

October 2022 Newsletter

"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 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

Questions for Pastor...

What is your favorite inspirational quote?

This question actually jumped out at me from the pages of a magazine I was reading.

I read with interest the quotes readers had sent in. Some were good, like this one: *"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."* (Wayne Gretzky, the greatest hockey player of all time.)

That quote actually reminded me of one from an old boss at my first job out of college, *"If you don't ask, you don't get!"* (You still might not "get" when you do ask, but you are guaranteed to not "get" 100% of the time you don't ask.) The whole idea behind both quotes is that fear of failing will only lead to one thing: Failing!

Some of the quotes just made me scratch my head. Like this one: *"We're all just walking each other home."* I guess it made sense to someone.

Some made me smile. Like this one from the Arthur Carlson character on one of my favorite sitcoms from the 70's WKRP in Cincinnati: *"As God is my witness, I thought turkeys could fly."* (When you think of it, there's actually a profound truth in there: Wrong assumptions will get you into trouble every time!)

One quote was actually from the Bible. *"This is my command: Love each other."* (Jesus to his disciples as recorded by the Apostle John in John 15:17)

Of course, that biblical quote serves as a good transition to my own answer to the question. It's also a quote from Jesus, just one chapter later in John's gospel:

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Jesus never sugar-coats things. He tells us what we need to hear. He



Page 3

knows the devastating effect wrong assumptions can have, so you can count on Him to be brutally honest. *"In this world you will have trouble."* So, when you find the world (or your own wrong actions or beliefs) have brought you trouble, remember, Jesus told you to expect it.

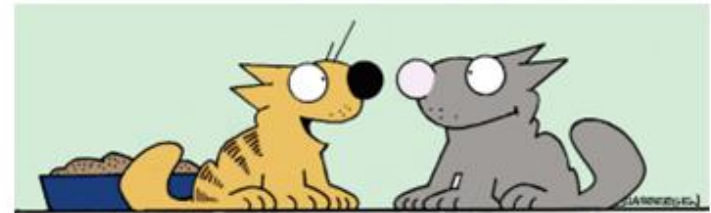
But, this is not a fatalistic quote that just brings depression. Rather, it is one that brings amazing peace, because it doesn't end with the "trouble." The quote goes on to bring the peace of knowing that no matter what trouble you find yourself in, Jesus is truly God thus has the power to get you through it! The result: You can "take heart" (have courage and hope) in the midst of whatever trouble you have!

That's a quote that has brought me peace and hope countless times. It seems to me it's a quote we all need to remember - maybe now more than ever!

Thanks for asking!
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Biblical Quotes ???



"Thou shalt not flush the dog's head down the toilet while he's getting a drink. The Bible never said that!"



The Free to be Faithful® newsletter highlights important and relevant details on religious liberty issues that impact the rights of Christians to live faithfully.

Check out the latest Free to Be Faithful Newsletter here:
<https://tinyurl.com/5h6dyfhr>

Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday mornings at 9:00

Join us for coffee and God's Word!

Monthly Morning Women's Study:

Wednesday, October 12 @ 10:00 a.m.

All women are invited to join us!



Evening Women's Study

Starts Up October 12 @ 6:30

at Violet Dauk's home

Men's Study

Tuesdays @ 6:30

- Grilling some brats (6:00-6:30)
- Find out "Stuff ABOUT CREATION They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School"

Who can you invite to join you?

Simple Ways to Lift Your Spiritual Life...

Read 120 Key Bible Narratives

(Or listen to Pastor read them on our website)

Refresh your memory about God's work in His world through these basics of the Christian faith, from Creation to John's Vision of Heaven.

You'll find the readings listed on our Daily Readings page

High School Youth Study...



Wednesday, October 19 @ 5:30 -

(Location TBD - We'll let everyone know!)

Our Study:

THE DARKNESS AND THE
LIGHT

Page 4

That for a day: Taxes are a yearly subscription to the country you live in. Childhood is the free trial.

Page 5

Sunday School News...



Sunday School Lessons:

(Kids remember to bring your Bibles to SS!)

- Oct. 2 - Creation Day 3
- Oct. 9 - Creation Day 4
- Oct. 16 - Creation Day 5
- Oct. 23 - Creations Day 6 & 7
- Oct. 30 - G.L.O.W. (God Lights Our Way)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Oct 9 - 3rd Graders receive Bibles (during worship)
- Oct. 9 - Kick-off Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
- Oct. 30 - G.L.O.W. (God Lights Our Way) Sunday School hour



Operation Christmas Child

Kickoff: October 9

National Shoebox Collection Week:

November 14-21

3rd Graders

Receive Bibles

During Worship

October 9



Confirmation News...

Confirmation classes start up again

Wednesday,

6:00 - 6:50 p.m. for 6-7th Graders

7:00 - 7:50 p.m. for 8-9th Graders



Please check the Parent Helper Schedule

Parents take turns helping out at class

Also Check: The PowerPoint Clicker-Person Schedule

Each student takes a turn operating the "clicker" that changes the PowerPoint screens during Sunday Worship.

Smoke Detector Battery Giveaway - Oct 29 @ 10am

Mark Your Calendars...

Mission & Ministry Team

Thursday, October 13th @ 6:30 p.m.

Elders' Team @ 5:30 prior to MMT

2023 Planning Meeting

Thursday, October 20 @ 6:00 p.m.

Building Committee

Met September 22 to finalize details of the Building Feasibility Study.

NEXT Meeting: Thursday, October 27 @ 6:30

FINAL TRAP-SHOOTING FELLOWSHIP of the SEASON

One Saturday in October (Specific Saturday TBD)

(We'll text all you trap shooters as soon as we have the specific Saturday!)

Lunch at noon.

Shooting from 12:30 - 1:30

We'll also draw for the End-of-the-year Grand Prizes



A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER:

The 2022 annual budget for our church was established based on total weekly offerings/contributions of \$2,558 per week. This includes the Sunday plate offering and online giving as well as In-Kind donations. For the months of June thru September our average weekly contributions were \$1,813. That means our total receipts for June thru September were \$12,600 short of what we have budgeted. We do believe as individuals and as a church body the Lord will provide for our needs.

Church Choir...

Practice Starts October 23(After Worship)

Please join us as we begin practicing for singing on Thanksgiving Eve



Page 6

That for a day: He who is grateful is never truly poor, and he who isn't is never truly rich.

Page 7

Email Inspiration...

DEAR GOD:

- I want to thank You for who You are and what You have already done.
- I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards; I am thanking You right now.
- I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better; I am thanking You right now.
- I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me; I am thanking You right now.
- I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves; I am going to thank You right now.
- I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet; I am going to thank You right now.
- I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job; I am going to thank You right now.
- I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief; I am thanking You right now.
- I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed; I am thanking You right now.
- I am thanking you because "Your steadfast love never ceases."
- I am thanking you, because "Your mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;"
- I am thanking you, because "great is your faithfulness;" everything you've promised will be fulfilled - even if it is not in "my" timing.
- I am thanking you, because You have promised Your constant presence to guide, protect, provide and direct - "even when I walk through the darkest of valleys."
- I am thanking you, because "as far as the east is from the west, that far have you removed our sins from us" - and died to make it happen!

"Participate" in Worship from home...

If you can't be here in person: Watch on our YouTube channel with Sunday services being livestreamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG9eU-VvJEU22yCYxbhwig/featured>

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 :

- LOTS of things for kids to take home!
- The Oct - Dec Portals of Prayer



Recorded videos of Sermons

Sermons can be found in on our Living Word YouTube channel (New London Living Word) at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG9eU-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG9eU-VvJEU22yCYxbhwjg/videos)

[VvJEU22yCYxbhwjg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG9eU-VvJEU22yCYxbhwjg/videos)

Sept 4 "Why we work - from a Biblical perspective"

Sept 11 "We can't grow - or survive - without SON Light"

Sept 18 "Jesus' parable: The Shrewd Manager"

Sept 25 "Jesus' parable: The Rich Man and Lazarus"

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.

Wanted...

PLAYGROUND TOYS NEEDED

We are in need of replacing some of our playground toys, like hot wheels or other small riding items. Items that are safe and in good working order could be donated or possibly found at garage sales.

Page 8

Thot for a day: Nigerian man found dead in his apartment with \$45 million in cash. He spent the last 10 years trying to share it, but no one replied to his emails.

Page 9

Prayer...



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 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 to PRAY for things like... these VBS Prayers:

- People you can invite to any of our studies or events
- Thanking God for His amazing Fall colors
- Great weather and safety during hunting and harvesting
- Great weather for beginning the harvest
- For the Holy Spirit to work through the teachers of our classes
- The Holy Spirit to bring growth through our Confirmation classes
- Asking God's continued guidance for our Building Committee.
- Asking God for His power to bring healing to our nation!
- Asking God to humble you, seek Him and repent (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- Thanking God that His Word is Truth amidst the lies of the world.
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Opportunities to Share God's Love in Practical Ways.
- God's protection, wisdom & courage for government leaders
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in July on the 1st and 3rd Sundays—October 2 & 16 plus Reformation Sunday, October 30.



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.

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.

Reformation Sunday...

For Lutherans and many other Protestants in America, the last Sunday in October is celebrated as Reformation Sunday. Reformation Sunday honors Martin Luther's bold action on October 31st, 1517. On that date Luther posted his statement of faith, known as the 95 Theses, on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation.

Martin Luther, born in 1483 in Eisleben, Germany, to a devout Catholic family, was a scholarly, serious man. He attended the university in Erfurt and studied the law, but instead of working as a lawyer, he entered an Augustinian monastery and was ordained as a monk in 1507. Luther was tortured by his fear of hell, which drove him to endless good works and acts of piety. Through reading the Bible, however, Luther came to believe people were saved not by good works or acts of penance, but through their faith in Jesus Christ.

Luther was troubled by the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church, especially the selling of indulgences. The Catholic church sold papal indulgences which they claimed would eliminate the need for acts of penance in this life and in the hereafter. He was especially bothered by the sale of jubilee indulgences, which Pope Leo X sold, in part to pay for St. Peter's Cathedral. Luther became increasingly convinced that salvation came through faith alone, not works.

Martin Luther was a professor of theology. He was a monk and a devout Catholic with no intentions of starting a new church. He did, however, want to reform the church, and with that goal in mind, Luther wrote the 95 Theses, which detailed his objections to the selling of indulgences and its effect upon the people. He posted them on the door of the church because that was a common place for posting public notices. Within weeks, however, word of the theses had spread. Consequently, Luther was viewed by the church as a heretic, threatened with burning at the stake, and excommunicated by Pope Leo in 1520. Many theologians agreed with Luther, however, and the Protestant Reformation began.

Reformation Sunday in the United States is celebrated as a day to honor the root beliefs of Protestant Christianity: that faith in Christ is all that's needed for salvation, and the Bible, not any human leader, is the true authority in matters of faith. As Luther said when questioned about his views, "Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason -- I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other -- my conscience is captive to the word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen."

Page 10

That for a day: Life hack... You can turn your ordinary sofa into a sofa bed simply by forgetting your wife's birthday.

Page 11

Email Wisdom...

Wisdom of Groucho Marx



NOTE: We didn't verify that all these quotes actually came from Groucho, but they certainly could have!

- Be open minded, but not so open minded that your brains fall out.
- If you find it hard to laugh at yourself, I would be happy to do it for you.
- I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.
- Learn from the mistakes of others. You can never live long enough to make them all yourself.
- Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, and I'm going to be happy in it.
- While money can't buy happiness, it certainly lets you choose your own form of misery.
- It is impossible to design anything that is foolproof because fools are so ingenious.
- An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of bandages and adhesive tape.
- I'm not a vegetarian, but I eat animals who are.
- Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.

Thank You...

- **Thank you to our Sunday School Teachers:**
Pre-Kindergarten - Meggie Ashburn/Tammy Wachter
1 - 3rd Grade - Mona Hjelle
4 - 6th Grade - Lara Dahl
Youth Study - Sarah Olson

If you have someone you'd like to offer thanks to, just email to webmaster@livingwordlutheran.net

October 2022 - Daily Readings

[This month we continue reading 120 of the most important accounts in the Bible We've listed the readings that are found in **Know the Bible Now** (KTBN). You can also do the readings from the Bible you currently have. Simply read the chapters listed in parentheses. Record your insights from these chapters on the lines provided .God will bless our reading!

NOTE: If you'd rather listen to the readings, Pastor has recorded them. You can find the link to the recordings on our website at the bottom of the home page. livingwordlutheran.net

Week of OCTOBER 2

- Oct 3 KTBN: pg 60 *Moses and the plagues* (Exodus 5-10) _____

Oct 4 KTBN: pg 62 *The Passover* (Exodus 11-13) _____

Oct 5 KTBN: pg 64 *Crossing the Red Sea* (Exodus 14-15) _____

Oct 6 KTBN: pg 66 *God provides manna & quail* (Exodus 16) _____

Oct 7 KTBN: pg 68 *God gives the Law* (Exodus 19-20) _____

Week of OCTOBER 9

- Oct 10 KTBN pg 70 *God's Covenant* (Exodus 32-34 & 40) _____

Oct 11 KTBN pg 76 *The Twelve Spies* (Numbers 13-14) _____

Oct 12 KTBN pg 78 *Water from a Rock & Fiery Serpents* (Numbers 20-21) _____

Oct 13 KTBN pg 82 *The Death of Moses* (Deuteronomy 18, 31 & 34) _____

Oct 14 KTBN pg 86 *Rahab Hides the Spies* (Joshua 1-2) _____

Week of OCTOBER 16

- Oct 17 KTBN: pg 88 *Entering the Promised Land* (Joshua 3-5) _____

- Oct 18 KTBN pg 90 : *The Fall of Jericho* (Joshua 6 & 24) _____

Oct 19 KTBN: pg 92 *Judges Rule God's People* (Judges 1) _____

Oct 20 KTBN: pg 96 *Deborah the Prophetess* (Judges 2, 4 & 5) _____

Oct 21 KTBN: pg 98 *Gideon defeats Midian* (Judges 6-8) _____

Week of OCTOBER 23

- Oct 24 KTBN pg 100 : *God makes Samson strong* (Judges 13, 15-16) _____

Oct 25 KTBN: pg 102 *Ruth's story* (Ruth 1-4) _____

Oct 26 KTBN: pg 106 *Hannah and Samuel* (1 Samuel 1-2) _____

Oct 27 KTBN: pg 108 *God calls Samuel* (1 Samuel 2-4) _____

Oct 28 KTBN: pg 110 *Great Prophets and Kings* _____

Week of OCTOBER 30

- Oct 31 KTBN: pg 112 *Saul Becomes King* (1 Samuel 8-11) _____



Nov 1 KTBN: pg 114 *Samuel anoints David* (1 Samuel 15-16) _____

Nov 2 KTBN: pg 116 *David fights Goliath* (1 Samuel 17) _____

Nov 3 KTBN: pg 118 *David & Jonathan* (1 Samuel 18 & 20) _____

Nov 4 KTBN: pg 120 *Psalms* _____

October 2022 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH & ADULT STUDIES 10:00 - WORSHIP	3	4 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	5 6:00 -6-7 th CONFIRMATION 6:30 - OUTREACH MTG. 7:00- 8-9 th CONFIRMATION	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #d4edda;"> Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, October 2 • Sunday, October 16 • Reformation Sunday, October 30 </div>	7	8
9 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICKOFF 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH & ADULT STUDIES 10:00 - WORSHIP 3 rd Graders receive Bibles	10	11 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	12 10:00 - LWML & WOMEN'S STUDY 5:30 - H.S. YOUTH STUDY 6:00 -6-7 th CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY 7:00- 8-9 th CONFIRMATION	13 <i>Mission Ministry</i> 5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	14	15
16 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH & ADULT STUDIES 10:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion	17	18 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	19 6:00 -6-7 th CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY 7:00- 8-9 th CONFIRMATION	20 <i>Mission Ministry</i> 6:00 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM 2023 PLANNING MEETING	21	22 
23 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOUTH & ADULT STUDIES 10:00 - WORSHIP 11:30 - CHOIR PRACTICE	24	25 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	26 6:00 -6-7 th CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY 7:00- 8-9 th CONFIRMATION	27 6:30 - BUILDING COMMITTEE	28	29 10:00 SMOKE-DETECTOR BATTERY OUTREACH
30 9:00 -SUNDAY SCHOOL G.L.O.W. - YOUTH & ADULT STUDIES 10:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion 11:30 - CHOIR PRACTICE	31	Nov 1 6:30 - MEN'S STUDY	Nov 2 6:00 -6-7 th CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY 7:00- 8-9 th CONFIRMATION	Nov 3 	Nov 4	Nov 5

Upcoming Schedules...

After-Worship Fellowship

We've had requests to re-start our after-worship fellowship time (complete with coffee, juice, and maybe even goodies).

COORDINATOR NEEDED

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

Oct 2 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 Oct 9 Open
 Oct 16 Larry Levin & Chuck Weflen
 Oct 23 Open
 Oct 30 Open

USHERS NEEDED AGAIN:

Since we are back to "normal" after covid restrictions, we are in need of ushers to greet people at the door as well as to usher people to the altar for communion.

Please sign up at church on the table by the door (you can choose which type of ushering you are interested in!)

Scripture Readers

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

Confirmation Parent Helpers

	6-7th grade	8-9th grade
Oct 5	Foshaug	Foshaug
Oct 12	Hjelle	Dahl
Oct 19	Knutson	Meis
Oct 26	Sarsland	Miller

Elders

Oct 2, 9, Joe & Duane
 Oct 16, 25, 30 Steve & Scott

Custodian

Oct Volunteer Needed
 Nov Volunteer Needed

PowerPoint Operator

Oct 2 Will Dahl
 Oct 9 Carter Foshaug
 Oct 16 Autumn Foshaug
 Oct 23 Parker Hjelle
 Oct 30 Alex Meis

Nursery

(Volunteers needed - please talk to Mona H.)

Make A Meal Volunteers

Oct Pam Johnson

Altar Guild

Oct Mona Hjelle
 Nov Mona Hjelle

Accompanying Musicians

Oct 2 Sharon Willen
 Oct 9 Scott Wachter
 Oct 16 Pam Johnson
 Oct 23 Open
 Oct 30 Open



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 September we thanked God for...

- Rally Sunday
- Seasons

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence in October

Seen on Church Signboards...

**Ready or Not...
 Here I Come!
 -Jesus**

October Discipleship Verse...

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Romans 1:16

A Minute for Couples...

(from the Prepare-Enrich blog)

When it comes to the most-wanted qualities in a partner, a good sense of humor often falls somewhere near the top of the list. It makes sense. When you're just getting to know someone, it's an attractive quality. It helps you feel at ease and makes the person seem charming and fun. When you share a sense of humor, it gives you a sense of chemistry and connection.

Once you're married, humor takes on a different role. Although you're no longer trying to impress each other in hopes of another date, it provides even more important benefits to your relationship. Here are four reasons to keep laughing together.

1. Humor helps you fight less.

This might sound like a bit of a stretch, but hear us out. Chances are you've both got some habits that annoy each other. You might have personality quirks that drive each other nuts from time to time. You could express your annoyance through criticism and crabbiness. Or you could choose to see it through a humorous lens instead. Often the little things about our spouse that start to irk us over time are things that aren't going to change. Learn to lovingly accept each other's flaws and temper irritation with humor. It will help you avoid getting caught up in petty arguments that are simply not worth the fight.

2. Humor promotes playfulness.

Laughing together cultivates a sense of fun and friendship, which is so important in maintaining a vitalized relationship. As many researchers have found, having a true friendship with your spouse contributes to relationship longevity. Well, can you imagine a friendship in which you never share a laugh? Probably not. Prioritize having fun together, even when life gets hectic – or perhaps especially during those times. The great thing about humor is you don't need to set aside lots of time or plan anything in advance to reap the benefits. Fun, playful moments can happen anytime, whether you're cleaning up after dinner or sending each other funny memes throughout the day.

3. Humor helps you get through tough times.

You've probably heard the saying, "If I don't laugh, I'll cry." Maybe you've said it yourself when things seem to keep going wrong or you're overwhelmed with what life is throwing at you. The truth is, humor can help you and your partner get through trying times. Finding the positive in a situation or even just the funny side of it, can help you maintain a more uplifting perspective instead of getting bogged down by



Page 18

That for a day: Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."

Page 19

the negative. Yes, there will be times when crying is completely justified, but sometimes you have a choice of whether – or how long – you want to sit in that space. Keeping your sense of humor can give you the emotional energy to bounce back and be more resilient as a couple.

4. Humor strengthens your bond.

There's something about a good inside joke that makes you feel close and connected. You and your spouse probably have some – keep them going. Be on the look out for new ones. Having inside jokes is sort of like creating your own one-of-a-kind brand of humor. It's unique to your relationship and perfectly captures your personalities and experiences. It can't be replicated with anyone else. Not only that, but when you understand what makes each other laugh, you feel known and like you really "get" each other. This type of "we"-ness is crucial for maintaining a healthy level closeness in your relationship, especially during seasons of life when you have less free time to spend with each other.

When it comes down to it, there are a lot of relationship "skills" that can help you have a strong, happy marriage. We usually don't think of laughing together as one of them. But the truth is, infusing your relationship with humor is associated with factors that contribute to an enduring, resilient relationship. When was the last time you and your spouse has a good laugh session? Brainstorm together about something that will start a new laugh session right now...



"If I send my prayer as a text message, will I get a faster reply?"

Email Humor...

My boss just texted me: "Send me one of your funny jokes!"
I texted him back: "I'm busy working. I'll send one later."
"That's hilarious," he said. "Send another one!"

+++

Funny Signs: (Some are just bad "dad jokes")

- Tradition is peer pressure from the dead.
- Just sold my homing pigeon on eBay for the 22nd time!
- Dear Naps, I'm sorry I was a jerk to you as a kid.
- I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
- Do UK websites use biscuits instead of cookies?
- I wish I had a pair of skinny genes.
- The first five days after the weekend are the hardest.
- Becoming a vegetarian is a big missed steak.
- I child-proofed my house, but the kids still get in.
- There's no way that EVERYBODY was kung fu fighting.
- My wife said I never listen to her, or something like that.
- I used to think I was indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
- Two silk worms were in a race. It ended in a tie.
- Frog parking only. All others will be toad.

+++

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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/em5ak99f>

Page 20

That for a day: I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.

Page 21

LWML News...



LWML MEETING:

Wednesday, September 21st at 10:00a.m. (Note change of date) All ladies of the church are welcome to join us for Bible study and fellowship



SHOES FOR MISSIONS:

A huge thank you to all who have donated!

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.

FALL JOYSHOP

at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Granite Falls: Sunday, October 16, 2022. The speaker will be Virginia Flo, from Lutherans For Life, and the ingathering will be for Hope Pregnancy Center in Willmar. A list of their needs is posted at the back of the church. Anyone wishing to donate items for the Hope Pregnancy Center, please contact Bonnie Hansen (textbooks@tds.net, or 796-5605).

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 254

Matt 10:34-11:3

Jesus the Teacher

S	E	N	O	Y	N	A	F	U	F	P	R	T	E	S
L	S	U	P	P	O	S	E	I	R	O	C	Y	D	W
G	A	L	I	L	E	E	H	E	N	E	L	L	I	O
I	H	E	A	R	D	L	A	R	P	I	U	L	S	R
V	E	C	A	E	P	C	P	X	E	O	S	Y	O	D
E	T	E	A	C	H	S	E	I	H	T	L	H	A	W
S	E	N	O	E	M	O	S	S	C	N	A	U	E	W
R	T	S	N	I	A	G	A	O	I	S	G	W	O	D
E	E	U	H	V	N	S	T	A	R	H	I	R	A	E
B	H	S	T	E	L	O	T	W	T	C	T	D	F	N
M	P	E	U	S	T	R	S	E	E	H	T	R	A	E
E	O	J	R	A	E	O	R	I	Y	L	V	A	T	M
M	R	A	T	C	C	T	W	I	R	O	V	W	H	I
N	P	M	O	T	H	E	R	N	I	P	S	E	E	E
T	S	I	R	H	C	N	B	E	S	A	R	R	R	S

ANYONE AGAINST
CHRIST BECAUSE
CROSS CERTAINLY
EARTH DAUGHTER
EXPECT DISCIPLE
FATHER ENEMIES
FOLLOW FINISHED
GIVES GALILEE
HEARD MEMBERS
JESUS MOTHER
PEACE PREACH
PRISON PROPHET
SWORD RECEIVES
TRUTH REWARD
TEACH SHOULD
TOWNS SOMEONE
TWELVE SUPPOSE
WATER WORTHY

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



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.

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 October Make-a-Meal volunteer - Pam Johnson, 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.

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



Help Record our Worship Services ...

that we livestream and later upload our YouTube channel (New London Living Word). Talk to Pastor David if you can help out with this - just one Sunday a month. (Hint: It's really not difficult - even Pastor figured it out!)

Remember the Teal's Rebate Program.

Teal's Grocery gives a 1% rebate to eligible organizations. There's a teal-colored box on the back-wall table where you can put in your receipts.



Donate to Living Word when you order from Amazon

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to Living Word. Use this link to have your purchases support Living Word: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1513306>

Custodian Volunteers Needed.

Pick Your Month for you (or your family) to be our Church Custodian:

Page 22

Thot for a day: What do you get when you mix poison ivy with a four-leaf clover? A rash of good luck.

Page 23

We are still in need of volunteers for... October, November and December. Talk to our Trustee, Lonnie Robbin, to sign up or find out more details.

Can You Bake Some Cookies ???



We would like to have a freezer "full" of cookies that we can just pull out to serve for an after-worship "Coffee and Cookies" time of fellowship.

You won't have to make the cookies (unless you really want to)! We'll have lots of pre-made, ready-to-bake cookies that you can just pop into the oven here at church on a "Cookie-

Baking Day" (or at your home if you'd rather bake them that way).

We'll send a "Cookie Baking" sign-up around after worship for a couple Sundays - or you can just text or email Pastor and tell him you'd be willing to do some baking. Thanks!

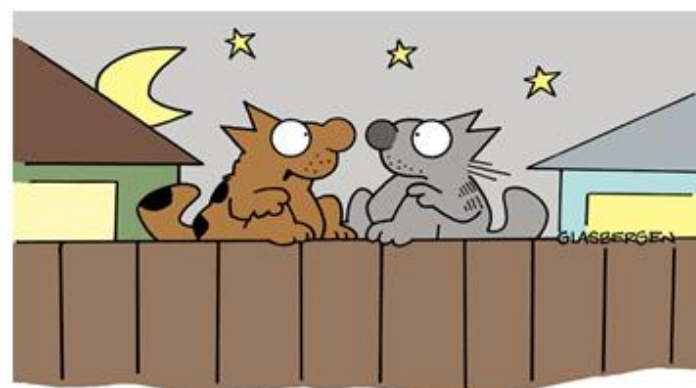
Outreach...

Our Annual Smoke-Detector Battery Giveaway

Saturday, October 29 @ 10:00 a.m.



Please join Pastor and the confirmation students in our annual community service project of handing out free smoke-detector batteries to folks who live near the church. (It's really fun to see the looks on people's faces when they find out that instead of asking for something, we are giving them something.)



"Of course I love my enemies. Criticizing them gives me such pleasure!"

Community Outreach News...

LIVING NATIVITY

December 3rd 2:00-4:00 pm

- Tow Bridge Zoo will supply nativity animals but we're looking for more "petting zoo" animals for that day.
- Also will need volunteers for characters.
- Committee members are Ruth V, Pam J and Tammy M
- Committee Mtg Wednesday October 3rd, 6:30 pm.

Interested in helping on the committee or for the day, please let us know!! Text or call 320-905-2434

WOMEN'S RETREAT

is scheduled for May 19-21, 2023 @ Willow Ridge Retreat Center, Hutchinson, MN

More details to come!!



Is HIRING for two full-time positions:

Maintenance Director: This is a full-time, salaried, administrative position. The Maintenance Director oversees the maintenance and improvement of the grounds and facilities at the island and the ranch. They also oversee the seasonal groundskeepers who work in the summer. Housing is available if desired.

Food Service Director: This is a full-time, salaried, administrative position with the flexibility to be part-time. The Food Service Director oversees the ordering, planning, and cooking of the menu for our guests. They also oversee the seasonal kitchen assistants who work in the summer. This is a full-time position insofar as the employee is willing to work partially in the office and partially in the kitchen during the off-season (non-summer) months. Housing is available if desired.

The link for the full job descriptions is
www.islandcamp.org/year-round-employment

Page 24

That for a day: It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.

Page 25



Story Behind The Song...

Many unfortunate events in one's life are beautifully turned into inspiration by creative people including the musicians. They make use of their God-given talents to convert their sorrows or pains into a wonderful craft. One great example of which was the classic tune "**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**". The legendary gospel musician Thomas Andrew Dorsey wrote the hymn in the early 1930s following a tragic event that struck his family. Yes, the song has a sad background and that was probably the darkest moment of Dorsey's life. But with the help of God and the people He used as instruments, Dorsey was able to overcome his life's storm and came out stronger than ever. Not only that, he left us such a great hymn that many people came to love and continue to sing up to the present.

Thomas tells his story, "Back in 1932 I was 32 years old and a fairly new husband. My wife, Nettie and I were living in a little apartment on Chicago's Southside. One hot August afternoon I had to go to St. Louis, where I was to be the featured soloist at a large revival meeting. I didn't want to go. Nettie was in the last month of pregnancy with our first child. But a lot of people were expecting me in St. Louis. . .

". . . In the steaming St. Louis heat, the crowd called on me to sing again and again. When I finally sat down, a messenger boy ran up with a Western Union telegram. I ripped open the envelope. Pasted on the yellow sheet were the words: YOUR WIFE JUST DIED. . .

"When I got back, I learned that Nettie had given birth to a boy. I swung between grief and joy. Yet that night, the baby died. I buried Nettie and our little boy together, in the same casket. Then I fell apart. For days I closeted myself. I felt that God had done me an injustice. I didn't want to serve Him any more or write gospel songs. I just wanted to go back to that jazz world I once knew so well. . .

Thomas fell into despair and withdrew from his family, friends, and his passion, music. During this time, a friend visited him and arranged for

him to be left alone in a room with a piano. For the first time in many days, Thomas sat down at a piano and let his fingers glide along the keys. It was just what his soul needed.

"I felt at peace, I felt as though I could reach out and touch God," recounted Dorsey. "I found myself playing a melody, one I'd never heard or played before, and words came into my head -they just seemed to fall into place."

Those words became the lyrics to his most famous gospel song, 'Take My Hand, Precious Lord.' The song captures the grief that not only Dorsey felt, but of what many people who have suffered a significant loss feel. The song reminds us that when we are suffering and feeling like we are at the end of our rope, we can always reach out to God.

'Take My Hand, Precious Lord' has remained a beloved gospel song all these years and has been performed by music legends like Aretha Franklin, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Beyonce, Elvis Presley, and many more. It has even been translated into more than 40 languages. It was a favorite song of Martin Luther King Jr. and was sung at the rally in Memphis the night before his assassination. President Lyndon B. Johnson also loved the song and requested it to be sung at his funeral.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river, I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Page 26

That for a day: The more you weigh the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe. Eat cake.

Page 27

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Editor's note: Many versions by many artists, but my favorite rendition is by Larry Fleet. Watch at https://youtu.be/ra_W29cUHCw

This month's bonus music video is from back in 1979 before Zack Williams was a familiar name, here is Larry Fleet & Zack...

<https://youtu.be/-lJnZpXDCRo>

And I have to include my favorite Larry Fleet song "Where I Find God" ... <https://youtu.be/Lz18-4qzyk>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

