends!



Mexican Fiesta Dinner 2016

When: Saturday, October 22 from 4:30 to 7:30

Menu: Enchiladas Taco Bar
Spanish Rice Refried Beans
Churros Fried Ice Cream
Hot and cold beverages

Cost: \$10.00 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-11,
Free for kids 4 & under

Idea: Pre-purchase tickets to give to friends as an outreach.

How You Can Help:

Serve: + Decorate (Friday evening Oct 21);
+ Prep food + Set Up
+ Serve Food + Take Down

Donate: + Chicken breasts + taco meat + salsa + cheese
+ refried beans + black olives + chips + taco shells
+ tortillas + nacho cheese sauce.

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That for a day: Fool-proof tip for self-improvement: Just follow all the advice you give everybody else.

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Miscellaneous Notes...

Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

Here's just a sampling of what you'll find :

- A BUNCH of new kids books
- New Devotional books
- Read With Me Bibles for toddlers
- Today's Light Devotional Bibles
- Oct Today's Light daily Bible readings
- Faith, Hope and Love Scripture bags
- Oct Living Word newsletters + Local coupons
- Oct-Dec Portals of Prayer - daily devotionals



Fall: A Great Time for Direct Deposit Your Offerings

School and sports schedules can keep people busy during this time of year. Direct-deposit can ensure your offerings are still supporting our mission while you are away. Thrivent Financial sponsors Simply Giving, a direct-deposit program that you can set up to have offerings automatically transferred from your bank account to the Living Word's general fund. Please see Jason Miller for more details.



Sermons Now Available in Audio on our Website

<http://livingwordlutheran.net/sermons.htm>

(Or just click on "New Sermons Online" at the bottom of the livingwordlutheran.net home page)

Choir Notes...

No choir rehearsals for October. Leone will be on R&R with her number one traveling partner, Kerry. Plan for extra practices in November.



Email Humor...

A mom was accompanying her eight-year-old daughter who was selling cookies door-to-door for the Girl Scouts.

After visiting several homes, she commented on the different styles of doorbells: some buzzed, some rang, some warbled. They made a game of guessing what the next bell would sound like.

At the precise moment the girl touched the doorbell at one house, the nearby church tower began to chime. She wheeled around with a look of amazement on her face. "Now that's a doorbell!"

From the Synod....



An excerpt from "A Lutheran Voter Information Guide"

Developed by the joint Public Policy Committee of the Minnesota South and North Districts

Complete hardcopy available at church - or download at files.constantcontact.com/d67548c2201/359dbaa1-8141-4efdb2c4-bc47528f953e.pdf

A Reflection on the Particular Election At Hand

It has become the general consensus that the 2016 election cycle is unique in living memory. With both major parties fielding candidates for the presidency that are disapproved of by large percentages of the general electorate and even within their own party, there is great confusion as to what kinds of actions or non-actions are called for on the part of Christian citizens. Some, who have regularly voted in the past, insist that the best thing to do is simply abstain from voting at all, that it is best to "sit this one out" and let the political chaos subside before returning to political involvement. Others, who have not been part of the political process for some time, use this as proof that the system is not only broken, but likely will never be able to repair itself and will never be worth engaging in. And then there are those who, though thoroughly dissatisfied with the candidates, insist that it is still our duty to vote—that it is still our obligation to identify and vote for the better or least objectionable of the presidential candidates and their party.

Ultimately, each Christian citizen must decide for themselves whether to vote and for whom to vote. There are however, some important factors that we suggest you consider as you formulate your voting thoughts:

1. It is important to remember that government is a necessary, good and God-pleasing thing. In fact, governmental authority is part of God's good creation and He calls on us to respect and pray for those who hold public office. (Romans 13, 1 Timothy 2) In a representative democracy like ours, we understand that participating in the government through the act of voting is a part of being a good Christian citizen. It would require a truly extraordinary Fall 2016 circumstance for a Christian to believe that being a good citizen would entail not voting.

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That for a day: A mother can touch a whole generation just by loving her own child well.

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2. It is important to remember that ... all candidates are fallen human beings like us, and will always possess something less than an ideal mix of attributes that we'd like to see in our elected officials. Indeed, throughout history, God has regularly used imperfect people to accomplish His good. Therefore it is important to remember that as Christian people, we are to be hope-filled and optimistic even when we can't see exactly how God will use certain officials to accomplish good.

3. It is also important to remember that while much of the attention is obviously focused on the presidential race, the vast majority (80-90%) of issues that will impact people's daily lives are decided at the state and local levels of government. This makes elections for these offices every bit as important as it is for president. With our system of checks and balances, it is also important that you consider federal House and Senate elections essential to participate in, especially if you are perplexed or frustrated by the presidential election.

4. Along the lines of checks and balances, the composition of the Supreme Court has, in many ways, become as important as who the president is. Therefore, even if you are less than thrilled with the particular candidates for president, it is important to remember that it is the judges the president will nominate to fill open seats on the Court that will have a significant influence over our nation's laws and culture in the long run. In short, even if you are concerned about a particular candidate's ability to govern well in the short-term, the long-term impact on the Supreme Court should also be considered as you vote.

Join us 9 a.m. Sunday Mornings from Oct 9 - Nov 6 as we look closer at the four public-policy issues addressed in the Voter Information Guide:

- Life Issues,
- Religious freedom,
- Marriage, family & sexuality,
- Parental Choice in education

NEW: We Prayed For You...



We are starting a new prayer ministry where we send out a card or two each week to people we prayed for during worship. Nancy Jo Wendt has volunteered to be our card sender.

How you can help: Simply tell Nancy when you feel that someone you asked us to pray for would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. Then just call, email or text Nancy with that person's address. It truly is a simple way to brighten the spirits of someone who's going through a tough time.

Sunday School News...

Class: 9:00 - 9:50

Sunday School staff :

Director:	Mona Hjelle
Music:	Sarah Miller
Pre-K thru Kindergarten:	Our Senior High girls: Gracie Geer, Alana Friebl and Michelle Johnson
1st & 2nd Grade:	Amanda Sharp
3rd & 4th Grade:	Violet Dauk
5th Grade- Jr High	Keith Hanson
Subs:	Jason Miller, Mona Hjelle

We could benefit from having another sub or two. Please talk to Mona if you can be a substitute teacher. Thanks!

Fall Curriculum: "Bible Treasure Hunt"



New Bibles!

October 9: Bible Sunday

3rd Graders receive new Adventure Bible during worship.

Bibles are given by the women of the Living Word LWML.

3rd—6th Grade Group...

**Will meet every Wednesday
from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

The Details:

- Our first gathering is Wednesday, October 5.
We'll pick a name for our group and get to know each other
- The gatherings each month will be focused around a theme.
(October's theme is: God's Creation)
- Our gatherings will include (not all in one night):
Bible study (with a monthly Bible-learning contest),
Theme-based crafts, Games, Field Trips, Servant Events

Adults from the congregation sharing their talents
(e.g. Larry Levin has invited us to his museum to check out his collection of dinosaur bones, arrowheads, butterflies, fossils and rocks)



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That for a day: The young want to change the world. The old want to change the young.

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- Kids will be encouraged to invite friends
(We have postcard invitations they can give to their friends)
- Organizers of the group are
Alex Rustad (320-905-1434),
Amanda Sharp (320-979-6285)
Violet Dauk (320-220-0344)

Please feel free to contact them if you have questions or would like to help in any way. Thanks!

We won't meet on days that NL-S does not have school or is cancelled

E-mail Wisdom...

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list.

The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:

1. to see
2. to hear
3. to touch
4. to taste
5. to feel
6. to laugh
7. and to love."



The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

Just a gentle reminder - that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

Story Behind The Song...

As the Deer

Song author Marty Nystrom gives the following account of the birth of a favorite worship song.

"In 1984 I was a school teacher in Seattle, and since I had the summer off I decided to go back to Bible College, but only for the summer term. I headed for Dallas, Texas and Christ For the Nations Institute. Little did I know what was about to happen to me, especially with all that I would be exposed to and the worship emphasis of the school."

"I had a roommate at CFNI who was a very vibrant Christian. He challenged me to go on a fast — a period of time when a person refrains from eating solid food in order to give time to the reading of the Bible and to prayer."

"I took up the challenge, and on the 19th day of the fast I found myself sitting at a piano trying to write a song. I was simply playing chord progressions when I noticed a Bible on the music stand of the piano. It was open to Psalm 42. My eyes fell on the first verse of that chapter... *As the hart (deer) panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.* After reading the verse I began to sing its message, right off the page. I wrote the first verse and the chorus of a song, pretty much straight through. The whole of the adventure was completed in a matter of minutes. I then repeated the song I had just written. I wanted to seal it in my mind."

**As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after thee.
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship thee.**

Chorus You alone are my strength my shield,
 To you alone may my spirit yield.
 You alone are my heart's desire,
 And I long to worship thee

**You're my friend and you are my brother,
Even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything.**

"I had no intention of showing the song to anyone. It was to be for my own devotional time with the Lord. However, before leaving the school to go back to Seattle, I did share it with one person, Dave Butterbaugh. He introduced it to the students of the school and it became a favorite."

"Since that introduction of the song, it has been translated into several languages and is often sung in other countries. Orchestras have used it. It has been sung in unusually different styles."

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That for a day: We should all swap problems; everyone knows how to solve the other guy's.

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Marty continues to write songs and travel extensively, teaching in worship conferences. In Korea in the 1990s, he attended one such conference and as he walked into the stadium 100,000 Koreans were singing "As the Deer."

Editor's note: Listen to Christian artist Don Moen at <https://youtu.be/no9StppmvGA>

Please Remember to Pray At 11:09 Every day

(inspired by Luke 11:9: "So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you")

Remember to take a time-out to be "impudent" and PRAY for...

- A great start to our 3rd - 6th Grade Group
- God's protection for all who are harvesting or hunting
- Asking God for an abundant harvest
- Asking God to bring encouragement through our new 'Praying 4 U' program
- Our Mexican Fiesta Dinner to be a successful fundraiser & outreach
- A great start to our FFAA Nights - with Pumpkin Carving
- God's guidance for our MMT as they put together a 2017 budget
- Thanking God for the ministry of our LWML (LWML Sunday is Oct 9)
- God to embolden our Christian witness in our daily lives
- God to raise up leaders in our nation who seek His will
- God to give you His wisdom as you make your election choices
- Protection and boldness is witness for all persecuted Christians
- For the mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



**The Pumpkin Epistle: Be transformed by the
renewal of your minds Romans 12:2**