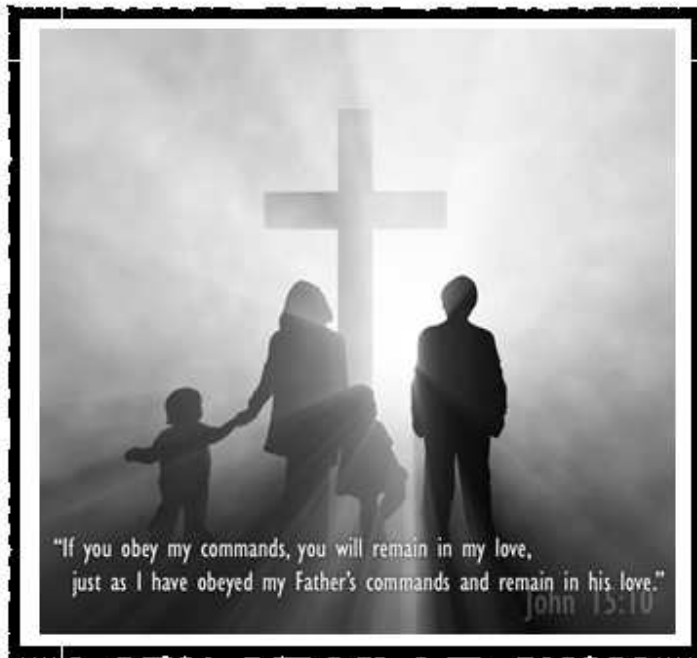


Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

August 2008 Newsletter
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"



Worship Hours:
Christian Growth Hour: 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

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Question for Pastor...



Do you think we're coming to the end of the world?

Let's see. Just this week we had an earthquake in Los Angeles. A couple months ago there was one in China that killed over 80,000 people. We've had a cyclone in Burma that took the lives of nearly as many. We've had flooding in Iowa and Missouri and tornadoes in unusual places. Last year a major interstate bridge fell into the river. We are just a few years removed from Hurricane Kristina. The list of natural disasters could go on. (And I didn't even mention the general moral decline and widespread attraction of "spiritual" leaders teaching things contrary to the Bible.)

Here's what God says in the Bible...

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

[4] Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. [5] For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. [6] You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. [7] Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. [8] All these are the beginning of birth pains. Matthew 24:3-8

Jesus tells His disciples that natural disasters and wars are signs of the coming of The End, kind of like the start of birth pains signal the coming of a baby. i.e. When you see these signs be on your guard, but there's still more to happen before The End actually arrives.

Jesus goes on to say...

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.... "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. [43] But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. [44] So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Matthew 24:36, 42-44

In Old Testament times God's people commonly viewed natural disasters and difficult times as signs that God was trying to get their attention. In our recent Tuesday Bible study in Haggai God flat-out took credit for such things:

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways... "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house. Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands."

Haggai 1:5-11

The Israelites had gotten so distracted with their own lives that they had neglected to rebuild the Temple. God tells them that He's brought famine and drought and general tough times as a direct result of their misplaced priorities. These have come to wake them up and motivate them to repent and get back to making Him the priority in their lives.

So, the idea that natural disasters in our day are signs God is using to get our attention is a valid thought. However,

Jesus' conversation with His disciples about The End also definitely indicates:

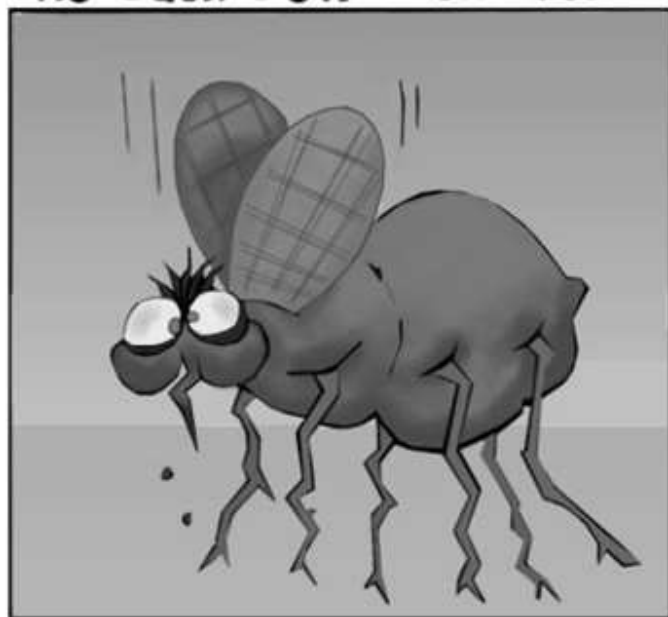
- 1) That no one is going to be able to know for sure when that day will come and
- 2) Of greatest importance with regard to The End is making a point to always be ready (instead of trying to figure out when it's coming).

Maybe the best thing for all of us to do is what God said in Haggai, "Give careful thought to your ways," and make sure we are following God and making Him our priority in life.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



Be sober, be watchful, your adversary buzzes around like a hungry mosquito seeking someone to devour!
1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) Mosquito International Version

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That for a day: Always use the word IMPOSSIBLE with the greatest caution.

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E-Mail Wisdom...

Wisdom #1

A grandmother recounts:

My grandson, Justus, age 10, and his sister Taylor, age 13, were always teasing each other. One day, Justus was getting "sensitive" about things his sister was saying to him. I reminded him that he had said the same types of things many times in days past.

With quiet reflection, he spoke a gospel truth: "But it doesn't hurt as much coming out of my mouth as it does going into my ears."

Wisdom #2

Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa explains the history of white settlement of his country like this:

When the white man came, we had the land and he had the Bible.

He said, "Let us pray," so we all bowed our heads, closed our eyes, and prayed.

And when we opened our eyes, lo and behold, we had the Bible and he had the land.

But you know, we got the best deal!

E-mail Humor...

A Sunday School teacher was teaching her class about the difference between right and wrong.

"All right children, let's take another example," she said. "If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his billfold with all his money, what would I be?"

One student confidently raised his hand, and with a smile he blurted out, "You'd be his wife!"

Lutheran Talk Radio...



You can listen to Issues, Etc. on-demand. Issues, Etc. is produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Topics include: Islam, Defending the Pro-Life Position, God's Will for Your Daily Life, Religion & Politics, Biblical Interpretation, the Pop Spirituality of Oprah Winfrey, Movie Reviews, Christ-Centered Fatherhood, Creation vs. Evolution, Witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses and more. Listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

You'll find weekly updates at the link below.
<http://issuesetc.org/promote.html>

New Neighbor Outreach Update

This month we began receiving from Lutheran Hour Ministries names of eight people who have moved within a 10-mile radius of church. (Some have moved from outside the area and others are simply moving to a different location within the area). We have mailed initial "Welcome to the Area" post cards to these people inviting them to join us for worship. We'll follow up with another postcard in a couple weeks. After that we have volunteers who deliver a "Gift Basket" to the home.

Special thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help with this outreach. We have people who will bake cookies for the Gift Basket, people who address the postcards, people who make the deliveries and people who will pray for Jesus' work in the lives of the folks who have moved.

We can always use more help in any of these areas. Please talk to one of our Outreach Team members (Laurel, Bryson, Lu, Tammy F., Violet or Pastor) if God can use you in any of these ways. Thanks!

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That for a day: Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.



West Central
Youth For Christ
Announces Another Year of
Music Making!

fast forward

(for 7th through 9th graders)

Kicks off with their annual Fall Retreat
Friday, September 12 – Saturday, September 13
New London Evangelical Covenant Church

No audition required!

Early Bird Registration (by August 29) *\$35

Regular Registration (by September 5) *\$38

Late Registration (by September 10) *\$40

For more info and to register for Fall Retreat, contact:
Becca Gardner – YFC Music Director – Willmar, MN
(320)235-0119 or becca@yfcminnesota.com

Weekly rehearsals begin Monday, September 15
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

1st Street Warehouse
106 Litchfield Ave SW
Willmar, MN 56201

*Note – price includes fast forward t-shirt which the kids will get in October.

The Kitten...



This is allegedly a true story about a pastor. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. The kitty would not come down. The tree was not

sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and drove away so that the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten. He did all this, checking his progress in the car frequently, then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten.

But as he moved a little further forward....the rope broke. The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air-out of sight. The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to Your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. Now this woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the mom finally told her little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it." (You can see where this is going). She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws spread out, and landed right in front of her."

God works in wonderful ways!

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Resources for Parents...

It is now time to register for MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 2008-2009! At MOPS you will be welcomed, accepted, and inspired to reach your full potential and recognize your influence within your family and the world. We believe that better moms make a better world.



In Willmar:

MOPS meets each 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at Evangelical Free Church in Willmar. MOPS is designed to offer a morning out to moms to connect with other moms.

Registration forms are available at Good News Bookstore, Evangelical Free Church and the Kandiyohi County YMCA. Space is limited!

In New London:

MOPS meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the New London Evangelical Covenant Church. Childcare provided for birth-kindergarten. Call Jeannie at 796-5881 for more information.

Need Something Good To Read This Summer?

Grab a Today's Light Bible (if you don't already have one). Start reading the daily readings. You'll be amazed at the difference it makes to have God's Word in your life every day. If you have a Today's Light Bible and have gotten away from the readings - pick it up and start your summer reading today. God will bless you for it.

Check Out Our "Project Connect" Booklets

(In the booklet rack outside the church office)

There are quite a few new booklet titles in the rack. Look them over and take one to a friend or neighbor who is looking for direction in a certain area of life.

New Schedules...

If you aren't able to serve on your Sunday, please call someone and switch with them. Thanks!

Aug/Sept/Oct Scripture Readers

Aug 3	Tammy Wachter	796-6222
Aug 10	Duane Hansen	796-5605
Aug 17	Scott Wachter	796-6222
Aug 24	Wally Abraham	354-2615

Sept 7	Jack Kuppich	254-8355
Sept 14	Tris Mische	354-9046
Sept 21	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
Sept 28	Mona Hjelle	354-4315

Oct 5	Wally Abraham	354-2615
Oct 12	Kevin Welsh	796-6840
Oct 19	Allan Fuglie	796-6975
Oct 26	Linda Dilley	235-0235

Aug/Sept/Oct Fellowship Servers

Aug 3	Bonnie Hansen	796-5605
Aug 10	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
Aug 17	Nancy Jo Wendt	354-2398
Aug 24	Donna Peterson	354-5247
Aug 31	Janet Towner	444-0125

Sept 7	Pam Johnson	354-3545
Sept 14	Laurel Iverson	354-4932
Sept 21	Elaine Abraham	354-2615
Sept 28	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975

Oct 5	Janet Towner	444-0125
Oct 12	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Oct 19	Stacy Olson	212-9647
Oct 26	Violet Dauk	220-0344

NEW: Acolyte Schedule

Aug 3	Noah Welsh
Aug 10	Michelle Johnson
Aug 17	Phil Iverson
Aug 24	Mikayla Geer
Aug 31	Eve Bajari

Note: If you haven't served as an acolyte before, Pastor will train you after a worship service prior to your scheduled Sunday.

Aug/Sept/Oct Usher & Greeter Schedule

Head Usher for the Quarter: Bryson Wachter

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Aug 3	Jason Miller/Kevin Welsh	Lu Kiehm
Aug 10	Joe Johnson/Anthony Dauk	Laurel Iverson
Aug 17	Troy Hansen/Bryson Wachter	Janet Towner
Aug 24	Janet Towner/Linda Dilley	Violet Dauk
Aug 31	Mona Hjelle/Pam Johnson	Bryson Wachter
Sept 7	Jamie Iverson & Mark Fuglie	Lu Kiehm
Sept 14	Wally Abraham/Charlie Carver	Laurel Iverson
Sept 21	Duane Hansen/Jack Kuppich	Janet Towner
Sept 28	Lonny Robbin/Chuck Weffen	Violet Dauk
Oct 5	Jason Miller/Kevin Welsh	Lu Kiehm
Oct 12	Joe Johnson/Anthony Dauk	Laurel Iverson
Oct 19	Troy Hansen/Bryson Wachter	Janet Towner
Oct 26	Janet Towner/Linda Dilley	Violet Dauk

Usher Training Sessions...


Ushers have the great privilege of "ushering people into the presence of God" every Sunday morning. This past month the Elders' Team has put together a checklist of duties for people who have agreed to serve as ushers. Pastor David and members of the Elders' Team will hold a brief fifteen-minute training session for ushers following worship each of the first three Sundays of August (you only need to attend one of the sessions).

Things we'll cover:

- + The most important thing an usher can do.
- + What to do before worship.
- + Duties during worship.
- + How to usher for communion.
- + Duties after the worship service.

We could still use more ushers (men, women and youth), so if you would like to serve the Lord in this way, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!

August 2008 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 3 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Usher Training	4	5 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Building Committee	6 Noon Study: LifeLessons from Bible Characters F A I R	7  B O O T H	8 O U T R E	9 Cookie Outreach A C H
10 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship Usher Training	11	12 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Building Committee	13 Noon Study: LifeLessons 6:30 MEN'S STUDY "No Ordinary Men"	14 7:00 Elders' Team 7:00 LWML	15	16 8:00 MEN'S STUDY "No Ordinary Men" Cookie Outreach
17 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Usher Training	18	19 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Building Committee (Check for specific time)	20 Noon Study: LifeLessons from Bible Characters	21 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	22	23 Cookie Outreach
24 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	25	26 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Building Committee	27 Noon Study: LifeLessons from Bible Characters 6:30 MEN'S STUDY "No Ordinary Men"	28	29	30 8:00 MEN'S STUDY "No Ordinary Men" Cookie Outreach
31 YOUTH HELP W WORSHIP 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	Sept 1 LABOR DAY	Sept 2 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Building Committee	Sept 3 Noon Study: LifeLessons from Bible Characters	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6 Cookie Outreach RALLY SUNDAY TOMORROW

August - 15-Minutes-A-Day

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We finish Ephesians then head back to finish up some Old Testament books we skipped over earlier. (In parentheses are verses to focus on if you are short on time that day)

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

Aug 4 Ephesians 4:1-32 (4:17-32)

Aug 5 Ephesians 5:1-33 (5:1-21)

Aug 6 Ephesians 6:1-24 (6:10-20)

Aug 7 Numbers 31:1-54 (31:1-8)

Aug 8 Numbers 32:1-34:29 (32:1-27)

Aug 9 Numbers 35:1-36:13 (35:9-14)

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

Aug 11 Deuteronomy 1:1-46 (1:1-5)

Aug 12 Deuteronomy 2:1-37 (2:1-8)

Aug 13 Deuteronomy 3:1-29 (3:21-29)

Aug 14 Deuteronomy 4:1-49 (4:1-39)

Aug 15 Deuteronomy 5:1-33 (5:28-33)

Aug 16 Deuteronomy 6:1-25 (6:1-12)

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

Aug 18 Deuteronomy 7:1-26 (7:1-15)

Today's Light Devotional Readings

Aug 19 Deuteronomy 8:1-20 (8:6-20)

Aug 20 Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22 (10:12-21)

Aug 21 Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32 (12:1-12)

Aug 22 Deuteronomy 13:1-18 (13:1-5)

Aug 23 Deuteronomy 14:1-15:23 (15:12-18)

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

Aug 25 Deuteronomy 16:1-17:20 (17:14-20)

Aug 26 Deuteronomy 18:1-19:21 (18:15-22)

Aug 27 Deuteronomy 20:1-21:23 (20:1-9)

Aug 28 Deuteronomy 22:1-23:25 (22:1-4)

Aug 29 Deuteronomy 24:1-22 (24:18-22)

Aug 30 Deuteronomy 25:1-26:19 (26:1-19)

Aug 31 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Sep 1 Deuteronomy 27:1-26 (27:1-10)

Sep 2 Deuteronomy 28:1-68 (28:1-14)

Sep 3 Deuteronomy 29:1-29 (29:1-15)

Sep 4 Deuteronomy 30:1-20 (30:11-20)

Sep 5 Deuteronomy 31:1-30 (31:1-13)

Sep 6 Deuteronomy 32:1-52 (32:1-43)

Just For Fun...

Elisha and the Iron Axe Head

Elisha was a great man of God, and a prophet. One day, he was with some people who were chopping trees down. Suddenly, the iron head came off an axe and fell into the river. It sank to the bottom and disappeared from sight. The poor man asked Elisha for help... Elisha took a stick and threw it into the water... suddenly...

To find out what happened, write the missing letters of the alphabet as you DON'T find them.

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ABCDFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTU VWXYZ
ABCEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTU VWXYZ



If you want to read the whole story, go to 2 Kings 6:1-7

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So That The World May Know...

Building Committee Update

For the past couple months our committee has been meeting each week with architect Rand Shaper (with a week off here and there). We are still working out design details (both inside and outside) as we try to fit the building to the lay of the land and create a design that suits our immediate needs as well as provides for easy future expansion. Our 3-Year Plan and input from last fall (idea written each week on the poster paper) have served as our basic guidelines.



At this point we are working with a design for a structure that will be roughly 60'x100'. We've had lots of good participation and input. It's an exciting process that has proven the truth of the saying "two heads (or more) are better than one," as invariably someone will bring up an important consideration that no one else thought of.

We have also been in contact with Laborers for Christ, the group of retired folks who travel around and assist in the building of LC-MS churches.

To date we have received \$62,205 on the way to our goal of \$190,000.

Please continue to pray for wisdom for our committee and architect. Thanks!

It's A Sign! Literally....

If you haven't done so recently, drive past our land on County Road 9 and check out the marque sign we are now using to inform the community of events at Living Word. We'll also use the sign to "plant seeds" of the Gospel as well as remind of important community events.

The Long Road to Forgiveness

by Kim Phuc

Do you remember this famous picture from the War in where the little girl is running after having been burned by napalm?

This article is written by that girl who is now a middle aged woman. She is a Christian and has learned to forgive the things that happened to her earlier. Her organization, Kim Foundation International, aids children who are war victims. Consider sending this article to a friend who has difficulty giving forgiveness.



All Things Considered, June 30, 2008

On June 8, 1972, I ran out from Cao Dai temple in my village, Trang Bang, South Vietnam; I saw an airplane getting lower and then four bombs falling down. I saw fire everywhere around me. Then I saw the fire over my body, especially my left arm. My clothes had been burned off by the fire.

I was 9 years old but I still remember my thoughts at that moment: I would be ugly and people would treat me in a different way. My picture was taken in that moment on Road No. 1 from Saigon to Phnom Penh. After a soldier gave me some drink and poured water over my body, I lost consciousness.

Several days after I realized that I was in the hospital, where I spent 14 months and had 17 operations.

It was a very difficult time for me when I went home from the hospital. Our house was destroyed; we lost everything and we just survived day by day.

Although I suffered from pain, itching and headaches all the time, the long hospital stay made me dream to become a doctor. But my studies were cut short by the local government. They wanted me as a symbol of the state. I could not go to school anymore.

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Thot for a day: If evolution is true, why do mothers still only have one pair of hands?

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The anger inside me was like a hatred as high as a mountain. I hated my life. I hated all people who were normal because I was not normal. I really wanted to die many times.

I spent my daytime in the library to read a lot of religious books to find a purpose for my life. One of the books that I read was the Holy Bible.

In Christmas 1982, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. It was an amazing turning point in my life. God helped me to learn to forgive—the most difficult of all lessons. It didn't happen in a day and it wasn't easy. But I finally got it.

Forgiveness made me free from hatred. I still have many scars on my body and severe pain most days but my heart is cleansed.

Napalm is very powerful but faith, forgiveness and love are much more powerful. We would not have war at all if everyone could learn how to live with true love, hope and forgiveness.

If that little girl in the picture can do it, ask yourself: Can you?

Kim Phuc is best known as the girl in the famous photo of a Vietnam War napalm attack near Saigon. She now lives in Toronto, Canada, with her husband and two children. Her organization, Kim Foundation International, aids children who are war victims.



This essay was produced by Anne Penman for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. NPR's This I Believe is Independently produced by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman with John Gregory and Viki Merrick.

Don't Take A Summer Vacation

...From Worship

Summer plans may take you many places, but your summer will go better when you make time for worship - no matter where your plans take you.

Opportunities to Share the Love of Jesus In Practical Ways...

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.

"Secret Paul" Prayer Partner Program

Reminders:

- Secret Pauls: Don't forget to send your person a note if they have a birthday in July.
- Parents: If you have specific things your kids need prayer for during the year, please place those requests in the Secret Paul request box. Thanks!

Make Some Cookies for Campers

We are attempting to provide cookies for the RV Campers at Westrich RV park each Saturday through the summer as a way of welcoming them to our area and welcoming them to worship with us on Sundays. The park manager says "The cookies are a hit." Talk to Pastor or Violet if you can bake cookies for this outreach. Thanks!



Fair Booth Outreach

August 6 - 9 At Kandiyohi County Fair

We need people for 2-hour shifts to sit at the booth and hand out freebies. It's a fun way to share the love of Jesus. Talk to Tammy Fuglie if you can help. Thanks!

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Thot for a day: Anything that is good and useful is made of chocolate.

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Last Call to Support Heidy

We will be needing to discontinue our support of our Compassion, International child Heidy (unless we get enough commitments to continue our \$28/month support). We are currently several months behind in our pledged level of support and would like to at least catch up with that before we end our sponsorship. If you can help with a one-time donation please place your donation in the walnut box by the sanctuary door. (Checks should be made out to Compassion). Thanks very much!

Be Part of NEW NEIGHBOR OUTREACH

Lutheran Hour Ministries has designed a program for congregations to demonstrate God's care by reaching out and welcoming people who have recently moved into the area. **We'll need lots of help to do this up right, (but thankfully there's something that just about everyone can help with).**

- If you can bake... We Need Cookie/Bar Bakers
- If you have good handwriting... We need people to address the post cards that we will be mailing to welcome people to our area.
- If you can drive a car (or ride along) and like to make people happy... We need people to deliver the "Welcome" boxes
- If you can pray... We need people to pray for those who receive the "Welcome" boxes (and for those who make the deliveries)

If you haven't had a chance to sign up to be a part of this ongoing outreach, please talk to Bryson Wachter who is coordinating this effort.

August Discipleship Verse...



"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

Matthew 13:44

More Opportunities to Grow...

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

"Life Lessons from Bible Characters"

Join us at noon each Wednesday to discover the lessons for life that we can learn from Bible characters like Joseph, Joshua, Mary, Hannah, Elisha, Gabriel, Rahab

Here are some examples of lessons we've learned recently:

Priscilla & Aquilla:

- When instructing someone who is off-base spiritually Speak the truth, but do it in love, not from an "I'm right and you're wrong" perspective
- Hospitality can go a long way in helping someone grow closer to God

Apollos:

- Don't ever think you know it all - be open to correction
- Be bold
- Make sure people follow Jesus and not you

Rahab:

- God can use you no matter what you've done in the past
- When you have faith in God you need to act on that faith

We take requests for this study. Let us know if there's a Bible character that intrigues you.

Men's Studies: "No Ordinary Men"

Every other week at the church.

- Evening Study next on Wed, Aug 13th @ 7:00pm
- Morning Study next on Sat, Aug 16th @ 8:00am



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Thot for a day: An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.

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Confirmation Student & Church Planning Retreat

Friday night and Saturday, August 22-23
at Lutheran Island Camp

Members of the MMT (and others interested in helping us plan for the coming year) will gather for this retreat. Planning starts at 7:00 (If anyone wants to come early and have supper at camp, please let Pastor know.) We'll stay overnight at camp, have breakfast, do some more planning and head back home after lunch. (Anyone who wants to stay extra time is welcome to do that, but the folks at camp will need to know).

Parents of students entering 7-9th Grade: We're planning to do the annual confirmation retreat the same weekend. Please let Pastor know if that weekend doesn't work for your student. Pastor will leave for camp with the students at noon on Friday. We'll also stay overnight at camp, do some introductory lessons, have a servant event and even some free time to enjoy the camp. We'll also head home Saturday afternoon.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The Minnesotan Benediction