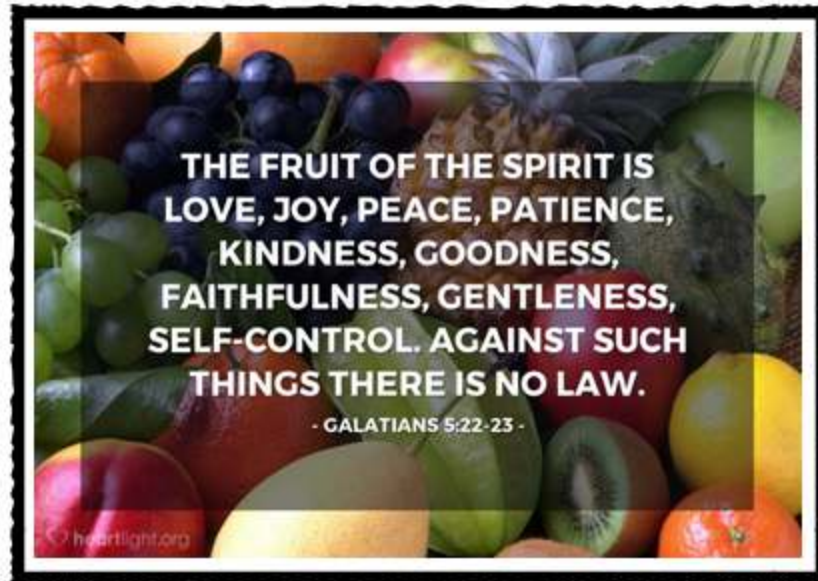



Living Word
Lutheran Church
LCMS



August 2020 Newsletter
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Remember our Summer Hours:
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

PO Box 242, New London, MN 56273
Located north of the New London Township Hall on Cty Rd 9 NE
Phone: 320-354-4637
Email: pastor@livingwordlutheran.net
Website: www.livingwordlutheran.net

Question for Pastor...

"Which Ten Commandment list should we go by, the one in my Bible or the one in the Catechism?"

This question came from one of our confirmation students when they were studying for their year-end test.

I've fielded a similar question many times over the years:

"Why are there two different numbering systems for the Ten Commandments?"

If you grew up Lutheran or Roman Catholic, you learned this as the Second Commandment:

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

But if you learned the commandments in any other Christian church you were likely taught that the Second Commandment is:

"You shall not make any graven images (idols),"

and that not taking God's name in vain was Commandment #3.

Lutherans and Catholics teach that "not making any graven images" is simply an example of how to keep the First Commandment.

In Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches the "You shall not covet" command is split into two commandments, while the other Christian traditions lump them together into one final command.

And, to further confuse the issue, if you have any Jewish friends they count "I Am the LORD your God" as the First Commandment! Christians look at that as the introductory statement, with the actual commandments beginning with *"You shall have no other gods beside me."*

The commandments are found in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. Exodus 20 recounts the time God first gave the commandments to Moses - and inscribed them with His own finger on tablets of stone. In Deuteronomy 5, Moses repeats the commandments for the Israelites as they prepare to



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enter the Promised Land forty years later. (I'd encourage you to grab your Bible - or Bible app - and read them now.)

As you read both accounts, it becomes evident that the challenge of numbering the Commandments comes from the fact that God didn't assign numbers to the individual commandments. This tells us that the numbering isn't really the important thing. What is important is that we remember the commandments themselves - so that we keep them!

(And, of course, we keep the commandments, NOT to "get right with God." Rather, we seek to obey them as a way of showing that the God who gave them is the One True God and that we worship and serve Him alone. Plus... life just goes better when we keep the commandments - which is as God designed it!)

Thanks for Asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net



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. This past month we thanked God for:

- **Sunday Worship Inside Church - 9:00 A.M.**
- **Jesus Dying to Set Us Free From Our Sin**
- **Vacation Bible School - Coming August 24-27**

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence during August.

Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the First and Third Sundays in July. **(August 2nd & 16th)**

NEW 'SOCIAL DISTANCING' COMMUNION PROCEDURE:

Everyone will remain in their seat for communion. After consecrating the elements, Pastor and the Elders will distribute a sealed packet of both wafer and grape juice to each communicant. After everyone has received their packet, we will all open them and partake of communion at the same time. Pastor will then give the communion dismissal to everyone. (Please continue to pray for an end to the restrictions so we can come to the altar rail for the Lord's Supper again soon!)

Congregational Outreach....

...AKA "Fun Stuff"

STINGERS' GAME & PICNIC

- Date: TBA
- Picnic begins at 12:05 (Game @ 1:05)
- Includes:
 - + Reserved-Seat Game Ticket
 - + All-you-can-eat Ballpark Buffet

Cost: \$21.58 (Sign up at Church or call Mardia Welsh 320-796-6840)



Living Word Blog...

Check out our Living Word Blog for lots of fun thoughts, ideas, music videos and more. www.livingwordlutheranlcms.blogspot.com



Opportunities for Growth...

Wednesday Prayer Time
Will return in September



Wednesday Evening Women's Study
Is on "Summer Break"

Monthly Morning Women's Study
Is on "Summer Break"



 **Confirmation Class**
Is on Summer Break

Men's Group Study
Is on Summer Break

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That for a day: The proper response to "Good morning" is not "Prove it!"

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Vacation Bible School...

"The Fruit of the Spirit"



AUGUST 24-27 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Ages: 4yrs - having completed 5th Grade

Please begin praying about kids you can invite.

Please contact Mona Hjelle if you can help with:

- + Meals
- + Art/Crafts
- + Games
- + Puppet shows

Veteran's-Build Applications Now Being Accepted

Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota is seeking applicants for our upcoming Veteran's Build which will be designated for a local military individual or family. (We are seeking a veteran, active military member or surviving spouse.) Persons interested in Habitat's Home-ownership Program may apply now through August 14, 2020.



Applications can be picked up in the Habitat office located at: 2424 1st St S. in Willmar, (Office hours: Tues - Fri 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Or we can mail you an application by calling 320-231-2704 or toll free 1-877-926-6434.

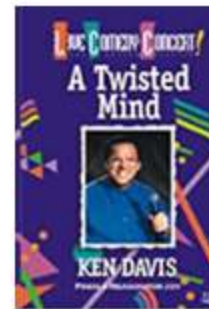
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Thot for a day: Saying "Have a nice day" sounds friendly. But saying "Enjoy your next 24 hours" sounds threatening.

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Aug "Movie Night"...

Join us on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in August at 7:00 for Living Word Lutheran Movie Night.



August 5: "Ken Davis Comedy"

About Ken:

Ken Davis is one of the country's most sought-after motivational and inspirational speakers. His mixture of side-splitting humor and his powerful insights have inspired audiences around the world.

Ken says, "Ok. I confess that I actually wrote the above sentence, but I couldn't bear to begin with, "I am one of the country's most..."

August 19: "I Can Only Imagine"

I Can Only Imagine is a 2018 American Christian biographical drama based on the story behind the group MercyMe's song "I Can Only Imagine", the best-selling Christian single of all time.



Pastor David says, "This movie should be on everyone's 'bucket list' - to watch once a year! It's much more than a movie about a cool song. It's a powerful movie about relationships, forgiveness and reconciliation.

LWML...



SHOES FOR MISSIONS

(fundraiser for Lutheran Island Camp):

Shoe collection has been temporarily interrupted due to COVID. Collection will hopefully begin again this fall. Watch the Newsletter for a notice when collection begins again. Thank you to everyone who has donated shoes!



The Link...

July 2020 Updates

As things are setting down into a new "normal" at The Link, there has been a lot to be thankful for.

The Community Closet and Revive and Redeem started back up with taking donations and the stores opened again for shopping. The store hours are 10-2 Thursdays and Fridays and Saturdays from 9-1.

In June, **The Food Pantry** welcomed 6 new families, served 28 children, 53 adults and 26 seniors. 2900 pounds of food was distributed and 227.5 pounds of food was donated from community members and churches. If you know anyone who is having a tough time making ends meet with the current economic crises, please have them come in Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9-3, Wednesdays 2-5 or contact us at 320-354-5555.

The Summer Backpack Program is up and running and serving local families in need of some extra food support. Families can come in and fill up bags for each child in their family to take home. If you know any families that could benefit from getting a little extra during the tough summer months the kids aren't in school, have them contact us at The Link and we can get them signed up.

Senior Food Delivery- The Senior Food Delivery Program has signed up 4 new seniors this past month. It has been an absolute blessing to them and for the staff here at The Link to serve them. If you are interested in delivering or if you know a senior family (or a family that has a difficult time getting out and about), please call Ashley at 320-354-5555.

The Link's **Client Outreach** program served 6 families in the month of June. One family in particular was helped in a big way when The Link was able to catch them up on rent and bills in the amount of \$3,000. Other families received help with car repairs, energy bills, rent and gas. A HUGE thank you to all of The Link's Donors for making it possible to help families in need. There have been tears of gratitude shed this past month from those The Link was able to serve.

RIBFEST POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE- A new date for Ribfest is being discussed and will be finalized soon. Stay tuned for more information.

COMMUNITY CLOSET AND REVIVE AND REDEEM ARE TAKING DONATIONS! Please call ahead of time to ensure someone is available to assist you.

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That for a day: So many people these days are judgmental. I can tell just by looking at them.

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And remember... YOU are The Link.

Tuesday's Table continues to be cancelled until further notice.

Monthly Giving Opportunities:

The Link makes monthly giving a convenient option for our donors. You can set up online giving through The Link's website at www.youarethelink.org or directly through your bank. If you would like to make a one time donation, you can send a check to P.O. Box 823, New London, MN 56273 or via Venmo @The-Link-1. Please contact Ashley at 320-354-5555 or email her at ashley@youarethelink.org for more information.

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 and PRAY for...

- Thanking God for summer activities and growing season
- A great turnout for Vacation Bible School August 24-27
- All students, teachers and parents as school re-opens.
- Asking God to provide for the social needs of those in nursing homes.
- Asking God to replace fear with trust in Him
- God to show you opportunities to Share His Love in Practical Ways.
- Asking God for His power to bring healing to our nation - in all ways!
- Asking God to humble you, seek Him and repent (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for gov't leaders
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

Remember to use "The Prayer Force"

Please continue to call, text (320-220-1816) or email (pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) prayer requests to Pastor David for the Prayer Force prayer chain to include in their prayers. Thanks!



And an Invitation to Join our "Prayer Force"

Being a part of our prayer chain is a HUGELY important - and very simple - way you can serve God and His people! When a request to pray comes in, Pastor forwards it via text message (or email for those who don't have a cell phone). Then you simply include that request in your prayers. Text Pastor today and tell him "Yeah, I can do that!" Thanks!

Email Humor...

The Top 5 Signs You Aren't Reading Your Bible Enough:

5. You think Abraham, Isaac & Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60's.
4. You become frustrated because Charlton Heston isn't listed in either the Concordance or the Table of Contents.
3. Catching the kids reading the Song of Solomon, you demand: "Who gave you this stuff?"
2. You keep falling for it every time Pastor tells you to turn to the book of Second Opinions.

And the number one sign you may not be reading your Bible enough:

1. The kids keep asking too many questions about your usual bedtime story: "Jonah the Shepherd Boy and His Ark of Many Colors."

At the airport check-in counter I overheard a woman ask for window seats for both she and her husband.

The clerk pointed out that this would prevent them from sitting together.

"Sweetie," the woman replied, "I've just spent 10 days of quality time in a compact rental car with this man. I KNOW what I'm requesting!"

Email Inspiration...

San Francisco Giants pitcher Sam Coonrod was the only player in the league who didn't kneel on Opening Day for MLB's BLM moment.

After the game, on a Zoom call with reporters, Coonrod said he believes his faith does not allow him to kneel before anyone but God.



Pastor's note: Check out Daniel chapter 3 and read about some other guys who wouldn't take a knee - and what happened as a result!

From MN North District...

On the 1st Sunday of the month, every congregation in the Minnesota North District is encouraged to pray for Someone You Know who needs to hear the GOOD NEWS that Jesus Christ died and rose again to pay for their sins.

Watch the video at <https://mnnlcms.360unite.com/someone-you-know>

SOMEONE you know

Prayer for SOMEONE YOU KNOW who doesn't know Jesus as Savior, or who has drifted away from church:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we are living through difficult times. People are hurting and need hope. Despite the restrictions we face due to the virus, give us opportunity to tell someone we know about Your love and forgiveness. Someone we know needs hope. Use us to give Your hope to them. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Do they know you care?

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:21-23

🕒 I imagine your church has been forced by the pandemic to do things they have never done before in order to God's Word out to the people. Are there ways you might try and reach out to Someone You Know that might be open to you now because of the pandemic?

🕒 More than ever people need the human touch - some reassurance and friendship. Brainstorm some ways you might reach out and show a little kindness to Someone You Know. Look for opportunities that God gives you to share the hope you have in Jesus.

WATCH THE VIDEO AT
someoneyouknow.church

August 2020 - Daily Readings

We begin the month with a very timely book, Hebrews which highlights reasons that Jesus is the Only One to put your trust in. We conclude the month reading the book of Romans which is a great summary of the Christian faith.

Week of AUGUST 2

Aug 3 Hebrews 1 _____

Aug 4 Hebrews 2 _____

Aug 5 Hebrews 3 _____

Aug 6 Hebrews 4 _____

Aug 7 Hebrews 5 _____

Aug 8 Hebrews 6 _____

Week of AUGUST 9

Aug 10 Hebrews 7 _____

Aug 11 Hebrews 8 _____

Aug 12 Hebrews 9 _____

Aug 13 Hebrews 10 _____

Aug 14 Hebrews 11 _____

Aug 15 Hebrews 12 _____

Week of AUGUST 16

Aug 17 Hebrews 13 _____

Aug 18 Romans 1 _____

If you prefer to listen to the recorded version of the daily readings, visit our website.

Pastor David makes audio recordings of each day's readings (and summarizes some main points at the end of each reading). You can find them on the Readings page on our website.

Aug 19 Romans 2 _____

Aug 20 Romans 3 _____

Aug 21 Romans 4 _____

Aug 22 Romans 5 _____

Week of AUGUST 23

Aug 24 Romans 6 _____

Aug 25 Romans 7 _____

Aug 26 Romans 8 _____

Aug 27 Romans 9 _____

Aug 28 Romans 10 _____

Aug 29 Romans 11 _____

Week of AUGUST 30

Aug 31 Romans 12 _____

Sep 1 Romans 13 _____

Sep 2 Romans 14 _____






Sep 3 Romans 15 _____

Sep 4 Romans 16 _____

Sep 5 No Readings for Labor Day Weekend

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

August 2020 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>9:00 - WORSHIP w/ COMMUNION</p> 	3	4	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 - ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY</p> <p>7:00 - MOVIE NIGHT: Ken Davis Comedy</p>	6	7	8
<p>Lord's Supper Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, Aug 2nd • Sunday, Aug 16th 						
<p>9</p> <p>9:00 - WORSHIP</p>	10	11	<p>12</p>  <p>6:30 - TRAP SHOOTING</p>	<p>13</p> <p>MISSION Ministry</p> <p>5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM</p> <p>6:30 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM</p>	14	15
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 - WORSHIP w/ COMMUNION</p> 	17	18	<p>19</p>  <p>7:00 - MOVIE NIGHT: "I Can Only Imagine"</p>	<p>REMINDER:</p> <p>Worship time through Labor Day Weekend (Sept 6th) will remain at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>We move back to 10:00 on September 13th.</p>		
<p>23</p> <p>9:00 - WORSHIP</p>	<p>24</p> <p>"FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT"</p> <p>5:30 - 8:00</p>	<p>25</p> <p>OF THE SPIRIT"</p> <p>5:30 - 8:00</p>	<p>26</p> <p>VACATION BIBLE</p> <p>5:30 - 8:00</p>	<p>27</p> <p>SCHOOL</p> <p>5:30 - 8:00</p>	28	29
<p>30</p> <p>9:00 - WORSHIP</p>	31	Sept 1	<p>Sept 2</p>  <p>6:30 - TRAP SHOOTING</p>	Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5
<p>Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net</p>						

Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

We will not be having "Fellowship" after worship until the social distancing guidelines are relaxed. - Please pray for that to happen soon!

Usher Schedule

Aug 2	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
Aug 9	Larry Levin & Carroll Sarsland
Aug 16	Wendy & Lonny Robbin
Aug 23	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
Aug 30	Kevin Welsh & Volunteer needed
Sept 6	Brady & Eli Sharp
Sept 13	Derek & Sarah Olson
Sept 20	Brent & Lance Sawatzky
Sept 27	Jason & Levi Miller

Elders

Aug 2,9	Kevin Welsh & Jason Miller
Aug 16,23,30	Ed Vegdahl & Joe Johnson
Sept 6,13	Keith Hanson & Kevin Welsh
Sept 20,27	Jason Miller & Ed Vegdahl

Make A Meal Volunteers

August	Pam Johnson
September	Jamie & Laurel Iverson

Scripture Readers

NOTE: Pastor David will read the Scriptures in Worship until COVID restrictions are eased

Many Thanks to ...

- Marcia Welsh for organizing our trip to Hemker Zoo !
- Tim Geer and Joe Johnson for being custodians for Aug & Sept!

If you have someone you'd like to thank, please email Scott at webmaster@livingwordlutheran.net.

Thot for a day: The number of red lights you encounter on your way to your destination will always correspond to how late you started out.

Nursery

Aug 2	Pam Johnson
Aug 9	Violet Dauk
Aug 16	Mona Hjelle
Aug 23	Volunteer needed
Aug 30	Volunteer needed

Sept 6	Pam Johnson
Sept 13	Violet Dauk
Sept 20	Mona Hjelle
Sept 27	Volunteer needed

Custodian

August	Tim Geer
September	Joe Johnson

Altar Guild

August	Nancy Jo Wendt
September	Mona Hjelle

Accompanying Musicians

Aug 2	Sharon Willen
Aug 9	Scott Wachter
Aug 16	Pam Johnson
Aug 23	Carmen Macik
Aug 30	Open

Sept 6	Sharon Willen
Sept 13	Scott Wachter
Sept 20	Pam Johnson
Sept 27	Carmen Macik

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



Seen on Church Signboards...

Masks are not required to enter heaven,
Just faith in Jesus !

August Discipleship Verse...

"But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23



Miscellaneous Notes...

Food Pantry Reminder

2nd Sunday of each month, please remember to bring your donations for the Food Pantry. Place them in the purple container by the door at church. Thanks to everyone for donating!

Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

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

- *Read With Me* Bibles for toddlers
- *Today's Light* Devotional Bible
- August Newsletters
- July—Sept Portals of Prayer



Sermons Now Available in Video on our Website

Find at livingwordlutheran.net. Sermons can be found in our recorded worship services at

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

07-05-20	"Three huge ways that Jesus sets us free"
07-19-20	"Spiritual Insights from Vacation - Part 1"
07-26-20	"Spiritual Insights from Vacation - Part 2"

Still Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Living Word has the option of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account .

Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office.

Reminders of your scheduled day to serve will be coming to your phone soon.

Pam Johnson has graciously volunteered to give a call or send a text to help us all remember our scheduled dates to serve as ushers, acolytes, fellowship servers, etc...



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That for a day: Optimist: "It doesn't get any better than this!" Pessimist: "That's what I'm afraid of."

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Masks of God...

By Joan Jastram in "Serving the Lord in Asia: News from the Jastrams"

You and me. We are the "masks of God" in this world. Now, I hadn't heard of this phrase until the other day from Dan. He explained that Luther used it in reference to God working through us, his agents, each in his or her particular vocation.

Of course, I wanted to learn more and consequently happened upon Gene Vieth's excellent article on vocation, which explains:

In other words, in his earthly kingdom, just as in his spiritual kingdom, God bestows his gifts through means. God ordained that human beings be bound together in love, in relationships and communities existing in a state of interdependence. In this context, God is providentially at work caring for his people, each of whom contributes according to his or her God-given talents, gifts, opportunities, and stations. Each thereby becomes what Luther terms a "mask of God" (bolding is mine).

Aha! As Americans, we take pride in being "self-sufficient," but we really do need each other. And as we each serve our neighbor in our vocation, we function as "masks of God." Vieth also points out that God does NOT need our good works, but our neighbor does. So, too, as your agents in Asia, we work together to carry out the Great Commission to share the Gospel with our "neighbors" in Asia.

The other day, shortly after Dan had digitized a Japanese catechism, a pastor in the States contacted him about possible catechetical material for a Japanese fiancée in his congregation. You can imagine how delighted Dan was to have this resource just recently available to share online—and in an unexpected corner of the world. It is truly a blessing to give and receive support as we serve Christ in our own vocations—as "masks of God." Our prayer is that, even as we all serve our neighbor in many different capacities, as "masks of God" in love and care, we will also work together to unmask God's message of salvation for all the world to see and hear.



Please check out the rest of the Jastram's latest newsletter here:

<https://tinyurl.com/y6see3wf>

School Kits...

It's Time to Start Purchasing Items for School Kits



We have Backpacks to fill for
Orphan Grain Train's School Kit Project.

What Goes into a School Kit?

- 1 Backpack
- 2 Spiral Notebooks
- 2 Pencils
- 2 Pens
- 10 sheets of construction paper
- Crayons (24 pack)
- Ruler
- 2 Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Washable markers (8 or 10 pack)



Please bring your School Kit items to church beginning August 16.

It costs \$11 to ship a box of school kits to kids who need them. Please consider a donation to help with shipping.

**A Huge "Thank You"
from Kerry & Leone ...**

To everyone who prayed, send cards, or called with well wishes for Kerry's bypass operation!. God bless you all !

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That for a day: Duct tape is like The Force - it has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together

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Lutheran Island Camp...

Golf Outing
FUNDRAISER FOR

**LUTHERAN
ISLAND CAMP**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020 - 9:00 A.M.
OAKWOOD GOLF COURSE, HENNING MN

Four Person Teams, Best Ball, Shotgun start, 18 holes
Cost: \$70 per golfer- (One \$5 mulligan per person)
Includes: Golf, Cart, Drawing Ticket, Lunch
Sponsors: \$60 minimum per hole - Golf and Sponsor: \$100
Prizes: Drawing, Longest Drive, Putt, Closest to Pin, Team Score
Individual golfers can be assigned to a team
LIC is available for lodging/breakfast

CONTACT: JEFFREY ROSS
JEFFREYROSS83@GMAIL.COM
(218) 583-2905

REGISTER BY AUGUST 14

FOR REGISTRATION:
ONLINE AT ISLANDCAMP.ORG
EMAIL: REGISTER@ISLANDCAMP.ORG

Email Wisdom...

15 Rules of Wisdom

1. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
2. Dear God, I have a problem, it's me.
3. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open. (That means happiness is A CHOICE you always have)
4. You do the math... Count Your Blessings!
5. Faith is the ability to not panic.
6. If you worry, don't pray. If you pray...don't worry.
7. As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home everyday.
8. Growing old is inevitable, growing UP is optional.
9. Laugh every day, it's really is good medicine!
10. Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape.
11. The Most Important Things in Your Home Are THE PEOPLE!
12. A grudge is a heavy thing to carry
13. He who dies with the most toys is still dead.
14. Surviving and living your life successfully requires courage. Learn from the turtle, it only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.
15. Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.



Another Chance to...

Order Your Living Word Trap Shooting Caps

Cost: \$15.00

Available in several color choices Sign up at church.

- ___ Black front - white back (not shown)
- ___ Charcoal front - orange back (above)
- ___ RealTree Camo - (right)



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That for a day: In my defense, I was left unsupervised.

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Coming Soon to our Playground...



Donated by Susan Johnson in memory of her sister Lora.

Mark Your Calendar...

Rescheduled for November

Women's Retreat 2020:
"Unfading Beauty"
Muskie Lodge, Mille Lacs Lake



Vacation Bible School
August 24th—27th
See page 6 for details

The NEXT **National Youth Gathering**
(2022 in Houston)



August Trap Shooting...



NOTE: Date changes for August
Trap Shooting Fellowship

Trap Shooting will be held on
and
Wednesday, August 12
Wednesday, September 2
(Both at 6:30 p.m.)

Opportunities to Serve...

Adopt-a-Highway

Wednesday, August 5

We will leave from church at 6:00

We need drivers and a minimum of 8 people

in order to complete the cleanup in an hour. Sign up at church.



Help With Our Nursery

We need a couple more volunteers to help with our during-worship nursery (2-6 year olds). Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help.

Operate our PowerPoint display during worship:

In an effort to keep "touchable surfaces" to a minimum, we are projecting the order of worship - Scripture readings, songs, etc... onto the front wall instead of having them in a worship folder. We need some volunteers to "click" from one screen to the next at the appropriate time during worship. Please talk to Pastor if you could do this one Sunday a month. Thanks!

Operate our new Camcorder

to record parts of each worship service that we can later upload to our website. Talk to Pastor David if you can help out with this - at least one Sunday a month.

Pick Your Month for you (or your family) to be our Church Custodian: You can choose any month from October - December. Talk to our new Trustee, Steve Wulf, to sign up or find out more details. Thanks

Make A Meal

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 call Pastor David or our July Make-a-Meal volunteer, Wendy Robbin, if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks !



We are also looking for a person to be the Make-a-Meal coordinator - someone who notifies the meal makers when a meal is needed and who also arranges for the meal to be delivered. If you could be that person, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!

Remember to use our "We Prayed for You" program...

We'd like to send out a card or two each week to people we prayed for during worship. How you can help: Simply tell Pastor David when you feel that someone you asked us to pray for would be greatly encour-

That for a day: A sure way to forget all your troubles is to wear tight shoes.

aged by getting a card. Then just call, email or text him with that person's address. It truly is a simple way to brighten the spirits of someone who's going through a tough time.

We are currently in need of a volunteer to mail the cards. If you could help, talk to Pastor David.

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Remember the Teal's Rebate Program.

Teal's rebate in the amount of \$103.66 for 2019 was received and deposited into the building fund.

Thank you to all who gave your receipts. Keep them coming!

Teal's Grocery gives a 1% rebate to eligible organizations. There's a box under the mail boxes where you can put in your receipts.



Congratulations...

- Mona & Byron on your 40th Wedding Anniversary!

If you have someone you'd like to offer congratulations to, just email Pastor David with the info: pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Story Behind The Song...

It Is Well With My Soul

Life can be so unpredictable—joys and sorrows, beautiful blessings and distressing difficulties can come unexpectedly. Our life's dreams and plans can change in an instant. We all know this to be true. So how can we find peace amid such turbulence?

Horatio Spafford knew something about life's unexpected challenges. He was a successful attorney and real estate investor who lost a fortune

in the great Chicago fire of 1871. Around the same time, his beloved four-year-old son died of scarlet fever.

Thinking a vacation would do his family some good, he sent his wife and four daughters on a ship to England, planning to join them after he finished some pressing business at home. However, while crossing the Atlantic Ocean, the ship was involved in a terrible collision and sunk. More than 200 people lost their lives, including all four of Horatio Spafford's precious daughters. His wife, Anna, survived the tragedy. Upon arriving in England, she sent a telegram to her husband that began: "Saved alone. What shall I do?"

Horatio immediately set sail for England. At one point during his voyage, the captain of the ship, aware of the tragedy that had struck the Spafford family, summoned Horatio to tell him that they were now passing over the spot where the shipwreck had occurred.

As Horatio thought about his daughters, words of comfort and hope filled his heart and mind. He wrote them down, and they have since become a well-loved hymn:

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain It is well, (it is well),
With my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life,
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;

That for a day: Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.

Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
A song in the night, oh my soul!

Perhaps we cannot always say that everything is well in all aspects of our lives. There will always be storms to face, and sometimes there will be tragedies. But with faith in a loving God and with trust in His divine help, we can confidently say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Editor's note: Several videos to choose, but one that I featured this week on our blog (<http://livingwordlutheranlms.blogspot.com/>) is by a new group called CHARLOTTE AVE. Watch at <https://youtu.be/nCvRJYuX6ww>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

