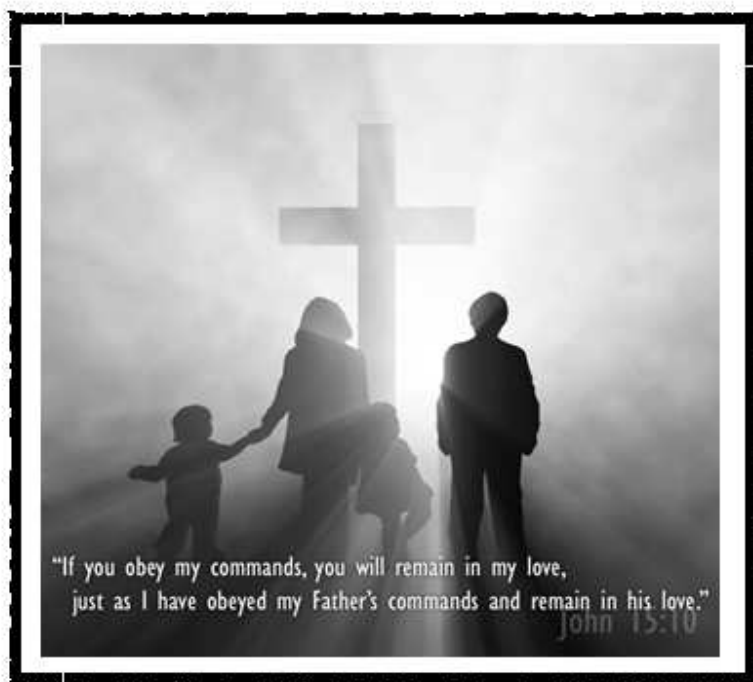


Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

September 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

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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.

Question for Pastor...

What do you think of the ELCA decision?

In case you haven't heard, the 'decision' referred to is the one the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America made in their national assembly (convention) two weeks ago to:

- 1) allow gays and lesbians to be pastors and
- 2) recognize gay and lesbian life-long committed relationships (i.e. marriage)

In response to that question, I thought it might be appropriate to first share the official response of our LC-MS president:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has repeatedly affirmed as its own position the historical understanding of the Christian church that the Bible condemns homosexual behavior as "intrinsically sinful." It is therefore contrary to the will of the Creator and constitutes sin against the commandments of God (Lev. 18:22, 24, 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9-20; 1 Tim 1:9-10; and Rom. 1:26, 27).

Addressing the ELCA assembly on Saturday, Aug. 22, I responded to their aforementioned actions, stating: "The decisions by this assembly to grant non-celibate homosexual ministers the privilege of serving as rostered leaders in the ELCA and the affirmation of same-gender unions as pleasing to God will undoubtedly cause additional stress and disharmony within the ELCA. It will also negatively affect the relationships between our two church bodies. The current division between our churches threatens to become a chasm. This grieves my heart and the hearts of all in the ELCA, the

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LCMS, and other Christian church bodies throughout the world who do not see these decisions as compatible with the Word of God, or in agreement with the consensus of 2,000 years of Christian theological affirmation regarding what Scripture teaches about human sexuality. Simply stated, this matter is fundamentally related to significant differences in how we [our two church bodies] understand the authority of Holy Scripture and the interpretation of God's revealed and infallible Word."

Doctrinal decisions adopted already in 2001 led the LCMS, in sincere humility and love, to declare that we could no longer consider the ELCA "to be an orthodox Lutheran church body" (2001 Res 3-21A). Sadly, the decisions of this past week to ignore biblical teaching on human sexuality have reinforced that conclusion. We respect the desire to follow conscience in moral decision making, but conscience may not overrule the Word of God.

We recognize that many brothers and sisters within the ELCA, both clergy and lay, are committed to remaining faithful to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, are committed to the authority of Holy Scripture, and strongly oppose these actions. To them we offer our assurance of loving encouragement together with our willingness to provide appropriate support in their efforts to remain faithful to the Word of God and the historic teachings of the Lutheran church and all other Christian churches for the past 2,000 years.

*Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

"Transforming lives through Christ's love ... in time ... for eternity ..." John 3:16-17

Summing it up: It really doesn't matter what I think. It doesn't even matter what the Synod president thinks. The only thing that really matters is what God thinks. And, as President Kieschnick stated, God has quite clearly revealed in His Word that homosexual relationships are not 'ok' with Him.

There's much more to say about this. Check back next month...

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Meet Your MMT Members...

Rachel Tri - Director of Christian Growth-Education
Homemaker, artist, NLS weather observer

I am married to Brian Tri, we have three children; Matthew, Gennaveve and Cooper.

I grew up in Goodhue, a small farming community in southern Minnesota, with my parents and one brother.

Life was a little different for my family but my therapist says I'll be ok.:) My dad has been a Pastor at St. Peter's and St. Johns Minneola Lutheran Churches for 25 yrs. I attended 1st-8th grade at St. Johns Lutheran School. Then 9th-12th grade at St. Croix Lutheran High School, in West St. Paul. I estimate spending around 550 hours in the car, going to and from school with my mom, who was and is an English teacher at St. Croix LHS. During my high school years I was a Sunday School teacher, YMCA lifeguard and am/pm milker at an area farm. My brother, Scott, lives in Seattle, Washington, and works for a civil engineering firm.

Since moving up to this area in 2001 I have had a few different jobs but ultimately decided on staying at home with the kids which has been great. I served in New London with the MOPS group as their Creative Activities Director for about 3 yrs. A couple years ago we tried to move back near Goodhue to be closer to relatives but it didn't work out. It's amazing how God places you where you need to be and we are happy to be back here.

Overall we have been with Living Word for 6 years. We started attending Shepherd of the Hills after I went to a garage sale and the friendly gentleman running it invited us to his church. Thank you Jim.

The biggest thing I like about our church is hearing the Word. Being a mom, or just human in this day and age is difficult with all the distractions and opinions of the world. I need to hear that I am sinning and how I can change with God's help and the help of my fellow Christians, and how I am Forgiven. It keeps me in my place and on track towards our Ultimate Goal.

Lately I have really seen God working in our church to get us where we need to be. He gave us our mission and does not want us to fail. As long as we stay true to what He wants and true to what we need to share His Word, the Church will survive.

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Thot for a day: Sometimes I think I understand everything, and then I regain consciousness

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My goal for Sunday School this year is to continue Christian education by studying and discussing timeline stories from the Bible, as well as Christ's life and purpose; and also to teach serving and stewardship to our children by involving them in faith-strengthening activities and community outreach. Our children are the future of the church and it is our mission to properly prepare them for that. I am very excited for the year to get started and looking forward to working together with everyone. Please feel free to come and talk to me with any suggestions or ideas!

About the Christian Growth Team

The basic objectives of the Christian Growth Team is to provide oversight of planning and administration of the Christian Education programs, with the result that members of all ages are continually growing in their knowledge of Christ, their trust in Him and obedience to Him.

In addition, provide oversight of the efforts to involve the young people in the fellowship, outreach, growth and service opportunities of the congregation and in its mission of making disciples, with the result that the youth and young adults view themselves not as "the church of tomorrow" but as "part of the church today".

A. There shall exist two directors of Christian Growth that have the same authority in each capacity. One shall be called the Director of Christian Growth - Youth and the other the Director of Christian Growth - Education.

NL MUSIC FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

Thanks to everyone who baked pies (or other goodies) or served the food at the Festival! The homemade pies were the talk of the festival.

\$1200 was raised for kitchen items for our building project. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and its members through the Care in Congregations program were pleased to be a part of and help fund this activity. (\$558 came from matching funds provided by the Kandiyohi Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans). Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit Fortune 500 membership organization that helps Lutherans and their families achieve financial security and give back to their local communities and congregations.

E-Mail Wisdom...

(This is a good metaphor, but not a literal depiction of how prayers work)

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, 'This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received.'

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, 'This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them.' I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. 'This is the Acknowledgment Section,' my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed. 'How is it that there is no work going on here?' I asked.

'So sad,' the angel sighed. 'After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments.'

'How does one acknowledge God's blessings?' I asked.

'The simplest way,' the angel answered, 'is to just say, "Thank you, Lord." Of course, it's even better when people tell other folks where they got the blessings. And better yet when they share those blessings with others after telling them that God gave those blessings.'

'What blessings should they acknowledge?' I asked.

'If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are

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That for a day: Do you find it strange that lemon juice is made with artificial flavor but dish-washing liquid is made with real lemons?

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among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.'

'And if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity.'

'If you woke up this morning you have the gift of life.'

'If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation .. You are ahead of 700 million people in the world.'

'If you can attend a place of worship without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world.'

'And don't ever forget the spiritual blessings: Eternal life, forgiveness, God's presence, His forgiveness, His roadmap (Bible), the simple fact that He listens to your prayers - and always has the best answer and power to give it.'

'Ok, what now? How can I start?'

Here's a start: ATTN: Acknowledge Dept.
 'Thank you Lord'

Building Committee Update...

By now most of you have heard that we have had an unexpected opportunity presented to us. There's a church building in rural Appleton that needs to be moved. The congregation there (Good Shepherd) is disbanding this fall. They are "out in the middle of nowhere" so to speak, and as a result of their extreme rural location membership has dwindled to next to nothing.

Over the past three weeks members of our Mission and Ministry Team, Building Committee and other interested people have been researching the costs and options and have been praying, meeting and discussing the pros and cons of moving this building onto our site outside New London.

Some of the "pros" include the sturdy construction (built in 1952); the 225 seating capacity; the classic character of the building (e.g. stained glass windows, belltower, hardwood oak floor, balcony); the great amount of publicity that would come with moving a

church of this size 65 miles; the 'goodwill' that would be fostered in the community for being good stewards and saving an existing building.

Some of the "cons" include sacrificing energy efficiency vs. a new structure (even though this building was well-insulated by 1952 standards); the brick foundation that adds much to the exterior look will not be able to be moved; some design elements that we deemed important will be sacrificed (e.g. single level, large communion area, lots of natural light, easy to add on to; seating close to the front instead of long, narrow seating arrangement);

After weighing the options, last week we decided to set a mortgage loan limit of \$100,000 (or approximately \$690/month) and move forward to see if we can make the move work for that amount. If it becomes apparent that we won't be able to do the project for that amount, we will go back to our original plan of erecting a new structure that will fit that limit.

Initial cost estimates have placed the moving project at roughly \$60,000 more than the limit we had set, so our Building Committee's current task is attempting to reduce expenses and increase donations to cover that difference. We will be meeting again on Tuesday, September 15 to determine if it is still looking feasible to continue moving forward.

This opportunity has created a lot of interest and excitement in doing something that will get us into our own building in a relatively short time.

How you can help:

- 1) Please keep in your prayers this project and everyone involved in it. Above all else we want to do God's will and do, say or think nothing but what is pleasing to Him, gives Him glory and points people to Him.
- 2) Do you know someone who could donate services like excavating, electrical wiring, plumbing, sheetrocking, mudding/taping, painting? If so, let us know (we could give them a receipt for the value of their services)
- 3) Do you know someone who would find this project something they would like help fund with a monetary donation? If so, let us know.

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Thot for a day: Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is NEVER putting it in a fruit salad.

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View from near the back of the church



View from the front (brick foundation and steps don't come with)



View of one of the "wings" that are on either side.



Photos of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in rural Appleton...

A Minute for Parents...

Take a Parenting Check-up

Written by Claudia and David Arp, MSW

One scary thing about parenting is its a temporary job. Our active parenting days are numbered and we need to count them. How many parenting days do you still have?

If your youngest child is five years old, you can assume he will be leaving the nest at around age eighteen, so that gives you thirteen years or 156 months or 4,745 days! Since we all know how fast the days zip by, before you know it your job as a resident parent will be over. That knowledge should motivate all to take a parenting check-up.

So how are you doing as a parent?

Often we concentrate on our children's behavior and not on our own. Why not look at your behavior from your child's perspective? In a survey of 100,000 children, children were asked what they wanted most in their parents.

Check out the top ten answers and evaluate how you are doing in each area:

1. **Children want parents who don't argue in front of them.** Children tend to do what parents do, not necessarily what they say. How do you handle differences? Can you disagree and share your negative feelings without attacking the other person or defending yourself? Then your children will also learn how to process anger and resolve conflict in positive ways.
2. **Children want parents who treat each family member the same.** Treating your children the same does not mean treating them equal. Each child is unique and but each needs the same love and understanding. Evaluate your relationship with each child.
3. **Parents who are honest.** The parent who says, "Tell the tele-marketer (who is on the phone) I'm not here," may not realize what he is modeling to his child. Do you say what you mean and mean what you say?
4. **Parents who are tolerant of others.** When parents are tolerant of others, children learn to be patient with those who are different from them. In what ways have you modeled tolerance to your children?
5. **Parents who welcome their friends to the home.** If the gang is ganging up at your house, then you will

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That for a day: Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the driveway before it has stopped snowing.

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know where your own children are! Cultivate an open-home policy and get to know their friends.

6. **Parents who build a team spirit with their children.** As children move into the adolescent years, parents who cultivate a team spirit will have a greater influence on their children. How can you foster team-ship in your family?
7. **Parents who answer their questions.** Have you been guilty of saying, "I'm busy right now. Let's talk about this later." Then later never happens. Take time today to answer your children's questions and when you don't know the answer, admit it and offer to help find the answer.
8. **Parents who discipline them when needed, but not in front of others,** especially their friends. Amazingly, children really do want limits, but don't count on them volunteering that information!
9. **Parents who concentrate on good points instead of weak ones.** Look at your child as an incomplete jigsaw puzzle and concentrate on the beautiful developing picture instead of the missing pieces. Make a list of your child's strengths and look for appropriate times to point them out.
10. **Parents who are consistent.** We were not always consistent but we consistently strove to be. Be encouraged. The occasional inconsistency will not ruin your children. But your children need to know that your love and limits are consistent. With boundaries comes security. Is there an area in which you need to work on being more consistent?

How do you rate? We hope you picked up some tips that will keep you from being a behavior problem to your children. And that from time to time you will take a parenting check up and wisely number your days.

A passenger jet was suffering through a severe thunderstorm. As the passengers were being bounced around by the turbulence a young woman turned to a minister sitting next to her and with a nervous laugh asks, "Reverend, you're a man of God, can't you do something about this storm?"

To which he replies, "Lady, I'm in sales, not management."

September 2009 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 30 Youth Lead Worship 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	31	Sept 1 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Elders' Team 7:00 Bldg. Committee	2 9:30 Women's Study "Boundaries" 5:30 Sunday School Canvassing 6:30 Men's Study: Revelation 7:00 Sunday School Mtg	3 6:30 Youth Bonfire @ Welsh's	4	5 11:00 Cookie Outreach to RV Camp
6 LWML Sunday 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	7	8 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	9 9:30 Women's Study "Boundaries" 6:30 Confirmation Mtg 7:00 LWML	10	11	12 Afternoon Decorating for Rally Sunday
13 RALLY SUNDAY 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Potluck Fellowship	14	15 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Bldg. Committee 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	16 9:30 Women's Study "Boundaries" 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 Men's Study: Revelation	17 3:30 All Stars 4 Jesus Fall Bike Trip	18 6:00 Hjelle / Kennedy Wedding Rehearsal @ Peace Church	19 4:00 Adam Hjelle / Kelly Kennedy Wedding @ Peace Church
20 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Key Chapters Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Outreach Mtg	21	22 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	23 7:00 See You At the Pole 9:30 Women's Study "Boundaries" noon Bible Study 6:00 Confirmation	24	25	26 Noon Rya Sharp Baptism
27 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - key chapters Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	28 Pastors' Confer	29 ence @ St. Cloud	30 9:30 Women's Study "Boundaries" noon Bible Study 6:00 Confirmation	Oct 1 Noon NL-S Ministerial @ The Harbor	Oct 2	Oct 3 4:30 - 7:30 Mexican Fiesta Dinner & Craft Fair

September - 15-Minutes-A-Day

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We head into the "back stretch" of our two-year reading program this month with the last books of the New Testament.

Aug 30 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Aug 31 Hosea 7:1-8:14 (8:1-14) _____

Sep 1 Hosea 9:1-10:15 (10:1-15) _____

Sep 2 Hosea 11:1-12:14 (11:1-12) _____

Sep 3 Hosea 13:1-16 (13:4-14) _____

Sep 4 Hosea 14:1-19 (14:1-4) _____

Sep 5 No Reading today. Back on Labor Day with 1 John

Sep 6 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Sep 7 1 John 1:1-10 (1:5-10) _____

Sep 8 1 John 2:1-29 (2:1-17) _____

Sep 9 1 John 3:1-24 (3:13-24) _____

Sep 10 1 John 4:1-21 (4:1-6) _____

Sep 11 1 John 5:1-21 (5:1-13) _____

Sep 12 2 John 1-13 (1-6) _____

Sep 13 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Sep 14 3 John 1-14 (1-8) _____

Sep 15 Jude 1-25 (17-25) _____

Today's Light Devotional Readings

Sep 16 Revelation 1:1-20 (1:1-8) _____

Sep 17 Revelation 2:1-29 (2:1-7) _____

Sep 18 Revelation 3:1-22 (3:14-22) _____

Sep 19 Revelation 4:1-5:14 (5:1-14) _____

Sep 20 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Sep 21 Revelation 6:1-8:5 (7:9-17) _____

Sep 22 Revelation 8:6-9:21 (9:13-21) _____

Sep 23 Revelation 10:1-11 (10:5-11) _____

Sep 24 Revelation 11:1-19 (11:1-14) _____

Sep 25 Revelation 12:1-17 (12:7-17) _____

Sep 26 Revelation 13:1-18 (13:1-10) _____

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

Sep 28 Revelation 14:1-20 (14:1-5) _____

Sep 29 Revelation 15:1-8 (15:1-4) _____

Sep 30 Revelation 16:1-21 (16:1-16) _____

Oct 1 Revelation 17:1-18:8 (18:1-8) _____

Oct 2 Revelation 18:9-24 (18:20-24) _____

Oct 3 Revelation 19:1-21 (19:1-10) _____

Upcoming Schedules...

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

Scripture Readers

Sept 6	Jack Kuppich	254-8355
Sept 13	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
Sept 20	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Sept 27	Wally Abraham	354-2615

Oct 4	Kevin Welsh	796-6840
Oct 11	Linda Dilley	235-0235
Oct 18	Mark Fuglie	796-6975
Oct 25	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975

Nov 1	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
Nov 8	Janet Towner	444-0125
Nov 15	Tammy Wachter	796-6222
Nov 22	Duane Hansen	796-5605
Nov 29	Youth	

Fellowship Servers

Sept 6	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
Sept 13	Janet Towner	444-0125
Sept 20	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Sept 27	Stacy Olson	212-9647

Oct 4	Violet Dauk	220-0344
Oct 11	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
Oct 18	Linda Dilley	235-0235
Oct 25	Bonnie Hansen	796-5605

Nov 1	Janet Towner	444-0125
Nov 8	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
Nov 15	Nancy Jo Wendt	354-2398
Nov 22	Donna Peterson	354-5247
Nov 29	Pam Johnson	354-3545

Usher & Greeter Schedule

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Sept 6	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen	Lu
Sept 13	Kevin Welsh & Joe Johnson	Laurel
Sept 20	Mark Fuglie & Brady Sharp	Janet
Sept 27	Janet Towner & Linda Dilley	Violet

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Thot for a day: Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind, and the ones who mind, don't matter.

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Oct 4	Tim Geer & Wally Abraham	Lu
Oct 11	Mona Hjelle & Pam Johnson	Laurel
Oct 18	Troy Hansen & Bryson Wachter	Janet
Oct 25	Jamie Iverson & Jack Kuppich	Violet

Nov 1	Lonny Robbin & Jason Miller	Lu
Nov 8	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen	Laurel
Nov 15	Mark Fuglie & Brady Sharp	Janet
Nov 22	Janet Towner & Linda Dilley	Violet
Nov 29	Joe Johnson & Becca Dauk	Mariah W

Children's Church Schedule

Sept 6	Emily Fuglie	796-6975
Sept 13	Mariah Welsh	796-6840
Sept 20	Joe Johnson	354-3545
Sept 27	Mona Hjelle	354-4315

Oct 4	Kasey Nieland	354-2036
Oct 11	Becca Dauk	354-4103
Oct 17	Mykala Geer	354-5035
Oct 25	Emily Fuglie	796-6975

Sept 6	Emily Fuglie	796-6975
Sept 13	Mariah Welsh	796-6840
Sept 20	Joe Johnson	354-3545
Sept 27	Mona Hjelle	354-4315

Elders

Sept 6	Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham
Sept 20	Kevin Welsh & Jason Miller
Oct 4	Bryson Wachter & Troy Hansen
Oct 18	Wally Abraham & Kevin Welsh
Nov 1	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
Nov 15	Troy Hansen & Kevin Welsh

Acolyte

We are in need of young people to light and extinguish the altar candles. Please talk to Pastor if your child would like to be an acolyte. Thanks!

September Discipleship Verse...



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



The LINK Update...

Advocacy & Resource Network- September 2009 Update

"We are called to act with justice, to love tenderly, to walk with God." Micah 6:8

The season brings changes upon us- changes in the weather, in our routines and in our schedules. I notice that at this time of year, people seem to refocus their energies away from the lazy days of summer on to things like work, school and church. I hope that you will also take this opportunity to refocus on your community and what you can do to help your neighbor.

Recently, the Link has been focused on things like getting our New London office space ready for move in the first part of the month. We are excited to be sharing space with other important community organizations like the Food Shelf and Youth For Christ. We look forward to building new relationships and engaging new partners as benefits of this new location. We will also be accessible to more people with a dual location. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who have worked so hard to make the new offices beautiful! The Link has a lot of opportunities to put your faith into action. Please consider inviting us to come and speak with any groups you belong to about our work and about ways you can be involved.

Upcoming Events:

Winter Outerwear Clothing Exchange: Saturday, October 24, 9am-11am at Peace Lutheran Church in New London. Infant- Adult sizes accepted. Coats, jackets, snowpants, snowsuits, boots, hats, mittens and scarves. Please bring your new or clean gently used items to church for donation. Volunteers will also be needed for set up on Friday the 23rd and day of distribution on the 24th.

Food Outreach Event: Tuesday, December 8, 5-7pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer. In partnership with the food shelf and Second Harvest Heartland we will distribute food for up to 500 households. We need lots of volunteers to work at this event. Please sign up!

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Opportunities to Help:

- *Home Sweet Home:* We have a couple of projects that we will need help with painting, cleaning, lawn care, and moving. Variety of times to fit all schedules.
- *Babysitting:* Looking for people that may be interested in some occasional babysitting for families to attend appointments or meetings.
- *Wish List:* To help outfit our new location we are looking for a table and chairs, washer and dryer, computer, and some children's toys and books for the waiting area.

Food Shelf/ Office Volunteers: Volunteer training on Thursday, Sept. 3 10am-noon. Call to sign up.

Resources needed for our neighbors:

- Financial help with school clothes and supplies (make check to the Link)
- Infant girls clothes sz 6-9 mos., toddler boys sz 2 clothes

We look forward to working with you as we focus on creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other. For information about any of the projects listed, contact Michelle Peterson (320) 796-2522 or fic_michelle@tds.net

The Story Behind the Song...

"This is the Feast (of victory for our God)"

This is a favorite praise song from the liturgy in the hymnal. It is actually based on two texts from the book of Revelation. The first text is from chapter five (which we recently studied in our Men's study). This passage is the song of praise sung by all creation around the Father and the Son seated together on the throne in heaven.

In a loud voice they sang:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

That for a day: God only gives us what we can handle, but sometimes I wish he didn't trust me so much!

[13] Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

[14] The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped. Rev. 5:12-14

The second is a passage from Revelation 19 that tells of the "wedding feast of victory" that will be celebrated by the Lamb (Jesus) and His bride (the church - all believers) at the defeat of all the forces of evil when Christ returns.

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

[7] Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

[8] Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

[9] Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' " And he added, "These are the true words of God." Rev. 19:6-9

Here are the words as we sing them:

Refrain:

This is the Feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God (Refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom and strength
And honor, blessing and glory are His (Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation
Blessing, honor, glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever Amen. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign Alleluia. (Refrain)

E-Mail Humor...

How the media would cover the Apocalypse...

USA Today:
WE'RE DEAD

The Wall Street Journal:
DOW JONES PLUMMETS AS WORLD ENDS

Microsoft Systems Journal:
APPLE LOSES MARKET SHARE

Sports Illustrated:
GAME OVER

Wired:
THE LAST NEW THING

Rolling Stone:
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[13] Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

[14] The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped. Rev. 5:12-14

The second is a passage from Revelation 19 that tells of the "wedding feast of victory" that will be celebrated by the Lamb (Jesus) and His bride (the church - all believers) at the defeat of all the forces of evil when Christ returns.

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

[7] Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

[8] Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

[9] Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' " And he added, "These are the true words of God." Rev. 19:6-9

Here are the words as we sing them:

Refrain:

This is the Feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God (Refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom and strength
And honor, blessing and glory are His (Refrain)

Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation
Blessing, honor, glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever Amen. (Refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign Alleluia. (Refrain)

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