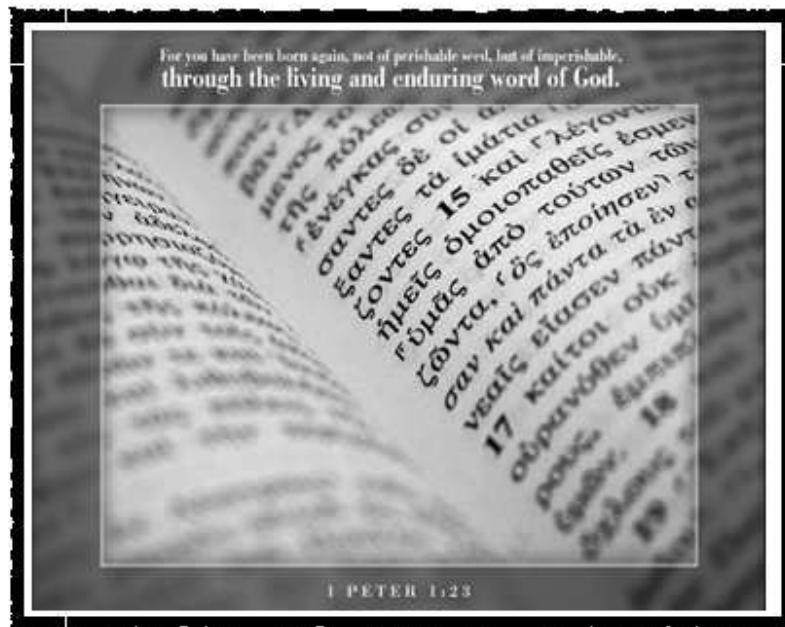


Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

August 2010 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
Phone: 320-796-0742
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...

"Do animals go to heaven?"

This is a question I received recently and is one that I've been asked quite often. Obviously the question comes from a hope that this will be the case. Chances are you have (or had) a favorite pet that you'd love to see in eternity.

The short answer is: "The Bible really doesn't tell us." A little bit longer answer: "I can't give you a definite answer one way or the other as to whether specific animals - like our pets for example - will be with us in eternity. I've heard good explanations for both 'yes' and 'no' answers."

Here's what I can tell you, though. I have no doubt that there will be animals in eternity. God in Revelation gives us a glimpse of what eternity holds in store for us. Here's an example from Revelation 21:1-5

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the

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Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

For starters, the this passage (and others) indicates that after Christ's return and our spirits are reunited with our resurrected bodies, we will inhabit a "new" earth (as opposed to floating on clouds strumming harps, as the popular notion depicts). The word "new" here has the meaning of "restored to it's original condition." So we can expect this new earth to be a perfectly restored version of the one we currently live on. A place that has not and will never be defiled by evil and sin and their effects. For an example of what that "new earth" will be like, we look back to the first couple chapters of the Bible to see what this earth was like before sin messed everything up. The most important thing we see is that there was a perfect relationship between God and humans. We were created to live in the visible presence of God. We can look forward to that again.

What about animals? Were there animals on earth before sin came along? Of course. Therefore, we can expect that animals will also be on the "new" (restored to it's perfect, original condition) earth that we will inhabit for eternity. Speaking of the perfection of eternity God tells us in Isaiah 11:6-9

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Not only will there be animals on the new earth, but we can expect we will have a perfect, fearless relationship with them - just as we will with God.

But the question remains: Will those animals on the new earth include resurrected, perfectly restored versions of our favorite ones on this earth? The Bible simply doesn't tell us.

Long ago Martin Luther's daughter asked him this same question. His answer has stood the test of time and applies here too: "*When you get to heaven, if you want your pet to be there... it will be.*" (The idea being that in eternity there is perfect bliss, thus we will have everything we want). Then he continued, "*The real question is... when you get to heaven will you still want your pet to be there?*" (The idea being that the things we desire in a perfect eternity may be totally different than the things we desire in the

imperfect world we live in now).

Rather than speculate an answer (I'd like to believe the answer is "yes"), it's best to put this question in the "We'll just have to wait and see" category - knowing that whatever the answer is, it will be the perfect one.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net



Linking people
Building community

The LINK Update...

August 2010 'The Link' Update

Mission: *Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God*

through service to each other.

The Link announces our new Link Director, Naomi Mahler.

Naomi has been serving for the past 8 years as Pastor of Paz y Esperanza Church in Willmar and will be joining us officially on September 1st. (She will be "learning the ropes" as her schedule allows from August 15th.)

The Search Committee was unanimous in its decision to hire Naomi and we are very excited for her to begin.

Please continue to keep The Link in your prayers during this transition, and the congregation at Paz as they make decisions about their future ministry together.

Please also consider making a contribution to The Link to assist people with their basic needs. Unemployment continues to be a major barrier for people. The Link is seeing an increase in requests for assistance for rent, utilities and transportation. Anything that you can do to support us will be appreciated.

Contact Information:

Michelle Peterson 320-796-2522 flc_michelle@tds.net

Fair Booth Outreach UPDATE

We will not be sharing a booth with Redeemer Lutheran at the Kandiyohi Fair as planned. The organizers at Redeemer decided not to do the fair booth outreach this year.

Sharing the Love of Jesus In Practical Ways...

Make Some Cookies for Campers

All summer we have been 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 August.

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.

Provide a Scholarship ...

For Someone 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!

Help with Support for Heidy

Heidy is the girl from Ecuador that we support monthly through Compassion Int'l. We're a couple months behind in our support, so if you can help, please make checks payable to Compassion Int'l and put them in the "Heidy" box. Thanks!

Make-a-Meal Program

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

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

Inspirational Story...

"Who Will Take the Son?"

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art. When the Viet Nam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art. The young man held out his package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift." The father hung the portrait over his mantle.

Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection. On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel.

"We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?"

There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted. "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one."

But the auctioneer persisted. "Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?"

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Thot for a day: I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.

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Another voice shouted angrily. "We didn't come to see this painting.. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!"

But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

"We have \$10, who will bid \$20?"

"Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters."

"\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?"

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel.

"Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted. "Now let's get on with the collection!"

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over."

"What about the paintings?"

"I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on a cruel cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is, "The son, the son, who'll take the son?" **Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.**

Thank God For...

Maybe you've seen the sign board on our land. Pastor recently put up the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For..."

Each week we'd like to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people who drive past to remember that God is the giver of all good things - especially things we take for granted. Give pastor David your suggestions for how to end that sentence on our sign board.

Mom's Study...

- 9:30 Wednesday Mornings
- Childcare is provided

The Nooma ® series - The Nooma studies center around short films like parables, that use the experiences of our lives to teach about the fullness of life through Jesus, tackling issues like forgiveness, discipleship, and unconditional love.

Session 1: Why do bad things happen? Things don't always work out the way we want them to, or the way we think they will. Sometimes we don't even see it coming. We get hit with some form of pain out of nowhere leaving us feeling desperate and helpless. That's the way life is. Still, it makes us wonder how God can just stand by and watch us suffer. Where is God when it really hurts? Maybe God is actually closer to us than we think. Maybe it's when we're in these situations, where everything seems to be falling apart, that God gets an opportunity to remind us of how much he really loves us.

Session 2: What is real love? What it involves to really love somebody? What it means to give yourself to someone else? We mistake things like friendship, commitment or lust for love, but God wired us in a certain way to experience all that love was really meant to be. Not to hold us back or make us miss out on the best that life has to offer. God created love, and wants us to feel it all in the way it's meant to be felt.

Session 3: What is my purpose in life? We want to know why we are here. If our lives really matter. How our religion is relevant to this life. Today. We want to understand what significance this minute, hour, week, month, and year has to our lives. To our world. We need a God who cares about this life, in this world, right now. We want to understand why everything we think, everything we say, and everything we do matters. We don't want to just sit back and wait for something to happen or someday to come. We want to know if all the choices we make now will shape our world and lives for eternity. Because we want our lives to have meaning today, and our lives today to have meaning forever.

Session 4: What does God really want from me? Why do we do the things we do? Why do we go to church or give money away? Because we're supposed to or because we think that God needs it? Do we honestly put on our best clothes for an hour once a week, stand and sit at all the right times, and sing all the appropriate songs for God's sake, or because it'll make us look better to the world around us. We're tired of all the

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That for a day: Life is like photography...we use the negatives to develop.

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empty rituals and routines. And so is God. God hates it when we call ourselves Christians but ignore all the things he really cares about. He hates it when we go through hollow religious routines out of some feelings of duty or obligation. God doesn't want the meaningless rituals. God wants our hearts.

NEW - Men's Study...

Starts Tuesday, August 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

"Who Am I... And What Am I Doing Here?"

These are really BIG questions that eventually confront all guys (who, being guys, usually try to avoid really BIG questions). These questions probably popped up first when we were kids (at a time when we hadn't "learned" that BIG questions are something guys ignore). But ignore them or not, these questions keep popping up and need to be answered.

God has the answers (big surprise there)!

Thankfully, God doesn't leave us to wonder who we are. We aren't doomed to a life of groping in the dark in an attempt to seek meaning in life. We are not left to determine our own truth or stumble through our days without direction (not that we'd ever *ask directions* if we were stumbling). Using what God has revealed to us in His Word (the Bible), this study will provide honest and straight-shooting answers to those twin questions.

In the six segments of this study, we'll explore what God has revealed about these really BIG questions. More importantly, we'll find out *what difference knowing the answers will make* in our everyday lives. And make no mistake, knowing the answers *does* make a difference - a profound difference. The answers are waiting. God is ready to tell you not only who you are, but also what you are doing here.

And just to "sweeten the pot" we are going to grill steaks for our study on August 10! (Come for a steak - leave with an answer.)

Don't Take A Summer VacationFrom 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.

August - Daily Devotionals

CREATION is one of those topics that Christians have varying views about. This month we find out what GOD has to say about it - and as Creator, He's the one who should really have the last word.

Aug 8 **What God Says About CREATION - In The Beginning...**

Aug 9 Genesis 1:1 _____

Aug 10 Genesis 1:2-25 _____

Aug 11 Genesis 1:26-2:3 _____

Aug 12 Genesis 2:4-17 _____

Aug 13 Genesis 2:18-25 _____

Aug 14 Genesis 3:1-13 _____

Aug 15 **What God Says About CREATION - In the Old Testament**

Aug 16 Genesis 3:14-19 _____

Aug 17 Genesis 3:20-24 _____

Aug 18 Exodus 20:11 _____

Aug 19 Nehemiah 9:5-6 _____

Aug 20 Job 12:7-10 _____

Aug 21 Job 26:7-14 _____

“What Does God Say About...?”

Aug 22 **What God Says About CREATION - In The Psalms**

Aug 23 Psalm 19:1-4 _____

Aug 24 Psalm 33:8-9 _____

Aug 25 Psalm 95:1-7 _____

Aug 26 Psalm 102:25-27 _____

Aug 27 Psalm 104 _____

Aug 28 Psalm 139:1-16 _____

Aug 29 **What God Says About Creation - in the New Testament**

Aug 30 Acts 14:14-18 _____

Aug 31 Acts 17:22-28 _____

Sep 1 John 1:1-18 _____

Sep 2 Colossians 1:15-17 _____

Sep 3 Hebrews 1:1-3 _____

Sep 4 Hebrews 11:1-3 _____

August 2010 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Outreach Meeting	2	3 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	4 9:30 Mom's Study 6:30 Building Committee	5 6:15 Church League Softball	6	7 Cookie Outreach
8 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - God & Money 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	9	10 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 NEW Men's Study "Who Am I - and Why Am I Here?"	11 9:30 Mom's Study 6:30 Building Committee	12	13	14 Cookie Outreach
15 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Serendipity 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	16	17 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	18 9:30 Mom's Study 6:30 Building Committee	19	20	21 Cookie Outreach NL Music Festival Pie, Ice Cream & Lemonade Outreach
22 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Serendipity 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	23	24 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Men's Study "Who Am I - and Why Am I Here?"	25 9:30 Mom's Study 6:30 Building Committee	26	27	28 Cookie Outreach
29 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Serendipity 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	30	31 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4 Cookie Outreach

Upcoming Schedules...

Meal Makers and Takers

	Meal Makers:	Meal Takers:
Aug	Lu Kiehm Carolyn Rossow	Lu Kiehm Carolyn Rossow
Sept	Alicia Sawatzky Paulette Spletter	Bryson Wachter Rachel Tri

Scripture Readers

Aug 1	Bryson Wachter	894-6378
Aug 8	Jack Kuppich	254-8355
Aug 15	Wendy Robbin	354-9049
Aug 22	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Aug 29	Phil Iverson	354-4932
Sept 5	Kevin Welsh	796-6840
Sept 12	Carolyn Rossow	952-738-1036
Sept 19	Gerri Wadsworth	796-2294
Sept 26	Paulette Spletter	354-7143
Oct 3	Linda Dilley	235-0235
Oct 10	Mark Fuglie	796-6975
Oct 17	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
Oct 24	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
Oct 31	Tammy Wachter	796-6222

Fellowship Servers

Aug 1	Wendy Robbin / Stacy Olson
Aug 8	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Aug 15	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Aug 22	Lu Kiehm / Mona Hjelle
Aug 29	Youth
Sept 5	Laurel Iverson / Violet Dauk
Sept 12	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Sept 19	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Sept 26	Wendy Robbin / Stacy Olson
Oct 3	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Oct 10	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Oct 17	Lu Kiehm / Mona Hjelle
Oct 24	Laurel Iverson / Violet Dauk
Oct 31	Youth

Thot for a day: The one who says it cannot be done should never interrupt the one who is doing it.

Usher & Greeter Schedule

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Aug 1	Mona Hjelle & Paulette Spletter	Jack & Bryson
Aug 8	Jamie & Phil Iverson	Laurel Iverson
Aug 15	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter	Lu Kiehm
Aug 22	Brian Tri and Troy Hansen	Gerri & Paulette
Aug 29	Youth	Youth
Sept 5	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen	Jack & Bryson
Sept 12	Lonny Robbin & Jack Kuppich	Laurel Iverson
Sept 19	Mark Fuglie & Vern Samuelson	Lu Kiehm
Sept 26	Kevin & Noah Welsh	Gerri & Paulette
Oct 3	Linda Dilley & Lu Kiehm	Jack & Bryson
Oct 10	Tim Geer & Allan Fuglie	Laurel Iverson
Oct 17	Mona Hjelle & Paulette Spletter	Lu Kiehm
Oct 24	Brady Sharp & Wally Abraham	Gerri & Paulette
Oct 31	Youth	Youth

Fill-in Greeter Bonnie Hansen 796-5605

Please call Bonnie if you aren't able to greet on your scheduled Sunday

Elders

Aug 1	Brady Sharp & Wally Abraham
Aug 15	Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham
Sept 5	Bryson Wachter & Brady Sharp
Sept 19	Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham
Oct 3	Bryson Wachter & Brady Sharp
Oct 17	Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham

Acolyte

Aug 1	Grace Geer
Aug 8	Michelle Johnson
Aug 15	Matthew Tri
Aug 22	**** Acolyte needed
Aug 29	**** Acolyte needed
Sept 5	Grace Geer
Sept 12	Michelle Johnson
Sept 19	Matthew Tri
Sept 26	**** Acolyte Needed
Oct 3	Grace Geer
Oct 10	Michelle Johnson

Oct 17 Matthew Tri
 Oct 24 ** Acolyte needed
 Oct 31 ** Acolyte needed

Children's Church Schedule

Aug 1	Joe Johnson	354-3545
Aug 8	Kasey Nieland	354-2036
Aug 15	Becca Dauk	354-4103
Aug 22	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Aug 29	Emily Fuglie	796-6975
Sept 5	Mikayla Geer & Halee Lucas	
Sept 12	Carolyn Rossow	952-738-1036
Sept 19	Mariah Welsh	796-6840
Sept 26	Joe Johnson	354-3545
Oct 3	Kasey Nieland	354-2036
Oct 10	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Oct 17	Emily Fuglie	796-6975
Oct 24	Mikayla Geer & Halee Lucas	
Oct 31	Carolyn Rossow	952-738-1036

Coming Soon...

"50 Days Ablaze"

Coming this Fall... A Congregation-wide, small-group program (similar to 40 Days of Purpose that we held several years ago)



Living Word on Facebook

Plans are to include:

- A Daily Bible verse
- Chance to share insights from that verse
- Chance to share prayer requests
- Chance to share how you've seen God working
- Bible quizzes
- Pics of Living Word people and events

If you'd like to help with planning or updating our Facebook page, please talk to Pastor David.

Pie and Ice Cream Outreach

Saturday, August 21 @ New London Music Fest

Thot for a day: Some drink from the fountain of knowledge. Others just rinse and spit.

Still needed:

- 25-30 Fruit pies (bake them at home or join us for Baking Day)
- Donations for Ice Cream and Sundae supplies
- Some cookies and bars
- Volunteers to serve that day

Please Talk to Lu Kiehm about how you can help.

Sunday School will also be hosting a Lemonade Stand at the Music Festival

Talk to Rachel Tri if you have kids that can help!

Rally Sunday - September 12

A fun day to kick off the Christian Education year

10-10-10-10

A special stewardship program. Watch for details.

11:09... (set the alarm on your cell phone)

11:09 a.m. (inspired by Luke 11:9) - EVERYDAY
 Remember to take a time-out to be "impudent" and pray.

- Pray for God to give you His Holy Spirit
- Pray for God to take us into the land He's given us.
- Pray for God to do what we can't.
- Pray for God to give us faith to do what we can.
- Pray for our new LCMS President-elect, Rev. Matthew Harrison

Normal is Broke

BE WEIRD

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University is a 13-week Video-based small group study that teaches families how to beat debt, build wealth and give like never before.

Class Begins: Sunday, September 12

At: Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp

For More Information Call: 320-796-2181

or visit www.daveramsey.com

E-Mail Wisdom... (received via e-mail)

A United States Marine was taking some college courses between assignments. He had completed 20 missions in Iraq and Afghanistan . One of the courses had a professor who was an avowed atheist, and a member of the ACLU.

One day the professor shocked the class when he came in. He looked to the ceiling and flatly stated, "GOD, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform... I'll give you exactly 15 minutes."

The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by and the professor proclaimed, "Here I am GOD, I'm still waiting." It got down to the last couple of minutes when the Marine got out of his chair, went up to the professor, and cold-cocked him; knocking him off the platform. The professor was out cold. The Marine went back to his seat and sat there, silently.

The other students were shocked and stunned, and sat there looking on in silence.

The professor eventually came to, noticeably shaken, looked at the Marine and asked, "What in the world is the matter with you? Why did you do that?"

The Marine calmly replied, "GOD was busy today protecting America 's soldiers who are protecting your right to say stupid stuff and act like an idiot. So He sent me."

The classroom erupted in cheers!

Congrats Living Word Softball Team!

Last year our church-league team captured first place in the Bronze League in their first year. This year they moved up to the Silver League and finished second (losing by just one run in the championship game last Thursday).

Thanks to all the guys who played on our team this year!

Anthony Dauk, David Dauk, Francis Deschepper, Scott Hjelle, Andy Lee, Jason Miller, Josh Nelson , Jason Olson, Darren Palmquist, Paul Rengel, Bo Schmidt, Brady Sharp ("Coach"), Brandon Sharp, Bryson Wachter, Kevin Welsh, Leo ???

Special thanks to all the fans who showed up to cheer us on. You made all the difference in the world!

E-Mail Humor...

Roses...

As he was standing in line at the grocery store checkout counter, a friend of John's noticed he was purchasing a dozen roses and a card.

"You in trouble with Jill?" the friend asked John.

"Nope!" was John's reply. "Preventive maintenance."

More Email Humor

Two elderly, Southern women were sitting together in the front pew of church listening to a fiery preacher.

When this preacher condemned the sin of stealing, these two ladies caught up in the excitement cried out at the tops of their lungs, "AMEN, BROTHER!"

When the preacher condemned the sin of lust, they yelled again, "PREACH IT, REVEREND!"

And when the preacher condemned the sin of lying, they jumped to their feet and screamed, "RIGHT ON, BROTHER! TELL IT LIKE IT IS...AMEN!"

But when the preacher condemned the sin of gossip, the two got very quiet. One turned to the other and said, "He's quit preaching and now he's meddlin'."

And Even More Email Humor

In the Anglican church, each service begins with a greeting. The officiating clergyman says, "The Lord be with you." The congregation used to respond by saying, "And with thy spirit."

But, with the modernizing of the liturgy, the minister now says, "The Lord be with you," and everyone responds with, "And also with you."

One Sunday a visiting bishop went to a church where the sound system was known to be old and unreliable. As he approached the microphone, he tapped it several times and finally said, "There's something wrong with this!"

Without hesitation, the whole congregation answered faithfully, "And also with you."

LCMS Conference...

At Last Month's LC-MS Convention the delegates:

- Elected Rev. Matthew Harrison, executive director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care since 2001, was to serve as President of the Synod beginning Sept. 11, 2010. He defeated Rev. Gerald Kieschnick, the incumbent.
- Approved the splitting districts into five regional groups (currently there are no 'regions')
- Changed the procedures for electing the vice-presidents of the Synod beginning with the 2013 convention.. The president-elect will choose the slate of nominees for first vice-president of the Synod. The five other vice-presidents must be nominated by geographic regions (which has not been the case).
- Passed a sweeping proposal that reduced the Synod's seven program boards to two elected policy boards.
- Favored — but fell short of the required two-thirds approval — an amendment to the Synod constitution to move from a three-year cycle to a four-year cycle for district and national conventions.
- Turned down a resolution that would require all church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS to remove themselves from membership in the Lutheran World Federation (currently headed by leadership from the ELCA who espouse ordination of homosexuals).

So That The World May Know...

Building Update...

Our goal is still to begin work on a building this fall. When we began our planning several years ago we had set a goal of having a mortgage in the range of \$800/month. We are in the process of determining how best to achieve that goal. Please keep praying for God to provide what we can't and for God to empower us through His Holy Spirit to do what we can.

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

That for a day: Yesterday I lost all self-control, but I found it today. It was under the couch.

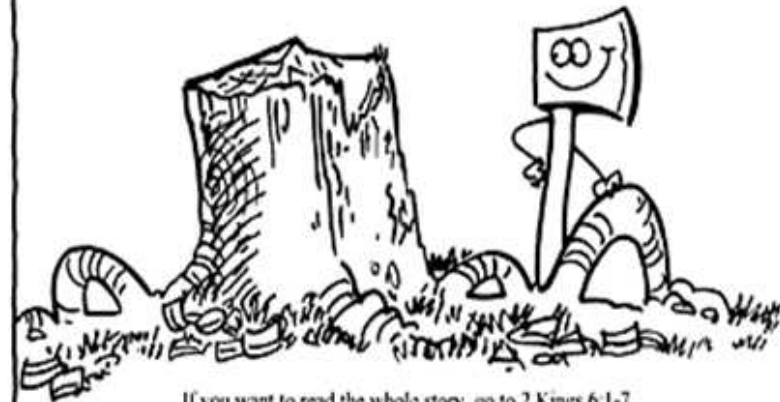
Just For Fun...

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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BCEGHIJKMNPQRSTUVWXYZ
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ABCDEF GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
ABCEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ



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

Story Behind The Song...

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Many contemporary praise songs are based on passages of Scripture - often the Psalms. That is also the case with an old favorite (445 years old to be exact) "Praise to the Lord the Almighty.

German author Joachim Neander paraphrased the first six verses of Psalm 103 in his beloved song of praise.

Psalm 103

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

5 who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty is one of 60 hymns Neander wrote. He also chose the tune for his text, and the words have not been used with any other melody since first appearing in a German hymnal in 1665.

One of the challenges with hymns penned in another language is finding words in English that convey the meaning of the original text and also rhyme and fit the tune after being translated. The translator of this German hymn into English was Catherine Winkworth. She is regarded as one of the best at translating German hymns into words that could be sung in English. Praise to the Lord the Almighty was translated into and sung in English in the 19th century.

You may also notice that some of the original "king's English" has been replaced with more contemporary wording for our hymnals today.

**Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation!
Oh my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!**

**All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!**

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That for a day: why should I learn algebra? I have no intention of ever going there.

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Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so greatly sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee;
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,
Spreading His wings for to shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want, Ps 23
I will be salt & light, committed, inspired, and un-
afraid of this world's tired old lions. BRING IT ON!
Mt 5:13a,14a, Mt 10:32, Ph 1:27, Ro 12:1,2 1 Tm 6:12