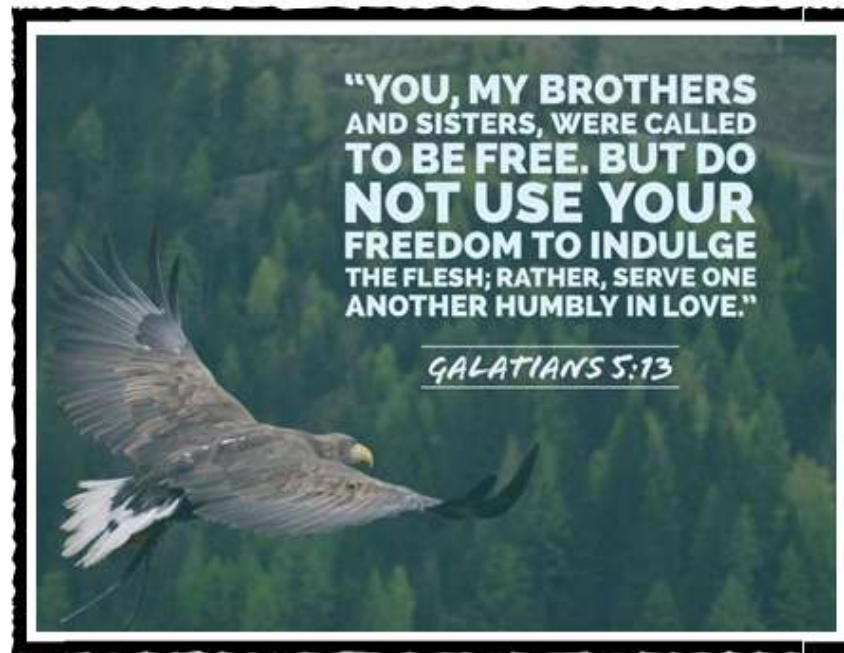


  
**Living Word**  
**Lutheran Church**  
LCMS



**July 2021 Newsletter**  
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

~ Summer Hours ~

**Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. (& Facebook Live)**

# Living Word Lutheran Church

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## Questions for Pastor...

What does God think of witchcraft and astrology?

These were actually two separate questions asked by confirmation students on an assignment I gave them to list "Questions I Have..." I lumped the two questions together, because they basically have the same answer.



And we don't have to speculate about the answer! God is about as explicit as He could be in Deuteronomy 18:9-12:

*When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord; because of these same detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you.*

Included in the things God considers "detestable" in the passage

1. Attempts to discover the course of future events from created things
2. The use of magic to supernaturally influence people or events;
3. Conjuring up spirits or consulting with the spirit world in an effort to have the future revealed.

Martin Luther gave a great summary of why these things are detestable to God: "All such people place their heart and trust elsewhere than in the true God." (In other words, worshiping created things instead of the Creator.)

People are increasingly attracted to supernatural sources of knowledge and power. One thing is certain: Any supernatural power or knowledge that is detestable to God, can't be from Him! That leaves only one other source: Satan!

Just as the Apostle Paul did with the folks in Athens who worshiped all sorts of false gods (see Acts 17:16ff), I'd use people's intrigue with the supernatural as a point of connection and then introduce them to the

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One who has already shown that He has power over all other supernatural powers. Why settle for inferior supernatural power or knowledge when the Spirit (the "Holy" one) with superior power and knowledge actually wants to live inside you?!

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know ... his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.*

Ephesians 1:18-21

Thanks for asking!  
Pastor David

Send your questions to [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net)



Worship continues at 9:00 through Labor Day Weekend.

## A New Way to "Participate" in Worship

if you can't be here in person:

We have begun livestreaming the entire Sunday worship service on the Living Word Facebook group page. NOTE: You need to join the Living Word Facebook group in order to watch.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/131798513523470/>

### NEW:

We created a public page on Facebook to view Sunday Sermons. It's called "Live Living Word Sermons." This page will be mainly for sermon recording and viewing. Please invite people!

We will attempt to post to our other Living Word pages as well, and will make them available on YouTube.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/951062175671064>



## Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the First and Third Sundays in June (June 4th & 18th)

### COMMUNING AT THE ALTAR HAS RESUMED:

We have resumed coming to the altar for communion! Those who are not comfortable coming to the altar should inform an Elder or Usher, and communion will be brought to you in your pew.



We have also transitioned away from the pre-packaged sets of wafer and wine back to the normal distribution of communion - with separate wafers and individual cups (as well as common cup for those who prefer).

Reminder: Gluten-free bread wafers are available for those who have gluten-sensitive conditions. You will find these wafers in a separate cup in the communion tray.

## Opportunities for Growth...

### Sunday Morning Study:

Is on "Summer Break" until Rally Sunday in September  
Please join us for...

### Wednesday Night "Church Nights"

Please join us for ...

**MOVIES** (July 14 @ 7:00)

"Heaven is for Real"

**BIBLE STUDY** (July 7, 21 & 28)

Picnic supper @ 6:00 with study following

- Adult Study: The Book of Acts  
(video from the Visual Bible, then discussion)
- Youth Study: "Feed the Dog"

### Wednesday Prayer Time:

A special invitation to everyone to meet weekly in prayer Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Prayer is a foundational part of our spiritual life both personally and as a congregation. We would love to have you join us.

12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

18 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and

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Thot for a day: I get plenty of exercise -- jumping to conclusions, pushing my luck, and dodging deadlines.

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requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:12; 18

### Wednesday Evening Women's Study

At Violet's Home @ 6:30

### Monthly Morning Women's Study:

Wednesday, July 14th @ 10:00 a.m.

We are studying Women of the Bible.

All are welcome to attend.

### Men's Study

Is on Summer Break.

But all the guys are encouraged to attend the Wednesday Night study on the Book of Acts



## Volunteers Needed for...

### The Kingery Family Concert:

July 15th at LIVING WORD  
(late afternoon)

We are looking for ...

+ Volunteers for that day

The Kingery's Concert will be our Water Days Outreach Event in place of our participation in the Water Days parade this year. But we need lots of help to make it a great outreach! Please contact Marcia Welsh with any way you can help! THANKS !



## Email Humor....

### The Origin of Pets

And Adam said, "Lord, when I was in the garden, you walked with me everyday. Now I do not see You anymore. I am lonesome here and it is difficult for me to remember how much You love me."

And God said, "I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of My love for you, so that you will know I love you, even when you cannot see Me.

Regardless of how selfish and childish and unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourself."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased.

And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and he wagged his tail. And Adam said, "But Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and all the good names are taken and I cannot think of a name for this new animal."

And God said, "Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of My love for you, his name will be a reflection of My own name, and you will call him DOG."

And Dog lived with Adam and was a companion to him and loved him. And Adam was comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that Adam's guardian angel came to the Lord and said, "Lord, Adam has become filled with pride. He struts and preens like a peacock and he believes he is worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught him that he is loved, but no one has taught him humility."

And the Lord said, "I will create for him a companion who will be with him forever and who will see him as he is. The companion will remind him of his limitations, so he will know that he is not worthy of adoration."

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam. And Cat would not obey Adam.

And when Adam gazed into Cat's eyes, he was reminded that he was not the supreme being. And Adam learned humility.

And God was pleased. And Adam was greatly improved.

And Cat did not care one way or the other.

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That for a day: I had a brilliant thought once but it got lonely and left.

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## The Link...

June 2021 Updates

**Ribfest 2021** was a huge success and we are finally settling back into a more "normal" routine after all the planning and preparation. There was close to 200 volunteer hours put in on the day of Ribfest as well as the rib teams that spent countless hours setting up and preparing for the festivities. After coming off a year without being able to have any large gatherings, we were thankful the event went off without a hitch and even more thankful to those who were able to be a part of making Ribfest 2021 so successful. Ribfest is our largest fundraiser and it went as smooth as we could have hoped!

In May, **The Food Pantry** welcomed 5 new families, served 18 children, 58 adults and 22 seniors. 1750 pounds of food was distributed and 612 pounds of food was donated from community members and churches.

**The Wildcat Backpack Program** is done for the school year, but we will continue to serve families as needed throughout the summer. If you know a family that could benefit from this program, please have them call Ashley at 320-354-5555.

**Senior Food Delivery-** The Link volunteers have been out delivering some food to seniors in that benefit from not going out and about. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about this program please have them call Ashley at 320-354-5555.

**The Link's Client Outreach program** served 4 families in the month of May. Throughout the month, The Link was able to help with utility bills, rent payments, medical bills and gas for medical appointments. There was also a few families impacted by a fire that were able to utilize some household goods from the household exchange program.

### Tuesday's Table:

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

We have begun to see an increase in need for The Food Pantry and our Client Outreach services since June hit. If you would like to donate to any of these programs specifically or to our general fund, please see below for more details.

### 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](http://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](mailto:ashley@youarethelink.org) for more information.



## Mark Your Calendars... Mission & Ministry Team...

Meets: Thursday, July 8 @ 6:30 p.m.  
(Our usual 2nd Thursday of the Month)  
Elders' Team @ 5:30 prior to MMT

We still need suggestions for people to fill the Stewardship position. If you have members you'd like us to consider, please give their name to a Mission and Ministry Team member. Thanks!

## Upcoming Fun Stuff...

**July 18: Green Lake Cruise**  
2:00—4:00

We will have the Sunday Brunch:  
Homemade Egg Bake  
Fresh, seasonal fruit  
Coffee & Orange Juice  
Bar open for cash sales.

Price determined by # of people. (We can have up to 50 people!)



**August 19th: Big Kahuna**  
5:30-8:00 \$16/person

Price includes:  
pizza, pop and two ride tickets.

Also available: Dessert & cheese sticks! Talk to Marcia Welsh for details - Sign Up at church!



## Youth Gathering...

The NEXT National Youth Gathering  
(2022 in Houston)



The Giving Bean Coffee fundraiser was a big success! Thanks to everyone who ordered!

### CURRENT FUNDRAISER:

July 31 @ the Stingers' Game -  
Our youth will have a couple minutes during the game to "pass the hat" for donations from those in attendance!

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Thot for a day: I don't trip. I do random gravity checks.

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## Save the Date !

### Vacation Bible School

August 9 -12, 2021  
Monday—Thursday  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Ages: 3 years to 6th grade

Info: Church 354-4637  
Mona 212-0069



## School Kits

What goes into a  
School Kit?

- backpack *These will be provided.*
- 2-3 spiral notebooks - any size
- 2 or more pencils
- 2 or more pens
- pkg. of construction paper
- crayons
- ruler
- glue sticks
- blunt scissors
- washable markers
- protractor



VBS Mission Project...

It costs \$10 to ship  
a box of school kits  
to kids who need  
them. Please consider  
a donation to help  
with shipping.



## Trap Shooting...



Tuesday, July 27 @ 6:30

(Brats and devotion at 6:00)

Bring some shells and a friend



# Stingers Game—2021...



That for a day: Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.



## A Minute for Couples...

*(from the Prepare-Enrich blog)*

Summer is officially in full swing, although with the recent heat wave that's swept the country you've maybe been in summer mode for a few weeks already. A summer bucket list is a fun, no-pressure way to make the most of the next two months while connecting with your partner. Here's why:

### **You'll create opportunities for fun and connection.**

Even just sitting down to make the list can be a good time, (plus we've made it even easier with our free printable template!) Enjoy your cold beverage of choice while you each brainstorm as many things as you can, then share your ideas and compile the final list. The items and activities that make the final cut can be a fruitful source of date ideas and bonding time. You can get the whole family involved or keep it just you and your spouse

### **You'll share new experiences.**

Bucket lists usually include some new experiences. Whether it's attempting to water ski for the first time or tackling your fear of heights on a zip line, you'll strengthen your bond through the shared vulnerability that comes with "I have no idea what I'm doing!" As a bonus, you'll boost feel-good endorphins – the same ones you felt when you were first dating.

### **You'll be spontaneous.**

Part of the fun of a bucket list is the random mix of activities, some of which might require you to drop what you're doing to cross off that thing on the list! (Do you hear the ice cream truck?!). Some of the best memories come when you least expect it, so don't be afraid to go where the wind takes you.

### **You'll have things to look forward to.**

There might be a lot of things on your list that you can do at the spur of the moment, but others might require planning ahead. And if there's something fun marked on the calendar, the building anticipation and excitement is part of the experience.

### **You'll realign on priorities.**

Making your list and choosing what you'll do and when will get you talking about what's most important – and not just through the summer. You might discover you both really want to take the kids on a big family vacation next year, so this summer will be about staycations to save money. Anything that spurs important conversations and gets you on the same page about your goals is a good thing.

So what are you waiting for? The days are starting to get shorter, so sit

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Thot for a day: No matter how stupid you feel, remember Little Red Riding Hood couldn't figure out a talking wolf in drag wasn't her grandmother.

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down together and make your list today! Some ideas to get you started:

- Hit up a Stingers baseball game.
- Visit all the free museums.
- Spend a day at a zoo.
- Have a picnic.
- Go to a waterpark.
- Go swimming in a pool/lake/river, or all of the above.
- Attend an outdoor concert.
- See a parade.
- Hit up a yard sale and buy gifts for each other.
- Watch a sunrise/sunset.
- Get food from a food truck.

## After-Worship Fellowship...

During the Summer: Coffee will be available before and after worship. Anyone is welcome to supplement the coffee by bringing cookies, fruit, etc...

We would like to re-start our after-worship fellowship time in the Fall after worship changes back to 10:00 (complete with coffee, juice, goodies).

### **BUT WE NEED SOMEONE TO COORDINATE THE EFFORT.**

Here's what that would involve:

- Putting together a rotating schedule of Fellowship Servers.
- Reminding servers of their date to serve.
- Making sure there are cups, plates, napkins, etc... to use.

If you could take on this ministry to our congregation, there are LOTS of folks who would be extremely grateful for your effort!



## Congratulations...

Gage Dahl, Alexa Knutson, Lexi Macik, Levi Miller, Zoe Rustad and Alison Sarsland on professing your faith in Jesus on Confirmation Day!

Please email [pastor@livingwordlutheran](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran) if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.



# July 2021 - Daily Readings

This month we turn to some familiar books from the Old Testament for our Summer Reading: Esther, Jonah, Ruth and Daniel. Record insights from each day's reading on the lines provided. God will bless your reading!

**July 4** Spend today worshiping our Risen Lord and Savior

July 5 Esther 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 6 Esther 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 7 Esther 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 8 Esther 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 9 Esther 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 10 Esther 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**July 11** Spend today worshiping our Risen Lord and Savior

July 12 Esther 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 13 Esther 8 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 14 Esther 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 15 Esther 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 16 Jonah 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 17 Jonah 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**July 18** Spend today worshiping our Risen Lord and Savior

July 19 Jonah 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 20- Jonah 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 21 Ruth 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 22 Ruth 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 23 Ruth 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 24 Ruth 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**July 25** Spend today worshiping our Risen Lord and Savior

July 26 Daniel 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 27 Daniel 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 28 Daniel 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 29 Daniel 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 30 Daniel 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 31 Daniel 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Aug 1** Spend today worshiping our Risen Lord and Savior

Aug 2 Daniel 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Aug 3 Daniel 8 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Aug 4 Daniel 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Aug 5 Daniel 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Aug 6 Daniel 11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Aug 7 Daniel 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
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# July 2021 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>  9:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	6	<b>7 CHURCH NIGHT</b> 6:00 Brats & Hot Dogs 6:30 Youth & Adult Bible Studies	<b>8 MISSION Ministry</b> 5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	9	10
<b>11</b> 9:00 - WORSHIP	12	<b>13</b> 	<b>14 CHURCH NIGHT</b> 10:00 LWML & Women's Study 7:00 MOVIE NIGHT : "Heaven is For Real!"	15	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 5px;"> <b>Lord's Supper Dates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday, July 4th</li> <li>• Sunday, July 18th</li> </ul> </div>	
<b>18</b>  9:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion 2:00- LIVING WORD'S GREEN LAKE BRUNCH CRUISE	19	20	<b>21 CHURCH NIGHT</b>  6:00 Brats & Hot Dogs 6:30 Youth & Adult Bible Studies	22	23	24
<b>25</b> 9:00 - WORSHIP	26	<b>27</b> 6:30 TRAP SHOOTING (Brats @ 6:00)	<b>28 CHURCH NIGHT</b>  6:00 Brats & Hot Dogs 6:30 Youth & Adult Bible Studies	29	30	<b>31</b>  7:05 YOUTH FUNDRAISER @ Willmar Stingers
<b>August 1</b> 9:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion 	August 2	August 3	<b>4 CHURCH NIGHT</b>  6:00 Brats & Hot Dogs 6:30 Youth & Adult Bible Studies	August 5	August 6	August 7

## Upcoming Schedules...

### After-Worship Fellowship

Since we are now able to serve food in church, we would like to re-start our after-worship fellowship time (complete with coffee, juice, goodies).

#### **BUT WE NEED SOMEONE TO COORDINATE THE EFFORT.**

Here's what that would involve:

- + Putting together a rotating schedule of Fellowship Servers.
- + Reminding servers of their date to serve.
- + Making sure there are cups, plates, napkins, etc... to use.

If you could take on this ministry to our congregation, there are LOTS of folks who would be extremely grateful for your effort!

### Usher Schedule

We will be needing Ushers for Communion Sundays again. Please tell Pastor David if you could be an Usher. Thanks!

### Scripture Readers

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

### Make A Meal Volunteers

July Jamie & Laurel Iverson

### Elders

July 4, 11 Jason & Ed  
 July 18, 25 Joe & Keith  
 Aug 1 Duane & Jason  
 Aug 15 Ed & Joe

### Nursery

July 4 Pam Johnson  
 July 11 Volunteer Needed  
 July 18 Mona Hjelle  
 July 25 Violet Dauk

### Custodian

July & August Available

### Accompanying Musicians

July 4 Saron Willen  
 July 11 Scott Wachter  
 July 18 Pam Johnson  
 July 25 Carmen Macik

### Altar Guild

July Mona Hjelle

*Seen on Church Signboards...*

**AMERICA:  
BLESS GOD**

That for a day: One of the hardest decisions in life is when to start middle age.

## Spring Clean-up...



You can sign up to take on any of these "spring cleaning" projects. They can be completed any time that works for you this month (there won't be a designated "Clean Up Day").

- ADD PAVER SAND TO SIDEWALK
- REFURBISH CROSS ON FRONT (Outside) OF BUILDING (Scrape/sand and apply polyurethane)
- CLEAN / ORGANIZE EAST FURNACE ROOM
- CLEAN / ORGANIZE WEST FURNACE ROOM
- CLEAN / ORGANIZE STORAGE SHED
- ORGANIZE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS
- ORGANIZE NURSERY
- CLEAN CUPBOARDS

## Give Your Spiritual Life A Lift...

Come and watch our July Movie:

On Wednesday, July 14 @ 7:00 p.m.



"Heaven Is For Real" recounts the experiences of young Colton Burpo (Connor Corum), who has a near-death experience and claims to have seen Heaven, Jesus, and many other experiences that a boy his age should not have known about relating to passed-away relatives and such. (See the trailer...)

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Portal of Prayer Daily Devotionals

for July- September

are in mailboxes and on the "Free Stuff" Table

## July Discipleship Verse...

*You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.*

Galatians 5:13



## Miscellaneous Notes...

### Food Pantry Reminder

Please remember to bring your donations for the Food Pantry on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Place them in the purple container by the door at church. Thank 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
- 100 or so Key Chapter Bible Reading Booklets
- July—September Portals of Prayer

Sermons can be found in on our Living Word Facebook page or at <http://livingwordlutheran.net/video.htm>



June: 6 "Hey! That's Not What the Bible Says!" For grown-ups!  
June 13 What Does Flex Tape Have to Do With Being a Disciple?  
June 20 We Know Creation reveals God, But What Does It Reveal?  
June 27 Maybe the Biggest Test of Your Faith - and How to Pass It!

### Offering Envelopes Are Available for 2021

If you like to use dated envelopes for your offerings, we have them available. Just pick up a box of envelopes from under the mailboxes. Write down the # of the box you took. Thanks!

### 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.

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That for a day: Remember when we were kids and we'd say, "I can't wait until I get older and can do whatever I want!" So, how's that working for ya?

## Page 21 Prayer...

### Remember to use "The Prayer Force"



Please continue to call, text (320-220-1816) or email ([pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto: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 HUGE 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 His love in sending Jesus to die to set us free from sin!
- Thanking God for All Who Died for our Freedom in the USA!
- Thanking God for All Families Who lost a member fighting for our freedom
- Thanking God for the rain we have received
- Asking God to continue to provide the rain needed for a great harvest
- Asking God for the power to develop the spiritual disciplines of a disciple
- Asking God to provide safe travel for all who are vacationing
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- God to show you opportunities to Share His Love in Practical Ways.
- Opportunities to point a friend, relative, neighbor to Jesus
- 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)
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for gov't leaders
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

### 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 current newsletter at <https://tinyurl.com/2wcuifih>



## LWML Summer Tea & Luncheon...



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Thot for a day: Telling a person to calm down is about like baptizing a cat.

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## LWML News...



### LWML MEETING:

Wednesday, July 14th @ 10:00 a.m.  
(followed by Ladies Monthly Bible Study  
"Women of the Bible")



### SHOES FOR MISSIONS:

This is a continuing fundraiser for Lutheran Island Camp. Please bring shoes, boots, slippers, sandals (in rubber banded pairs, or with shoestrings tied) to church, and place them in the SHOES FOR MISSIONS box near the entrance.

## 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.



**In June we Thanked God for ... Our Confirmands  
Rain !**

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence in June.

## Lutheran Island Camp

**IS OPEN Again This Summer !!!  
Scholarships ARE AVAILABLE !**



After a year "off" due to COVID restrictions, the summer camp of the Minnesota North District congregations (like Living Word) is back in action with a full schedule this summer!

Check out the camp-schedule poster at church go to [www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org) for complete descriptions and pricing information.

The Living Word LWML has made a limited number of scholarships available. Talk to Pastor David for information!



# Confirmation 2021...

Confirmed June 13, 2021

Left to Right

- Alison Sarsland
- Gage Dahl
- Lexi Macik
- Pastor David
- Zoe Rustad
- Levi Miller
- Alexa Knutson



## CONFIRMANDS' FAITH STATEMENTS

*(We'll start with Lexi's and Alison's this month. More to come next month!)*

### Alexis (Lexi) Macik:

I believe God the Father-

- \* Is Maker of heaven and earth - which includes everything that has ever been created
- \* Is the only God that is real and true
- \* Loves us unconditionally and blesses us
- \* Is Unstoppable



I believe God the Son-

- \* Was born of the virgin Mary
- \* Is our Lord/ is God too
- \* Was crucified and died and was buried, descended into hell, rose again from the dead and sits at the right hand of God
- \* Judges the living and the dead
- \* Always is the truth
- \* Forgives our sins
- \* Loves us and cares for us

I believe God the Spirit-

- \* Was given to us by Jesus to have us keep faith in him and lean into believing him as well as others
- \* Helps people attract others to Jesus
- \* Is a part of the Trinity (God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit)
- \* Reminds us God is always with us

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**That for a day:** You come from dust and to dust you will return. This is why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.

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What I believe about eternal life, how I will get into Gods kingdom-

- \* Simply by believing in Jesus
- \* It isn't earned by doing good things, it's received by believing everything about Jesus

What I believe about the difference God makes in my life on Earth:

- \* If I didn't believe in God I would be hopeless and sad, since I am a sinner who needs forgiveness. And I would think life is pointless if I didn't know I would have an after life. So it is very comforting to know God is real and has a plan for me. And that he loves me more than anything, and I will get an everlasting life after earth.

Why I want to "enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus even though I know Satan will be tempting me:

- \* Because I know He will be fighting for me and won't give up on me and always will love me, forgive me, and I won't suffer like if I was a follower of Satan and burn forever!
- \* And if I became a committed follower, I would get an enjoyable after life and hopefully help and encourage others get one too by learning and teaching.

What I would like to do with my life (and talents) as a way of saying "thanks" to God:

- \* I'm not quite sure yet, so I'm just waiting and hoping for a sign from God, so I wouldn't do or choose something that wouldn't be on the path He would want me to go down. But when He does, I hope to stay determined and stick to it, and praise and thank Him for it.

### Alison Sarsland:

I believe in God the Father

- \* maker of heaven and earth, who loves us all individually with His whole heart. Who will always care, listen, heal, and love us throughout our whole lives. I also believe that God has planned a life for every single soul with thought and care.

I believe in God the Son

- \* who is the only son of God. I believe that He was born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, and rose from the grave on the third day. I believe that God the Son will come back again and was God's walking example.

I believe in God the Spirit

- \* who has brought me closer to faith. Who works in every believer of Christ



What I believe about eternal life, how I will get into Gods kingdom:

- \* I believe that you can get into heaven by truly believing and placing your faith in God.

What difference has God made in my life here on earth?

- \* God gives me hope. Without God I wouldn't have the 10 commandments to help me and guide me through life.

Why do I want to enlist as a committed follower of Jesus Christ even though I know Satan will be fighting me?

- \* Because I want to be part of the Christian family and know that I will never be going through anything alone.

What would I like to do with my life and talents as a way or saying thanks to God?

- \* I would like to go to church, pray and praise God every day, and tell others about God.

## Community Outreach...

### Mexican Fiesta: October 9

Looking for Committee / help to plan and execute this wonderful Fundraiser.

Proceeds to go to help fund Live Nativity and other Outreach Items.



Contact

Tammy Miller 320-905-2434  
or email: tammiller1@tds.net

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**Living Nativity,**  
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Shoutout to everyone who can remember their childhood phone number but can't remember a password they set up yesterday. You are my people.

## Thank You...

Thank you all so much for the food, cards, words of comfort and mostly your prayers during Kerry's surgery and hospital stay and for the loss of our granddaughter. We feel so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.

Love, Kerry and Leone

Dear Members of Living Word,  
A belated, but heartfelt thank you for your most generous gift this past March in support of LCMS mission work in Japan. We are so grateful for your ongoing support! All to the glory of God!

God's blessings,  
Dan and Joan Jastram, LCMS missionaries

Living Word Lutheran Church Members and Friends,  
Just wanted to tell you all how much we enjoy returning to Living Word and have an opportunity to visit with so many friends. It has now been five years since we left Green Lake - which doesn't seem possible! But we have moved on with our lives, and we ended up trading our summer home in Spicer for a winter home in Arizona. At times it seems like a good trade... until we return to visit. The Lord has continued to bless Tappy and I, and we are always glad when we can share some of these blessings with Living Word Lutheran Church. We hope that we will have the opportunity to come back again!

God's blessings to you all,  
Larry and Tappy Hultgren  
(who were here for Confirmation Day)

If you have someone you'd like to offer congratulations to, just email Scott at [webmaster@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:webmaster@livingwordlutheran.net)

## Church Mice

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## Opportunities to Serve...

### 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.

Pick Your Month for you (or your family) to be our Church Custodian: You can choose any remaining month in 2021. 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 volunteers Jamie & Laurel Iverson if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal.

### We are also looking for a person to be the Make-a-Meal coordinator -

The coordinator is NOT responsible for making the meals, but rather notifies the meal makers when a meal is needed and then 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.

Please contact [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) with the address of someone you asked us to pray for who would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. We are currently in need of a volunteer to mail the cards. If you could help, talk to Pastor David



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**Thot for a day:** One sign of old age is when you bend down to tie your shoe and ask if there's any thing else you can do while you're down there.

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the mail boxes where you can put in your receipts. Thanks to everyone who turned in Teals Receipts in 2020! We received back \$160 from 700 receipts!



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## Story Behind The Song...

Independence Day is upon us so this is the perfect time to look at a patriotic hymn... "Faith of Our Fathers".

Most everyone who has sung or heard "Faith of Our Fathers" would be astonished to hear it is a Catholic hymn written by a Catholic priest. Yet so it is. Nor was it first written for American patriotism, although that is what it has become for its greatest popularity.

The composer, Father Frederick Faber, first an Anglican clergyman in England, entered the Catholic Church in 1845.

Faber wrote Faith of Our Fathers in 1849 to memorialize sufferings and persecutions endured by Catholics during Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth's reigns. The first verse refers to that, but at the same time has a universal application, hence today's patriotic appeal: Faith of our Fathers! living still,/ In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:/ Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy,/ Whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Printed in several Catholic sources, by 1853 the popular hymn arrived in America — in a Protestant hymnal, prompting a change to Faber's third verse beginning: Faith of our fathers! Mary's prayers / Shall win our country back to thee...was changed to: Faith of our fathers, faith and prayer / Shall win all nations unto thee... The verse appears that way in the St. Michael Hymnal today.

In America, this Catholic hymn has largely come to be associated with patriotism. However, in its present form, the hymn is truly timeless and borderless (it can be sung by Christians in any time period and any geographic region) — it honors both the “Author of Our Faith” and any Christian who has risked their life for their faith and/or for freedom of religion!

As we pass through these days of remembering our fathers - those who have gone on before us - and the price that many of them paid for our freedom, may we remember that it is sometimes difficult to do right and to stand for truth and justice. You and I should be able to muster up the tenacity required to meet our just obligations and to refrain from those things that destroy and divide - even if the stars fall.

George Washington, who said, “It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.”

John Hancock informed us that, “We recognize no sovereign but God, and no king but Jesus!”

Abraham Lincoln reminded us that, “My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God’s side. For God is always right.”

*“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” -Psalm 33:12*

There are several versions of this song, but the most common lyrics are as follows:

*Faith of our fathers, living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!*

*(Refrain) Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!*

*Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,  
Were still in heart and conscience free;  
And blest would be their children's fate,  
If they, like them should die for thee:*

*(Refrain) Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!*

*Faith of our fathers, we will strive*

That for a day: If God intended us to eat seafood, why did He hide it in the ocean?

*To win all nations unto thee;  
And through the truth that comes from God  
Mankind shall then indeed be free.*

*(Refrain) Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!*

*Faith of our fathers, we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how  
By kindly words and virtuous life.*

*(Refrain) Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!*

**Editor's note:** Watch a performance of this classic hymn by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at <https://youtu.be/uxuLFgaiZ04>

