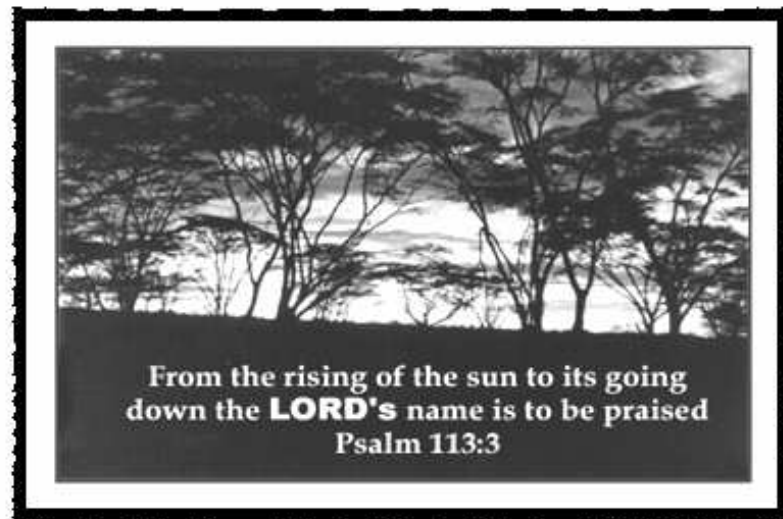


Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

**September 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...



What does Scientology teach ?

The question above came from Violet during our vacation last month. While we were in California we took a tour of Hollywood. We got to see where some of the celebrities live. While speeding past John Travolta's mansion our tour guide told us that Mr. Travolta is a Scientologist. He then went on to tell us that Scientology is the trendy "religion" in Hollywood. As evidence of that, our guide told us that roughly 25% of the movies coming from Hollywood are produced by people who are "into" Scientology.

As I did some research to find details about specific beliefs on Scientology, I remembered how many times I've fielded questions about what other groups believe, groups like the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Mormons, Muslims, Jews, Unitarians, etc...

There was a time not that long ago (40 years maybe) when the vast majority of people in our country were Christians. But today we are increasingly exposed to people who don't believe what we do. God has told us that we should not be surprised about the increase of "false teachings." He has also told us that we who know the truth need to share it with those who don't ("The Gospel truth" didn't get to be a cliché by accident). But before we can share Jesus with people of other beliefs, it is helpful to know the basics of their beliefs.

With that in mind, I decided now would be a good time to take a look at the beliefs of some of these groups. So, for six weeks, beginning Sunday, September 10, we will do just that in our 9:15 Adult Forum. (see page 17)

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Our goal won't be to simply give you information about the beliefs of different groups, but to point out where those beliefs differ from Christianity, and ultimately to give us some insights about responding to real people we meet who believe (or are attracted to) what these groups teach.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Rally Sunday...

Sunday, September 11th...

Rally Sunday is the start of a new Sunday School Year
(Our "Growing In Christ" hour is from 9:15 to 10:15)

We will also begin our Sept to May schedule:

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Potluck Dinner and Picnic (with games) will be held after the 10:30 worship. Bring a friend!

Children's Church...

"Takin' It To The Pews"

Beginning Sunday, September 10 (Rally Sunday), "Children's Church" will have a new format.

Instead of heading to the "Children's Church" room after the Children's Message, kids 2 years - 2nd grade will go back to sit with their families. Each child will get a special bag (with their name on it) that will contain a Bible story book, children's bulletin, crayons and maybe even a church-appropriate treat (like Cheerios).



Each week the kids' "Church Bag" will have activity sheets and bulletins that will be different from last week. The goal is to provide an age-appropriate worship experience that enables the kids to stay in the sanctuary.

For Further Study...

Which of these topics grabs your attention ?

Each of the studies listed below are topics that ...

1. Pastor can lead for you and a group of friends or
2. You can lead on your own - each has a leader's guide.

Check one that interests you, then give Pastor a call.



___ **Edge of Eternity: Heaven and Hell** (6 Sessions)

Uncovers misunderstandings people have about life after death and tells the biblical truth about heaven and hell. Issues include:

- There Is a Heaven-Really!
- Popular Misconceptions
- Pictures of Heaven
- Curiosity Questions about Heaven
- That Other Place
- Living for Heaven

___ **Off the Edge: Faith, Science and the Future** (6 Sessions)

Looks at the creation of the universe, the end of the universe, and the possibility of life on other planets. Topics include:

- The relationship between faith and science
- Extraterrestrial life
- The origin of life
- Contact with aliens
- The Gospel and the end

___ **Playing God: Redesigning Life** (6 Sessions)

Playing God explores the ethics of "perfecting" humanity through DNA, cloning, stem cell research, and more. Issues include:

- In Search of the Perfect Child
- The Immortal Clone
- The Stem Cell Revolutions
- The Valley of the Shadow of Death

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___ **Science and the Savior: Advancing to the Future** (6 Sessions)

Explores how scientists may serve their Creator through understanding and explaining the wonders of His creation.

Issues include:

- God's Intentions for Science
- How Theology Gave Birth to Modern Science
- Science, Beauty, and God's Handiwork
- Defending the Faith with Science

___ **The Unexplained** (6 Sessions)

Explores in detail the fascination and beliefs our contemporary society has with spirituality and the spirit world. Issues include:

- Miracles
- Mystical Experiences
- Near-Death Experiences
- Dreams
- Demons
- Angels

___ **Godly Man: Men in Families** (6 sessions)

Helps those face and overcome the stresses and challenges of modern manhood. Men in Families explores the role a man plays as he relates to the others in his family:

- Teacher
- Spiritual leader
- Lover
- Father
- Provider
- Son

___ **You and Me, Lord: Support for the Challenges Women Face**

Support and encouragement when feeling

- brokenness caused by sin
- physical weariness
- emotionally drained!
- spiritually challenged
- unfulfilled in serving God
- relationship stress

What We Believe...

What Do Missouri Synod Lutherans Believe ?

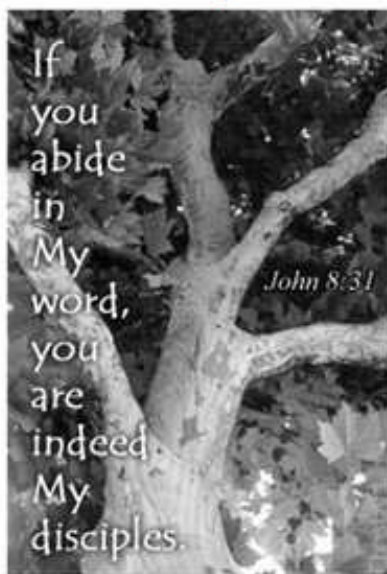
Pastor is planning a class that covers the basics of our faith. We'll tackle questions like the ones listed below and also attempt to answer whatever other specific questions you have about what we at Living Word believe.

- What do we believe about God ?
- What do we believe about prayer ?
- What are the goals of Living Word?
- What do we believe about the Bible ?
- What is the purpose of the Church ?
- What do we believe about heaven and hell ?
- What do we believe about sin and forgiveness?
- What do we believe about creation and evolution?
- What do we believe about baptism and communion?
- What do we believe about eternal life - who will get it and how?
- What do we believe about current issues facing Christians - like abortion and same-sex marriages?

This class also serves as the instruction class for those interested in discipleship (membership) here at Living Word.

First class will be Monday, October 2, from 6:30 - 8:30.

Please talk to pastor if you have questions about the class or would like to attend.



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In Case of Emergency...

A list of numbers for times of emergency...

- When in sorrow, call John 14.
- When people fail you, call Psalm 27.
- If you want to be fruitful, call John 15.
- When you have sinned, call Psalm 51.
- When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34.
- When you are in danger, call Psalm 91.
- When God seems far away, call Psalm 139.
- When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11.
- When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalm 23.
- When you grow bitter and critical, call 1Cor.13.
- For Paul's secret to happiness, call Col.3:12-17.
- For idea of Christianity, call 1Cor. 5:15-19.
- When you feel down and out, call Romans 8:31-39.
- When you want peace and rest, call Matt. 11:25-30.
- When the world seems bigger than God, call Psalm 90.
- When you want Christian assurance, call Romans 8:1-30.
- When you leave home for labor or travel, call Psalm 121.
- When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67.
- For a great invention/opportunity, call Isaiah 55.
- When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1.
- How to get along with fellowmen, call Romans 12.
- When you think of investments/returns, call Mark 10.
- If you are depressed, call Psalm 27.
- If your pocketbook is empty, call Psalm 37.
- If you're losing confidence in people, call 1 Cor. 13.
- If people seem unkind, call John 15.
- If discouraged about your work, call Psalm 126.
- If you find the world growing small, and yourself great, call Psalm 19.

Emergency numbers may be dialed direct.

No operator assistance is necessary.

All lines are open to Heaven 24 hours a day!

Feed your faith, & doubt will starve to death!

A Minute for Parents...

A lesson from our Heavenly Father about passing along your faith...

When it comes to passing along your faith to your children, our heavenly Father hasn't left us in the dark. He gave us specific instructions 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. If they don't live at home, you can pray with them on the phone - really!
- **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 each 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 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).

And don't forget to ask your heavenly father's help. He has all the power you need!

Bible Wordsearch Jacob's Family

Fill the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, all ways in a straight line.

Puzzle # 132

GENESIS CHAPTER 46

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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

Psalm 22

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Sept. Discipleship Verse...




"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."

2 Peter 1:2

September

Living Word Lutheran Church - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 3 9:00 Combined Worship 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study	4 LABOR DAY	5 NOON Bible Study "Daniel" @ Geneva Olson's	6 7:00 Confirmation Parents Info Mtg.	7 6:00 Elders' Team	8	9
10 RALLY SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:15 Growing in Christ Hour Sunday School Adult Forum: Scientology 10:30 Contemporary Worship Noon Rally Day Potluck Picnic & Games	11	12 NOON Bible Study "Mark" @ Geneva Olson's	13 6:00 Meal 6:45 Confirmation 6:45 All Stars 4 Jesus 7:45 10-12 Grade Youth	14	15	16
17 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:15 Growing in Christ Hour Sunday School Adult Forum: Jehovah's Witnesses 10:30 Contemporary Worship 11:45 Fellowship 7:30 Destination Vision: YOUTH WORSHIP & Fellowship	18	19 NOON Bible Study "Mark" @ Geneva Olson's	20 6:00 Meal 6:45 Confirmation 6:45 All Stars 4 Jesus 7:45 10-12 Grade Youth	21 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	22	23
24 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:15 Growing in Christ Hour Sunday School Adult Forum: Mormons 10:30 Contemporary Worship 11:45 Fellowship	25	26 NOON Bible Study "Mark" @ Geneva Olson's	27 6:00 Meal 6:45 Confirmation Picture All Stars 4 Jesus -12 Grade Youth	28	29	30
October 1 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:15 Growing in Christ Hour Sunday School Adult Forum: Jews 10:30 Contemporary Worship 11:45 Fellowship	2	3 NOON Bible Study "Mark" @ Geneva Olson's	4 6:00 Meal 6:45 Confirmation 6:45 All Stars 4 Jesus 7:45 10-12 Grade Youth	5 6:00 Elders' Team	6 	7 MEXICAN FIE STA Dinner (Fund-raiser)

September 5-Minutes-a-day Devotional Reading

New Reading Program Begins Sept 3: Passages about SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Aug 27 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Aug 28 1 Corinthians 12:1-3 _____

Aug 29 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 _____

Aug 30 Galatians 4:4-7 _____

Aug 31 Galatians 5:16-26 _____

Sept 1 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 _____

Sept 2 Acts 2:34-41 _____

Sept 3 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Sept 4 Colossians 1:9-14 _____

Sept 5 Proverbs 13:20 _____

Sept 6 Hebrews 5:11-15 _____

Sept 7 Hebrews 6:1-3 _____

Sept 8 2 Peter 1:3-11 _____

Sept 9 2 Peter 3:10-18 _____

Sept 10 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Sept 11 1 Peter 2:1-2 _____

Sept 12 Ephesians 4:11-16 _____

Sept 13 Ephesians 4:22-5:2 _____

Sept 14 Romans 12:1-2 _____

Sept 15 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 _____

Sept 16 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 _____

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

Sept 18 Psalm 92:12-15 _____

Sept 19 1 Timothy 4:15-16 _____

Sept 20 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 _____

Sept 21 Colossians 1:3-6 _____

Sept 22 Colossians 3:5-17 _____

Sept 23 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4 _____

Sept 24 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Sept 25 John 15:5-8 _____

Sept 26 Matthew 13:18-23 _____

Sept 27 Luke 56:46-49 _____

Sept 28 Acts 9:31 _____

Sept 29 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 _____

Sept 30 2 Corinthians 10:15-16 _____

Oct 1 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

SUMMARIZE WHAT YOU LEARNED ABOUT GROWING SPIRITUALLY _____

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

Youth Servants..

We have lots of servants waiting to serve (and raise funds for the Igniters' Youth).

Please check this list and then sign up to rent a servant.

Anthony Dauk	Yard work; playing music, "just about anything."
Cole Erickson	Anything you need help with
Peter Erickson	Anything you need help with
Joe Johnson	"Pretty much anything"
Jesse Medalen	Any outside stuff Take someone fishing
Sierra Cobb	Babysit; Petsit; Mow lawn Yard work
Rebecca Dauk & Dani Skaggs:	Babysitting; house cleaning; groom animals; (Servant team) Baking; Yard work (no cleaning 'doggy-do')
Alicia Willer	Baby sit; Clean house
Allan Fuglie	Math tutoring "Pretty much anything - with instructions"
Mariah Welsh	Babysit Clean house Laundry Pet sit Yard Work
Bryson Wachter	Anything you need help with.
Pastor Dave	Paint a room Take someone to a Twins game
Chuck Weflen	Haul stuff in pickup truck

We need funds for our fall and winter activities, so when you 'rent a servant' it's a Win-Win Situation: You not only get some work done, The Igniters' get funds for stuff like the National Youth Gathering. Thanks!



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

Invite Someone to Rally Day - Next Sunday

See details elsewhere in the newsletter

Join our Prayer Force

One of the most practical ways you can share the love of Jesus is by praying for people in need. That's what people on our "Prayer Force" do. The "Prayer Force" is an e-mail prayer chain. You simply receive requests via email, then take those requests to the Lord in prayer.

Email Pastor David to sign up: dvdauk@mail.tds.net

Help with our "All Stars for Jesus" Program

Our Wednesday evening program for 4-6th graders still needs

- 1) A meal coordinator to schedule meal providers
- 2) an adult group leader for Bible stories & memory work
- 3) an activity leader for games and crafts

Please talk to Pastor David if you can help. Thanks!

Help Plan our Mexican Fiesta Dinner

See details elsewhere in the newsletter

Help at the N.L. Habitat for Humanity House

Workers are needed on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings to help finish the interior of the home. Please talk to Pastor David or Vern Samuelson if you can spare an evening to help.

Make or Take a Meal ...

As a way of sharing the love of Jesus in helpful ways, we've made it our goal to deliver a minimum of one meal per week to someone. If you know of someone who could benefit from a meal, please talk to our meal coordinator Jack Kuppich. Thanks for serving the Lord by serving a meal!

Be a "Secret Paul"

Watch for details coming soon. . .

E-mail Inspiration of the Month...

CELL PHONE VS. GOD'S WORD

What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones ?

- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- What if we used it as we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of an emergency?
- What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?
- What if we got on the "family plan"?

If this made you say,

"Yeah, I really do need to get reading my Bible again,"

a great place to start is with our September Daily Bible Readings. This month's readings are short (usually just a few verses) and focus on things God has to say about growing in our faith.

"Secret Pauls"

That's not a typo.

One of the things the Apostle Paul was noted for was praying daily for people. Paul prayed for their protection. He prayed for them to grow in their faith. He prayed for them to grow in putting their faith into action. He prayed prayers of thanks for them.

This fall - coming soon - you will have a chance to be a "Secret Paul" who prays for one specific person in prayer each day for a year. Details will come soon, but as the "secret" part of the name suggests, the person you pray for won't know who is praying for them (until all the Secret Paul's are revealed at a special year-end banquet).

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Schedules & Studies...

New Sunday Morning Study :

What Do _____ Believe ?

- Sept. 10 - Scientologists
- Sept 17 - Jehovah's Witnesses
- Sept. 24 - Mormons
- Oct. 1 - Jews
- Oct. 8 - Muslims
- Oct. 15 - Secular Humanists / Universalists

Please join us at 9:15 for coffee, baked goods and our study of the teachings of these other belief systems.

"Destination Vision"

Get a vision of God's destination for You at our monthly ...
Sunday Night Youth Worship

Sunday, September 17

Worship with songs, skit, message and prayer starts at 7:30
Fellowship and fun afterward in the gym.
Bring a friend.

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LAWN ... STUPID APPLE ... STUPID SNAKE

Get Growing Again...

Jesus compares us to branches connected to a vine. He is the Vine. Our job as branches is to produce fruit - do things that nourish the lives of people around us. Just as a grapevine can only grow and produce fruit when it is attached to the vine, Christians can only grow and produce fruit when attached to Jesus. One of the ways we stay attached to Jesus is by getting into God's Word. If the summer found you not growing very much....

Here are some opportunities to "get growing" again.

Sunday

"**GROWING IN CHRIST**": 3 years to 9th grade 9:15 -10:15
See details elsewhere in newsletter.

Adult Study: "What do _____ believe?" 9:15 -10:15
See details elsewhere in newsletter.

Monday

What do Missouri Synod Lutherans Believe
Begins Oct 2
See details elsewhere in newsletter.

Tuesday

Prayer and 'Book of the Bible' Study. Noon
Join us for a great time of fellowship and walking through books of the Bible. This month we start the *GOSPEL of MARK*.

Wednesday

(A Light Supper will be served from 6:00 - 6:45 prior to classes)

- **4th-6th Graders:** The "All Stars 4 Jesus" -6:45 p.m.
Join us for lots of fun growing closer to Jesus.

- **7-8th Graders: Confirmation classes - 6:45 p.m.**
We get together to learn how to apply the catechism to real life.

- **9th Graders: Confirmation classes - 6:45 p.m.**
We get together to study how God works in our lives to help us become "Just Like Jesus."

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- **10-12 Graders: 7:45 p.m.**

Join us as we take a look at God's guidance for the issues facing High Schoolers today.

- **Parents: First Wed. of Every Month @ 6:45**
"Parenting With Purpose": Parenting help from our Heavenly Father

We're also looking for men and women (or couples) interested in lead more studies. Call Pastor if you have a study you want to do - or a group that wants to study.

Mexican Fiesta...

Coming Soon to a location near you!

The ANNUAL Mexican Fiesta is coming soon...Saturday October 7th. 4:30-7:00PM.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this famous event! Rumor has it that we will be bringing in a new dish! **HOMEMADE ENCHILADAS!**

As always I will need a few bodies to help with the advertising, food prep and decorations. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Talk to Tammy M if you have any questions or would like to help in ANY way! 351-4161



Confirmation Update...

Parents: Meet Wednesday, September 6 @ 7:00 p.m.
For parents of all students in Confirmation classes (students don't need to attend that night)

7-8th Graders: First class: September 13.
Bring your catechism, Bible and binder

9th Graders:

Start in on your New Testament readings - Gospel of John due Sept 13