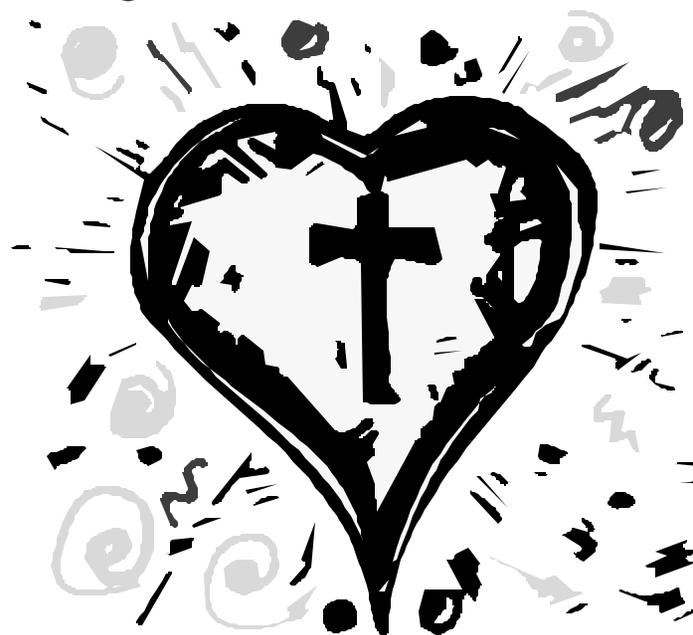




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May 2005 Newsletter



"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

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

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in old Prairie Meadows building
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Questions from Pastor...

With confirmation coming up this month (15th) I thought this might be a good time for you to try some of the questions the confirmands have on their final test. **If you're not sure of an answer - check our website**

www.livingwordlutheran.net

T or F: The Bible's main purpose is to show us God's rules for life. (see Jn 20:31)

The Bible...

- a) is God's word. (*entirely* reflects what *God* wants us to know)
- b) contains God's word. (only *some* of it reflects what God wants us to know)
- c) is partially God's word and partially man's word. (So some is reliable and some not)

Of the four Gospel books, _____ deals mostly with the spiritual purpose of Jesus' ministry, while the other three focus mainly on the physical details of his ministry.

The period of instruction leading up to the rite of Confirmation is necessary

- a) because you have to know the 10 Commandments, Apostles Creed and Lord's Prayer, (among many other things) in order to be saved.
- b) because you have to pass a test in order to be a part of God's Church
- c) as a follow-up to Christ's command to "make disciples by baptizing & teaching"

In the Lord's Supper we receive...

- a) bread and wine only
- b) Christ's body and blood only
- c) bread and wine and Christ's body and blood

In order to partake of the Lord's Supper, one must first...

- a) understand how bread and wine *could be* the body and blood of

- + Reminding me to be thankful for what I am blessed with: Family, Friends, and life in general!
- + Teaching me that nothing happens by mistake. God has a purpose for everything that happens.
- + Showing me that I am here for a purpose.
- + Showing me how many things I've fallen short of
- + Making a commitment
- + Showing me that my life is worthy
- + Driving home the fact that I need to see others the way God does. Everyone is special and God has made each of us for a purpose. Who am I to think otherwise?
- + Making me more patient with people.

Opportunities for growth...

"Doing Life Together" - God's five purposes for our lives
Sunday evenings at 7:00 @ Jay & Sarah Miller's in Pennock

"Life Choices - Who decides ?"

After 8:00 Worship on May 1 A study prompted by the Terri Schiavo situation

Daily Bible Readings - found on back of calendar

Women's Group Passion of Christ Study - final session
Monday May 2, @ 11:00 @ Shelli Block's

NEW Women's Group Study on PRAYER
Begins Monday, May 9, @ 11:00 @ Shelli Block's

Men's Study on BUILDING CHARACTER
Tuesdays @ 7:00

"God's Criteria for Judges - and for Citizens"
Tuesday, May 3 @ 12:15 @ Glen Oaks apartments

NEW Bible Study on the Book of RUTH
Begins Tuesday, May 10 @ 12:15 @ Glen Oaks Apts

Confirmation (7-9th Grade)
Wednesday, May 4 @ 7:00

Prayer Time
Tuesday Noon @ Glen Oaks Apts
(note time & location change)

Your Responses to the 40 Days of Purpose

Here's how people finished the statement:

God worked in my life through the 40 Days of Purpose by . . .

- + Showing me His presence in my life and my abilities to bring others to him
- + Helping me re-direct my goals to turn everything over to Him for everyday life to be for His glory
- + Remembering the goal of "save one more for Jesus"
- + Putting challenges in my life that continue to remind me of what my purpose really is - and who I need to rely on in meeting those challenges.
- + Just by reminding us we are to live a life that God would want us to - even though we don't
- + Showing me I don't have a group of Christian believers and friends that I have committed to enough to have built up a support system for checks and balance and inspiration. I'm still trying to do it all myself
- + Reminding me of my purposes
- + Giving me opportunities (many recently) to serve others
- + Allowing me to share my faith with others
- + Reminding me everyday that I am loved
- + Bringing me closer to Him
- + Being with us and keeping us safe
- + By keeping us safe, answering our prayers for wisdom and patience
- + His love and forgiveness
- + Leading me to God more than I already was
- + Bringing me closer to God
- + bringing me closer to Him through the book
- + Helping me speak out about faith and become a stronger leader
- + Giving me a passion to speak up and be open to others
- + Teaching me to be obedient - always
- + Helping me get through the sudden loss of my Grandma!
- + Helping me make an extremely tough decision
- + Getting me to consider joining Living Word
- + By making God's Word practical and useful for every thing in the good times as well as the bad times
- + Encouraging me to be more bold in inviting people to attend small groups
- + Making it easier to show my faith outside my circle of Christian friends and talk to others about God and my faith
- + Keeping us focused on Him every day
- + Helping me put others before myself.

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Jesus

b) simply believe that we receive Jesus' body and blood in the bread and wine even though we don't understand how it happens.

Which of the following is not a benefit God brings to us in baptism:

- a) forgiveness of sin
- b) The Holy Spirit
- c) the perfect righteousness purchased by Jesus' life and death
- d) automatic entrance to heaven

T or F: Christians worship the same God as Muslims and Hindus

Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer (check all that apply)

- because we need to repeat it word-for-word in each worship service to please God
- as a model of the things we should pray about
- using the exact same words both times he said it in the Bible
- as an example of the attitudes we should have when we pray

T or F: The apostles left us very precise details for how to worship Jesus.

T or F: we know there is a God is that he's written his laws on everyone's conscience.

What gives God the right to ask you to put him first in your life ?

God's Word can sometimes seem like pieces of a puzzle that don't fit together until you know that _____ is the "piece" that is the heart and center of what the Bible is all about.

The rite of Confirmation is ...

- a) a Biblical requirement for eternal life
- b) a Biblical requirement for joining the Lord's Supper
- c) is necessary to finish off what God started in your baptism
- d) a chance to publicly show you're "not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus"

What do you show others (and God) when you don't make time to worship him?

Whenever God asks someone in the Bible to do something for him, and they are afraid of doing it, what God always says "Do not be afraid, because... I am _____."

Have you ever broken the fifth commandment? (explain your answer)

The *only* question to ask when tempted to have sex is:

- a) Do I love this person?
- b) Does this feel right?
- c) Am I married to this person?

T or F A homosexual relationship is ok with God as long as the couple is committed

Confirmation Day is like (choose one) marriage / graduation because...

Tell how God's Word is like a diary...

Paul writes: "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is a _____ from God. It is not by your works, so that no one can boast [that they earned their way to heaven]."

As with any gift, you need to send a "Thank You note." You send a thank you note to God for the gift of eternal life by...

Did Jesus ever claim to be God?

The Lord's Prayer is an example of attitudes we should have when we pray. List some:

Write out 1 John 5:13

_____ chapter ____ is where you'll read "nothing can separate you from God's love"

God's number one purpose for you is to be _____

The number one thing the Spirit works through to help you become more like Jesus is: _____

A Minute for Men...

Lessons from Bible Guys: Thomas

What usually comes to mind when you hear about Thomas is that infamous statement he made after hearing the other disciples tell him that Jesus was risen from the dead: *"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."*

But the example I want to focus on today is a question Thomas asked the night *before* Jesus was crucified. Jesus had just told His disciples that He was going away to prepare a place for them in His Father's house, and that He would come back to take them there. Then he said, *"You know the way to the place where I am going."*

At that point I can envision all the disciples scratching their heads and whispering to each other, wondering just what Jesus is talking about. But no one wants to let on that they don't have a clue - except Thomas. Thomas asks the question that was likely on everyone's mind:

"Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

It doesn't matter how long you've known Jesus (Thomas was with Him on a daily basis for three whole years), there are still going to be things that you don't understand. That's to be expected. He's God and we aren't. It's natural that we don't always "get it." But Thomas sets us the example of what to do when we don't "get it." He asks a question.

Here's the great answer that Thomas' question led to:

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me."

When you hear something from the Bible that you don't understand - either in your own readings or in church - don't hesitate to follow Thomas' example and ask your question. You can always email your question too: dvdauk@mail.tds.net

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.LIVINGWORDLUTHERAN.NET

Happenings and events...

Apple Blossom Worship @ Jimmy Appleseed

Sunday, May 8 @ 10:30 - weather permitting
Bring a chair and a friend

Confirmation: Sunday, May 15 @ 10:30

Mari Geer

Nathan Kranz

Jenna Medalen (Open House for Jenna, 2-5 pm at her house.)

Skylar Wachter (Open House for Skylar, 1-3 pm at his house.)

Which is more important: Fishing or Being there to support our confirmands ?

"Old - Fashioned Church Picnic"

Sunday, May 22

After 10:30 worship - behind the church

Picnic, Softball, volleyball, cake walk, gunny sack races, etc...

Bring a friend and a dish to pass.

Vacation Bible School "Safari"

Saturday, June 11, 8:30 -5:00

One Day Only

Followed by a Lock-In for our 7-12 grade helpers

Invite your friends and neighbors

Wedding Celebration

Saturday, May 14, 8:00 p.m.

Please join Dan and Tammy Miller in celebrating the marriage of Mike and Hilleri Miller on Saturday May 14th at 8:00 PM at the New London Legion.

Glen Oaks Open House

The public is invite to an open house on Thursday, May 12 from 2-4 p.m. at the Glen Oaks Senior Living Campus in New London. May 9-12 is National Nursing Home Week. Come celebrate with us by enjoying coffee and bars. Meet our staff and tour our campus.

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T or F: The way to be saved in the Old Testament is different from that in the New Testament

If you died tonight are you sure you would go to heaven? Is it possible to be sure?

If you did die tonight and are standing before God and he says, "Why should I let you in to my heaven?" how would you answer?

A friend asks you "What exactly is the 'Gospel message' you Christians talk about all the time?" What would you tell them?

Thanks for (asking) answering,
Pastor David



Thanks to Shirley Ostrander

01-15-2004

HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for Living Word...

Vice-Chairman

Mark Fuglie

Elders

Kevin Welsh

Outreach (congregational) Tammy Miller

Christian Growth (youth) Ryan & Shelly Block

Christian Growth (Sunday School) Bonnie Hanson

Secretary

Mona Hjelle

Sharing the love of Jesus in practical ways...

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.

Help Us Clean Up Our Section of Highway 23

We'll meet at 5:30 at the old Shepherd of the Hills building, Wed. May 11. Treats will be provided - but you have to come to find out what they are.

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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Parable Of The Pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. "There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, "Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be."

"One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand."

"Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil."

"Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

"Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside."

"And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replacing the place of the pencil with you. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.

And Five: On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties.

By understanding and remembering, let us proceed with our life on this earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart.

May discipleship Verse...

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. John 15:7



may 5-minutes-a-day devotional readings

This Month's Readings: selected readings from the book of Romans

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

May 1	Acts 16:16-40	_____
May 2	Acts 17:10-12	_____
May 3	Acts 17:16-34	_____
May 4	Acts 19:11-22	_____
May 5	Acts 28:17-31	_____
May 6	Romans 1:16-17	_____
May 7	Romans 1:18-20	_____
May 8	Romans 1: 21-32	_____
May 9	Romans 2:12-16	_____
May 10	Romans 2:6-11	_____
May 11	Romans 3:20-24, 28 & 31	_____
May 12	Romans 4:1-3	_____
May 13	Romans 5:1-8	_____
May 14	Romans 6:1-14	_____
May 15	Romans 6:19-23	_____
May 16	Romans 7:15-25	_____
May 17	Romans 8:12-17	_____
May 18	Romans 8:18, 22-26	_____
May 19	Romans 8:28-29	_____
May 20	Romans 8:31-39	_____
May 21	Romans 10:9-13	_____
May 22	Romans 10:14-17	_____
May 23	Romans 12:1-2	_____
May 24	Romans 12:3-8	_____
May 25	Romans 12:9-21	_____
May 26	Romans 13:1-7	_____
May 27	Romans 13:8-10	_____
May 28	Romans 13:11-14	_____
May 29	Romans 14:1-3, 19-21	_____
May 30	Romans 15:4-6	_____
May 31	Romans 16:17-20	_____

Important Insights from Romans: _____

may prayer calendar

Pray for these things for the person or family listed each week

May 1 This week pray for these things for Linda van Meter	2 Thanks for God's blessings of family and friends	3 Thanks for the blessing of good health	4 Thanks for the blessing of being able to serve God by working as a nurse	5 Thanks for Holy Spirit's continued work in my life to help me make the changes I need to make	6 For me to accept the work that the Holy Spirit wants to do in my life	7 Healing for friends struggling with illness: Bill, Uncle Cliff, Lisa, Bob, Barb, Jeff and Troy
8 This week pray for these things for the Dille family: Bob & Nikki	9 Thanks for all the people who helped in any way at Bob and Andrew's deaths	10 For guidance for Nikki in choosing a school and course of study	11 For healing for Bob	12 Thanks for all the blessings God has given Nikki	13 Thanks for Bob's work	14 For God's continued protection and blessings for both Bob and Nikki
15 This week pray for these things for our Living Word family	16 For God's Spirit to keep our confirmands growing closer to Jesus	17 For Mike and Hilary Miller united in marriage last Saturday	18 For God to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus	19 To empower us to always be striving to accomplish our mission of making disciples	20 For continued guidance in selling our old building and buying land	21 For good weather and great turnout at tomorrow's church picnic
22 This week pray for these things for the Hansen family: Duane, Bonnie & Troy	23 For ability to take more time out of busy schedules for God's Word	24 Thanks for the blessing of grandkids	25 For safety for Duane and Troy on their delivery routes and business travels	26 For the ability to be a blessing to the grandkids	27 For family to grow closer to God	28 Thanks for health and jobs and all other blessings
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

may living word lutheran church - calendar of events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:00 - Traditional Worship w/ L.S. 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 - Life Choices Study 10:30 - Contemporary Worship w/ Lord's Supper</p> <p>7:00 - Life Together Study @ Jay/Sarah Miller's</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00 Women's Passion of Christ Study @ Shelli Block's</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noon - Prayer 12:15 - Political Leader & Citizen Responsibilities Study @ Glen Oaks Apts.</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 - 7-9th Grade Confirmation Groups Test Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 - Elders Team</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 VBS Meeting @ 6:30</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 - Traditional Worship 9:15 - Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 - Outdoor Worship @ Jimmy Appleseed - if weather ok</p> <p>7:00 - Life Together Study @ Jay/Sarah Miller's</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:00 Women's Prayer Study @ Shelli Block's</p> <p>MN Pastors' Conf @ Brainerd</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Noon - Prayer 12:15 - Bible Study on book of Ruth @ Glen Oaks Apts.</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3:30 - 8:30 9th Grade Confirmands meet w/ Pastor</p> <p>5:30 - Road Ditch CleanUp</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Miller / Lien Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Mike Miller / Hillerj Lien Wedding</p> <p>Reception @ 8:00 @ NL Legion</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00 - Traditional Worship w/ L.S. 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 - Adult Study 10:30 - CONFIRMATION Worship w/ Lord's Supper</p> <p>7:00 - Life Together Study @ Jay/Sarah Miller's</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00 Women's Prayer Study @ Shelli Block's</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Noon - Prayer 12:15 - Bible Study on book of Ruth @ Glen Oaks Apts.</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 - Mission & Ministry Team</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00 Traditional Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 - Adult Study 10:30 - Contemporary Worship Noon Old-Fashion Church Picnic</p> <p>7:00 - Life Together Study @ Jay/Sarah Miller's</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:00 Women's Prayer Study @ Shelli Block's</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Noon - Prayer 12:15 - Bible Study on book of Ruth @ Glen Oaks Apts.</p> <p>7:00 Men's Group</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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