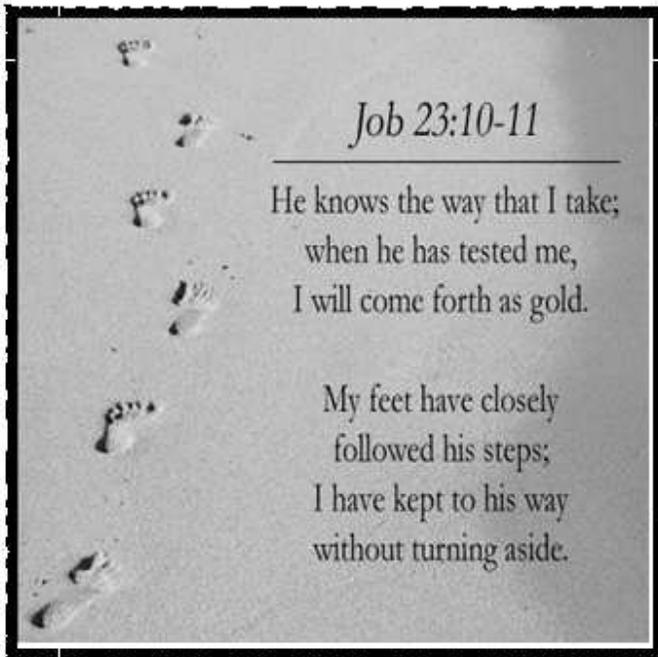


Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

June 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...

Why are the Ten Commandments so confusing?

I mean, we say that Honor Your Mother and Father is the fourth commandment. Other churches say it's the fifth. What gives?

This question, like last month's, came from a confirmation student, but it's one that I get quite frequently from adults as well.

Not only are the commandments numbered differently by Christian churches, but both Christian numbering systems differ from the Jewish numbering. Here are the commandments according to the three numbering systems:

First Commandment:

Jews: I am the Lord your God who has taken you out of the land of Egypt.

Luth: You shall have no other gods besides me.

Prot: You shall have no other gods besides me.

Second Commandment:

J: You shall have no other gods besides me.

L: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

P: You shall not make for yourselves any graven image

Third Commandment:

J: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

L: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy

P: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain

Fourth Commandment:

J: You shall remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy

L: You shall honor your father and your mother

P: You shall remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy

Fifth Commandment:

J: You shall honor your father and your mother

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L: You shall not murder

P: You shall honor your father and your mother

Sixth Commandment:

J: You shall not murder

L: You shall not commit adultery

P: You shall not murder

Seventh Commandment:

J: You shall not commit adultery

L: You shall not steal

P: You shall not commit adultery

Eighth Commandment:

J: You shall not steal

L: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

P: You shall not steal

Ninth Commandment:

J: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

L: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife

P: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

Tenth Commandment:

J: You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's

L: You shall not covet your neighbor's house... nor anything else

P: You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's

The basic problem with numbering the commandments is that God didn't assign numbers to the commandments. He actually didn't even refer to them as commandments. In Hebrew they are literally "the ten words". It is also difficult to tell whether certain statements are a new command or simply further details about the previous command e.g. The command to not make any graven images could be viewed (as Lutherans do) as details about the command to not have any other gods. And the command to not covet your neighbor's house could be seen as simply a continuation of the command that began with not coveting his wife.

While the commandment numbering can be confusing, there really is no disagreement on the content. Jews, Lutherans and Protestants all recognize the commandments as what Moses received from God as recorded in Exodus 20:2-17. As followers of God we are responsible for believing and obeying everything that follows within those verses. For example, just because Lutherans don't count the "graven images" verse as a separate commandment doesn't mean we are free to make images of created things for the purpose of worshiping those images.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Coming Soon...

Vacation Bible School

June 7th—11th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

An exciting week of fun and friendship for preschool and elementary school age children.

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

Thursday, June 17

Bring the family and watch your Living Word team play at 6:15 @ Swansson Fields in Willmar

Stay for Root Beer Floats and games at a park afterward



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.

June Discipleship Verse...



Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalms 23:6

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That for a day: Sure, it's the thought that counts, but couldn't people think a little bigger?

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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.

Carolyn Rossow

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.
Isaiah 58:11

My name is Carolyn Rossow, I love this Bible Verse for many reasons. Through Garden and Farming metaphors, God is able to give us a clearer sense of his care for us, as well as our responsibility in the matter and the discipline and work required of us. Ironically, I love working in Agriculture, and have for over 15 years. I work in the Soil Biological Division for Novozymes based out of Canada, working along side Farmers and the Soil. The Company asked me to move more "central" in Minnesota and I was transplanted to Spicer. We love the area!

"We" meaning I was blessed with Twin Boys, Jacob and Caleb, who just finished 2nd grade and Elizabeth, who is now done with Kindergarten. They are looking forward to a summer of playing outside and fishing, along with visits to the Farm.

After visiting several churches in the area, I remember Living word for a particular reason...the Greeter at the front door and upon leaving, saying "come back next Sunday"...I've been looking for an extended family as mine live so far away and feel blessed to have met so many wonderful members in this congregation. We are looking forward to a well watered garden here at Living Word.

While serving as church usher, I was carrying out our tradition of escorting parishioners to their seats before the service began. After I returned to the entrance of the sanctuary to start the next party, I greeted two strangers and asked where they would like to sit.

Looking confused, the young man smiled and said, "Non-smoking, please."

Inspirational Story...

This is the story of the blacksmith who gave his heart to Jesus.

Though living a more Godly life, still he was not prospering materially. In fact, it seems that from the time of his conversion more trouble, affliction and loss were sustained than ever before. Everything seemed to be going wrong.

One day a friend who was not a Christian stopped by to talk to him awhile.

Sympathizing with him in some of his trials, the friend said "It seems strange to me that so much affliction should pass over you just at the time when you have become an earnest Christian. Of course, I don't want to weaken your faith in God or anything like that. But here you are, with God's help and guidance, and yet things seem to be getting steadily worse. I can't help wondering why that is."

The blacksmith did not answer immediately, and it was evident that he had thought the same question before. But finally, he said,

"You see here the raw iron which I have to make into horse's shoes. You know what I do with it? I take a piece and heat it in the fire until it is red, almost white with the heat. Then I hammer it unmercifully to shape it as I know it should be shaped. Then I plunge it into a pail of cold water to temper it. Then I heat it again and hammer it some more. And this I do until it is finished."

"But sometimes I find a piece of iron that won't stand up under this treatment. The heat and the hammering and the cold water are too much for it. I don't know why it fails in the process, but I know it will never make a good horse's shoe."

He pointed to a heap of scrap iron that was near the door of his shop.

"When I get a piece that cannot take the shape and temper, I throw it out on the scrap heap. It will never be good for anything."

He went on, "I know that God has been holding me in the fires of affliction and I have felt His hammer upon me. But I don't mind, if only He can bring me to what I should be. And so, in all these hard things my prayer is simply this:

Try me in any way you wish, Lord, only don't throw me on the scrap heap."

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Thot for a day: I try to take one day at a time but sometimes several days attack me at once.

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E-Mail Humor...

Mailing a Bible

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

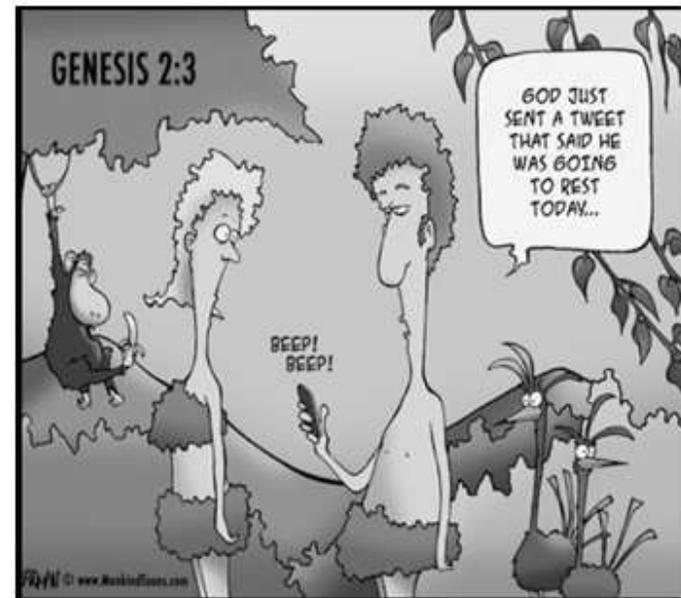
The 23rd Psalm

A Sunday school teacher asked her class if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm.

A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands. A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm. The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, "The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want."

She bowed again and went and sat down.

That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.



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 June.

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

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 Chaperone (or drive) for Youth Day at Valley Fair

Please talk to Pastor David or Pam Johnson if you can help in either of these ways for Lutheran Day at Valley Fair on Monday, June 28

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.

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Thot for a day: Generally, helpful hints aren't.

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Couple's Study...



Pastor and Violet will host the the study on **Saturday, June 19** at 6:00 p.m. at their home. You are most welcome to attend even if you weren't able to attend previous studies.

The Details: Couples will meet at our home at 6:00 for the study, then we send everyone off on a date (you make the plans)

Last month we learned that marriage is a covenant - "for as long as we both shall live" NOT "as long as we both shall *feel like it*."

This month:we'll study... *Breaking Free* from the temptations or addictions that threaten your marriage.

It doesn't matter if you've been married 6 months or 60 years, you will find this study to be very helpful in strengthening your marriage and your commitment to each other.

Mom's Study...

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Mornings

NOOMA ("Spirit") Studies

- Wednesday, June 9 No Study during VBS week
- Wednesday, June 16 Forgiveness - It's not just for people who hurt us.
- Wednesday, June 23 We believe in God - Does He believe

Men's Study...

1st and 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Women's Study...

Wednesday Women's Study Topic

Takes a Summer Break - Resumes in September

June - Daily Devotionals

We begin with a week of passages that talk about Baptism. Then we tackle the "What Does God Say About What We Are To Do To Other People." The remainder of the month lists many of the "one another" passages that answer that question.

June 6 **What God Says About ... BAPTISM**

June 7 Matthew 28:18-20 _____

June 8 Acts 2:38-39 _____

June 9 Acts 8:26-38 _____

June 10 Romans 6:1-4 _____

June 11 Acts 16:25-34 _____

June 12 Colossians 2:9-12 _____

June 13 **What God Says About ... DOING UNTO OTHERS**

June 14 Leviticus 19:11 _____

June 15 Esther 9:22 _____

June 16 Zechariah 7:9 _____

June 17 John 13:34-35 _____

June 18 Romans 12:10-16 _____

June 19 Matthew 7:12 _____

June 20 **What God Says About ... DOING UNTO OTHERS**

June 21 Romans 13:8 _____

"What Does God Say About...?"

June 22 Romans 14:13 _____

June 23 Romans 15:7 _____

June 24 1 Corinthians 1:10 _____

June 25 Galatians 5:13 _____

June 26 Ephesians 4:32 _____

June 27 **What God Says About ... DOING UNTO OTHERS**

June 28 Ephesians 5:19 _____

June 29 Ephesians 5:21 _____

June 30 Colossians 3:13 _____

July 1 1 Thessalonians 5:11 _____

July 2 Hebrews 3:13 _____

July 3 Hebrews 10:24-25 _____

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 _____

June 2010 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 30 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Paul & culture Sunday School Parents' Study 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	31 MEMORIAL DAY	1 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Men's Study: How We Got the Bible 7:00 Elders Team	2 9:30 Mom's Study Forgiveness Noon Women's Study "That the world may know" 6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Building Committee	3 Church League Softball 8:15 - Green Field	4	5 1:00-4:00 Grad. Reception for Bacca Dauk @ Dauks'
6 GRADUATION DAY 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	7 <i>FRIENDSHIP</i> 5:30 - 8:00	8 <i>TREK</i> 5:30 - 8:00	9 1:30 LWML <i>VACATION</i> 5:30 - 8:00 6:30 Bldg Committee	10 <i>BIBLE</i> 5:30 - 8:00 Church League Softball 8:15 - Yellow Field	11 <i>SCHOOL</i> 5:30 - 8:00	12
13 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	14	15 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 6:00 Men's Study 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	16 9:30 Mom's Study 6:30 Bldg Committee	17 Church League Softball 6:15 - Red SOFTBALL FELLOWSHIP 7:30	18	19 6:00 Couples' Fireproof Study @ Pastor & Violet's
20 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper	21	22 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	23 9:30 Mom's Study 6:30 Bldg Committee	24 Church League Softball 6:15 - Green	25	26
27 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	28 Lutheran Day at Valley Fair	29 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's	30 6:30 Bldg Committee	July 1 Church League Softball 6:15 - Yellow	July 2	July 3

Upcoming Schedules...

Meal Makers and Takers

	<u>Meal Makers:</u>	<u>Meal Takers:</u>
June	Mona Hjelle Jamie Iverson	Mona Hjelle Bryson Wachter
July	Laurel Iverson Pam Johnson	Rachel Tri Pam Johnson
Aug	Lu Kiehm Carolyn Rossow	Lu Kiehm Carolyn Rossow

Scripture Readers

June 6	Mark Fuglie	796-6975
June 13	Tammy Fuglie	796-6975
June 20	Lu Kiehm	979-0097
June 27	Tammy Wachter	796-6222
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

Fellowship Servers

June 6	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
June 13	Wendy Robbin / Stacy Olson
June 20	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
June 27	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
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

Usher & Greeter Schedule

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
June 6	Brian Tri and Troy Hansen	Jack & Bryson
June 13	Lonny Robbin & Jack Kuppich	Laurel Iverson
June 20	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen	Lu Kiehm
June 27	Kevin & Noah Welsh	Gerri & Paulette
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 W. & Paulette S
Aug 29	Youth	Youth

* Fill-in Greeter Bonnie Hansen 796-5605

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

Children's Church Schedule

May 2	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
May 9	Halee Lucas & Mikayla Geer	
May 16	Emilie Fuglie	796-6975
May 23	Carolyn Rossow	952-738-1036
May 30	Mariah Welsh	796-6840
June 6	Joe Johnson	354-3545
June 13	Kasey Nieland	354-2036
June 20	Becca Dauk	354-4103
June 27	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
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

Elders

June 6	Kevin Welsh & Wally Abraham
June 20	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
July 4	Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham
July 18	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
Aug 1	Brady Sharp & Wally Abraham
Aug 15	Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham

Acolyte

June 8 Grace Geer
 June 13 Michelle Johnson
 June 20 Matthew Tri
 June 27 *** Acolyte needed

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
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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	
June 10	Svea Lutheran	8:15 Yellow	
June 17	United Methodist	6:15 Red	
June 24	AG Twins	6:15 Green	
July 1	Svea Lutheran	6:15 Yellow	
July 8	United Methodist	7:15 Red	

Thot for a day: Have you ever thought that life is a car wash, and you're on a bike?

Letter From Heidi...

Hello my beautiful sponsors! I greet you all again.

Your letters have brought many blessings to me and the pictures are beautiful. They are like a photo album to me. I send a promise to you: Psalm 23:6 *(Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.)*

I thank you all for dedicating your precious time to me. I'd like you to know that I love you very much. I also thank you for all that you do for me. I'd like you to know that I love you and always keep you in my heart. I hope God takes good care of you and guards you always. I hope He always provides for you.

I now say goodbye to you hoping to write to you again. Bye!

Heidy Haylis Vizueta Plluas



Join us on a Friendship Trek!

Friendship Trek is the theme for Living Word's Vacation Bible School for 2010

This exciting week of fun and friendship will take place

JUNE 7th -11th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m

It is open to Preschool Children

(age 3 by June 1 and potty trained)

and to children who have just completed grades K-5.

Please contact Rachel to participate...Bring a FRIEND!

320-212-2365

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

You may have seen this before, but it bears repeating....

A Holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, 'Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.'

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table.. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, 'You have seen Hell.'

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking..

The holy man said, 'I don't understand. 'It is simple,' said the Lord. 'It requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other.

The greedy think only of themselves.'

When Jesus died on the cross, He was thinking of you.

Honest Abe

It's said that Abraham Lincoln once sized up the case of a prospective client as follows:

"You have a good case, technically, but in terms of justice and equity, it's got problems. So you'll have to look for another lawyer to handle the case, because the whole time I'd be up there talking to the jury, I'd be thinking, 'Lincoln, you're a liar!' and I might just forget myself and say it out loud."

Thot for a day: The trouble with being in the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat.

Just For Fun...

The
40 animals quiz

Here are 40 words, which all rhyme, slightly or totally, with some type of animal.
(For example hat/cat) See if you can guess all the animals before checking the answers.



1. Coarse.....	21. Cruel
2. Stricken	22. Vain
3. Firm	23. Late
4. Daring	24. Smug
5. Limp	25. Evil
6. Infantile	26. Wider
7. Debonair	27. Real
8. Rare	28. Hotter
9. Regal	29. Slack
10. Slick	30. Better
11. Phoney	31. Silly
12. Tepid	32. Crass
13. Manila	33. Fighting
14. Pale	34. Wizard
15. Frail	35. Pleasant
16. Narrow	36. Darling
17. Perky	37. Wan
18. Loose	38. Neater
19. Roister	39. Calmer
20. Craven	40. Lush



Answers : 1. Horse, 2. Chicken, 3. Worm, 4. Hermit, 5. Shrimp, 6. Crocodile, 7. Polar bear, 8. Lizard, 9. Eagle, 10. Chick, 11. Pony, 12. Leopard, 13. Gonna, 14. Whale, 15. Quail, 16. Sparrow, 17. Turkey, 18. Goose, 19. Oyster, 20. Raven, 21. Mule, 22. Crane, 23. Skate, 24. Bug, 25. Weevil, 26. Spider, 27. Seal, 28. Otter, 29. Yak, 30. Gopher, 31. Filly, 32. Ass, 33. Whiting, 34. Marmoset, 35. Pheasant, 36. Staring, 37. Swan, 38. Cheetha, 39. Lama, 40. Thrush.



The LINK Update...

June 2010 'The Link' Update

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

God through service to each other.

Over the past year, The Link has assisted over 70 households with advocacy and referral services, household items, budgeting assistance, and has also dispersed over \$20,000 in financial assistance.

We have also served hundreds of families through our special events like clothing, food and household goods distributions. This has only been possible through the generosity of churches and community members sharing their financial resources and their time and talents.

Please consider donating to help us meet our mission: *"Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other."* If you would like to know more about how you can be involved in supporting the work of The Link, please contact Michelle Peterson at 320-796-2522 or flc_michelle@tds.net

Supporting Students

This school year is coming to a close and before we know it, students will be gearing up for another year in the fall. We would like to assist families in those preparations, and here is how you can help: Contribute gift cards for clothes shopping and sports equipment, backpacks, new or used scientific/ graphing calculators, and new jump drives and three ring binders and tab dividers.

Household Exchange

We are currently accepting the following items at our household exchange in the New London office:

- Sets of dishes and silverware
- Small appliances like toasters & coffemakers
- Furnishings like lamps, side tables, beds, and couches and chairs
- New bed linens, pillows and towels
- Brooms, buckets and mops and working vacuum cleaners and lawn mowers.

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That for a day: The real reason you can't take it with you is that it goes before you do.

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Community Visits

We would be pleased to come and visit your group to talk about the work of The Link and ways you can get involved! Call us to schedule a time to speak with your bible study, adult education group, book club, civic organization, etc.

Contact Information: *Michelle Peterson 320-796-2522*
flc_michelle@tds.net

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)

• About this theme, Rev. Terry Dittmer, Director for Youth Ministry notes, "Gathering participants always share how much



it means to encounter other students who 'believe like I do' as part of the National Gathering. We Believe is a wonderful, corporate expression of our faith in Jesus Christ, especially as we focus on the creed and our confession as we take that

faith to the New Orleans community in Word, celebration, service, witness and fellowship."

- We have our airline tickets: Leave at 6:30 (a.m.!) on the 15th and leave on our return flight at 6:10 (a.m.!) on the 21st.
- Watch for our AUCTION Fundraisers coming soon
 - 1) We will serve concessions at an auction in the area
 - 2) We will *be* auctioned to serve.
- Pre-Gathering Bible Studies will begin this month.
- Please pray for these attendees:
 - Lana Bjork (adult leader),
 - Becca Dauk,
 - Emily Fuglie,
 - Pam Johnson (adult leader) and
 - Dani Skaggs,
- Valley Fair Day - Monday, June 28. Chaperones & drivers needed.



Story Behind The Song...

Amazing Grace

Calling himself a "wretch" who was lost and blind, John Newton recalls leaving school at age 11 to begin a rough life on the sea. Eventually, he became involved in the despicable practice of capturing natives from West Africa to be sold as slaves to markets around the world. But one day the grace of God put fear into the heart of this wicked slave trader through a fierce storm. Alarmed and fearful of a shipwreck, Newton began to read *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas aKempis. God used this book to bring about genuine repentance and a change in Newton's way of life.

Newton felt a call from God to study for the ministry, and at age 39 became an ordained minister in the Anglican church at the village of Olney near Cambridge, England. To add impact to his preaching Newton began introducing simple, heart-felt hymns. When he could not find enough hymns that fit that style, he started to write his own, often assisted by close friend William Cowper. In 1779 they combined efforts to produce the famous *Olney Hymns* collection of which "Amazing Grace" was a part.

Until the time of his death at age 82 Newton never ceased to be "amazed" at the grace of God that transformed him so completely. Shortly before his death he is quoted as proclaiming in a loud voice, "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior!"

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found Was blind but now I see
Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed
Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come
'Til grace hath brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home
The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.*

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That for a day: He who smiles in a crisis has found someone to blame.

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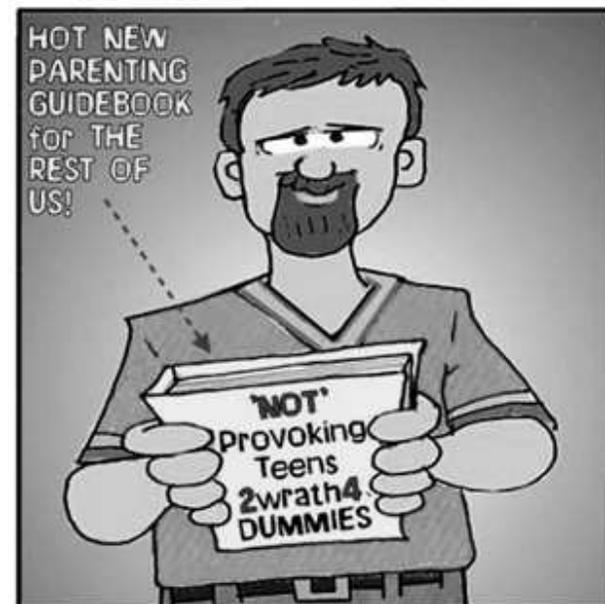
Elected to Serve...

...At the Spring Voters' Assembly

Chairman -	Jamie Iverson
Vice Chairman -	Tim Geer
Secretary -	Tammy Fuglie
Two Elder positions -	Jason Miller & Brady Sharp
Community Outreach Director -	(Position Open)
Congregational Outreach Director -	(Position Open)
Christian Growth: Youth -	(Position Open)
Stewardship -	Duane Hansen
Director of Trustees -	Lonny Robbin

These officers assume their duties on July 1,

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



PARENTING TEENS = requires discipline, patience, love, grace.. patience.. love.. more grace..then.. a tad more patience, love, and grace. -pause- You know, like God shows each of us. •SMILE•