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Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us
do good to all people, especially to those
who belong to the family of believers.

- Galatians 6:10 -



July 2020 Newsletter
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

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

Living Word Lutheran Church

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Question for Pastor...

“What is ‘Apologetics’?”

I was asked this question a couple of times this past month. It’s a term you may have heard a lot recently as something that’s very important for Christians. Unfortunately, it’s a confusing term, because when we hear it we automatically think of another word we are familiar with: “apologize.” Then we think “Why should I apologize for believing in Jesus? That makes no sense.”



“Apologetics” is actually the opposite of “apologizing.”

Apologetics is the practice of defending your faith in Jesus. Peter defines it well in 1 Peter 3:15 “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”

In our world today there are countless things people put their faith in. Not only that, but “atheism” (the belief that there is no god) is becoming increasingly popular. As a result, the ability to “give reason for the hope we have” may be more important for Christians now than it ever has been.

Most of us have grown up knowing that, as Peter said in Acts 4:12, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven, given among men by which we must be saved.” It’s no longer enough to simply tell people- including our kids- that Jesus is the only way to eternal life. We need to be able to tell “why” Jesus is the only way.

Here’s an example of “apologetics” that I used in a recent sermon: “Of all the things and people you can put your faith in, Jesus is the only one who dealt honestly with our sin problem. Others typically pretend that sin is something that doesn’t exist or isn’t that big of a deal. Or they teach that we can successfully cover it up by doing good things. Only Jesus treats sin as what it is, something that unless it is removed, will naturally keep us out of the presence of our sinless God for eternity.”

I described it this way using some terms we are all too familiar with: “We deserve to be quarantined from our Sinless God for eternity, because every single one of us has tested positive for Sin! But Jesus, the very Son

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of God, took our Sin-sickness on Himself - AND DIED as a result of it- so that we could have the cure: Forgiveness. Forgiveness is the “antibody” that gets rid of the sin, so we no longer have to face being quarantined from our sinless God. Rather, we can look forward to spending eternity with Him!

Of course, this gift of God’s Forgiveness is like any other gift, it needs to be opened in order for us to benefit from it. Faith in Jesus (the One who bought the gift) is what “opens” that gift, so we personally receive it!”

Thank God He loves you so much He would rather die than live quarantined from you forever!

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**

Let Pastor know how you’d complete that sentence during July.

Communion Notes...

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated on the First and Third Sundays in July. (**July 5th & 19th**)

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 Marcia Welsh 320-796-6840)



HEMKER ZOO- Freeport, MN

- Saturday, July 25
- Cost \$11.50



REMINDER:

Worship time through Labor Day Weekend (Sept 6th) will remain at 9:00 a.m.

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

Meets Wednesdays @ 6:00p.m
July 8 (Study for Final Test)
July 29 (Take Final Test)

Men's Group Study—Tuesdays @ 6:30

Tuesday Evenings @ 6:30

Who can you invite to join you

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Hot for a day: Congratulations! You survived June. Welcome to Level 5 of Jumanji.

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Green Lake Cruise Photos...



Who Can You Invite?...

OUR "CHURCH REC" NIGHTS

Wednesdays, July 8th & 22nd 6:30 - 7:30

The School isn't having "Community Rec" right now, so we decided to attempt to partially fill the void with what we are calling "Church Rec." The 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings we will have all sorts of recreation activities for all ages. Volleyball, kickball, horseshoes, foosball, chalk drawings on the parking lot, bean bag toss, and whatever game you want to bring/play.

MOVIE NIGHT - AFTER "CHURCH REC"

You can watch movies at church!

Marcia will be showing movies (with popcorn) starting at 7:45 on "Church Rec" Nights. The movie will be projected onto the front wall inside the building. Bring a blanket or lawn chair or just watch from a pew!

BIG KAHUNA ???

Marcia has arranged for us to have a Night at the Big Kahuna in Spicer. We need to have a minimum of 20 people attend, so please talk to or text Marcia (320) 220-0803 if you'd like to go to the Big Kahuna. We will go on a Monday evening and the cost will be \$22 for ages 9 and up. \$18 for ages 8 and under.

TRAP SHOOTING

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in June, July & August 6:30 - 8:00
AND Saturday, August 1 @ 1:00 p.m.

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



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That for a day: I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.

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July "Movie Night" Movies...



Join us on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:45 for Living Word Lutheran Movie Night.

July 8: "OVERCOMER"

Life changes overnight for coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team's state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected

news. When the largest manufacturing plant in town suddenly shuts down and hundreds of families begin moving away, John must come to grips with the challenges facing his family and his team. Urged by the school's principal to fill-in and coach a sport he doesn't know or like, John is frustrated and questioning his worth... until he crosses paths with a student struggling with her own journey.

Filled with a powerful mix of faith, a twist of humor, and a ton of heart, the Kendrick Brothers return with OVERCOMER, their newest feature following FACING THE GIANTS, FIREPROOF, COURAGEOUS, and the #1 box-office hit, WAR ROOM.



July 22: "SOUL SURFER"

Soul Surfer (2011) is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. The film features an all-star cast, including Anna Sophia Robb and Helen Hunt, with Carrie Underwood in her film debut, and Dennis Quaid. In the wake of this life-changing event that took her arm and nearly her life, Bethany's feisty determination and steadfast beliefs spur her toward an adventurous comeback that gives her the grit to turn her loss into a gift for others.



The Link...

June 2020 Updates

In May, **The Food Pantry** welcomed 4 new families and distributed about 3,000 pounds of food. The Link volunteers and staff rescued 1344 pounds of food from Cash Wise and ALDI and took in almost 800 pounds of food from donations. It was wonderful to see the rescued food go to good use and not be wasted and The Link is thankful for the opportunity to pick up from Cash Wise 1-2 times a week.

The Wildcat Backpack Program is officially done for the school year, but families are now participating in the Summer Pack Program. 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 is getting busier as word spreads to seniors in need. There are many thankful seniors who have been isolated at home during the COVID crisis. Not only have they loved the groceries, but the visits as well. 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 8 families in the month of May from helping with medical bills and car repairs to utilities and rent. This has been a tough time for a lot of families and the help given alleviated a lot of the unneeded extra stress. So, THANK YOU to all of The Link's Donors for making it possible to help families in need.

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 NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS! After much consideration, The Community Closet and Revive and Redeem are now open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 -2 and Saturday's from 9-1. There are a few rules in place to keep shoppers safe. Masks are optional, the fitting room and bathrooms are closed for public use and there are 4-5 shoppers allowed in the store at one time.

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That for a day: I've changed my mind a dozen times. It seems to work better now.

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Donations for The Community Closet and Revive and Redeem are now being accepted as well. To ensure someone is available to take your items, please call ahead of time or bring donations in between 12-5pm on Wednesdays.

And remember.....

YOU are The Link.

Tuesday's Table:

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.



Spring Voters Assembly...

On June 28th after worship, these officers were elected to the following Mission and Ministry Team positions:

- Chairman - Brady Sharp
- Secretary - Angie Jaspersen
- Trustee - Steve Wulf
- Community Outreach - Tammy Miller
- Education - Youth - Carmen & Mike Mack
- Elders' Team - Keith Hanson, Jason Miller, Ed Vegdahl

Please thank them for their willingness to serve us, and thank God for them!

Email Humor...

One Liner: I keep adjusting the brightness control on my TV, but it's still as stupid as ever!

Two city boys were on their first camping trip. The mosquitoes were so fierce the boys had to hide under their blankets to keep from being devoured.



When they saw some lightning bugs, one boy said to the other: "We might as well give up, they're coming at us with flashlights!"

Email Wisdom...

The following is an excerpt of "Reflections on Plagues from the Days of Moses" by Jews for Jesus Exec. Director David Brickner. You can read the full article at: <https://jewsforjesus.org/publications/newsletter/newsletter-jun-2020/reflections-on-plagues-from-the-days-of-moses>

The last few months have changed our world. We will continue learning the lessons of COVID-19 for years to come, and the loss of life makes the lessons costly indeed. We should never minimize that loss. But neither should we minimize opportunities to see how God has used and can still use bad situations for good..

Moses led the children of Israel through numerous outbreaks, and the lessons are as relevant now as they were back then.

God can use plagues to get our attention

God's mandate to Moses at the burning bush was to go to Pharaoh and tell him, "Let my people go" (Exodus 5:1). He even gave Moses three signs that should have persuaded Pharaoh: his staff turned into a serpent, his hand became leprous then clean, and the Nile River water turned to blood when poured out on the ground. But Pharaoh would not relent. So, God sent plagues as further opportunities for Pharaoh to heed God.

Many of these plagues demonstrated God's power over Egypt's supposed gods. Egyptians worshiped Hapi as god of the Nile River and provider of the annual flooding that was essential for farming. At Moses' command, the Nile turned to blood. Ra, the Egyptian sun god, was supposedly the king of gods and the patron god of Pharaoh himself. At Moses' command, the sun was darkened. If only Pharaoh had listened

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That for a day: If you want to save face, just keep the lower part shut.

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to Moses and to the Lord as nine plagues were unleashed across the land. Sadly, it was the 10th plague, the death of all firstborn sons, that finally got his attention and persuaded him to let Israel go.

I will never forget that scene from the movie "The 10 Commandments," when Pharaoh, played by Yul Brynner, exclaims in amazement, "Moses' god is God."

I do not assume or even suggest that God brought about COVID-19, but we certainly have seen Him use this plague to get people's attention. Many individuals that our Jews for Jesus missionaries have been reaching out to for a long time – people who previously had no time or interest to hear – suddenly were eager to hear from us. Some even took this occasion to begin a walk of faith in Jesus.

God can use plagues to point to redemption

We see that clearly through Passover, but I am also thinking of the time when Israel rebelled against Moses and against the Lord and, "So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died" (Numbers 21:6).

How terrifying! But as a result, the people confessed their sin and asked Moses to intercede for them in prayer. As Moses prayed, God told him to replicate a fiery serpent out of bronze, lift it up on a pole, and tell the Israelites to look at it. Anyone who had been bitten could look up at the bronze serpent and live.

Yeshua (Jesus) points back to this event as a powerful picture of the redemption God offers: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).

The bronze serpent is what some refer to as "a type" of Christ. Jesus was lifted up on that cruel cross; He took the plague of sin on Himself, "becoming sin" so that we can be forgiven and spend eternity with the Lord.

Many people were terrified of the coronavirus and asked us to pray for them. Our missionaries had so many opportunities to explain on the phone and online about the plague that kills not only the body but also the soul, and how God sent Yeshua to rescue and heal us.

This year's novel virus is a reminder of the not-so-novel virus of sin – and Yeshua's sacrificial cure. God can turn this historic event into a fresh opportunity to make His peace truly contagious through our gospel witness. What if COVID-19 became the catalyst for revival – a new and fruitful zeal for the Lord and His kingdom? That's my prayer for myself, for Jews for Jesus, and for all my brothers and sisters in Christ.

July 2020 - Daily Readings

We begin with Galatians the book of "Freedom." We finish the month reading from NT books written to help us Persevere in the true faith against attacks from outside the Church as well as false teachings coming from inside the Church.

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.

Week of JUNE 28

June 29 Galatians 1 _____

June 30 Galatians 2 _____

July 1 Galatians 3 _____

July 2 Galatians 4 _____

July 3 Galatians 5 _____

July 4 Galatians 6 _____

Week of July 5

July 6 1 Peter 1 _____

July 7 1 Peter 2 _____

July 8 1 Peter 3 _____

July 9 1 Peter 4 _____

July 10 1 Peter 5 _____

July 11 Jude _____

Week of July 12

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

July 13 2 Peter 1 _____

July 14 2 Peter 2 _____

July 15 2 Peter 3 _____

July 16 Habakkuk 1 _____

July 17 Habakkuk 2 _____

July 18 Habakkuk 3 _____

Week of July 19

July 20 Colossians 1 _____

July 21 Colossians 2 _____

July 22 Colossians 3 - 4 _____

July 23 2 Timothy 1 _____

July 24 2 Timothy 2 _____

July 25 2 Timothy 3-4 _____

Week of July 26

July 27 Titus 1 _____

July 28 Titus 2 _____

July 29 Titus 3 _____








July 30 Malachi 1 _____

July 31 Malachi 2 _____

Aug 2 Malachi 3-4 _____

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

July 2020 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 28 9:00 - WORSHIP 10:15 - SPRING VOTERS' ASSEMBLY 11:30 - BRUNCH CRUISE - GREEN LK	June 29	June 30 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	1 6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - TRAP SHOOTING	2	3 	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 9:00 - WORSHIP w/ COMMUNION 	6	7 MISSION Ministry 5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	8  6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - "CHURCH REC" 7:45 - MOVIE NIGHT: "Overcomer"	9	10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, July 5th • Sunday, July 19th </div>	11
12 9:00 - WORSHIP	13	14	15  6:30 - TRAP SHOOTING	16	17	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net </div>
19 9:00 - WORSHIP w/ COMMUNION 	20	21	22  6:30 - "CHURCH REC" 7:45 - MOVIE NIGHT: "Soul Surfer"	23	24	25 10:00 - Trip to HEMKER ZOO In Freeport
26 9:00 - WORSHIP	27	28	29 6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - TRAP SHOOTING	30	31	Aug 1 1:00 - TRAP SHOOTING 

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

July 5 Derek & Sarah Olson
 July 12 Brent & Lance/Carson Sawatzky
 July 19 Jason & Noah/Levi Miller
 July 26 Brady & Andrew/Eli Sharp

Aug 2 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
 Aug 9 Larry Levin & Carroll Sarstrand
 Aug 16 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 Aug 23 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
 Aug 30 Kevin Welsh & **Volunteer needed**

Elders

July 5,12 Jason Miller & Ed Vegdahl
 July 19,26 Joe Johnson & Keith Hanson
 Aug 2,9 Kevin Welsh & Jason Miller
 Aug 16,23,30 Ed Vegdahl & Joe Johnson

Scripture Readers

July 12 Jason Miller
 July 19 Mark Fuglie
 July 26 Tammy Fuglie

Aug 2 Leone Quigley
 Aug 9 Nykki Foshaug

Many Thanks to ...

- Marcia Welsh for organizing our Green Lake Cruise !
- These Mission & Ministry Team members who completed their terms last month:
 Jamie Iverson - Trustee
 Ruth Vegdahl - Community Outreach Director
 Lyndsay Ampe - Youth Director

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

Thot for a day: Old age comes at a bad time. You finally know everything just in time to forget it.

Aug 16 Ruth Vegdahl
 Aug 23 Mona Hjelle
 Aug 30 Sarah Olson

Custodian

July **Volunteer needed**
 Aug **Volunteer needed**

Make A Meal Volunteers

July Wendy Robbin
 August Pam Johnson

Altar Guild

July Mona Hjelle
 August Nancy Jo Wendt

Nursery

July 5 Pam Johnson
 July 12 Violet Dauk
 July 19 Mona Hjelle
 July 26 **Volunteer needed**

Accompanying Musicians

July 5 Sharon Willen
 July 12 Scott Wachter
 July 19 Pam Johnson
 July 26 Carmen Macik

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

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

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski

MANY CHRISTIANS GROW UP GOING TO CHURCH, BUT NEVER GROW IN CHRIST. THEY KNOW HYMNS, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW HIM.



Seen on Church Signboards...

Worrying Doesn't Take Away
 Tomorrow's Troubles -
 It Takes Away Today's Peace!

July Discipleship Verse...

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.



Galatians 6:10

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
- July 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>

06-07-20 "Acts 2:42 - What we need to accomplish God's mission for us."

06-14-20 "Looking for people to be part of a conspiracy" (not what you think)

06-21-20 "It may not be 'politically correct' but it is absolutely essential"

06-28-20 "The first thing to do in telling about Jesus is NOT to tell but ask."

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: I keep adjusting the brightness control on my TV but it's still as stupid as ever.

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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!

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 freedom to live out our faith in our daily lives!
- Thanking God for all who have served and are serving to keep us free!
- Opportunities to Share the Love of Jesus in Practical Ways.
- God's power to put into practice lessons you learned during lockdown.
- 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)
- Asking God to provide for the social needs of those in nursing homes.
- Asking God to replace fear with trust in Him
- 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

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



First Communion...

We thank God for these young people who participated in their...

First Communion in June:

- Addison Arends-Schmidt
- Autumn Foshaug
- William Dahl
- Kala Miller
- Alex Meis
- Carson Sawatzky
- Jonah Sharp



Living Word Blog...

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



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SHOES FOR MISSIONS (fundraiser for Lutheran Island Camp):

Thank you to all who have donated. This an ongoing mission project. Please bring shoes (in very good condition), in rubber banded pairs, to place in the bin, at church.

Thank You from the Jastrams..

We are so happy to have you as part of our missionary team. Your support for LCMS mission work in Asia means a lot to us. Dan & Joan Jastram



Read the latest newsletter at: <https://tinyurl.com/y7h6tsmj>

That for a day: Alarm clocks are maybe the only device that make you mad in both scenarios, whether they work or not.

Just For Fun...

Bible Wordsearch

Disciples sent out Preaching

Wordsearch 252

Matt 10:10-20

W O R R Y P A G F W O R T H Y
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- SNAKES
- SODOM
- VILLAGE
- WELCOME
- WOLVES
- WORTHY
- DOVES
- DUST
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- FLOG
- GIVEN
- GUARD
- HAND
- HOME
- HOUSE
- KINGS
- LEAVE
- LOCAL
- PEACE
- SHAKE
- SHEEP
- SPIRIT
- TOWN
- TRUTH
- WORDS
- WORRY

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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Congratulations...

- Davis Rustad on your graduation from Willmar High School !
- James & Tayah Raddatz and Brekkyn the new addition to your family, Millie, born July 2!

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

Email Inspiration...

A lecturer when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g.

The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem.

If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance.

In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, As the burden becomes increasingly heavy, We won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, You have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden."

"So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home You can pick it up tomorrow."

"Whatever burdens you're carrying now, Let them down for a moment if you can.

So, my friend, Put down anything that may be a burden to you right now. Don't pick it up again until after you've rested a while."



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That for a day: I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch you with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

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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 17th—20th
More details to follow

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



Another Chance to...

**Order Your Living Word
Trap Shooting Caps**

Cost: \$15.00
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Sign up at church.

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 July- December. Talk to Jamie Iverson 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-

Thot for a day: You know the world is upside down when you go to the bank and someone wearing a mask and gloves isn't tackled by security.

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.



Story Behind The Song...

"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Not long ago when I was looking online for the lyrics to a song, and I came across an article titled something like, "Hymns We Need to Retire." Onward Christian Soldiers was listed first. I suppose this is part of the "Let's get rid of anything that might offend someone" attitude that is popular in some circles right now. From my perspective, it would be better to explain what the song is really about than to just toss it out on a false assumption. So here goes: (from "Amazing Grace - 365 Inspiring Hymn Stories")

The Christian life is often compared in Scripture to warfare - the struggle of sin against righteousness, of the "flesh" vs. the Spirit and of us against Satan and the spiritual forces of evil. Each follower of Christ is called to be a good "soldier." This involves motivation, training, discipline, good equipment and endurance.

This hymn text reminds us that the church universal, the "called out" body of believers from every age and culture is to be an aggressive,

unified body. It must always be moving forward in its mission. We cannot allow ourselves to become stagnant and complacent with the status quo.

The author of this text, Sabine Baring-Gould, a Church of England minister, has left this account regarding the writing of this hymn:

"It was written in very simple fashion, without thought of publication. Whit Monday is a great day for school festivals in Yorkshire, and one Whit Monday it was arranged that our school should join forces with that of a neighboring village. I wanted the children to sing while marching from one village to the other, but couldn't think of anything quite suitable, so I sat up at night resolved to write something myself. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was the result. It was written in great haste, likely in less than fifteen minutes."

These words that were written hurriedly for marching school children became the text for a hymn that God ordained to inspire lives around the world, challenging Christians with their responsibility to be aggressive in advancing His cause both individually and with other member of the Church.

Onward, Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See his banners go!

[Chorus]
Onward, Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

At the sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers,
On to victory.
Hell's foundations quiver
At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices,
Loud your anthems raise. (Chorus)

Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;



That for a day: Someone told me they don't have the 4th of July in other countries. Seems strange to skip from the 3rd to the 5th, but whatever.

Brothers, we are treading
Where the Saints have trod.
We are not divided;
All one body we:
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity. (Chorus)

Onward, then, ye people;
Join our happy throng.
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ, the King.
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing. (Chorus)

Editor's note: There are many renditions online, but here is one sung by the incomparable Tennessee Ernie Ford:
<https://youtu.be/NcPyRMiJMGU>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Sweltering in the Spirit? and I saw something else under the sun: sunburn, lotsa sweat, and then wickedness. Followed by more sun, dehydration, and back to wickedness. See 8:46 (Sunburn Paraphrase)