

Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

June 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
PO Box 242, New London, MN 56273
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Website: www.livingwordlutheran.net

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.

Question for Pastor...

The Bible says "God knows our needs before we ask," so why do we need to ask?

A great question. One that I've received more than once. The underlying question often is "Why bother praying - God knows what we need... and besides He's going to do what He wants anyway."

It is very true that God knows our needs and sometimes (maybe most often) he provides what we need without asking. But there are many instances in the Bible where God gave something just because someone asked - and would not have given it had they not asked.

God tells us to ask for things in prayer for several reasons. First of all, humility is one of the things God values most in His people. Asking God for something is by its very nature a humbling experience. When you ask God for something you are admitting that you aren't capable of providing that thing by yourself, you aren't capable of controlling the situation on your own, you aren't capable of doing what God alone can do. Admitting there are things we can't do is a humbling thing.

Second, "trust" is another thing God requires of His people. Again, prayer by its very nature is an act of trust. You wouldn't be asking God for something if you didn't have at least a little trust that He has the power to give what you ask for.

Third, God may wait until we ask for something before He gives it, so we realize that He is the one who gave it - and

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then give Him the credit for doing so. The more He gives without our asking, the more we take Him for granted, or even credit ourselves for all the good things we have.

Of course, there's always the "relationship aspect" to keep in mind. Above all else God wants a personal relationship with each one of us. He wants it so badly that He sent His Son to the cross in order to remove the barrier of sin that would have prevented sinful people from ever being reconciled with a sinless God. And one of the truths about relationships is that you can't have one without talking to the other person. When we come to God in prayer we are taking the time to talk to God - strengthening our relationship.

Jesus said, "Ask and you shall receive." When you ask God for something you will always receive an answer. That answer may be "Yes." The answer could be, "No, I have a better idea." Or the answer could be, "Yes, but first I want you to...." But whatever the answer you can trust it truly is the best answer.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

THE BACK PEW - Jeff LARSON



Lord, not my will but yours be done.. but Lord if your will could be my will.. that would be swell.

Opportunities for Growth...

Tuesday Noon Bible Study

Stories behind favorite hymns:

Anything is more meaningful when you know the story behind it. We take a look at the Bible passages and life-situations that prompted the writing of some of the favorite hymns. We gather at noon and share a light lunch and study. Please join us.

Wednesday NOON study:

Life to the Fullest

Remaining studies:

- Where You End - That's Where God Begin
- Focus for Your Future

Please join us at noon - and bring a friend.

Sunday Morning Forum

We will continue to look at key chapters in our Today's Light Bible readings. You don't have to have read them in order to participate.

Recent "Key Chapters" we've looked at:

- Jeremiah Chapter 29: God tells the Israelites (and us) that even when He disciplines us it is because He has better plans for us and wants us to learn that ignoring Him always leads to bad things.
- Jeremiah Chapter 31: God promised a new covenant (binding contract) because we broke the one He made with the Israelites at Mt. Sinai. The New Covenant is the promise of the forgiveness of sins. Jesus guaranteed that contract with His blood shed on the cross.

Join us at 8:45 Sunday Mornings

Men's Study:

Meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

We will finish up our study of the Sermon on the Mount and then launch into a study of the book of Revelation. We will also try to work a service project into our schedule, so keep your ears open for needs we could help with.

Women's Study: Coping With Stress

Wednesday mornings @ 9:30

Childcare is provided. Perfect for stay-at-home moms:

Coming in June: Boundaries

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That for a day: When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

The Link...

JUST THE BASICS EVENT



The Link is sponsoring a household item distribution event on Saturday, June 27th 9-11am at Prairie Meadows School in Spicer. People will receive over 20 household items free of charge! No proof of income required. First come, first served!

Volunteers Needed for this event! Please consider volunteering to help make this event a success. There are two shifts available: Friday set-up from 6-8pm and Saturday event help 8am-noon.

Contact Michelle Peterson (320) 796-2522 to sign up.

The Link Update

EMAIL Network

We are looking for people who would like to be on an email network in order to respond to various requests and needs that we become aware of in the community. Here are just a few examples: exchange of furniture or appliances, school or sports equipment requests, volunteer teams for household or moving needs, etc. We will also include you for other important updates about upcoming projects and events! If you would like to be on this list, please email Michelle Peterson at flc_michelle@tds.net

New London Location

The Link will be *adding* an office location in New London! We will have space in the new community building (the old ACMC Clinic). We are looking forward to having space in both communities in order to increase our visibility and accessibility. This will also create new opportunities for us to offer different services and develop new partnerships. We will be moving in during the summer. Watch for more details about how you can help!

E-Mail Wisdom...

The Kohl's Shopping Trip

Clutching their Kohl's Department Store shopping bags, Ellen and Kay woefully gazed down at a cat in the mall parking lot that had recently used up the last of its "nine lives." "What business could that poor kitty have had here?" murmured Ellen. "Come on, Ellen, let's just go...."

But Ellen had already grabbed her shopping bag and was explaining, "I'll just put my things in your bag, and then I'll use this tissue paper. That kitty needs a decent burial" She dumped her purchases into Kay's bag and then used the tissue paper to cradle and lower the former feline into her own Kohl's bag and cover it. They continued the short trek to the car in silence, stashing their goods in the trunk. But it occurred to both of them that if they left Ellen's burial bag in the trunk, warmed by the Texas sunshine while they ate, Kay's Lumina would soon lose that new-car smell. They decided to leave the bag on top of the trunk, and they headed over to K & W Cafeteria. After they went through the serving line and they sat down at a window table. They had a view of Kay's Chevy with the Kohl's bag still on the trunk. BUT not for long!

As they ate, they noticed a woman in a red gingham shirt stroll by their car. She looked quickly this way and that, and then took the Kohl's bag without breaking stride. She quickly walked out of their line of vision. Kay and Ellen shot each other a wide-eyed look of amazement. It all happened so fast that neither of them could think how to respond. "Can you imagine?" finally sputtered Ellen. "The nerve of that woman!" Kay sympathized with Ellen, but inwardly a laugh was building as she thought about the grand surprise awaiting the female thief. Just when she thought she'd have to giggle into her napkin, she noticed Ellen's eyes freeze in the direction of the serving line. Following her gaze, Kay recognized the woman in the red gingham shirt with the Kohl's bag hanging from her arm. She was brazenly pushing her tray toward the cashier.

Helplessly they watched the scene unfold: After leaving the register, the woman settled at a table across

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Thot for a day: Success comes in cans; failure comes in can'ts.

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from theirs, put the bag on an empty chair and began to eat. After a few bites of baked whitefish and green beans, she casually lifted the bag into her lap to survey her treasure. Looking from side to side, but not far enough to notice her rapt audience three tables over, she pulled out the tissue paper and peered into the bag. Her eyes widened, and she began to make a sort of gasping noise. The noise grew. The bag slid from her lap as she sank to the floor, wheezing and clutching her upper chest. The beverage cart attendant quickly recognized a customer in trouble and sent the busboy to call 911 while she administered the Heimlich maneuver.

A crowd quickly gathered that did not include Ellen and Kay, who remained riveted to their chairs for seven whole minutes until the ambulance arrived. In a matter of minutes, the woman with the red gingham shirt emerged from the crowd, still gasping, and securely strapped on a gurney. Two well-trained EMS volunteers steered her to the waiting ambulance, while a third scooped up her belongings. The last they saw of the distressed cat-burglar was as she disappeared behind the ambulance doors -- the Kohl's bag perched on her stomach!

There's an important biblical principle here: There will always be consequences for not doing what God wants (AND once in a while He allows us to witness it!)

Show Your Spouse You Love Them...

My cell phone quit as I tried to let my wife know that I was caught in freeway gridlock and would be late for our anniversary dinner. I wrote a message on my laptop asking other motorists to call her, printed it on a portable inkjet, and taped it to my rear window.

When I finally arrived home, my wife gave me the longest kiss ever. "I really think you love me," she said. "At least 70 people called and told me so."

You may not be able to do this, but it gives an example of:

1. Being creative in showing appreciation
2. Remembering to call when something comes up

Upcoming Events...

NEW: Thursday Evenings

Church-League Softball

We have a team !. Come and watch us attempt to play against other church teams. We play at the Swansson fields in Willmar. Check the page 17 for times and specific fields.



Sunday, May 31

CTI Music Ministries

(Carpenter's Tools, Int'l)

Will provide music and drama for our worship. There will be a lunch after worship.

Sunday, June 7

After worship on Graduation Day (June 7) we will serve refreshments in honor of our Living Word grads. Please make plans to stop and congratulate them.

June 8 - 12

Vacation Bible School:

"Journey with Jesus"

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Be praying about who you can invite or how you can volunteer



Sunday, June 14

Prayer Meeting / Brainstorming Session

5:30 to 7:30

Meal will be provided by the Elders.

All congregational members are invited to attend to help up plan for our future at Living Word.

One Day VBS

Pastor David would also like to take any interested kids to Lutheran Island Camp for their "one day VBS" the week of June 15-19. The day has not been determined as of yet.

Monday, June 22

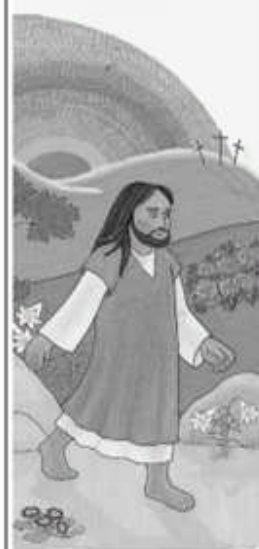
Lutheran Day at Valley Fair

Saturday, June 27 @ 9:00 a.m.

Household Item Giveaway (see page 4)

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That for a day: Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...it's about learning to dance in the rain.



You Are Invited to Journey with JESUS

Living Word Lutheran Church
(L.C.M.S.)

V.B.S.

June 8 - 12, 2009 † 5:30-8:00 pm

For More Information and to Register

Please Contact:

L.W.L.C. - 320-796-0742

Mona Hjelle - 320-354-4315

E-Mail Humor... (maybe wisdom)

A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer,

"This kid is not so bright. Watch while I prove it to you."

The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?"

The boy takes the quarters and leaves the dollar.

"What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!"



Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store and says, "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?"

The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!"

Elected to Serve...

At our Spring Voters' Assembly these people were elected to serve:

Vice Chairman -	- Jamie Iverson
Treasurer -	- Scott Wachter
Congregational Outreach -	- Position Open
Christian Growth-Sunday School;	- Rachel Tri
Three Elder positions -	- Wally Abraham
	- Troy Hansen
	- Bryson Wachter

Please thank these people for serving the Lord at Living Word. They will officially be installed in these positions on Sunday, June 28. And, please, remember to keep them in your prayers. (And pray for God to raise up someone to fill the Congregational Outreach position)

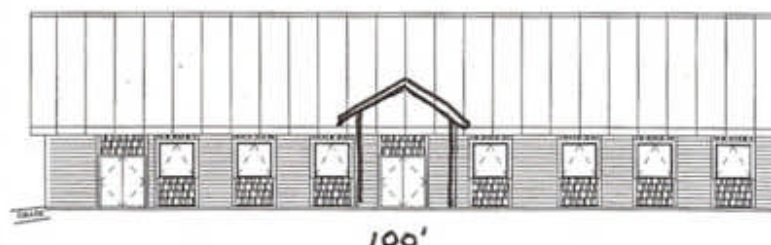
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That for a day: Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.




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Building Update...

Work continues on the planned building for Living Word Lutheran Church. The current floorplan and exterior look for our new home are pictured below. We are currently in process of obtaining bids and estimates for the various phases of construction.



June 2009 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 31 (J.T.) MUSIC MINISTRIES 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship w/ Music & Drama by Carpenter's Tools, (J.T.) 11:15 Meal	June 1	2 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:30 Confirmation	3 9:30 Women's Study: "Coping with Stress" Noon Study: Full Life 6:30 Men's Study 7:30 Baccalaureate @ NL-S	4 8:15 Men's Softball Green Field 	5	6 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp
7 GRADUATION SUNDAY 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Reception for our Grads	8 5:30-8:00 VBS	9 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 5:30-8:00 VBS	10 9:30 Women's Study Topic TBD Noon Study: Topic TBD 5:30-8:00 VBS 7:00 LWML	11 5:30-8:00 VBS 7:00 Elders' Team 8:15 Men's Softball Yellow Field	12 5:30-8:00 VBS VBS Closing Program & Campfire	13 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp 
14 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship 11:15 Jonah Sharp Baptism 5:30 Eat, Pray & Brainstorm	15	16 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	17 9:30 Women's Study: Noon Study: Topic TBD 6:30 Men's Study	18 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team 6:15 Men's Softball Yellow Field 7:15 Men's Softball Yellow Field	19	20 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp
21 FATHERS' DAY 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	22 Lutheran Day @ Valley Fair 	23 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	24 9:30 Women's Study: Noon Study: Topic TBD	25 9:15 Men's Softball Yellow Field	26	27 9:00 Household Item Giveaway 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp
28 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - key chapters 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	29	30 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	July 1 9:30 Women's Study: Noon Study: Topic TBD	July 2 7:15 Men's Softball Yellow Field 8:15 Men's Softball Red Field	July 3	July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp

June - 15-Minutes-A-Day

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We read how the Holy Spirit empowered the spread of the Gospel in the book of Acts, then Romans gives us an in-depth look at the details of the Gospel message

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

June 1 Proverbs 10:1-11:31 (10:1-32) _____

June 2 Proverbs 12:1-13:24 (13:1-25) _____

June 3 Proverbs 14:1-15:33 (15:1-33) _____

June 4 Proverbs 16:1-17:24 (16:1-33) _____

June 5 Acts 1:1-26 (1:1-14) _____

June 6 Acts 2:1-47 (2:1-21) _____

June 7 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 8 Acts 3:1-4:37 (3:1-26) _____

June 9 Acts 5:1-42 (5:1-32) _____

June 10 Acts 6:1-8:40 (6:1-15) _____

June 11 Acts 9:1-43 (9:1-22) _____

June 12 Acts 10:1-11:30 (11:1-18) _____

June 13 Acts 12:1-25 (12:1-19) _____

June 14 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 15 Acts 13:1-14:28 (13:1-43) _____

June 16 Acts 15:1-41 (15:1-31) _____

Today's Light Devotional Readings

June 17 Acts 16:1-40 (16:25-34) _____

June 18 Acts 17:1-18:22 (17:16-34) _____

June 19 Acts 18:23-21:16 (18:23-19:10) _____

June 20 Acts 21:17-23:35 (21:17-22:23) _____

June 21 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 22 Acts 24:1-26:32 (26:1-32) _____

June 23 Acts 27:1-28:31 (27:1-44) _____

June 24 Romans 1:1-2:29 (1:1-23) _____

June 25 Romans 3:1-4:25 (3:21-31) _____

June 26 Romans 5:1-21 (5:1-11) _____

June 27 Romans 6:1-23 (6:1-14) _____

June 28 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 29 Romans 7:1-25 (7:7-25) _____

June 30 Romans 8:1-39 (8:22-39) _____

July 1 Romans 9:1-11:36 (10:1-21) _____

July 2 Romans 12:1-21 (12:1-2) _____

July 3 Romans 13:1-14:23 (14:1-23) _____

July 4 Romans 15:1-16:27 (15:1-21) _____

Upcoming Schedules...

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

Scripture Readers

June 7	Wally Abraham	354-2615
June 14	Kevin Welsh	796-6840
June 21	Allan Fuglie	796-6975
June 28	Linda Dilley	235-0235

July 5	Mark Fuglie	796-6975
July 12	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
July 19	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
July 26	Janet Towner	444-0125

Aug 2	Tammy Wachter	796-6222
Aug 9	Duane Hansen	796-5605
Aug 16	Scott Wachter	796-6222
Aug 23	Bryson Wachter	894-6378
Aug 30	Youth	

Fellowship Servers

June 7	Stacy Olson	212-9647
June 14	Violet Dauk	220-0344
June 21	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
June 28	Tris Mische	354-9046

July 5	Linda Dilley	235-0235
July 12	Bonnie Hansen	796-5605
July 19	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
July 26	Nancy Jo Wendt	354-2398

Aug 2	Donna Peterson	354-5247
Aug 9	Pam Johnson	354-3545
Aug 16	Laurel Iverson	354-4932
Aug 23	Elaine Abraham	354-2615
Aug 30	Youth	

Usher & Greeter Schedule

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
June 7	Mona Hjelle & Pam Johnson	Lu
June 14	Jamie Iverson & Lonny Robbin	Laurel
June 21	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen	Janet
June 28	Jason Miller & Jack Kuppich	Violet

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Thot for a day: If you are not content with what you have, you'll never be content with what you want.

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July 5	Mark Fuglie & Kevin Welsh	Lu
July 12	Joe Johnson & Anthony Dauk	Laurel
July 19	Wally Abraham & Brady Sharp	Janet
July 26	Janet Towner & Linda Dilley	Violet

Aug 2	Troy Hansen & Bryson Wachter	Lu
Aug 9	Mona Hjelle & Pam Johnson	Laurel
Aug 16	Jamie Iverson & Lonny Robbin	Janet
Aug 23	Jason Miller & Jack Kuppich	Violet
Aug 30	Youth	Youth

Acolyte

June 7	Noah Welsh
June 14	Michelle Johnson
June 21	Phil Iverson
June 28	Mikayla Geer

Children's Church Schedule

June 7	Mona Hjelle
June 14	Anthony Dauk
June 21	Kasey Nieland
June 28	Becca Dauk

Church-League Softball Schedule

Date	Time	Field	Opponent
May 28	7:15	Green	Eagle Lake Lutheran
June 4	8:15	Green	Lutheran Social Service
June 11	8:15	Yellow	Salem Covenant
June 18	6:15 7:15	Yellow Yellow	Bethel Lutheran Redeemer Lutheran
June 25	9:15	Yellow	Redeemer Lutheran
July 2	7:15 8:15	Yellow Red	Bethel Lutheran Eagle Lake Lutheran
July 9	6:15	Green	Lutheran Social Service
July 16	9:15	Yellow	Salem Covenant

This month's comic on page 23 is in honor of our softball team!

Coping With Stress...

Some insights from our studies thus far:

Stress isn't inherently good or bad, it's natural

- That means
 - 1) You can't avoid it.
 - 2) Whether it is good or bad depends on how you respond to it.
- Romans 8:28 Reminds us that God can make "all things" (including the situation that brings the stress) work for our good.
- David in the incident with Goliath gives a great example of responding to stress:
 - 1) Don't let fear paralyze you.
 - 2) Figure out what you can do in the situation - then do it.
 - 3) Trust God to do what you can't do.



Philippians 4:6-9 gives additional insights on dealing with stress:

Do not be anxious about anything, ... DON'T WORRY-but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus....

INSTEAD PRAY - as a first response, not a last resort

[8] Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.... FOCUS YOUR MIND ON THE GOOD THINGS GOD HAS ALREADY DONE

[9] Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.... DON'T JUST SIT THERE - DO SOMETHING!

So, what kinds of things should you do in response to stress?

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1. Remember the "Owner's Manual" Principle:

"Follow the instructions and things work; Don't follow the instructions and things break." (The Bible is our Owner's Manual)

2. Remember the "Creatures of Habit" Principle:

We keep responding the same way - even when it doesn't work.

So QUIT RESPONDING IN WAYS THAT AREN'T WORKING (e.g. yelling, drinking, not dealing with it)

Two promises from God about our responses to stress:

- 1) The promise of FORGIVENESS for our bad past responses
- 2) The promise of His POWER to respond better in the future

Some positive ways of responding to stress: Prayer, reading your Bible, Bible study, exercise, talking to friends who are known to give good advice)

Relationships are a major source of stress.

Stress in relationships can be caused by sin, conflict (natural differences) and unmet expectations. Some keys to resolving relationship stress:

1. Deal with the conflict (God gives great instructions in Ephesians 4:22-5:2)
2. Adjust your expectations
3. Communicate your expectations (so the other person knows what you expect)

June Discipleship Verse...



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

That for a day: Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

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.

Bring Paper Plates and Napkins

On Saturday, June 27, Living Word will be hosting a household item giveaway (Sponsored by The Link). **Each congregation is responsible for providing quantities of 300** of two of the items to be given away. We signed on to provide napkins and paper plates. We will be collecting those here at church each week until June 27. So, when you go shopping please remember to pick up some of each of those items. Thanks!

Provide a Scholarship ... For a Young Person to Attend Lutheran Island Camp

Camp offers great programs and we have folks who would like to attend. If you can help out by providing a scholarship, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!

Make Some Cookies for Campers

Again this summer we will be providing cookies for the RV Campers at the RV park each Saturday as a way of welcoming them to our area and inviting them to worship with us on Sundays. Talk to Pastor or one of the Outreach Team if you can bake cookies for this outreach. Thanks!

"Secret Paul" Prayer Partner Program

Reminders

Secret Pauls: Don't forget to send your person a note if they have a birthday in June.

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.

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Thot for a day: Don't worry what people think of you. They seldom do ...

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Share the Love of Christ with a Card or letter:

1. To Heidy, the young girl from Ecuador we support through Compassion, Int'l. Letter forms are on the bulletin board. (p.s. Our support is paid up through June 15. If you can help continue that support after June 15, please put your donation in the "Heidy" box by the door. We pay \$32/month to help provide for Heidy.)
2. To Armed Forces Personnel. Simply place your letter of thanks in the "Treats for Troops" box. Thank

Help Chaperone (or drive) for Youth Day at Valley Fair

Please talk to Pastor David or Pam Johnson if you can help in either of these ways. Tentative plans are to go to Valley Fair Monday, June 22 Thanks!

Glen Oaks Bus Silent Auction

GlenOaks is pleased to announce that we are planning our first ever Ranch Rodeo fundraiser at the Lucky Buck Ranch on September 19. Please save the date and plan to attend if you can.

Our goal is to offer loads of family fun while raising money for a new bus with updated comfort and safety features our residents and clients need.

As part of the fundraising activities, we will hold a silent auction with items donated from community members and businesses. We would also like to let our area churches know if any quilters, crafters or anyone who may wish to donate an item please contact Stephanie Williams at 354-6089.

Thank you!

Take the Survey.

If you did not get a chance to do so yet, please fill out the "Bearing Fruit" survey and place it in the offering plate. Thanks!

Graduation Open House

For Anthony Dauk at his home -
(5126 Co. Rd. 40 NE, New London)
on Saturday, June 6 from 1-4 p.m. The congregation is invited.

The Story Behind the Song...

Take My Life and Let It Be

Recently in our Tuesday Bible study we've been taking a look at some of the songs in the Bible. When it comes to songs in the Bible we tend to think of the Psalms, but there are actually quite a few songs outside the Psalms. One such song is known as the Song of Hannah. The song is a prayer of praise after Hannah made good on a vow to the Lord to give her son Samuel to the Lord for service in the temple.

That song prompted us to look through our hymnal to find hymns that were actually prayers. One of those "prayer songs" is Take My Life and Let It Be. Here's the story behind it as told in *Devotionals from Famous Hymn Stories*.

The hymn was written by Frances Havergal who was born in England in 1836. In her early twenties she became ill and was confined to a wheelchair for most of the rest of her life. Even in those trying years she kept a cheerful attitude and strove to use her musical talents to be a blessing to others.

Take My Life and Let It Be came about as a result of a 5-day trip to London. She visited a home where ten people were living. She found that several members of the household were not believers in Christ and that the rest seemed to find no joy in their faith. She asked God to give her all in the house before she left.

On the last night of her stay, the governess brought the two unconverted daughters to her, weeping. They were both deeply concerned about their spiritual welfare and had asked to see Miss Havergal. The Spirit empowered her to lead the two to faith in Jesus. Frances later wrote that she stayed up most of the night rejoicing and re-consecrating her own life to God. As the hours wore on, the lines of a poem began to form in her head:

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to Thee**

**Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise**

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That for a day: Diplomacy is the art of letting somebody else have your way.

**Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;**

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King**

**Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages for Thee;**

**Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;**

**Take myself and I will be—
Ever, only, all for Thee**

The song is a prayer that each of us would do well to pray daily

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



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not all are pitchers, infielders, or outfielders, but
are part of the SAME TEAM! 1 Cor 12:21-31

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