

Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS

November 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
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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...

When I tell someone that I belong to a Missouri Synod congregation, sometimes I get a response like this, "Oh, you're the people who discriminate against women, not allowing them to be pastors." How do I answer that?

I'm guessing the person who asked this question isn't the only one whose had to deal with that kind of response when someone finds out that you belong to an LC-MS congregation.

I would answer that our practice of reserving the pastoral office for men has absolutely nothing to do with discrimination. Rather it is a good example of how we view the Bible. We view the Bible as God's unchanging rule or guide for our lives (individually and in congregations). And in the Bible God has made it clear that He has given the leadership role (both in families and congregations) to those of the male gender. Not unlike the fact that He's given the mothering and nurturing role to the female gender. God has not made some kind of "women are better" statement in choosing women to be moms. Neither has He (nor the LC-MS) made some kind of "men are better" statement in reserving the office of the public ministry for males. It's simply a matter of roles as God has defined them.

We aim to be true to God's direction for us, so we have limited the office of the public ministry to men. It's not that we (or God) view men as better than women. Not at all. It's simply an effort on our part to follow God's direction as revealed in His Word.

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Oct 31st Concert...



On Sunday, October 31, **Dave and Barb Anderson** will present a worship concert at Living Word at 6:00 p.m. Dave and Barb have presented over 5,000 concerts in America and in 17 other countries since they were married in June, 1975. Come prepared to sing a long! (Dave says, "so long as it's the same song as we are singing"). Invite friends. Gospel music, hymns, children's songs, contemporary praise and worship music, and what Dave calls, message songs. This is an evening you will enjoy!

In 1993 Dave and Barb Anderson, and five others, went down in a plane crash in the Bering Sea. They lost one engine at 7,000 feet; the other at 3,500 feet and then their plane fell 3,500 feet in 3 1/2 minutes and then they plowed into the ocean at 90 MPH. They were 22 1/2 miles from Nome and about 100 miles south of the Arctic Circle. Dave and Barb will tell The Rescue Story when they come to Living Word. For a heads-up on the story, go to . If you have Google Earth on your computer, look for Sledge Island. This island plays a life-or-death role in their survival. Invite your friends to hear their concert and this amazing story.

This miraculous story has been heard by millions around the world on radio, TV, and through personal appearances. The Rescue Story points to the God which rescues men and women from overwhelming circumstances in our lives. Learn more at www.therescuestory.com.

Under Dave and Barb's leadership, Fellowship Ministries has provided the church with worship resources including 5,200 concerts, nearly one million songbooks (*The Other Songbook* and *The Best of the Best*), and a few hundred worship and music conferences and seminars.

The Andersons are traveling less, in their 34th year of full-time music ministry, in order to put more time into Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, a counseling ministry designed to bring renewal for pastors and other professional church workers and their spouses. These 8-day retreats, currently being held in beautiful settings in Wisconsin and Arizona, are staffed by two Christian counselors (male/female) and a chaplain. You will be inspired by the news Dave will share news from this new ministry. Please visit to learn more.

The free-will offering received at the concert will benefit the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat project.

Upcoming Events...

SMOKE-DETECTOR BATTERY GIVEAWAY

Saturday, November 6 at 11:00

This is our annual outreach on the day before we turn our clocks back and change our smoke detector batteries. We simply go to homes in the area and give people a new battery for their smoke detector. It makes a great family outreach, because it's something adults and kids can do together. It's fun to see the looks on people's faces when you get to tell them you are giving them something and don't want any money for it.

SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

1st Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 (November 3rd)

Pastor David will lead the study on Wednesday, October 6.

ALL STARS 4 JESUS

(3rd - 6th Grade)

Will meet the first Wednesday of the month (NOV 3) for Games, snack, Bible lesson and craft/service project. Confirmation students will assist with All Stars. Activities begin at 6:30 and end at 7:45

Thanksgiving Eve Worship...

Wednesday, November 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

A special Thank-offering will be collected.

Please use the Song-Suggestion Box to let us know favorite songs of Thanksgiving and Praise that you'd like to sing at this service.

Christmas Program Practice Begins... Dec. 2

Practices will be held Thursdays (Dec. 2, 9 and 16) from 4:30 to 6:00

December Bake Sale Fundraisers

10-2 p.m. Saturday, December 4 and 11 @ Kandi Mall

Again this year we will have tables at the Kandi Mall to sell baked good and kitchen crafts. Here's what we need:

+ Pre-priced Baked Goods

(Bread, lefsa, rosettes and individually-wrapped bars and treats have all sold well in the past)

+ Pre-priced Kitchen Crafts

+ People to sit at the table

Proceeds will be applied to our Matching Funds drive. Thanks in advance for your help.

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That for a day: Since God and the angels are always watching us, the least we can do is be entertaining

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The LINK Update...

Our mission: *"Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other."*

Greetings from the new director!

Hello, as the new director of The Link, I want to introduce myself to you a little. I'm Naomi Mahler. My husband, Todd Lynum; our daughters, Sofia and Grace and I live in Willmar. We've been living in the area for 9 years. Todd is the Mandarin Chinese teacher at Willmar High School. Sofia and Grace are twins and are in first grade. Before coming to The Link I served as pastor at Paz y Esperanza Lutheran Church in Willmar.

I occasionally enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles and I see my work here at The Link a little like a puzzle. In my role as director I want to help low-income people put the right pieces together so that they can make the best use of the resources that are available to them. I also want to help connect people across the community to one another.

I have lived and worked in impoverished communities in the U.S. and abroad and it is my belief that everyone, whether rich or poor, old or young, from New London or Nuevo Leon, has gifts to bring to the table. Until we can all learn from one another and use everyone's gifts we are not complete as a community, just like a puzzle with a missing piece.

I look forward to getting to know the community/ies of New London-Spicer and the surrounding area better and learning from you about how together we can better serve one another by sharing the love of God. I am happy to visit with you about the work of The Link anytime. You may contact me at 320-796-2522 or flc_naomi@tds.net.

Join our email network or volunteer!!

Would you like to know about opportunities to make a difference in the life of someone else?

Sign up for our email network and get updates about events, volunteer opportunities, the chance to respond to needs of your neighbors, etc. Contact us today and help us work towards our mission! Call Naomi at 796-2522 or email at flc_naomi@tds.net

Men's Study ~ Bible & Burgers...

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

We start each get-together with a meal (we take turns providing "Man food" like steaks, burgers, chili, pancakes).

Then we have a serving of "Baloney," short video segments from Lutheran Hour Speaker Ken Klaus featuring some of the "Baloney" we are fed by the media (e.g. the idea that evolution is how we came to be).

Finally, the Main Course: Our study. This month we begin a new study

We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms

Politics and politicians -- there's seemingly no way to escape them. Though government and those who govern are often criticized by press and citizen alike, it is through government that God works His designs in this world. Join host Dr. Dale Meyer as he surveys government in history, the character of the United States as a nation, and the Christian's role as a citizen of any country.



In *We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms*, Concordia Seminary President Meyer surveys the emergence of the United States' governmental system by considering the religious and philosophic thinking that shaped its early development. Along the way concepts like "ceremonial deism," "democracy," "theocracy," "republic," Martin Luther's "Two Kingdoms" and more will be explored.

Throughout this video and the accompanying discussion guide, tough questions are raised that help us understand the demanding balance between Church and State. Politics and religion often separate people in sharp and defining ways, dividing a country along shifting lines. Yet, no matter what one's perspective, for the Christian his or her citizenship is an opportunity to serve in both the affairs of earthly government and the mission of the Christian Church on earth -- Martin Luther's "Two Kingdoms."

Guys: Come and join us. It's great food for your body and your soul.

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Thot for a day: A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with bricks others have thrown

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"Let's Read the Bible Together"

A NEW OPPORTUNITY STARTING SUNDAY, NOV. 7

Tim Geer will host a time of simply getting together to read the Bible. We'll spend an hour or so each week just reading through the Bible. We'll start with the Gospels, Sunday, November 7 at 6:30, Here at Living Word

We'll use the NIV translation for our reading. If you have a Today's Light Bible bring that. If you don't have a Bible in the NIV translation, we have some you can use at church.

Women's Study...

"That the World May Know"

Faith Lessons on the Promised Land

"Exploring the land Jesus walked 2000 years ago - finding relevance for your life today."

Wednesdays at noon.

That the World May Know is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious and geographical contexts, Bible teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals key insights into the Scripture's significance to modern believers like you. The result? Illuminating "Faith Lessons" that will solidify your convictions, strengthen your walk with God and inspire you to impact your world..

In recent lessons we've learned about...

+ The different groups who all thought the Messiah was going to be "just like them": Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes and Zealots - and what Jesus had to say to each of them.

Upcoming Lessons will take us to:

Galilee

The place Jesus taught and gave the Sermon on the Mount

The City of Gamla

Home to the Zealot movement of Jesus' time

Sepphoris

"crucifixion city" near where Jesus grew up in Nazareth

We'll also learn about the other Jewish religious groups of Jesus' time - the Sadducees and Pharisees - and what we learn from Jesus' dealings with each group.

Mom's Study...

9:30 Wednesday Mornings
Childcare is provided

The Nooma ® series - The Nooma ® series 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. In our studies this month we will look at..

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 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.

Couples Study...

Fireproof Study Returns Sat, Nov 13

Pastor and Violet will host the Couples' Fireproof Study at their home on Saturday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. (As before we'll do the study then send you out on a date.)

This month's topic: FORGIVENESS

It's not necessary to have attended previous studies in order to join us for this one.



NEW TIME FOR LWML MEETINGS

The women of our Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be meeting the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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That for a day: The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but that's the way to bet.

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Packages for College...

Our youth will be collecting "college survival" items to include in packages they will send to Living Word members who are attending college. Members are encouraged to help out with this collection by bringing things like:

- packaged cookies
- gum
- stamps
- hot chocolate
- beef jerky
- stationary
- newspapers
- ramen noodles
- graham crackers
- candy
- jokes
- snacks
- travel-size toiletries

You could even toss in gift cards for places like Target or Wal-Mart, etc.... Place your items in the collection boxes in back of church. Thanks so much for your help !

Thank God For...

Maybe you've seen the sign board on our land, 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.

Some things we've thanked God for this past month...

- His Artistry in the Fall Colors
- PFC Ryane Clark & All Who Serve
- M.E.A. Break
- "The Rescue Story" (Dave & Barb Anderson)

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next week.

Operation Christmas Child...

Collecting Shoe Boxes Now Through
Nov. 21

Pick up a "How to Pack Your Shoe Box" brochure from the Ushers' Table and start collecting items for your shoe box. It's a great family project and brings Christ and Christmas to hurting kids around the world.



November - Daily Devotionals

We finish up our readings on GIVING then spend the rest of the month reading just a small sample of what God has to say about PRAYER. God bless your reading.

Oct 31 What God Says About GIVING in the New Testament

Nov 1 Acts 2:42-47 _____

Nov 2 Acts 4:32-37 _____

Nov 3 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 _____

Nov 4 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 _____

Nov 5 Romans 12:6-8 _____

Nov 6 James 1:16-18 _____

Nov 7 What God Says About PRAYER

Nov 8 Romans 8:26-27 _____

Nov 9 Psalm 141:1-2 _____

Nov 10 Matthew 7:7-11 _____

Nov 11 Matthew 26:41 _____

Nov 12 Luke 18:1-8 _____

Nov 13 John 16:23-24 _____

Nov 14 More of What God Says About PRAYER

Nov 15 Ephesians 6:18-20 _____

Nov 16 Philippians 4:4-7 _____

"What Does God Say About...?"

Nov 17 1 Thessalonians 5:17 _____

Nov 18 James 5:13-16 _____

Nov 19 Matthew 6:7-15 _____

Nov 20 2 Chronicles 7:11-16 _____

Nov 21 What God Says About PRAYER - Examples from the Old Testament

Nov 22 1 Samuel 1:9-17, 27-28 _____

Nov 23 1 Samuel 7:7-9 _____

Nov 24 1 Kings 18:36-39 _____

Nov 25 2 Kings 19:14-20 _____

Nov 26 2 Chronicles 18:28-32 _____

Nov 27 Ezra 8:21-23 _____

Nov 28 What God Says About PRAYER - Examples from the New Testament

Nov 29 Luke 1:8-17 _____

Nov 30 John 17:1-26 _____



Dec 1 Acts 4:23-31 _____

Dec 2 Acts 7:54-60 _____

Dec 3 Acts 12:1-17 _____

Dec 4 Ephesians 3:14-21 _____

November 2010 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 31 REFORMATION DAY 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Miracles Sunday School 10:00 Worship - 11:15 Fellowship 6:00 D. & B. Anderson Concert	1 9:00 Circuit Pastors @ Madison	2 ELECTION DAY NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's Book of Ruth 7:00 Elders' Team	3 9:30 Mom's Study No Women's Noon Study this week 6:30 Bldg. Committee 6:30 Senior High Study 6:30 All Stars 4 Jesus	4 Noon NLS Ministerial	5 	6 11:00 Smoke-Detector Battery Outreach SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK TONIGHT
7 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Miracles Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Outreach Meeting 6:30 NEW "Read Bible 2gether"	8	9 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's Book of Ruth 6:00 Men's 'Bible & Burgers' Group	10 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 LWML 6:30 Confirmation	11	12	13 6:00 Couples' Fireproof Study @ Dauk's
14 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Miracles Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 6:30 NEW "Read Bible 2gether"	15	16 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's Book of Ruth 6:00 50 Days Ablaze 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	17 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bldg Committee	18	19	20
21 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Miracles Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 6:30 NEW "Read Bible 2gethe"r	22	23 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's Book of Ruth 6:00 Men's 'Bible & Burgers' Group	24 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 7:00 THANKSGIVING WORSHIP	25 THANKSGIVING 	26	27
28 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Miracles Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship / Outreach Mtg 6:30 NEW "Read Bible 2gether"	29	30 NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 7:00 Fall Voters' Assembly	Dec 1 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 Advent Devotion 7:00 Bldg. Committee 7:00 Senior High Study 7:00 All Stars 4 Jesus	Dec 2 Noon NLS Ministerial	Dec 3	Dec 4

Upcoming Schedules...

Elders

Nov 7 Bryson Wachter & Brady Sharp
Nov 14 Troy Hansen & Bryson Wachter

Dec 5 Brady Sharp & Troy Hansen
Dec 19 Bryson Wachter & Brady Sharp

Jan 2 Jason Miller & Troy Hansen
Jan 16 Bryson Wachter & Brady Sharp

Scripture Readers

Nov 7 Duane Hansen 796-5605
Nov 14 Allan Fuglie 796-6975
Nov 21 Scott Wachter 796-6222
Nov 28 Bryson Wachter 894-6378

Dec 5 Jack Kuppich 254-8355
Dec 12 Wendy Robbin 354-9049
Dec 19 Mona Hjelle 354-4315
Dec 26 Phil Iverson 354-4932

Jan 2 Kevin Welsh 796-6840
Jan 9 Carolyn Rossow 952-738-1036
Jan 16 Gerri Wadsworth 796-2294
Jan 23 Paulette Spletter 354-7143
Jan 30 Linda Dilley 235-0235

Fellowship Servers

Nov 7 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Nov 14 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Nov 21 Wendy Robbin / Stacy Olson
Nov 28 Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie

Dec 5 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Dec 12 Lu Kiehm / Mona Hjelle
Dec 19 Laurel Iverson / Violet Dauk
Dec 26 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen

Jan 2 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Jan 9 Wendy Robbin / Stacy Olson
Jan 16 Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Jan 23 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Jan 30 Youth

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Thot for a day: The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first

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Usher & Greeter Schedule

Ushers

Greeter

Nov 7 Jamie & Phil Iverson Jack & Bryson
Nov 14 Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter Laurel Iverson
Nov 21 Brian Tri & Troy Hansen Lu Kiehm
Nov 28 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen Gerri & Paulette

Dec 5 Lonny Robbin & Jack Kuppich Jack & Bryson
Dec 12 Mark Fuglie & Vern Samuelson Laurel Iverson
Dec 19 Kevin & Noah Welsh Lu Kiehm
Dec 26 Linda Dilley & Lu Kiehm Gerri & Paulette

Jan 2 Tim Geer & Allan Fuglie Jack & Bryson
Jan 9 Mona Hjelle & Paulette Spletter Laurel Iverson
Jan 16 Brady Sharp & Wally Abraham Lu Kiehm
Jan 23 Jamie & Phil Iverson Gerri & Paulette
Jan 30 Youth Youth

Fill-in Greeter Bonnie Hansen 796-5605

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

Acolyte

Nov 7 Grace Geer
Nov 14 Michelle Johnson
Nov 21 Matthew Tri
Nov 28 Caleb Beeler

Dec 5 Grace Geer
Dec 12 Michelle Johnson
Dec 19 Matthew Tri
Dec 26 Jacob Beeler

Jan 2 Grace Geer
Jan 9 Michelle Johnson
Jan 16 Matthew Tri
Jan 23 Caleb Beeler
Jan 30 ++ Acolyte Needed

Children's Church Schedule

Nov 7 Mariah Welsh 796-6840
Nov 14 Joe Johnson 354-3545
Nov 21 Kasey Nieland 354-2036
Nov 28 Mona Hjelle 354-4315

Dec 5 Emily Fuglie 796-6975
Dec 12 Mikayla Geer & Halee Lucas

Dec 19	Carolyn Rossow	952-738-1036
Dec 26	Mariah Welsh	796-6840
Jan 2	Joe Johnson	354-3545
Jan 9	Kasey Nieland	354-2036
Jan 16	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Jan 23	Emily Fuglie	796-6975
Jan 30	Mikayla Geer & Halee Lucas	

Sunday School News...

Check us out on facebook "Livingword Lutheran Sundayschool" or email sundayschool.lw@gmail.com to request weekly email updates.

Here's a sampling of upcoming Sunday School activities:

Lessons this month:

Nov. 7: "Ruth"
 Nov. 14: "God's Servant Samuel" 1 Samuel 1-3
 Nov. 21: "Giving Thanks" Special Lesson
 Nov. 28: "David & Goliath" 1 Samuel 17

**6th grade and up participate in the main devotion and class and then will also be working on a separate study of God's Promises thru November.

November Memory Work:

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." Psalm 107:1

November Prayers:

We thank You, God, for sunshine and for the gentle rain.
 We thank You for the harvest fields of waving golden grain.
 We thank You for the flour, for bread and all our food.
 We thank You, God, for everything; You are so kind and good.
 Amen.

November Discipleship Verse...



"Oh give thanks to the Lord,
 for He is good."

Psalm 107:1

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That for a day: The world is full of willing people: some willing to work and some willing to let them.

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Just For Fun...

Oh What a Mix Up!

In the story you are about to read, there are some *dreadful mistakes!* How many of them you can spot?

Moses took the animals into the ark. While he was there, he built a tower which reached up into the sky. Soon after that Daniel came along and his wife had two babies - Esau and Jacob. Jacob went up a mountain and got ten candymints from God, then he flew about in a whirlwind until the Egyptians had been drowned in custard. The very next day, Daniel was thrown into a fiery furnace, where he played on his harp and wrote many songs. Goliath came to see him after that, and hit himself in the head with a fish. The fish landed on the ground and out jumped a hundred coins, which Peter used to buy a whale.



1. It was Noah, not Moses who went on to the ark
2. The animals were brought to the ark by God, not Noah
3. It was Noah's descendants who built the tower, not Noah
4. Daniel came hundreds of years later
5. Isaac's wife Rebekah had Esau and Jacob
6. Moses went up the mountain
7. Moses got ten commandments from God
8. Elijah flew in a whirlwind
9. The Egyptians were drowned in water
10. Daniel was not thrown into a furnace
11. David played the harp and wrote the songs
12. Goliath was struck in the head by a stone
13. The fish which Peter caught had one coin in its mouth
14. Peter used the money to pay the Temple tax

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY AT 11:09 EVERYDAY

(inspired by Luke 11:9: "So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you")

Remember to take a time-out to be "impudent" and PRAY for things like...

- God's guidance in electing our government leaders
- God's guidance for those leaders who are elected
- God's courage for our leaders to act on what God is showing them.
- Thanking God for.... well, everything!

E-Mail Humor...

Favorite Hymns

The Dentist's hymn:	Crown Him with Many Crowns
The Weatherman's Hymn:	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
The Contractor's hymn:	The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn:	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn:	There Is a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn:	Standing on the Promises
The Optometrist's Hymn:	Open My Eyes that I May See
The IRS Agent's Hymn:	I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn:	Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn:	Send the Light
The Shopper's Hymn:	Sweet By and By

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For those who drive, if you must speed on the highway, please sing these...

45mph:	God Will Take Care of You
55mph:	Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah
65mph:	Nearer My God to Thee
75mph:	Nearer Still Nearer
85mph:	This World Is Not My Home
95mph:	Lord, I'm Coming Home
Over 100 mph:	Precious Memories



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

A woman was asked by a coworker, 'What is it like to be a Christian?'

The coworker replied, 'It is like being a pumpkin.'

God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all the dirt off of you.

Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed.

Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.'

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That for a day: Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart instead of a piece of our mind

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Inspirational Story...

A young man learns what's most important in life from the guy next door.

It had been some time since Jake had seen the old man. College, girls, career, and life itself got in the way. In fact, Jake moved clear across the country in pursuit of his dreams. There, in the rush of his busy life, Jake had little time to think about the past and often no time to spend with his wife and son. He was working on his future, and nothing could stop him.

Over the phone, his mother told him, "Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday." Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days. "Jake, did you hear me?"

"Oh, sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jake said.

"Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it," Mom told him.

"I loved that old house he lived in," Jake said.

"You know, Jake, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said.

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important...Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jake said.

As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jake caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away.

The night before he had to return home, Jake and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time. Standing in the doorway, Jake paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension,

a leap through space and time. The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture....Jake stopped suddenly.

"What's wrong, Jake?" his Mom asked..

"The box is gone," he said

"What box?" Mom asked.

"There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value most,'" Jake said. It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jake remembered it, except for the box.. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it. "Now I'll never

know what was so valuable to him," Jake said. "I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."

It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day Jake discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days," the note read.

Early the next day Jake retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention. "Mr. Harold Belser" it read. Jake took the box out to his car and ripped open the package. There inside was the gold box and an envelope. Jake's hands shook as he read the note inside.

"Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jake Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filling his eyes, Jake carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch. Running his fingers

slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved:

"Jake, Thanks for your time! -Harold Belser."

"The thing he valued most was...my time"

Jake held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. "Why?" Janet, his assistant asked.

"I need some time to spend with my son," he said.

"Oh, by the way, Janet, thanks for your time!"



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That for a day: Help a man when he's in trouble and he will remember you the next time he's in trouble.

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That The World May Know...

Our Matching Funds drive continues through the end of the year as we seek to match the \$25,000 donation that was made to our Building Fund.

To date we have received almost \$5000 toward our goal of matching that donation. Included in that total is nearly \$900 raised at our Mexican Fiesta Dinner in October.

Our annual "Thankoffering" at Thanksgiving will also go toward this Matching Funds goal. Thanks to those of you who have already contributed to our Matching Funds!

10-10-10-10 Follow-Up...

On Sunday, October 10 (10/10/10) we were challenged to "test God" (as He said to do in Malachi 3:10) by giving Him back 10% of what He's blessed us with. Our yellow 10-10-10-10 Response Cards will remain on the altar as a reminder of the commitments we've made.

Beginning in January...



50 Days Ablaze

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

We are in the process of putting together a Planning Team for the 50 Days Ablaze. People needed:

- A Communication Coordinator - to keep everyone informed
- A Prayer Coordinator - to organize prayer for the 50 Days Ablaze
- Worship Coordinator - to organize music and drama for worship
- Small Group Coordinator - to recruit people who can host the small-group studies (We already have 4 small group leaders lined up! Thanks)

Please talk to Pastor David or elder Bryson Wachter if you can help in any of these ways. **We will meet for planning prior to the MMT meeting this month.** Thanks!

Story Behind The Song...

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Our early American leaders wisely realized the importance of having a special day each year where people could recount their blessings and express their gratitude to God for all His goodness.

The first thanksgiving was decreed by Governor Bradford in 1621 to commemorate the Pilgrim harvest. In 1789, George Washington proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving, but the holiday was not repeated on a yearly basis until Abraham Lincoln named it a national Harvest Festival on November 26, 1861. After that time the holiday has been proclaimed each year by the President and governors of each state. Finally, in 1941, Congress passed a bill naming the fourth Thursday of each November as Thanksgiving Day.

The first stanza of this harvest hymn is an invitation and an exhortation to give thanks to God in your local church for the heavenly care and provision of our earthly needs. The following two stanzas provide a commentary on the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares as recorded in Matthew 13. The final stanza is a prayer for the Lord's return, our final "harvest home."

Come, ye thankful people, come—
raise the song of harvest home,
All is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come.
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto His praise to yield:
Wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take His harvest home.
From His field shall in that day
all offenses purge away—

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That for a day: In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's our Count that votes.

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Give His angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to Thy final harvest-home
Gather Thou Thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified
in Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels, come—
raise the glorious harvest-home.

REMEMBER

**EXERCISE YOUR FREEDOM TO VOTE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



A PSALM FOR TURKEYS – Let us come into his presence with 'Thanksgiving'; let us make a joyful 'GOBBLE, GOBBLE' with songs of praise. **Ps 95:2**

