

# **Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS**

**February 2009 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

Located on the West of Spicer on Cty Rd 10  
in old Prairie Meadows building  
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What we aim to do:  
**Make disciples for Jesus - as we go, wherever we go.**  
What we aim to be:  
**A joyful, caring, Christ-centered family of God.**

### Questions FROM Pastor...

*This month, instead of the normal question and answer, we will be focusing on questions from Pastor Dave...*

On Charter Sunday we celebrated the fourth birthday of Living Word. Birthdays are great times to look back and give thanks for what God has done. They are also great times to look forward to what God will do. If you didn't have a chance to answer these questions on Charter Sunday, please take a moment to answer them now. (And next time you come to church, if you could also remember to bring your answers and pin them up front with all the other answers that would be great!)

**Some ways I've personally seen God at work through Living Word:**

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Here's what I see will be the greatest benefit of having a new building of our own:

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When it comes to our new building, this is what I personally am looking forward to:

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Here's what I can do to help make our new building a reality:

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Thanks for answering,  
Pastor David

Send your questions to [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net)

## Building Update...

We are currently in the process of "downsizing" our design in an attempt to come in closer to \$350,000 than the originally-planned \$500,000. (Some current 'preliminary designs' are included on the next page...

The Building Committee felt that it was wise for us to keep our mortgage payment close to what we currently pay for rent. At today's interest rates that translates into roughly a \$200,000 loan. With \$60,000 currently on hand in our Building Fund that means we need to come up with approximately \$90,000 more for a down-payment.

We did some brainstorming in that regard. Here are some ideas. We'd love for you to share any ideas you have (or offers of assistance with any of these.)

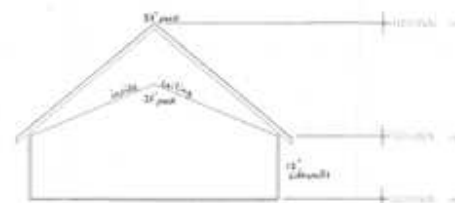
- Send letters to 'friends of the congregation' (people who have some connection to members of Living Word - e.g. friends or relatives of members) asking them to pray for our mission and giving them the opportunity to invest in it if the Lord leads them to.
- Enlisting members (and friends) to provide as much of the labor as possible.
- Approaching the other congregations in our Circuit (and maybe neighboring Circuits) to help finance this mission.
- Seeking out a 'partner' congregation that has what we need (money) and needs what we have (willing workers). We could do an exchange of gifts. An example would be a congregation of mostly older members. We could possibly help them out by providing labor for some project of theirs. They, in turn, would help us out by providing finances for our building.
- Inviting the community to an auction of donated items and services.

We thank you greatly for keeping this building project and our committee members in your prayers (and for filling out the *Questions from Pastor* elsewhere in this Newsletter) !

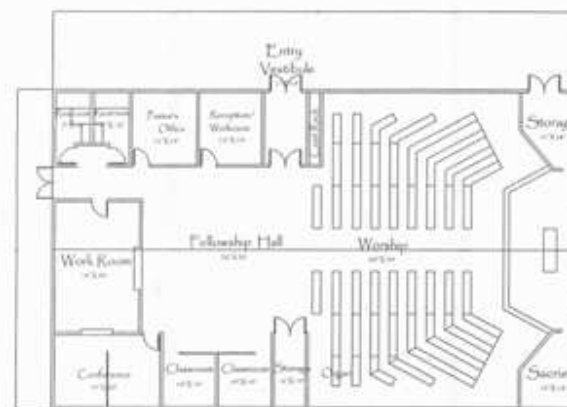
## New Building Plans...



BUILDING ELEVATIONS



BUILDING SECTION



FLOOR PLAN  
PHASE ONE

For more information or explanation of the current building plans and drafts, please contact a member of the Living Word Building Committee.



## E-Mail Wisdom...

### GOD LIVES UNDER THE BED

I envy Kevin. My brother, Kevin, thinks God lives under his bed. At least that's what I heard him say one night.

He was praying out loud in his dark bedroom, and I stopped to listen, 'Are you there, God?' he said. 'Where are you? Oh, I see. Under the bed...'

I giggled softly and tiptoed off to my own room. Kevin's unique perspectives are often a source of amusement. But that night something else lingered long after the humor. I realized for the first time the very different world Kevin lives in.

He was born 30 years ago, mentally disabled as a result of difficulties during labor. Apart from his size (he's 6-foot-2), there are few ways in which he is an adult.

He reasons and communicates with the capabilities of a 7-year-old, and he always will. He will probably always believe that God lives under his bed, that Santa Claus is the one who fills the space under our tree every Christmas and that airplanes stay up in the sky because angels carry them.

I remember wondering if Kevin realizes he is different. Is he ever dissatisfied with his monotonous life?

Up before dawn each day, off to work at a workshop for the disabled, home to walk our cocker spaniel, return to eat his favorite macaroni-and-cheese for dinner, and later to bed. The only variation in the entire scheme is laundry, when he hovers excitedly over the washing machine like a mother with her newborn child. He does not seem dissatisfied.

He lopes out to the bus every morning at 7:05, eager for a day of simple work. He wrings his hands excitedly while the water boils on the stove before dinner, and he stays up late twice a week to gather our dirty laundry for his next day's laundry chores.

And Saturdays - oh, the bliss of Saturdays! That's the day my Dad takes Kevin to the airport to have a soft drink, watch the planes land, and speculate loudly on the destination of each passenger inside. 'That one's goin' to Chi-car-go!' Kevin shouts as he claps his hands. His anticipation is so great he can hardly sleep on Friday nights.

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Thot for a day: Children are natural mimics - they act like us in spite of all our attempts to teach them good manners.

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And so goes his world of daily rituals and weekend field trips.

He doesn't know what it means to be discontent. His life is simple. He will never know the entanglements of wealth of power, and he does not care what brand of clothing he wears or what kind of food he eats. His needs have always been met, and he never worries that one day they may not be.

His hands are diligent. Kevin is never so happy as when he is working. When he unloads the dishwasher or vacuums the carpet, his heart is completely in it. He does not shrink from a job when it is begun, and he does not leave a job until it is finished. But when his tasks are done, Kevin knows how to relax. He is not obsessed with his work or the work of others.

His heart is pure. He still believes everyone tells the truth, promises must be kept, and when you are wrong, you apologize instead of argue. Free from pride and unconcerned with appearances, Kevin is not afraid to cry when he is hurt, angry or sorry. He is always transparent, always sincere. And he trusts God.

Not confined by intellectual reasoning, when he comes to Christ, he comes as a child. Kevin seems to know God - to really be friends with Him in a way that is difficult for an 'educated' person to grasp. God seems like his closest companion.

In my moments of doubt and frustrations with my Christianity, I envy the security Kevin has in his simple faith. It is then that I am most willing to admit that he has some divine knowledge that rises above my mortal questions. *It is then I realize that perhaps he is not the one with the handicap. I am. My obligations, my fear, my pride, my circumstances - they all become disabilities when I do not trust them to God's care.*

Who knows if Kevin comprehends things I can never learn? After all, he has spent his whole life in that kind of innocence, praying after dark and soaking up the goodness and love of God. And one day, when the mysteries of heaven are opened, and we are all amazed at how close God really is to our hearts, I'll realize that God heard the simple prayers of a boy who believed that God lived under his bed.

Kevin won't be surprised at all!

## Opportunities for Growth...

### Today's Light Bible Reading

(See the schedule of readings on pages 14 & 15 in this Newsletter)

### Parenting Young Children

Sunday mornings @ 8:45

A special class for parents of pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children

### Confirmation - Wednesday evenings

6:15 Meal 6:30 Confirmation studies

### Tuesday Noon Bible Study

At Geneva Olson's. See page 20 for current study.

### Wednesday NOON study:

**Boundaries:** Setting limits in relationships

Finishes this month. See page 20 for current study.

### Sunday Morning Study

Please join us at 9:00 for the Sunday Forum Topic  
*Faith Under Fire: "A New Kind of Faith"*

The Next 4-session study begins Sunday, Feb 1, and will address these topics on the relevance of Christ for today's society:

- *Must Christianity Change or Die?*  
To what extent is Christianity "outdated"?
- *The End of Faith?*  
Since our faith inevitably leads to conflict with others, will religion be "outlawed" in the name of "peace"?
- *Time for a New God?*  
How are we "changing God" to fit our society?
- *Is Christianity Arrogant?*  
Jesus claimed to be the only way - that doesn't fly in a post-modern world where nothing is absolute.

### Men's Study: "No Ordinary Men"

"What's the Point?"

- A study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of February at 6:30

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That for a day: The Rapture: Separation of church and state.

### Youth (7-12 Grades)

Meet the first Wednesday of each month from 7:15- 8:15

### Upcoming Events:

- Ice Fishing - (an overnight outing)
- Acquire the Fire (February 14-15)
- Skiing - (Twin Cities maybe)

### All Stars 4 Jesus (1-6th Grades)

Meet the first Wednesday of each month. Bring ice skates this Wed (Feb 4) if you have them. If the weather permits we'll go skating on the rink next door from 6:00 - 6:30.

### Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Meets the 2nd Thurs. @ 7:00 pm

## Where Can You Find Jesus?

The Wise Men followed a star that led them to Jesus.

**During the Epiphany Season** (a season we celebrate the ways Jesus Christ is revealed as true God) **we have placed a star next to the altar. During a couple of recent children's messages we've also found Jesus under that star - specifically in the Bible lays under that star!**

Jesus is revealed to us in God's Living Word (the Bible). It's one place we can find Him every time.

**If you haven't gotten started with our TODAY'S LIGHT daily readings...** Now is a great time to start. God will reveal Himself and His will for your life in His word. (You can do the readings with any Bible, but the Today's Light Bible makes it easier. There are still a few Today's Light Bibles available. Please feel free to take one home and use it).

**If you've gotten sidetracked in your readings...** Take a lesson from the Apostle Paul: "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead." Forget about where you've fallen short - that's behind you. Get "back in the saddle" and forge on ahead - pick up your Bible and start reading again, today.



## Upcoming Schedules...

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

### Scripture Readers

Feb 1	Kevin Welsh	796-6840
Feb 8	Allan Fuglie	796-6975
Feb 15	Linda Dilley	235-0235
Feb 22	Mark Fuglie	796-6975

Mar 1	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
Mar 8	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
Mar 15	Janet Towner	444-0125
Mar 22	Tammy Wachter	796-6222
Mar 29	Youth	

Apr 5	Duane Hansen	796-5605
Apr 12	Scott Wachter	796-6222
Apr 19	Bryson Wachter	894-6378
Apr 26	confirmand	

### Fellowship Servers

Feb 1	Stacy Olson	212-9647
Feb 8	Violet Dauk	220-0344
Feb 15	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
Feb 22	Tris Mische	354-9046

Mar 1	Linda Dilley	235-0235
Mar 8	Bonnie Hansen	796-5605
Mar 15	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
Mar 22	Nancy Jo Wendt	354-2398
Mar 29	Youth	

Apr 5	Donna Peterson	354-5247
Apr 12	Easter Breakfast	
Apr 19	Pam Johnson	354-3545
Apr 26	Laurel Iverson	354-4932

### Usher & Greeter Schedule

	Ushers	Greeter
Feb 1	Duane Hansen/Chuck Weffen	Lu
Feb 8	Jack Kuppich/Mark Fuglie	Laurel
Feb 15	Kevin Welsh/Jason Miller	Janet
Feb 22	Joe Johnson/ Anthony Dauk	Violet

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Thot for a day: The hand that rocks the cradle usually is attached to someone who isn't getting enough sleep.

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Mar 1	Janet Towner/Linda Dilley	Lu
Mar 8	Troy Hansen/Bryson Wachter	Laurel
Mar 15	Mona Hjelle/ Pam Johnson	Janet
Mar 22	Jamie Iverson/Lonny Robbin	Violet
Mar 29	Youth	Youth

Apr 5	Charlie & Heather Carver	Lu
Apr 12 (Easter)	Duane Hansen/Chuck Weffen	Laurel
Apr 19	Jason Miller/Mark Fuglie	Janet
Apr 26 (confirmation)	Kevin Welsh/Jack Kuppich	Violet

### Acolyte

Feb 1	Noah Welsh
Feb 8	Michelle Johnson
Feb 15	Phil Iverson
Feb 22	Mikayla Geer

Mar 1	Noah Welsh
Mar 8	Michelle Johnson
Mar 15	Phil Iverson
Mar 22	Mikayla Geer
Mar 29	Youth

Apr 5	Noah Welsh
Apr 12	Michelle Johnson
Apr 19	Phil Iverson
Apr 26	Mikayla Geer

### KNOCK KNOCK

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters




Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

- MATTHEW 7:7 NIV

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## February 2009 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Feb 1</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - <i>Faith Under Fire</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	<b>2</b> Circuit Pastors' Conference @ Montevideo	<b>3</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's The Apostles' Creed teaches about the church 6:30 Bldg. Committee	<b>4</b> Noon Study: Angels <i>"The Angel of the Lord"</i> 6:15 Meal 6:30 ALL Stars 4 Jesus 6:30 Men's Study 7:15 Youth Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - <i>Faith Under Fire</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship Outreach Team mtg after f-ship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's The Apostles' Creed teaches about forgiveness and eternal life	<b>11</b> Noon Study: Angels Satan & fallen angels 6:15 Meal 6:30 Confirmation	<b>12</b> 7:00 Elders' Team LWML	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 
<b>15 FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - <i>Faith Under Fire</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Valentines Brunch Easter / Lent Planning	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	<b>18</b> Noon Study: Angels The Angel army 6:15 Meal 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Men's Study	<b>19</b> 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - <i>Faith Under Fire</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	<b>25 Ash Wednesday</b> Noon Study: Angels Angels & Jesus Times to be determined: + Confirmation + Ash Wed. Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>March 1</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - <i>Faith Under Fire</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 6:00 New Neighbor Visits	<b>March 2</b> Circuit Pastors' Conference	<b>March 3</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:30 Bldg. Committee	<b>March 4</b> Noon Study: Angels Times to be determined: + ALL Stars 4 Jesus + Men's Study + Youth Meeting + Lenten Worship	<b>March 5</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>March 7</b>

## February - 15-Minutes-A-Day

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We finish 2 Chronicles then move to the vivid prophecies in Ezekiel.

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

Feb 2 2 Chronicles 13:1-14:15 (13:1-22) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 3 2 Chronicles 15:1-16:14 (15:1-19) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 4 2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34 (17:1-9) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 5 2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37 (20:1-25) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 6 2 Chronicles 21:1-22:12 (21:1-20) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 7 2 Chronicles 23:1-24:27 (24:1-27) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 8 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Feb 9 2 Chronicles 25:1-26:23 (26:1-21) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 10 2 Chronicles 27:1-28:27 (28:19-27) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 11 2 Chronicles 29:1-36 (29:1-19) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 12 2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21 (30:1-27) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 13 2 Chronicles 32:1-33 (32:1-23) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 14 2 Chronicles 33:1-25 (33:1-20) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 15 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Feb 16 2 Chronicles 34:1-35:27 (34:1-28) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 17 2 Chronicles 26:1-23 (36:11-23) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 18 Ezekiel 1:1-2:10 (1:1-28) \_\_\_\_\_

## Today's Light Devotional Readings

Feb 19 Ezekiel 3:1-5:17 (3:1-27) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 20 Ezekiel 6:1-7:27 (6:1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 21 Ezekiel 8:1-9:11 (9:1-11) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 22 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Feb 23 Ezekiel 10:1-11:25 (10:1-22, 11:22-25) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 24 Ezekiel 12:1-13:23 (12:21-28) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 25 Ezekiel 14:1-15:8 (15:1-8) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 26 Ezekiel 16:1-17:24 (16:3-14) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 27 Ezekiel 18:1-19:14 (18:20-32) \_\_\_\_\_

Feb 28 Ezekiel 20:1-21:32 (20:1-44) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mar 2 Ezekiel 22:1-23:49 (22:24-31) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 3 Ezekiel 24:1-27 (24:1-14) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 4 Ezekiel 25:1-27:36 (27:1-11, 33-36) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 5 Ezekiel 28:1-26 (28:1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 6 Ezekiel 29:1-32:32 (31:1-18) \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 7 Ezekiel 33:1-34:31 (34:11-31) \_\_\_\_\_



## For Valentine's Month...

### Ways to Show Your Spouse You Love Them

From "501 Practical Ways to Love Your Wife and Kids" and "501 Practical Ways to Love Your Husband and Kids" (Both are in our library. Check them out for lots more great ideas!)

#### Husbands:

- Call your wife in the middle of the day to ask her out for dinner and a movie.
- Bring home some flowers - not just on Valentine's Day
- Think of how you've hurt your wife with your words: Ask her forgiveness
- Serve your wife breakfast in bed - make her feel like "Queen for a Day"

#### Wives:

- Sit next to your husband in the car or truck - like you did when you were dating. (If you have bucket seats, then sit next to him on the couch and watch a movie together.)
- Thank your husband (in front of the kids) for something he did today
- Plan a vacation - where *he* wants to go.
- Write "I love you" on a post-it note where he'll see it (or text message him).

#### Husbands & Wives together:

- Write down three or four things you love about your spouse. Then take time to share those with each other.
- Get out the wedding album or watch the video together

### Ways to Show Your Kids You Love them:

From "501 Practical Ways to Love Your Wife and Kids" and "501 Practical Ways to Love Your Husband and Kids"

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That for a day: Kindness is a witness that offends no one.

- Send them a text message thanking them for something they did or said.
- Next time you go to the store, bring back a surprise (a favorite snack, maybe)
- Read them a favorite story
- Tell them a favorite memory from when they were younger.
- Tell them you are sorry when you acted impatiently with them.
- If they don't live at home, call them up - for no special reason, just to say "Hi."
- Fix a meal with their favorite foods
- Ask them to help you with an important project around the house

## Opportunities to Use Your Talents...

We need someone to:

### Plan and Organize Fellowship Activities

One of the goals we set for the coming year is to provide more opportunities for members to get to know each other outside of church. In order to accomplish that goal we need someone who enjoys organizing activities that "get people together." Things like 'fun nights' or service projects or outings. Please talk to Pastor David if you would like to help in this way. Thanks!

### Become Part of the Living Word's LWML

(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

*For Christ-Centered Women of All Ages*

The Mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League: is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God, so that she is enable to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

The Living Word LWML meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 for devotion and mission/ministry planning. Please join us next month.

## Upcoming Events...

### Friendship Sunday

February 15 (Note change of date)

A great opportunity to invite some friends to come and meet the ultimate Friend: Jesus.

#### Special Events on Friendship Sunday:

- Worship service celebrating our Greatest Friend - Jesus
- Valentines Brunch after worship - prepared by men of the congregation
- **Mark your calendars and start praying about friends you can invite.** (Special "Friendship Sunday" invitations will be available.)

### Ash Wednesday

#### Traditional Service of Ashes

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Ashes symbolize our frailty, our mortality, humiliation and need for repentance before God (people in ancient times showed their repentance by putting on sackcloth and ashes). Ashes also suggest a need for cleansing by the blood of Christ and renewal by His Holy Spirit. During our Ash Wednesday service, ashes will be applied to the foreheads of all worshipers in the form of a small cross. Please join us for our special service,  
**Wednesday, February 25.**

**You'll note that we didn't list a time for Ash Wednesday worship.....**

That's because we're trying to determine the best time to hold Lenten worship services. One idea is to have an early start time (6:00 or 6:15 - with a light supper starting at 5:30) so people can come right after work. Another thought is to start Confirmation classes earlier and hold worship at 7:00. Please let us know what would work best for you. Thanks!

## Youth For Christ Presents:

### A SUICIDE STORY: REDUCING RISK & RESTORING HEALTH

This seminar will feature Steven Thurber, PhD and Rev. Ron Traub. Dr. Thurber will present a clinical view of identification and intervention. Rev. Ron Traub will share his personal story as a dad whose son died from suicide.

Healthcare professionals, school counselors, youth leaders of all kinds and/or anyone concerned about the increase of suicide is welcome!

#### Presenters:

Steven Thurber, Ph.D. Dr. Thurber, of Woodland Centers, works in the assessment and treatment of children and adolescents at the Kandiyohi and Swift Centers.

Rev. Ron Traub. Rev. Traub is a pastor in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and the father of a son who died by suicide.



Youth For Christ's Warehouse  
106 Litchfield Ave SW,  
Willmar, MN  
235.0119  
Date: 2/03/09  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Admission is free.

'To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.' When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.



## New Studies...

### NEW Wednesday Noon Study

#### "ANGELS"

Someone said, "There's so much wrong information out there about angels that they should get together and file a class-action suit for 'Misrepresentation.'" We've learned a lot about angels in the first couple classes - including the fact that people don't become angels when we die. We've also learned that angels aren't "cute and cuddly." Rather, they are awesome, powerful creatures whose appearance generally instills fear in the hearts of those who see them. (Which is actually a good thing when you think about it. When you need some superhuman protection or rescuing wouldn't you rather have an angel who looks more like a WWF wrestler than one that bears a resemblance to a hummingbird-sized teddy bear?)

Some upcoming topics we'll tackle: At noon on Wednesdays.

- The Angel of the Lord
- Satan and the Fallen Angels
- Guarding and Avenging Angels
- Watching and Communicating Angels
- Angels and Jesus
- Evil Angels today
- Angels and believers today
- On Judgement Day and in eternity

Join us and bring a friend.

### NEW Tuesday Noon Study

The Apostles' Creed: "So that's why we say that!"

We speak it at all the time in worship. But what are we really saying?

We've been finding out that we really don't know all there is to know about the Apostles' Creed. Join us at Geneva Olson's in New London to find out for yourself. We gather at noon and share a light lunch and feast on God's Word. Please join us.

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Thot for a day: Be kind...everyone you meet is fighting a tough battle.

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## A Stewardship Minute...

**Love...** February is the month that talks about Love. This mainly centers around Valentine's Day. Talking and responding with love is a very admirable thing to do. By doing so, we are following in a very small way what God has done for us.

Probably, the most widely known Bible verse is John 3:16. It states that "For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life". The greatest display of love happened on Good Friday when Christ died for us all, and rose on the Third Day, so that we may believe and have eternal life.

What are some of the lessons we learn from God's Word? Examples are: Love is doing the right thing even when it is not for own benefit. Love is not just for our friends and family. God has commanded us to also love our enemies.

As written in Romans 14:9-10 "Love your neighbor as yourself". Love does no harm to its neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

## Special Thanks...

### TO OUR 2009 "POLAR PLUNGERS"

Bryson Wachter, Tammy Fuglie, Emily Fuglie

### To the ANNUAL WHIST NIGHT ATTENDEES

Thanks to everyone who came and had fun.

## February Discipleship Verse...



*Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.*

Proverbs 3:3



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

### Pray

(We're doing our yearly update of our Prayer Chain)

Prayer is a simply way to share the love of Jesus. We are updating our Prayer Force list. People on the list receive special requests for prayer via email or phone (you choose which).

My email \_\_\_\_\_

My phone # \_\_\_\_\_

( Sign up on the list at church or email Pastor with your information )

### Could You Help With Children's Church?

The only pre-requisite is a love for Jesus and for His kids

You read a Bible story or Object Lesson, say prayers and do an activity that reinforces the lesson. Lessons are provided. All you do is show up and lead. Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help in this way. Thanks

### Make Some Cookies for New Neighbor Visits

Our "New Neighbor" Visitors welcome people who have recently moved into the area with a basket of 'goodies' that includes cookies/bars. If you like to bake it would be a big help to have more folks provide cookies or bars for our visits. Talk to Bryson if you can serve the Lord in this way. Thanks!

### "Secret Paul" Prayer Partner Program

Reminders:

1. Please remember to pray for your person.
2. Send them a Valentine's card.

### Help with our Youth Ministry

Please talk to Pam Johnson if you would like to serve the Lord by helping with the youth ministry.

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Thot for a day: Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?

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## E-mail Humor...

### Financial Advice

In these times of economic woes, I asked my financial guru if the Bible had much to say about money.

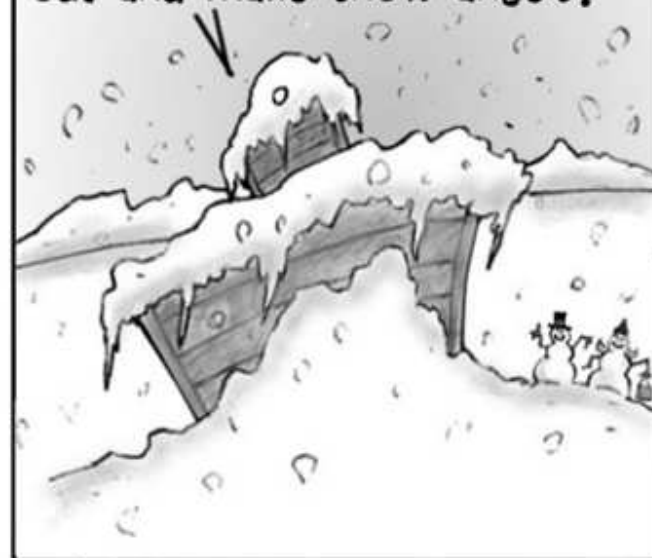
He mentioned the example of Noah who was floating his stock when everyone else was in liquidation.

Then he spoke of Pharaoh's daughter who went down to the Bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

I'm thinking of looking for a new banker ...

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Noah, the camels want to go out and make snow angels.



If the great flood happened during a Minnesota winter you would have had..

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