

Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

**April 2006
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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Questions for Pastor...



Why don't we celebrate the Passover ?

This is a question I've been asked before - usually around this time of year, since Passover usually falls close to Easter. This year it is especially appropriate because Passover begins at sundown on April 12 - just a few hours before the day we know as "Maundy Thursday." The day when Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples in the Upper Room.

Passover is the celebration of God delivering His people from slavery in Egypt. You can read about it in Exodus Chapter 12, but here are the highlights:

God had brought a series of plagues upon the Egyptians. These were designed to help them see that He is the one true God and that they should do as He said - let His people go. Release them from slavery, so they could go settle in the land God had promised to them.

After the plagues, Pharaoh, the Egyptian leader, promised to release the Israelites. But each time he went back on his word and kept them in slavery. So God planned one final plague: death of the first-born male - of both man and cattle.

But God provided a way for the people who followed Him as God, to escape the plague. If they sacrificed a lamb and put the lamb's blood on their doorpost, God promised that the angel of death would see the blood as a sign of their faith in Him and *pass over* them sparing them from the plague.

God then commanded His people to commemorate this great "salvation event" each year with a special "Passover Meal." This celebration would force the people to remember how He had saved them and also force them to tell their children about it.

So, why don't Christians celebrate the Passover? Probably mostly

due to the fact that, since Christ came, Passover is usually viewed as an "Old Testament" festival that we are no longer required to observe. In fact, the Old Testament Passover event was designed to point ahead to what God would do on an "eternal scale" when he sacrificed His own Son ("The Lamb of God"). The angel of eternal death promises to "pass over" everyone who through faith in Jesus has the doorposts of your heart covered by the blood He shed on the cross. We are then released from slavery to our sin and set free to enter the Eternal Promised Land of heaven.

But just because Passover is an Old Testament festival that pointed ahead to Christ doesn't mean we can't celebrate it after Christ has come. In fact, celebrating the Passover is a huge part of our Christian heritage and helps us come to a greater understanding of how Jesus Christ fulfilled the Old Testament. Celebrating Passover is definitely a good thing to do.

A few years back we had a representative from Jews for Jesus (Jewish people who believe that Jesus is the Messiah) present "Christ in the Passover" for us. We shared a Passover Seder (meal) prior to learning how the meal actually pointed ahead to Christ and to what He would do for us on the cross.

I contacted the Jews for Jesus to see if they would be in our area this year to present "Christ in the Passover" for us again. They didn't have room in their schedule this year, but have us booked for April 2, 2007. They asked that we show a video presentation of "Christ in the Passover" this year in preparation for the "live" version next year.

Maundy Thursday is the day Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper while celebrating the Passover meal, so for our Maundy Thursday observance this year we will watch the video presentation. Following that "Christ in the Passover" presentation we will celebrate the Lord's Supper with renewed understanding of that special meal.

Listen to this quote from David Brickner, Executive Director of Jews for Jesus: "I love to see the eyes of my fellow Christians light up as they realize the significance of the Lord's Supper in light of the beauty of Passover." Make a point to come to our "Christ in the Passover" presentation on Maundy Thursday @ 7:30. I believe your eyes will do just what David Brickner said.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Opportunities to "Share the Love of Jesus in Practical ways"...



Make some cookies
or
Take some cookies

We would like to say "Thanks" to those who visit us by taking them a box of cookies. If you can serve the Lord by making the cookies or

delivering them, please talk to Pastor David or Tammy Fuglie

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

Families with children and youth received a brochure of all the camps available at Lutheran Island Camp again this year. If you can help provide money for scholarships to help them with cost please contact Bonnie Hansen.

Thanks for your help!

"The Ministry Machine" is on the move.

What is the Ministry Machine... and where is it moving?

The Ministry Machine is the name we've given to Pastor's big old blue and white van - the one we use to haul youth to events and activities. (It won't be blue and white for much longer - Adam Olson is in the process of painting it).



It's on the move on Sunday mornings. Youth director Ryan Block will be using it to pick up kids and youth who need rides to Sunday School and Sunday morning youth study. Please call Ryan @ 354-2594 if you need to schedule a ride.

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Holy Week Schedule...

This is the week that changed the world - for eternity.

Make plans to join us to celebrate ALL that Jesus did for you on this week.



Palm Sunday - April 9th Worship 8:00 & 10:30

Maundy Thursday - April 13th

7:30 p.m. - "Jews for Jesus"

Christ in the Passover

Video presentation followed by the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday - April 14th

Noon and 7:30 p.m.

We call this day "Good" because of what Jesus accomplished for us

Easter Sunday - April 16th

Sonrise Worship: 6:33 a.m.

(Begins outdoors at actual sunrise time)

Easter Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.



Confirmation Parents:

NOTE:

1. There will be no confirmation during Holy Week (April 12)
2. Please help your student to use the Easter Break time to catch up on past-due assignments. Thanks!
3. 9th Grade parents:

Make sure to help your student with the memory work they need to have completed.

New Member Bios...

Third in a series of biographies of members we received on January 15. If you haven't met any of these new members yet, please introduce yourself and welcome them when you see them.



Donna Peterson

My husband Butch and I live in New London. We have three grown married children and five grandchildren. I was born in Bertha, MN, and have lived in Minnesota my entire life - moving a lot when I was growing up.

When I'm not with family or working at the Agape' Coffeehouse, I enjoy decorating, knitting, gardening and walking.

One of my favorite Bible passages is Proverbs 22:9

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

This is a favorite passage as I have found it to be a very true message. Whether we are rich or poor, when we share it is always returned.

I feel very happy and humbled to be a new member of Living Word. My children and I were brought up Catholic and we are now all Lutheran.

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Bible Wordsearch

Wisdom of Solomon

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle #127

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ALIVE	ISRAEL
ALONE	JUSTICE
ARGUED	LIGHT
ASLEEP	LIVE
AWE	LOOKED
BABY	LORD
BORN	MIDDLE
CHILD	MORNING
CLOSELY	MOTHER
COMPASSION	NEITHER
CUT	NIGHT
DAY	NURSE
DEAD	ORDER
FEAST	OTHER
FILLED	RULING
FIRST	SERVANT
GIVEN	SHE
GOD	SIDE
HALF	SWORD
HEARD	THIRD
HELD	TOOK
HOUSE	TWO
INSISTED	VERDICT

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

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40 Days of Purpose...

It's already been a year - here's a refresher course.
How much do you remember?

God's Main Purpose: Restore the eternal relationship we were created to have with him. Jesus' purpose was to take first step in restoring that relationship by taking the punishment for our sins to 'right our wrongs' against God. The Holy Spirit's purpose is to bring us to faith in Jesus and thus enable us to accept the relationship Jesus died to restore.

After the Spirit brings us to faith in Jesus and accept that restored eternal relationship, He continues to work to empower us to accomplish these purposes:

Worship - Loving God

Worship isn't something just done in church. We worship God in everything we do that is done with a focus on pleasing God.

Fellowship - Loving God's people

Fellowship often starts with coffee and cookies, but true fellowship never ends there. It grows as we get to know each other on a deeper level and care for each other as we care for immediate family.

Discipleship - becoming more like Jesus.

This is the central purpose. We get this one and all the others fall into place. The Holy Spirit works through God's Word, circumstances and other believers to help us become more like Jesus.

Ministry - serving God by serving others.

Ministry isn't just something pastors do. It simply means "serving" and God has given everyone a special SHAPE to use in serving Him.

Spiritual gifts - special abilities God gives for building up others

Heart - things we have a passion for.

Abilities - things we're good at.

Personality - the thing that makes us unique.

Experiences - things we've experienced that help us help others

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Mission - sharing the Good News of Jesus
Everyone who trusts in Jesus for that eternally restored relationship with God has a mission. That mission is to share the Good News that Jesus offers them the same restored relationship. Our mission is to PLANT the seeds of the Good News.

Pray for people.

Look for ways to care for needs.

Act in ways that reflect well on Jesus.

Invite people to worship and

Talk about the Good News and what God has done for us.

Spring Voters Assembly...

Sunday, April 30 @ 9:15 (between services)

Agenda:

1. Approve Land Purchase
2. Election of Officers
3. Financial Report
4. Summer Worship Schedule
5. Building Committee Update



Check out the pink survey stakes...

What pink survey stakes?





The ones that mark the boundaries of the land we will be acquiring for Living Word. (7.3 acres we will be purchasing from Charlie Koch)

Where will I find them?

Along County Road 9 just north of the New London Township hall (about 1 mile south of the intersection of County Road 40 and County Road 9). Drive past and envision the ministry that God will be doing there in the future.... Then thank Him for His goodness in providing this land for us.

April

Living Word Lutheran Church - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2 8:00 - Traditional Worship w/ Lord's Supper 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 - Youth Study 9:15 - Bible Study "Battle Cry for a Generation" 10:00 - Bryson Wachter fellowship 10:30 - Contemporary Worship w/ Lord's Supper	3 11:00 Women's Study "Battle Cry for a Generation"	4 9:30 - Bible Study - "Battle Cry for a Generation" @ Agape' 6:30 - Women's Study "Breaking Free" @ Millers'	5 6:00 Meal 6:30 + All Stars 4 Jesus + 7-8th Confirm'n + 9 th Confirmation 7:30 Lenten Worship 8:15 Ice Cream Fellowship	6 6:00 Elders' Team	7	8 9:30 - 3:00 "Refedding the Son" Outreach Resource Fair @ Brainerd 2:00 Choir Practice
9 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 - Traditional Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 - Youth Study 9:15 - Bible Study "Battle Cry for a Generation" 10:30 - Contemporary Worship	10 11:00 Women's Study "Battle Cry for a Generation"	11 9:30 - Bible Study - "Battle Cry for a Generation" 6:30 - Women's Study "Breaking Free" @ Millers'	12 	13 7:30 Maundy Thursday "Christ in the Passover" W/ Lord's Supper	14 Noon Good Friday Worship 7:30 Good Friday Worship	15 
16 EASTER SUNDAY (Note special worship times) 6:33 - Sunrise Worship W/ Lord's Supper 7:30 - Easter Breakfast 9:00 - Easter Worship W/ Lord's Supper	17 NO Women's Study this week	18 9:30 - NO Bible Study @ Agape' this week 6:30 - Women's Study "Breaking Free"	19 6:00 Meal 6:30 + All Stars 4 Jesus + 7-8th Confirm'n + 9 th Confirmation	20 6:00 Sunday School Teachers 7:00 - Mission & Ministry Team	21 	
23 8:00 - Traditional Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 - Youth Study - Battle Cry... 9:15 - Adult / Parent Study "Battle Cry for a Generation" 10:30 - Contemporary Worship	24 11:00 Women's Study "Battle Cry for a Generation"	25 9:30 - Bible Study - @ Agape' 6:30 - Women's Study	26 6:00 Meal 6:30 + All Stars 4 Jesus + 7-8th Confirm'n + 9 th Confirmation	27 Mission Pastors @ District Office in Brainerd	28	29 Wedding: Wendy Sawatzky and Lonny Robbin
30 8:00 - Traditional Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 - Spring Voter's Assembly 10:30 - Contemporary Worship Led by Youth	May 1 11:00 Women's Study	2 9:30 - Bible Study - @ Agape' 6:30 - Women's Study	3 6:00 Meal 6:30 + All Stars 4 Jesus + 7-8th Confirm'n + 9 th Confirmation	4 6:00 Elders' Team	5 	6 CONFIRMATION TOMORROW Anthony Dauk Cole Erickson Allan Fuglie Vince Mische Amanda Olson Alicia Willer

April 5-Minutes-a-day Devotional Readings

This Month's Readings: More "Bible Overview in 125 readings (plus Psalm & Proverb)

Remember, you can go to www.livingwordlutheran.net and click on "Pastor's Notes" to read His comments about the passages (click on "Comments" to add your own insights)

April 2 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

April 3 James 3:1-18 _____

April 4 1 Peter 1:3-25 _____

April 5 Psalm 22:1-18 _____

April 6 1 Peter 3:13-18 _____

April 7 1 Peter 5:6-11 _____

April 8 John 12:1-11 _____

April 9 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

April 10 John 12:12-19 _____

April 11 Matthew 21:12-17 _____

April 12 Luke 22:1-20 _____

April 13 Mat. 26:36-75 _____

April 14 Mat 27:1-66 _____

April 15 Isaiah 52:13-53:12 _____

April 16 Matthew 28 _____

April 17 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

April 18 Luke 24:13-35 _____

April 19 Psalm 127 _____

April 20 Luke 24:36-53 _____

April 21 John 20:24-31 _____

April 22 Proverbs 21:28-31 _____

April 23 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

April 24 2 Peter 1:12-21 _____

April 25 2 Peter 3:10-18 _____

April 26 Psalm 139 _____

April 27 1 John 1:1-11 _____

April 28 1 John 2:15-17 _____

April 29 Proverbs 30:7-9 _____

April 30 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

May 1 1 John 5:13-16 _____

May 2 Jude 17-23 _____

May 3 Psalm 145 _____

May 4 Rev. 21:1-22:5 _____

May 5 Rev. 22:6-21 _____

May 6 Proverbs 31:10-31 _____

REMINDER: Go to www.livingwordlutheran.net

Click on "Pastor's Notes" for Pastor David's comments on the daily Bible readings. You can add your own insights by clicking on "comments" below Pastor's comment

A Minute for Parents...

TEACHING THE FAITH - PART 8

Some fruit-bearing details:

We saw last month that the key to producing the fruits of faith in your children is to stay attached/connected to Jesus (The Vine) yourself. Set the example by reading your Bible and praying daily, worshiping weekly.

But just setting an example is not enough...

You also need to teach your kids with your words. Talk about God as he instructed in Deuteronomy 11, *"Teach [my words] to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."* i.e., talk about God in all situations, all day, every day.

Here are some suggestions:

Pray with your children as often as you can. Before school, before meals, before bed. When they are afraid. When they are facing a decision. When they are hurt.

Have a family devotion with your children daily. This is also a great way to "force" you to talk about your faith in Jesus.

Talk about the worship service on the way home from church. Ask questions about favorite songs, the sermon, Sunday School lessons, etc... Talk about ways you can put what you heard into practice this week.

Talk about God in the everyday aspects of life. For example, instead of "Isn't that a beautiful sunset," try "God sure gave us a beautiful sunset today." Or maybe, instead of "I sure got lucky on the road today..." try "God sure had his angels working overtime protecting me in traffic today."

Set rules for your children based on God's instructions and commands. Explain to your children that these rules are not just your idea, but the way God wants us to live. Explain that He gives us rules because he loves us and knows what is harmful for us and he doesn't want to see us harmed.

It will be important to remind your children that we obey God's

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rules not to "earn our way into heaven." Remind them that because of our sin, we can never earn our way into heaven. Rather, teach them that we obey God's rules more as a way to say, "Thank you, God!" for purchasing heaven for us (what Jesus did on the cross), and offering it to us as a gift (which we receive when we play our faith in Jesus).

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Thanks to Pam Winn (See John 20:1-18)

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NOTHING IS CERTAIN EXCEPT WHAT AND TAXES?!?

A look ahead...

We will be having a Garage Sale on Saturday May 13th. Ron and Kim Wothe will host it at their garage at the Apple Orchard. Be planning on things you would like to donate. I would ask that either no clothes or only a few gently used items be brought. All proceeds will be used for the Building Fund. Drop off times at the ORCHARD will be announced later. Please DO NOT bring items to the church as we do not have the space to keep them here.

If you would like to help, please contact Tammy Miller @ 354-4161.

Opportunities to Learn...

Battle Cry for a Generation

A Study on Combating Satan's Lies

Sunday morning @ 9:15

Monday morning @ 11:00

Tuesday morning @ 9:30 @ Agape'

Statistics show that only 4% of the current generation consider themselves to be "Bible-believing" Christians. That compares with 65% of the World War II Generation. (Many more consider themselves "Christian" but do not get their beliefs from the Bible).

Here's one reason why:

A study of 104 of the elite writers and producers of Hollywood showed...

- 93% seldom or never go to worship services
- 97% believe that abortion is a right (as opposed to a "wrong")
- only 5% strongly agree that homosexuality is wrong
- only 16% agree that adultery is wrong
- 99% believe that TV should be "more critical" of Judeo-Christian values

It is no wonder that Satan has worked through what Ron Luce calls these "value terrorists" on TV, in movies, on the internet, in music and in advertisements to have devastating effects on the lives and beliefs of Americans - youth and adults.

At one point it looked like winning World War II was a hopeless cause. But World War II was eventually won, because everyone took part in the battle. Men went to war. Women went to work. Everyone lived on rations. Factories converted from making consumer goods to producing supplies for the war. Everyone got involved.

This battle for the hearts and lives of the current generation (and every other generation still living) will only be won when each of us makes a commitment to take part in the battle. Please join us for the final three weeks of this study as we take a look at God's battle plan for turning the tide.

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Just a sampling of Satan's Lies and Half-truths

(From our Lenten series)

Which ones are you believing ???

- "Yeah, there's bad stuff on TV, the Internet, in Music, and in video games, but it doesn't affect me."
- "I can't change. That's just the way I am."
- "I can't forgive."
- "We're all basically good people - we'll all go to heaven"
- "I can't be forgiven"
- "No one will know."
- "God won't care"
- "If it feels good, it's right."
- The world was created by evolution - you are just a product of chance - your life has no meaning
- "Love" = letting people do what they want, tolerating everything they do
- "God doesn't love you - not after what you've done."
- "Material success is what's important"
- "If you can't understand it - you shouldn't believe it."
- "I know better what's good for me than God does."
- "If I can justify it (sin) in my mind, God will understand and be ok with it."
- I'm too busy / tired to do my Bible readings and Bible study today.
- It must be good if it makes me happy (momentary happiness).
- You really need a new... (car, house, etc...)
- All things we hear on the news are exactly true.
- Everyone else is doing it.
- "There is no hell"
- "Satan is just a fairy tale"
- It's ok just to do it once.
- It's ok (to do what Satan wants), God will forgive you.
- "A little won't hurt"

Remember, next time you hear one that these are LIES.

Remember where they came from (SATAN).

Remember his goal (RUIN YOUR LIFE).

Remember you defeat these lies with the TRUTH.

Remember where you find the truth (GOD'S WORD).

A Minute for Men...

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Lessons From Bible Guys: Pontius Pilate

Surprised? How many times have you heard Pontius Pilate lifted up as an example? I'm guessing you could count them on ... no fingers. But there is one example Pilate set for us. Listen to his response to Jesus in John 18:37-38 :

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." [38] "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

There it is! Pilate's example. He asked "What is truth?" Ok, maybe he was just being sarcastic. Or just maybe deep down inside he really was searching for truth. But whatever the case may be, Pilate set us an example by asking the question: "What is truth." And he set another example by asking it of the One who knows what truth is.

How often do you hear things and just accept them as being true without bothering to check what Jesus has to say? Things you hear from friends. Things you hear on the news. Things you hear in the music you listen to. Things you hear on TV shows and movies. Probably all too often.

Throughout the season of Lent we have been reminded how often the things we hear and accept as "true" are actually lies from Satan. Lies designed to deceive you into doing the opposite of what's good for you. Lies designed to ruin your life and your faith.

Next time you hear something remember to follow Pilate's example and question if it is true. And make sure you ask the One who knows. Jesus. As He said, He came to testify to the truth.

April Discipleship Verse...

Jesus said: "For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

John 18:37



TEENS & PARENTS

You Are Invited

When: May 10, 2006
Where: Living Word Lutheran Church, Spicer
(Prairie Meadows Gym)
Time: 6:30 p.m.
RSVP: Shelli Block 354-2594

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Mission: Educate and motivate young people
to postpone sexual activity until marriage

Vision: Every teen in Central Minnesota needs
to hear the message that abstinence
until marriage is the healthiest choice

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