

Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

July 2010 Newsletter



Before trying to
offer people
a helping hand ...
Jesus listened first for
their hurting heart.

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

"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...

I hear that the LC-MS national convention is this July.
What's on the agenda?

Here's an overview of the convention and some of the major business that will be conducted there.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) will gather at the George Brown Convention Center in Houston July 10-17 for its 64th Regular Convention. Among other convention business, delegates will elect (or re-elect) the synod president and other officers. Current president Rev. Gerald Kieschnick is facing a strong challenge for re-election from Rev. Matthew Harrison who currently heads up LC-MS World Mission and Human Care.

The theme of the Convention is ONE People - Forgiven.

The theme fits nicely with the themes of the two previous conventions, "ONE Mission - Ablaze!" and "ONE Message - Christ!"

Together these three themes comprise our Synod's vision endorsed by the 2004 convention: ONE Mission! ONE Message! ONE People! The 2010 theme reminds us that as ONE People we are blessed by God through His Word and Sacraments to carry out the ONE Mission He has given to proclaim throughout the world the ONE Message of forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus Christ. By the grace of God, that is happening throughout the LC-MS.

The theme comes from the apostle Paul's letter to the Christians in Ephesus: "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and

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slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:31-32)

The apostle Paul sounds a similar theme in Colossians 3:12-13, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive."

The 2010 LC-MS convention will focus primarily on governance issues and elections, as the synod considers structures that will decrease the costs of governing our church body as well as increase efficiency and effectiveness. Under one proposal, national conventions will be held every four years instead of three. Other proposals include changing the current number and structure of Districts, and renewing emphasis on cooperation between Circuit congregations. The potential changes to the LC-MS structure arise from the proposal of a four-year Blue Ribbon Task Force on Structure and Governance, appointed by current Synod President Gerald Kieschnick in 2005.

Depending on the results of delegate voting on these proposals, a series of elections of synod officers will take place as the week progresses. Votes that are affected by restructuring include the election of a treasurer, a position that would no longer be an elected position if the proposal passes.

The 1,218 delegates will also consider the relationship between the LCMS and the ELCA, (in light of the ELCA's 2009 decision to allow homosexuals to be ordained) as well as the future of cooperative ministries between the two church bodies. Another proposal that seeks to re-open talks with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be considered.

LCMS members encouraged to pray for the convention

In anticipation of these important decisions, a round-the-clock prayer vigil will be held from 8:00 a.m. on July 11 to 11:00 a.m. on July 17, when the convention is scheduled to adjourn.

"As we gather together in convention not just to make decisions about synod business but also to worship, learn, and be inspired, all of us — delegates, visitors, and staff — will be strengthened by the prayers of friends and family, and even those whom we don't know," said the Rev. Larry Krueger, assistant to the president and

convention planner. Those interested in participating in the prayer vigil can sign up on the Web site: www.lcms.org/prayervigil

As always, our Circuit (10 congregations in the west-central part of the state) is represented by one lay delegate and one clergy delegate. Duane Hansen was the lay delegate to the previous convention.

We will include an update on the decisions of the convention in the August newsletter. Until then, please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for all who are involved.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net



The LINK Update...

July 2010 'The Link' Update

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

through service to each other.

- Funds are needed to provide some assistance to families in our communities.
- The process for hiring a new Director has begun- interviews will be held end of June-beginning of July.
- Items available-
kids bikes, lawnmower, stroller, highchair
- Items needed -
Beds- queen and twin size
couch
curtains
bedding and pillows
air conditioners, fans
end tables, lamps, couches
Bedding and new pillows, towels
girls clothing size 5-7
boys clothing size 7-12

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To err is human, but to really foul things up requires a committee.

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Meet Our New Members...

To help introduce you to our newest members we've asked them to tell a little about themselves including favorite Bible passages and what attracted them to Living Word.

Kari Sharp

I am Kari Sharp, I was born in Little Falls MN, my family lived in Upsala until I was 4. We moved to St. Cloud where I lived until I was 18 when we moved to Spicer. My parents bought Willow Bay Resort which they operated until 2004. My husband, Bryan, and I have been married for 5 years and have 1 Daughter, Rya who is just turning 1. We have 2 cats and 3 dogs for her to play with and she loves wrestling with them (I think that comes from watching Monday night Raw with her daddy)

I work at Heritage Bank in Willmar. I am in what they call the Imaging Department which is a fancy title they made up for me and my mom, really we scan documents into a program that we use in an "Attempt" to go paperless, I also work on reconciliation's of various bank controlled accounts and help our bank compliance officer. I am returning to college starting this fall at Ridgewater.

Bryan operates our DJ Karaoke Business and stays home during the week with our daughter. In our "spare" time we enjoy fishing and having camp fires with our neighbors and just spending time with family, which is never in short supply. We choose Living Word due to it's small size and family feel of the church. I love the fact that we recognize pretty much everyone in church and don't feel nervous about letting Rya roam around. Since we have started going to Living Word church everyone has made us feel very welcome and like we are part of something..... Thank you everyone for that....

Kari, Bryan and Rya Sharp

July Discipleship Verse...



Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

Inspirational Story...

IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVE TO KEEP US FREE

Sometime ago, as a group of 30-40 soldiers moved into the Atlanta, GA, air terminal, the civilians around them stood and cheered. It was spontaneous and a great moment to be there.

From the crowd a young girl, perhaps 6 or 7 years old, ran up to one of the men. He knelt down and said, "Hi," and the girl asked if he would give something to her daddy for her. The soldier, in his early 20s, said he would try and what was it he could give her daddy. The little girl hugged him and kissed him on the cheek.

The girl's mother stepped forward and explained that her husband was a Marine in Iraq for 11 months and how much little Courtney missed him. Some of the other soldiers huddled together and one pulled out a military walkie-talkie. He talked on the device a minute or so, and then walked back to Courtney, bent down and said, "I just spoke to your daddy, and he told me to give this to you." And he gave her a kiss on the cheek. He said, "Your daddy loves you more than anything, and he is coming home very soon." Then the soldier stood and saluted Courtney and her mother. There were very few dry eyes among the crowd in that moment.

The applause resumed as the soldiers headed toward their gate. Then the young soldier turned at the last moment and blew Courtney a kiss. There was a big tear rolling down his face.

We need to remember our soldiers every day and pray for their families. We need to thank God for their sacrifices. And regardless of what some fools may say, these men and women are heroes. If they were not defending our freedom, we would certainly fail at defending it ourselves.

The enemy is close to the gates, and he has the money, the will and the ways to destroy us. May God give us courage to keep that from happening.

We live in the land of the free, only because of the brave.

Rev. Bob Tasler (LCMS) lives in Castle Rock, CO. He writes a weekly message like the one above and emails it to hundreds of people around the country free. You may subscribe by emailing him at pbt45@ecentral.com.

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Thot for a day: Your child needs your love the most when they deserve it the least.

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E-Mail Humor (for Parents)...

REASONS WHY MY CHILDREN DO NOT NEED MORE TOYS:

By Tammy Rosenfeldt

1. They started off as babies who found my Tupperware drawer much more fascinating than their toy box.
2. The days I change the paper towel roll in the kitchen bring great excitement as they claim their new sword or telescope.
3. Their current toys are only exciting when I either reorganize them/put them neatly away or when I start my garage sale pile.
4. Who needs toys when jumping on my bed like the five little monkeys brings tears of laughter?
5. They are content to look at the clouds and find shapes-most recently Caleb claimed he saw Thomas the Engine. Really-just shouted it out while in the car.
6. To make one of them want to play with a toy, all I have to do is give it to the other one. Suddenly, that item becomes the best thing in the whole entire world.
7. The days I mop the kitchen floor and move the chairs into the living room are cause for adventure as they build tents and "dark, dark rooms."
8. A flashlight brings amusement to all for hours.
9. And my personal favorite - the other day they literally fought over who got to play with the fly swatter. I really wish I was kidding.

Tammy's blog, Tales From a Stay-at-Home Mom:
<http://www.tjrosenfeldt.blogspot.com/>

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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

Sharing the Love of Jesus In Practical Ways...

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 July.

Parents: If you have specific things your kids need prayer for during the year, please place those requests in the Secret Paul request box. Thanks.

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 our Water Days Parade Outreach

We will again have a float in the New London parade on Saturday, July 24. We typically hand out over 1000 Gospel-centered freebies along the parade route. We need your help (and your kids') to make this a successful outreach. Please contact our parade-outreach coordinator, Laurel Iverson to find out how you can help

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

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Thot for a day: The greatest thing about Grace is that it makes life not fair.

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Fireproof Couple's Study...

Takes a break in July - back in August

Mom's Study...

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Mornings

NOOMA ("Spirit") Studies

- Wednesday, July 7 "Why Bad Things Happen"
- Wednesday, July 14, 21 & 28 Summer Break
- Wednesday, August 4 Study Resumes

Men's Study...

2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

- July 13 - Service Project Night
- July 27 - New Study: Why Am I Here ?

Wed. Women's Noon Study...

Takes a Summer Break - Resumes in September

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

"9-11 reminds us of terror - 11:9 reminds us of prayer"

"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together" is as true for a church family as it is for your family. Our church family prays together on Sunday, but we can also pray together the rest of the week - together at the same time, if not the same place.

On Friendship Sunday we kicked-off a special prayer program that has us each praying at the same time every day no matter where you are - 11:09 a.m. (Inspired by Luke 11:9).

If you didn't get an "11:09" reminder card or magnet, please take one home from church - and remember to set the alarm on your cell phone for 11:09 every day.

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.

July - Daily Devotionals

We begin by finishing off the passages that tell us what to do for "one another". Then we tackle the "What Does God Say About STAYING COMMITTED IN OUR FAITH". The final week we look at the passages that specifically talk about THE LORD'S SUPPER. God will bless your reading.

July 4 **What God Says About ... DOING UNTO OTHERS**

July 5 James 4:11 _____

July 6 1 Peter 1:22 _____

July 7 1 Peter 3:8 _____

July 8 1 Peter 4:9 _____

July 9 1 Peter 5:5 _____

July 10 1 John 1:7 _____

July 11 **What God Says About ... STAYING COMMITTED IN OUR FAITH**

July 12 Joshua 23:6-8 _____

July 13 Proverbs 3:1-12 _____

July 14 Proverbs 4:20-27 _____

July 15 Psalm 119:8 _____

July 16 2 Chronicles 15:7 _____

July 17 Deuteronomy 8:6-14 _____

July 18 **What God Says About ... STAYING COMMITTED IN OUR FAITH**

July 19 John 15:4-8 _____

"What Does God Say About...?"

July 20 Hebrews 10:19-25 _____

July 21 Hebrews 12:1-3 _____

July 22 Hebrews 12:7-11 _____

July 23 1 Peter 5:5-11 _____

July 24 2 Peter 3:17-18 _____

July 25 **What God Says About ... STAYING COMMITTED IN OUR FAITH**

July 26 1 Corinthians 16:13 _____

July 27 Ephesians 4:26-27 _____

July 28 Ephesians 6:10-18 _____

July 29 Philippians 4:4-8 _____

July 30 2 Timothy 3:10-17 _____

July 31 James 4:4-8 _____

Aug 1 **What God Says About ... THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Aug 2 Matthew 26:17-30 _____

Aug 3 Mark 14:17-25 _____

Aug 4 Luke 22:14-23 _____

Aug 5 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 _____

Aug 6 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 _____

Aug 7 1 Corinthians 11:23-33 _____

July 2010 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	5	6 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Elders Team 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	7 9:30 Mom's Study Forgiveness 6:30 Building Committee	8 Church League Softball 7:15 - Red Field	9	10 RV Camp Cookie Outreach
11 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	12	13 6:00 Men's Group Service Project	14 1:30 LWML 6:30 Bldg Committee	15	16	17 RV Camp Cookie Outreach
18 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	19	20	21 6:30 Bldg Committee	22 Church League Softball TBA (Playoffs)	23	24 11:00 Parade Outreach NL Water Days 5:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP & BBQ @ Our Land
25 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship	26	27 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Men's Study "Why Am I Here?"	28 6:30 Bldg Committee	29 Church League Softball TBA (Playoffs)	30	31 RV Camp Cookie Outreach
Aug 2 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 11:15 Outreach Team Meeting	3	4 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 7:00 Elders Team	5 9:30 Mom's Study 6:30 Bldg Committee	6	7	8 RV Camp Cookie Outreach

Upcoming Schedules...

Meal Makers and Takers

	<u>Meal Makers:</u>	<u>Meal Takers:</u>
July	Laurel Iverson Pam Johnson	Rachel Tri Pam Johnson
Aug	Lu Kiehm Carolyn Rossow	Lu Kiehm Carolyn Rossow
Sept	Alicia Sawatzky Paulette Spletter	Bryson Wachter Rachel Tri

Scripture Readers

July 4	Duane Hansen	796-5605
July 11	Wally Abraham	354-2615
July 18	Allan Fuglie	796-6975
July 25	Scott Wachter	796-6222
Aug 1	Bryson Wachter	894-6378
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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

Fellowship Servers

July 4	Lu Kiehm / Mona Hjelle
July 11	Laurel Iverson / Violet Dauk
July 18	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
July 25	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
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

Usher & Greeter Schedule

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
July 4	Mark Fuglie & Vern Samuelson	Jack & Bryson
July 11	Linda Dilley & Lu Kiehm	Laurel Iverson
July 18	Tim Geer & Allan Fuglie	Lu Kiehm
July 25	Brady Sharp & Wally Abraham	Gerri & Paulette
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 Weffen	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

Fill-in Greeter Bonnie Hansen 796-5605

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

Elders

July 4	Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham
July 18	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
Aug 1	Brady Sharp & Wally Abraham
Aug 15	Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham
Sept 5	Bryson Wachter & Brady Sharp
Sept 19	Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham

Acolyte

July 4	Grace Geer
July 11	Michelle Johnson
July 18	Matthew Tri
July 25	*** Acolyte needed
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

Children's Church Schedule

July 4	Emily Fuglie	796-6975
July 11	Halee Lucas & Mikayla Geer	
July 18	Carolyn Rossow	952-738-1036
July 25	Mariah Welsh	796-6840
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

Softball Schedule...

May 20	First Covenant	7:15 Yellow	6-7 L
May 27	AG Twins	8:15 Red	14-9 W
June 3	Word of Faith	8:15 Green	10-11 L
June 10	Svea Lutheran	8:15 Yellow	10-5 W
June 17	United Methodist	6:15 Red	22-12 W
June 24	AG Twins	6:15 Green	21-3 W
July 1	Svea Lutheran	6:15 Yellow	
July 8	United Methodist	7:15 Red	
July 22	Double-Elimination Playoffs Begin		



So That The World May Know...

Building Update...

We are close to finalizing cost estimates for a 60x70 building. We are still looking for ways to cut some of those costs in an effort to begin building yet this fall.

Please keep our building committee and this process in your prayers for God's will, God's timing and provision of the funds and the labor necessary to make this happen.

Thanks!

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Thot for a day: It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

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Coming Soon...

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.

Softball Fellowship Opportunity

The congregation is invited to come and root for us. We have root beer floats (free!) for all fans after the games!

A HUGE thank you to all the fans who have already shown up, it really helps.

Special Opportunity to Worship at Our Land

Saturday, July 24th @ 5:30
Worship plus grilling afterward.

Bring your own chair and something to put on the grill.

Fund-raiser at New London Music Fest

Saturday, August 21

Living Word will be selling desserts at the Music Fest. We will need:

- 25-30 Fruit Pies - (no cream pies, please)
- Donations for ice cream & sundae supplies
- Some cookies and bars
- Volunteers to serve that day

Please talk to Lu Kiehm about how you can help. Thanks

Coming this Fall...

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

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

(From the Editor of Women Today Magazine)

I was intrigued this morning by an article from O, the Oprah Magazine which asked "Bikini or headscarf — which offers more freedom?" I was raised in England and Canada and my western brain immediately answered "not the head scarf". But as I read through the article — one woman's account of her daughter's choice to cover up — I realized that it is a lot more complicated than I originally thought.

In the article author, Krista Bremer, speaks of her own childhood in California — full of beaches and bikinis and surfing — and her hesitation and surprise when her daughter, who's father is Muslim, asked to be allowed to wear a head scarf. Bremer's first reaction was similar to mine. What woman would choose to cover up? What mother would send her daughter running for cover?

What's the sense in covering up?

But bikinis don't come without strings either. In the article Bremer recalls her own first experience wearing one. She writes: *I felt as raw and exposed as a turtle stripped of its shell. And when I left the bathroom, the stares of men seemed to pin me in one spot even as I walked by*

In spite of a strange and mounting sense of shame, I was riveted by their smirking faces; in their suggestive expressions I thought I glimpsed some vital clue to the mystery of myself. What did these men see in me — what was this strange power surging between us, this rapidly shifting current that one moment made me feel powerful and the next unspeakably vulnerable?

There is a sense of power in turning heads, but there is another side to that power as well. It's a heady combination to balance — for young girls and grown women alike. There's a danger that we'll learn to see ourselves only as others see us, that we'll lose our ability to see our own worth unless it is reflected back to us.

The safety of choices

I was reminded of a passage in Greg Mortenson's brilliant book *Three Cups of Tea*. In one of the later chapters he recounts a conversation with one of the girls from the village school he built now studying nursing in the university. At first Mortenson is shocked to see this modern Afghan woman wearing a full

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That for a day: If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got.

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traditional hijab even though the regime that once required it was no longer in power.

He asks her why she would do that to herself, and her answer is simple and profound. "I feel safer this way," she tells him. "I can walk around the city freely and no man approaches me. They know I am a good woman." It's strange to think that there can be freedom in something that seems restrictive, but part of the freedom of being able to choose is having the option to say "no thank you."

We know, deep down, that many kinds of entrapment masquerade as freedom. Zero down payment mortgages, casual sex and even the fast food joints that are always available can seem like freedom but they're not always such a great idea. Sometimes having the choice does not help us choose wisely. We love the idea of freedom, it sounds so effortless. But living in freedom still requires that we make choices and in doing so, choose wisely.

There is verse in the Bible, in Corinthians that says "You say, 'I am allowed to do anything' — but not everything is good for you." This is the work of freedom. Like parents who must choose what is best for their child as adults we have to choose as well. There is a whole world of possibilities, and most have consequences. How we choose determines how we live.

True freedom is found within godly boundaries - not outside of them.

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

Youth Notes...

- The National Youth Gathering in New Orleans is July 15-21



The theme for the 2010 National Youth Gathering is "We Believe," based on John 20:31: *"But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."* (ESV)

- We have our airline tickets: We leave at 6:30 (a.m.!) on the 15th and come back on our return flight at 6:10 (a.m.!) on the 21st.
- We are still waiting for a specific date for our AUCTION Fundraiser
- We will serve concessions at an auction in the area
- We will be holding a fundraiser at Water Days on July 24.
- Pre-Gathering Bible Studies continue weekly at Lu Lu Beans'
- Please pray for these attendees:
Lana Bjork (adult leader),
Becca Dauk,
Emily Fuglie,
Pam Johnson (adult leader) and
Dani Skaggs,
- We had four youth attend LYF Day at Valley Fair

Elected to Serve...

Mission & Ministry Team Officers

Whose two-year terms begin July 1, 2010

Chairman -	Jamie Iverson
Vice Chairman -	Tim Geer
Secretary -	Tammy Fuglie
Two Elder positions -	Jason Miller & Brady Sharp
Community Outreach Director -	Jack Kuppich
Stewardship -	Duane Hansen
Director of Trustees -	Lonny Robbin

Thot for a day: To err is human; to blame it on the other guy is even more human.

Just For Fun...

Why did Jesus, the son of God, come to earth?

The Bible says he came to "Seek and save that which was lost."

Luke 19:10

Jesus never sinned.

The Bible says: "He committed no sin, and no-one ever heard a lie come from his lips."

1 Peter 2:22

When Jesus was ready, he gave his life for sinners like you and me.

The Bible says: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life"

John 3:16



EVERLASTING
SALVATION
GRACE
LOVE
HOPE
LIFE
FORGIVENESS
MERCY
BLOOD
BELIEVING
DEATH
VICTORY
SINS
SAVIOR
SINNER
SINLESS

WORD FIND

Find all the words and you will have some letters left over.
They spell the name of God's Son.
(Words read up, down backwards and forwards)

E	S	A	L	V	A	T	I	O	N	S
V	E	F	I	L	E	P	O	H	L	S
E	B	L	O	O	D	J	S	B	O	E
R	S	Y	S	T	L	E	I	E	V	N
L	I	R	I	C	O	R	N	L	E	E
A	N	O	N	E	V	U	S	I	S	V
S	N	T	L	F	I	O	H	E	Y	I
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Story Behind The Song...

God of Our Fathers

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

It is good to be reminded that a nation can receive God's blessing only when He is recognized as ruler and Lord. Christian people in every land have an awesome responsibility - to be representatives of Jesus. To be "salt and light" for a sinful and hurting society. The moral strength of a nation rests on the knees of God's people, people who humbly pray for their nation and for the forgiveness of their own sinfulness.

"God of Our Fathers" also reminds us that citizens of God's heavenly kingdom must also be involved citizens of the earthly kingdom He has placed us in. The text for this hymn was written in 1876 as the country was preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The hymn was written by the 35-year-old rector of a small Episcopal church in Vermont. He wrote it with the idea that the nation needed a new national hymn for its centennial. It was first sung by the parishioners of his congregation during their worship service on July 4, 1876.

Later that year, at the time of the actual National Centennial Observance, Robert's hymn was indeed chosen as the official hymn for that event. The hymn reminds us that the God who has blessed us with such abundance in the past is still the One we need to look to as our true "ruler, guardian, guide and stay."

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise

Thy love divine has led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay.
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;

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Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh your people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
And glory, laud and praise be ever Thine.

What if Biblical characters could be recruited as product endorsers?

- **For Match.com** - Noah: "We can find a mate for anything. Why not you?"
- **For Excedrin** - Moses: "Take two tablets and call me in the morning."
- **For Dell Computers** - Adam and Eve: "No Apples for us. We learned the hard way."
- **For AARP** - Methuselah: "Life begins at 960!"

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



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Eat, drink, and waterski while trolling with
a fishing rod in your swimshorts. Ec 8:15