

Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

**May 2007
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.**

Living Word Lutheran Church

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Questions for Pastor...

What is your vision for Living Word - as it relates to a new building?

This is an appropriate question given the fact that we are just beginning our fund raising effort for a new building. Below are some thoughts I shared at our Celebration Dinner, as well as lots of thoughts others had when I "passed the question around."



One vision I have is to be able to walk down the streets of New London and give a definite answer when someone asks (as someone almost always does) "When are you going to start building?" Another thing I envision is sitting down with a young couple planning their wedding and be able to answer "Yes, we have plenty of room to have your wedding in OUR sanctuary." I have the same vision when it comes to planning funerals with people, "Yes. We will have no problem seating that many people - and serving them lunch afterward."

Here are some answers to my question, "What will a new building do for Living Word - how will it enable us to better help people to know Jesus.?"

A building of our own will give us credibility. We have the truth of God's Word to share and having our own building will give more weight to our message than proclaiming it from a rented facility.

A building of our own will give us stability - and send the message to our community that we are here for the long haul.

A building of our own will mean less limitations on what we can do e.g. We were not able to put up a sign outside the school building telling people that we were holding the "40 Days of

Purpose."

A building of our own will enable us to have separate rooms for our Sunday School classes, so they don't have to meet in hallways or open areas where people are constantly passing through.

A building of our own will enable us to host a lot more people for worship.

A building of our own can be a visible reminder of the hope we have in Christ for all who drive by. We'll be able to once again place a cross on our property.

A building of our own will enable us to feel more "at home." Right now, when we invite someone to come to Living Word it feels like we are inviting them to come visit us at our neighbor's house. We don't feel "at home" and so neither do they.

A building of our own will be fully dedicated to our task of making disciples.

A building of our own will make many people more "at home" worshipping Jesus than they are in a classroom.

A building of our own will bring more people to us, and in turn that will enable us to do things we can't do with smaller numbers.

A building of our own will keep us from being limited by the schedules of all the other tenants of the school building.

A building of our own will enable us to have our own kitchen!

A building of our own will help people to know where to find Living Word. "Living Word... let's see. A couple years ago they were "here." Last year they were "there." Where they are this year, I'm not sure."

All great visions of why having our own building will enhance our ability to accomplish our mission of "Making Disciples."

Thanks for asking (and answering),
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

"SERVANT AUCTION"

THE YOUTH FUND-RAISER CONTINUES

For those of you who missed our live auction, you can still help with our fundraiser by "renting" a servant. We have lots of servants waiting to serve (and raise funds for the Igniters' Youth). Please check this list then talk to the servant to schedule them to help you.

Supplemental funds are being applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Kandiyohi Chapter

Anthony Dauk	354-4103	Yard work; playing music, "just about anything"
Peter Erickson	276-8523	Anything you need help with
Joe Johnson	354-3545	"Pretty much anything"
Rebecca Dauk & Dani Skaggs: (Servant team)	354-4103	Babysitting; house cleaning; groom animals; Baking; Yard work
Allan Fuglie	796-6975	Math tutoring "Pretty much anything - with instructions"
Vince Mische	354-9046	Whatever you need. Can even haul manure
Mariah Welsh	796-6840	Babysit Clean house Laundry Pet sit Yard Work
Emilie Fuglie	796-6975	Pet sit, Baby sit, etc...
Bryson Wachter	894-6378	Anything you need help with.
Pastor Dave	354-4103	Paint a room; Take you to a Twins game
Chuck Weflen	295-2071	Haul stuff in pickup truck

Thanks to everyone who has already "rented" a servant!!!

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For Mother's Day...

What My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me LOGIC:

"Because I said so, that's why!"

My mother taught me RELIGION:

"You better pray that comes out of the carpet!"

My mother taught me CONTORTIONISM:

"Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY:

"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times: Don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA:

"You'll sit there until all of that spinach is gone!"

My mother taught me about WEATHER:

"It looks like a tornado swept through your room!"

My mother taught me about OSMOSIS:

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION:

"Stop acting like your father."

My mother taught me about PHYSICS:

"If I yelled because I saw a meteor coming toward you, would you listen then?"

Thanks, Mom. Happy Mother's Day!

2007 National Youth Gathering:

We have seven youth signed up to attend:

Anthony Dauk	Rebecca Dauk
Peter Erickson	Allan Fuglie
Joe Johnson	Vince Mische
Dani Skaggs	

Pam Johnson and Bryson Wachter will be our Group Leaders.

Watch for upcoming Fund-raising Activities.

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

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.

Phone or e-mail Pastor David to sign up: dvdauk@mail.tds.net

Welcome New People

One way we would like to begin "Sharing the Love of Jesus in Practical Ways" is by taking a basket of cookies to new people who have moved in. It is a simple way to share the love of Jesus. Here's what we need EVERYONE to do:

Keep your eyes open for people who have just bought or rented a home (or apartment) in your area. As soon as possible, notify our Visit Coordinator, Violet Dauk (220-0344). She will notify our cookie bakers and move-in visitors to go make a "welcome" visit. More Cookie Bakers & Visitors are also needed. Please call Violet if you can help with either of these. Of course, don't forget to take your own batch of cookies (or whatever) to the new folks to welcome them to your neighborhood too.

"SECRET PAUL" Prayer Program

IMPORTANT Reminders:

Secret Pauls... have you sent a note to the person you are praying for just to let them know you are praying? If not, please take some time to do that this week. (Don't forget to send a card for their birthday, too!)

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

If you can help provide money for scholarships to help our VBS students attending camp for one day this year, please contact Pastor David or Bonnie Hansen. Thanks for your help!

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60 + Years With A Little Spare Time ?

Lutheran Social Service is looking for individuals sixty years of age or older who have time to share. By giving 15 hours a week of your time you would provide a helping hand or a listening ear to a homebound senior OR help a child succeed in school or at a Head Start center. At the same time you would supplement your retirement income with a tax-free financial reimbursement, including a small stipend, travel costs and insurance coverage. For more information, contact Diane Shuck at 320-264-5545 or toll free at 1-888-205-3770

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!

Make A Meal Program ...

You will notice special "PRAYER and CARE" cards in the worship attendance folders. Please use these cards to give us the names of people you know who could use a meal. (You can also use the cards to give prayer requests for Pastor and/or the Prayer Force prayer chain). The cards can be filled out and placed in the offering plate. Or you can tell Pastor David or Meal Coordinator Jack Kuppich of someone who needs a meal.

YOUTH MINISTRY PLANNING MEETING

Are you interested in helping us have a vibrant, growing youth program? Please join us **Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.** for a planning meeting. We'll take a look at two questions: "What should we be doing in youth ministry?" And "How can you help?"

Please come. Our youth are not the church of tomorrow. They are part of the church today.

E-Mail "Humor" of the Month...

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ATTENTION PLEASE:

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units, code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been technically termed "Sequential Internal Non-morality," or commonly known as S. I. N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some symptoms:

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish and/or violent behavior
6. Depression or confusion in the mental component
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service, free of charge, to correct this "SIN" defect.

The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The PROCEDURE for repairs in all areas is to upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, JESUS, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, JESUS will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience

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5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self control

Please see the operating manual: the B.I.B.L.E. (Believers Instructions Before Leaving Earth), for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human-being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded.

For free emergency service, call on JESUS.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention,

Almighty God

P. S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this bulletin!

Change to Summer Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, May 27

We will have one combined worship service at 9:00 a.m from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day weekend

"Old - Fashioned Church Picnic"




Sunday, May 20

After 10:30 worship - behind the church

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

Bring a friend and a dish to pass.

May Living Word Lutheran Church - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:15 Growing in Christ Hour S.S./History of Christianity Parenting Young Children 10:30 Contemporary Worship/LS (Rite of Confirmation)	30	May 1 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	2 7:00 9 th Grade Network Study	3	4	5
6 8:00 Traditional Worship/LS 9:15 Growing in Christ Hour S.S. / History of Christianity Parenting Young Children 10:30 Contemporary Worship/LS	7 7:00 "So that the World May Know" Visitation Teams	8 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	9 7:00 9 th Grade Network Study	10 6:00 Elders' Team	11	12
13 Mother's Day 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:15 Growing in Christ Hour S.S. / History of Christianity Parenting Young Children 10:30 Contemporary Worship	14 7:00 LWML Info Meeting	15 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	16 7:00 YOUTH PLANNING MEETING	17 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	18	19
20 8:00 Traditional Worship/LS 9:15 Growing in Christ Hour S.S./History of Christianity 10:30 Contemporary Worship/LS 11:45 OLD FASHIONED SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC 7:00 Destination Vision / Youth Worship & Study Bonfire @ Blocks	21	22 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	23 5:30 - 8:30 "QUEST FOR TRUTH" Vacation Bible School 7:00 Youth NYG Study	24	25	26 Sawatzky - Olson Wedding 
27 WORSHIP TIME CHANGE 9:00 Combined Worship 10:00 Fellowship History of Christianity	28 MEMORIAL DAY 	29 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	30 5:30 - 8:30 "QUEST FOR TRUTH" Vacation Bible School 7:00 Youth NYG Study 7:30 Baccalaureate @ NL-S	31	June 1	June 2 

May 5-Minutes-a-day Devotional Reading

Readings this week focus on EXAMPLES OF COMMITMENT

April 30 Daniel 3 _____

May 1 Acts 4:1-20 _____

May 2 Joshua 24:14-24 _____

May 3 Acts 21:7-15 _____

May 4 Ruth 1:11-18 _____

May 5 Mark 10:32-34 _____

Readings this week focus on RESULTS OF KEEPING YOUR COMMITMENT TO GOD

May 6 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

May 7 Revelation 21:1-7 _____

May 8 Hebrews 12:1-11 _____

May 9 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 _____

May 10 Mark 13:5-13 _____

May 11 Mark 10:28-31 _____

May 12 Job 11:13-20 _____

Readings this week focus on the HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

May 13 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

May 14 Numbers 11:21-25 _____

May 15 Numbers 24:1-9 _____

May 16 Judges 6:18-35 _____

May 17 Judges 14:5-6 _____

May 18 1 Samuel 10:9-11 _____

May 19 1 Samuel 16:3-13 _____

Readings this week focus on the HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

May 20 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

May 21 Luke 1:11-17 _____

May 22 Luke 4:1-2 _____

May 23 Acts 4:23-31 _____

May 24 Acts 7:54-60 _____

May 25 Acts 8:26-39 _____

May 26 Acts 13:6-12 _____

Readings this week focus on the HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN YOUR LIFE

May 27 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

May 28 Romans 8:1-9 _____

May 29 Romans 8:12-17 _____

May 30 Romans 8:26-27 _____

May 31 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 _____

June 1 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 _____

June 2 Galatians 5:16-26 _____

LIST THE MAJOR THINGS YOU LEARNED FROM THIS MONTH'S READINGS:

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

Welcome Confirmands...



Peter, Dani, Jesse, Becca, David

Faith Statements of the Confirmands:

Becca Dauk

What I believe about God:

I believe that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to die for us, so that we could be saved. He provides me with everything that I need to survive. I believe that Jesus is now sitting next to the Father in heaven and will come back to bring all who believe with Him to heaven.

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven:

I believe that Jesus died to take the punishment for everyone, but only those who believe in Him will get to spend eternity with Him.

The difference God makes in my life here on earth:

Without God I wouldn't know there was life after death, and I wouldn't think there was a reason for living.

Why I want to commit to following Jesus:

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Jesus created me and everything around me, so I believe that I owe my life to Him. And I want to spend it serving Him.

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

I would like to continue going to church, praying, reading the Bible and spreading the word about Him.

Peter Erickson

What I believe about God:

I believe that God the Father had Mary give birth to Jesus, and that Jesus was sent here for our sins and to help us with our problems with the devil's lies. I believe that God can forgive us for all we have done (if we pray and ask). I believe Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins, and that he did go to hell and came back and now is our way to heaven.

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven:

The one way to get to heaven is BELIEVE (in Jesus)! I know also that we should pray and read the Bible and go to church to strengthen our relationship with God.

The difference God makes in my life here on earth:

I believe that God helps me by showing me right from wrong, and he shows me what the best option is.

Why I want to commit to following Jesus:

So I can live a wonderful life in heaven.

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

Come to church and pray. Keep believing that God has the power to help with what I need and has the power to help me help others.

David Geer

What I believe about God:

I believe that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One. Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sin. The Fa-

ther is the Almighty maker of heaven and earth who watches over us. The Holy Spirit protects us from evil. God is constantly fighting the war with Satan for us.

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven:

I will get to heaven by Jesus Christ.

The difference God makes in my life here on earth:

He makes me feel safe.

Why I want to commit to following Jesus:

He saved us from our sins.

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

I want to build my faith.

Jesse Medalen

What I believe about God:

I believe that God made all things here on earth. He protects me and helps me get through times. He gives me everything I need and loves everyone, no matter who they are.

God sent His one and only Son to die on the cross for my sins. He did this to allow us to go to heaven.

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven:

Even though Jesus died on the cross and gave me eternal life, I do not deserve it. That is the best gift of all.

The difference God makes in my life here on earth:

If God wasn't in my life I couldn't get through it. He helps me whenever I need help. God makes all the difference in the world!

Why I want to commit to following Jesus:

Those who don't have nothing to look forward to after life. But I believe, so I do (have something to look forward to). All those who don't follow Jesus have to look forward to is "going to hell."

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

He deserves all the attention. I would like to devote my life to God. He has done so much it's the least I could do.

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Dani Skaggs

What I believe about God:

I believe that God is very powerful. He listens to me when I pray. I believe God died for me on the cross to wipe away my sins and whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven:

I believe that eternal life is given to us by the Holy Spirit when we enter God's family through baptism. I will get to heaven by continuing to keep my faith in Jesus.

The difference God makes in my life here on earth:

I believe that God makes a difference in my life everyday by showing me things that a person can normally do.

Why I want to commit to following Jesus:

I want to become a committed follower of Jesus, because ever since I started my spiritual journey with Him I've wanted to keep strengthening my faith in Him, and I want Him to be a good part of my life forever.

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

I would like to just keep doing whatever I can to praise Him, like keep going to church, reading the Bible and praying. I want to strengthen my faith and continue my spiritual journey - and keep repenting of my sins and asking for forgiveness.

So That the World May Know...

The capital campaign to raise funds for a building continues. We have an excellent start, but still have quite a ways to go to reach our goal. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider what the Lord is asking you to provide for our future building program by way of a 3 year commitment.

Please contact one of the campaign directors, Ryan Block, Duane Hansen, Dan Miller, or Kevin Welsh if you would like more information and please keep the "So the World May Know" campaign in your prayers.

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



Behold, I stand at the door and knock.. if anyone hears my voice.. THAT'S YOU MOM let me in, I wanna play! Rev 3:20 Preschooler Version

Happy Mother's Day...

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Opportunities to Grow...

Parenting Young Children

Sunday Mornings at 9:15 in the Fellowship area

Tammy Wachter leads the class whose goal is to give biblical guidance for parenting, and help you connect with other young parents in our congregation.

If you haven't done so already, we really hope you'll be able to join us. (By the way, this isn't a class that you will be "lost" in if you have to miss a week.)

God bless your efforts to "train up your children in the way they should go."

Sunday Morning Adult Forum:

"History of Christianity"

Sunday Mornings at 9:15 in the Sanctuary

Judaism to survive horrendous persecution and becomes established in the Roman world.

Part 2: The Church in the Middle Ages:

Part 3: The Reformation Era

Part 4: The Age of Reason and Piety.

Part 5: Christianity in the New World:

Part 6: Christianity in and Age of Uncertainty:

"Everything in the present makes so much more sense when you understand the things that happened in the past."

May Discipleship Verse...



You need to persevere, so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised.

Hebrews 10:36

Reminder:

Raise funds for our church while you search the web.

Living Word Lutheran Church is registered on GoodSearch, (as seen in OPRAH Magazine, ABC News, The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and Fortune.) And will now receive a direct donation every time someone uses GoodSearch to search the Internet.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and enter Living Word Lutheran Church, New London, MN as the organization you want to support.

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