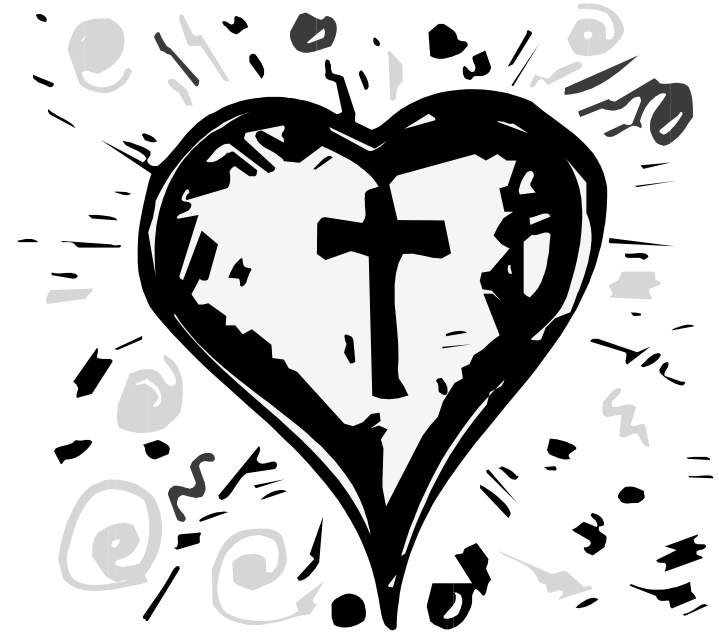




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“Communicating the Love of Jesus”

Traditional Worship : 8:00 a.m.
Christian Growth Hour: 9:15 a.m.
Contemporary Worship: 10:30 a.m.

STOP TO SALUTE ON MEMORIAL DAY

(A great reminder - even if you read this after Memorial Day)

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EAGLE BASE, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Army News Service, May 22, 2002) -- It was raining "cats and dogs," and I was late for physical training. Traffic was backed up at Fort Campbell, Ky., and was moving way too slowly. I was probably going to be late and I was growing more and more impatient.

The pace slowed almost to a standstill as I passed Memorial Grove, the site built to honor the soldiers who died in the Gander airplane crash, the worst redeployment accident in the

history of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Because it was close to Memorial Day, a small American flag had been placed in the ground next to each soldier's memorial plaque.

My concern at the time, however, was getting past the bottleneck, getting out of the rain and getting to PT on time. All of a sudden, infuriatingly, just as the traffic was getting started again, the car in front of me stopped. A soldier, a private of course, jumped out in the pouring rain and ran over toward the grove.

I couldn't believe it! This knucklehead was holding up everyone for who knows what kind of prank. Horns were honking. I waited to see the butt-chewing that I wanted him to get for making me late.

1) He was getting soaked to the skin. His BDUs were plastered to his frame. I watched as he ran up to one of the memorial plaques, picked up the small American flag that had fallen to the ground in the wind and the rain, and set it upright again.

Then, slowly, he came to attention, saluted, ran back to his car, and drove off.

I'll never forget that incident. That soldier, whose name I will never know, taught me more about duty, honor, and respect than a hundred books or a thousand lectures.

That simple salute -- that single act of honoring his fallen brother and his flag -- encapsulated all the Army values in one gesture for me. It said, "I will never forget. I will keep the faith. I will finish the mission. I am an American soldier."

I thank God for examples like that. And on this Memorial Day, I will remember all those who paid the ultimate price for my freedom, and one private, soaked to the skin, who honored them.

2) (Note: The author, Capt. John Rasmussen, is now a chaplain with Multinational Division North in Bosnia. Story courtesy of Army News Service.)

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Skylar Wachter

What I believe about God - Father, Son and Spirit

I believe God has given me everything I need to get through life. He also has a plan for me, and He made me the way I am for a reason. If I believe I will receive eternal life as a gift from the Holy Spirit. I believe that Jesus died for my sins, and as a way of thanking Him I need to continue to grow in my faith. The Father has always been there for me in times of trouble to get through them. God is still in me today helping me to follow through and tell others the Gospel message. Lastly, I believe I need to go make disciples - plant seeds of faith to bring non-Christians to God.

What I believe about eternal life

I believe I will get eternal life, because God sent His Son to die for me and I believe, and He states that whoever believes will go to heaven.

The difference God makes in my life on earth:

I believe God makes all the difference, because He's been through what we've been through and He knows how to help us. He is also there watching over us in time of need.

What I would like to do with my life to say "thanks" to God

I would like to be maybe a youth pastor to spread the word of God to young children.

Don't Forget

... to keep your eyes open for someone who could use a meal.

1) Please keep your eyes open for people in situations where they would appreciate a meal fixed by someone else. People moving; family members sick or hospitalized; working lots of overtime; etc...

2) Call our meal-a-week coordinators Kevin and Marcia and give them the name

June discipleship verse...

3) Volunteer one week to bring a meal to someone.

By God's grace, we can, in a practical way, keep the command he left us with: "Love one another."

What I would like to do with my life to say "thanks" to God

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Help with our 4th of July Armed Forces Commemoration

We are planning a booth at the Spicer 4th of July Festival to remember all those who are serving in our Armed Forces. Talk to Pastor David or Shelli Block if you'd like to help turn our ideas into reality. (see more info on page 11)

Help Chaperone a Youth Event

We need chaperones and/or drivers for:

Our Lock-In - Saturday, June 11

Valley Fair Trip - in June - exact date to be determined

Sunshine Festival - July 14-16

Mission Trip - date and location to be determined

Talk to Ryan or Shelli Block if you'd like to help drive or chaperone

Provide A Scholarship for a Student to Attend Camp at Lutheran Island Camp.

If you can help provide money for scholarships to help our youth who will be attending camp this year, please contact Pastor David, Bonnie Hansen or Marcia Welsh. Thanks for your help!

Help create a Church Directory

Needed:

+ A Photographer

+ Appointment scheduler

+ Someone to turn the photos and information into a directory.

Please talk to Pastor David if you'd like to help with this.

Make a Difference in a Child's Life...

Foster / Adoptive parents in Kandiyohi County are *urgently needed*. There continues to be a shortage of quality homes.

Foster Families provide emergency and temporary care.

Adoptive Families are permanent families who love, nurture, and care for children for a lifetime. **Are you willing to**

make a difference? Please contact:

Kandiyohi Co Family Services

Deb Wieland 320-231-7847

Tina Mages 320-231-7822

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Help Us Recognize Those Who Serve To Keep Us Free

This summer at the Spicer 4th of July Festival, Living Word will be sponsoring a **display booth to recognize those who serve us in the Armed Forces.**

People who stop at the display . . .

... will see pictures and names and addresses of those

...who have served,

... who are serving

...or who will be serving in our Armed Forces.

... will have the opportunity to send notes ...

...of thanks to those who have served (any war or conflict)

...of thanks to those who are currently serving.

...of encouragement to those who are in training.

... will have opportunity to donate "Care Package" items to send to those currently deployed. (Or cash that can be used to purchase those items)

Here's how you can help:

We are asking members for your help to contribute names, pictures and addresses of those who have served, are now serving or are in training to serve.

We'd like to recognize as many people as possible, so if you have a relative, friend or neighbor and could bring us a picture, name and address we would be very grateful. You may give these to Shelli Block or Pastor David.

We will also need help during the Festival ...

... To put up the display

... Sit at the booth at designated times from July 1-4

... Take down the display

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THIS A GREAT EVENT OF SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS IN A PRACTICAL WAY !!!

Think back to this example from fifth or sixth grade: A guy happens to like a certain girl, but there's no way he's going to

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

Your Responses to the 40 Days of Purpose - Part 2

Here's how people finished the statement:

One important thing God taught me through the 40 Days was . .

- + Why I am here
- + God is in control
- + To share my faith
- + "It's not about me"
- + I'm here for a reason
- + I'm here for a purpose
- + "Save one more for Jesus"
- + In my weakness is His strength
- + How to become more like Christ!
- + To learn to be a servant for others
- + My purpose is to love unconditionally
- + To be a servant for God in all that I do
- + God can use me no matter what I think!
- + To look to the future and forget the past
- + To ask myself, "Does this glorify God?"
- + We were made to be part of God's family
- + Patience - learning everything takes time
- + That I can make a difference in the world
- + Talk openly about God to anyone at anytime
- + Depend on God's Holy Spirit for everything
- + What I am here for - what matters most - God
- + If I surrender to God He will use me for His purpose
- + My purpose is to continually grow to be more like Jesus
- + How wonderful Christian unity (purpose) is in a church
- + To obey and serve faithfully and he will always be there
- + That one of my purposes is to serve others before myself
- + He shows us our purpose through His word and situations
- + One purpose is to be a servant instead of trying to be served
- + The importance of being into God's word on a consistent basis
- + That it's not about me - it's about Jesus and all He did for me!
- + That I could know God is with me always if I keep my focus

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Mari Geer

What I believe about God - Father, Son and Spirit

I believe that God, who created all things, sent his one and only Son, Jesus, to die for my sins, and that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give us power and wisdom.

What I believe about eternal life

I believe that eternal life is a gift from God. Eternal life is knowing God and his Son, Jesus Christ. I can get to heaven only through Jesus, who is the Way and the Truth and the Life.

The difference God makes in my life on earth:

Having God in my life gives me peace of mind, because I know He will comfort me and protect me in times of trouble

What I would like to do with my life to say "thanks" to God

I would like to offer the rest of my life to God as an expression of thanks for all the great things he has done.

Nathan Kranz

What I believe about God - Father, Son and Spirit

I believe God the Father created everything in six days and on the seventh day He rested. That He gave his one and only Son to die on the cross to forgive me of my sins. I believe Jesus is that Son who died on the cross to forgive my sins. That He was born of the virgin Mary. I believe that the Holy Spirit is a part of the Triune God. He also works through the word to teach us about Jesus, so that we will believe and follow Him and do what's right.

What I believe about eternal life

I believe that God has given me the opportunity to live with Him in His kingdom. The way I can get to heaven is to believe in the Lord and also be baptized and stay active in my faith - not by being perfect or buying my way to heaven

The difference God makes in my life on earth:

I believe that He makes all the difference in the world. I don't have to be worried because Jesus is always there for me. If my day is going bad I can always turn to Him. He will comfort me whenever. I know that He loves me and is the right God to put my trust in.

on Him

- + "ministry" is serving fellow Christians, "mission" is serving non-Christians
- + The importance of daily fellowship with God - it benefits me, it's not an obligation
- + We all have our own "s.h.a.p.e" and can't compare ourselves to others who are serving
- + No matter what happens in my life, good or bad, God created me, loves me, and has a purpose for my life.
- + That God's word and purposes are to be used every day - not just at church time on Sunday

Pray and ask God to put one of these into practice in your life

This summer... be like the trees and plants.

Summer is the season that trees and plants and vines produce fruit. Jesus is very explicit that all who seek to follow Jesus must also produce fruit.

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last... John 15:8,16

To "bear fruit" is to do things that "nourish" people around you and to do things that attract people to the Vine (Jesus).

Jesus also said that we can only "bear fruit" when we are firmly attached to him:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Summer is the time when trees and plants and vines naturally produce fruit.

Summer is also the time when we are most tempted to get "detached" from the Vine, and not worship or read our Bibles or attend Bible studies. In other words it is the time when it is most tempting *not* to bear fruit.

Give your spiritual life a lift this summer. Make the commitment to stay attached to the Vine through worship (come on Monday evening if you can't make it Sunday), Bible Study, prayer and reading your Bible (see the Daily Reading Program elsewhere in the newsletter). God will bless you and you will nourish the lives of the people around you and give God glory by bearing much fruit!

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June Activities:

Remember to bring a friend - or two

Wed. June 1

Practice Skit for VBS; Deliver VBS door-hangers;
Pick a name for our group

Wed. June 8

Finalize Skit; Games; Bible Study

Sat. June 11

Servant Project: Help with VBS at Church 9:00am to 5:00pm

Fun: Lock-in (includes bowling) overnight @ church

Wed. June 15

Game night

Wed. June 22

Prep for Mission Project; Games, Devotion

Sat. June 25

Mission Project: Provide VBS for campers' kids @ Co. Park 5 10am-3pm

Mon. June 27

Fun: Trip to Valley Fair - bring a friend

Wed. June 29

Prep for Fun-raiser; Games, Devotion

Fri-Mon July 1-4

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Thanks to Jerry Moates (See Genesis 6-8)

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HEY NOAH ... HAVE YOU SEEN THE MOSQUITOS?

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June 5-minutes-a-day devotional readings

This Month's Readings: selected readings from Paul's letters

(Use the lines to record the important insights in that reading)

- June 1 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, 3:1-9 _____
 June 2 1 Cor. 1:18-25 _____
 June 3 1 Cor. 2:9-15 _____
 June 4 1 Cor. 6:9-11 _____
- June 5 1 Cor. 6:18-20 _____
 June 6 1 Cor. 10:14-17 _____
 June 7 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1 _____
 June 8 1 Cor. 11:17-34 _____
 June 9 1 Cor. 12:1-11 _____
 June 10 1 Cor. 12: 12-27 _____
 June 11 1 Cor. 13:1-8 _____
- June 12 1 Cor. 15:1-8 _____
 June 13 1 Cor. 15:12-20 _____
 June 14 1 Cor 15:50-58 _____
 June 15 2 Cor 1:3-4 _____
 June 16 2 Cor 1:8-11 _____
 June 17 2 Cor 3:2-3 _____
 June 18 2 Cor 4:7-9; 13-18 _____
- June 19 2 Cor 5:13-17 _____
 June 20 2 Cor 5:18-6:2 _____
 June 21 2 Cor 6:14-17 _____
 June 22 2 Cor 8:1-9 _____
 June 23 2 Cor 8:12-15 _____
 June 24 2 Cor 9:6-15 _____
 June 25 2 Cor 11:13-15 _____
- June 26 2 Cor 12:7-10 _____
 June 27 2 Cor 13:11-14 _____
 June 28 Galatians 1:6-9 _____
 June 29 Galatians 2:15-21 _____
 June 30 Galatians 3:10-14 _____

Important Insights from Corinthians & Galatians:

June prayer calendar

Pray for these things for the Family or confirmand listed each week

29 This week pray for these things for the Olson family: Jerome, Becky, Adam & Amanda	30 For Jesus to continue to be in our lives	31 For a good and safe racing season for Adam	June 1 Thanks for Amanda's good grades and friends	2 For healing for Becky	3 Thanks for blessings for Jerome	4 For continued success in business
5 This week pray for these things for Nathan Kranz	6 Pray for success at flag pole shows this summer	7 Pray for me to be able to find a good job	8 Pray for me to be able to pay for my truck	9 Pray for my parents to help me get to church every Sunday	10 Pray for me to be able to finish my final project for school	11 Thanks for family and all God's blessings
12 This week pray for these things for Jenna Medalen	13 Pray that my new job works out for me	14 Pray for a nice warm summer	15 Pray for all the kids at school	16 Pray that Skylar, Mari, Nathan and I never stray from God	17 Pray that all of us will stay involved in church	18 Thanks for family and all God's blessings
19 This week pray for these things for Mari Geer	20 Pray for my cousin Isaac.	21 Pray for my brother and sisters.	22 Pray for help to find a job.	23 Pray for help to read my Bible and pray more.	24 Pray for good summer weather.	25 Pray for help to do well in school without needing summer school
26 This week pray for these things for Skylar Wächter	27 Pray that I would continue to grow in my faith.	28 Pray that the confirmands continue to be involved in church.	29 Pray for the ability to plant "seeds" among my friends.	30 Pray for all the soldiers in Iraq.	July 1 Pray that non-believers would come to know God	July 2 Pray to God to give thanks for all he has given us.

June

Living Word Lutheran Church - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
USHERS: 8:00 Duane Hansen 10:30 Chuck Weffen JUNIOR USHER: Vince Mische GREETERS: 8:00 Jim & Janet Towner 10:30 Walt Flickinger	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Tris Mische - 12, 26 Violet Dauk - 5, 19	ELDERS: 8:00 Wally Abraham 10:30 Ron Wothe	1 7:00 - Youth	2 6:00 - Elders Team	3	4
5 8:00 - Traditional Worship w/ Lord's Supper 9:15 - Bible Study 10:30 - Contemporary Worship w/ Lord's Supper	6 11:00 Women's Prayer Study @ Shelli Block's 7:00 Monday Worship	7 Noon - Prayer 12:15 Bible Study @ Glen Oaks Apts	8 7:00 - Youth	9	10	11 Vacation Bible School 9:00 - 5:00 Youth Lock-in
12 8:00 - Traditional Worship 9:15 - Bible Study 10:30 - Contemporary Worship	13 11:00 Women's Prayer Study @ Shelli Block's 7:00 Monday Worship	14 Noon - Prayer 12:15 - Bible Study @ Glen Oaks Apts	15 7:00 - Youth	16 7:30 - Mission & Ministry Team	17	18
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26 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:15 - Bible Study 10:30 - Contemporary Worship	27 Youth - Valley Fair 7:00 Monday Worship	28 Noon - Prayer 12:15 - Bible Study @ Glen Oaks Apts	29 7:00 - Youth	30	July 1 Youth - Fundraiser @ Spicer 4 th of July Fest Armed Forces Honor Display @ Spicer 4 th of July Fest	July 2 Youth - Fundraiser @ Spicer 4 th of July Fest Armed Forces Honor Display @ Spicer 4 th of July Fest