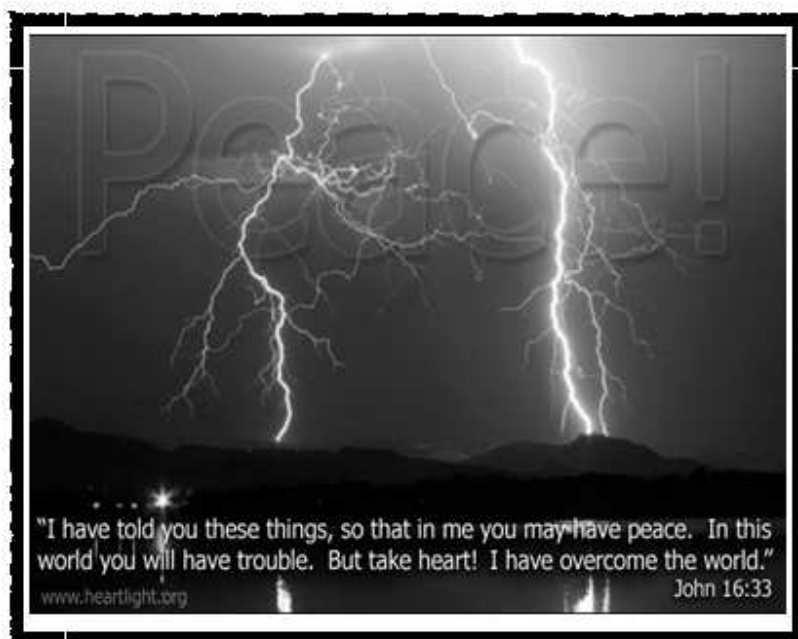


# **Living Word Lutheran Church LCMS**

**September 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  
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Phone: 320-796-0742  
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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 have a friend who's going through some tough times. Do you have some verses I could give them that would help out?**

That's a great question, one that comes from the correct foundational belief that God's Word has what we need for life. To best answer questions like that one, it is helpful to know a bit more about the specific situation or specific need. After inquiring about the situation here are a few of the passages that came to mind that are helpful in most "tough times" situations. The first is Jeremiah 29:11

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

That verse is actually part of a message from God to the Israelites who had (as God had warned them) lost their place in the Promised Land due to their idolatry. They were feeling as though God had abandoned them. Through this verse God reminded them that He hadn't. In fact as the following verses make clear, God allowed this exile to happen in an effort to bring His people back to Him - even though they were the ones who had abandoned Him.. *"Then you will call upon me and come a pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart. I will be found by you."* (Jeremiah 29:12-14)

Another verse that came to mind along those same lines is this one from Romans 8:28

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.*

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That verse reminds us of the great truth that as believers who love Christ, we can be assured that God indeed has a purpose for our lives. We are not "accidents of chance" with no meaning in life. It also reminds us that God has the power to take the bad things that happen to us and turn them around to make something good come from them. And, just as importantly, God has the

power to take the bad things we ourselves have done and turn those things around and make something good come out of even them (as was the case with the Israelite situation referred to in Jeremiah 29:11).

[An interesting side-note about Romans 8:28: Within the span of just five minutes after I had typed the previous paragraph, the Romans 8:28 verse was presented to me two additional times. One in a song on the CD I was listening to; the other from someone who works at the school and had stopped by to chat. God obviously wanted that verse highlighted - maybe it's one you needed.]

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find our two most recent letters from Heidy, the 12-year-old girl from Ecuador that we support through Compassion, Int'l. In one of those letters she commends to us a passage that has meant so much to her: Psalm 23. To say that Heidy isn't the only one to find hope in that Psalm would be one of the all-time understatements. Psalm 23 presents to us the comfort of being reminded that God is powerfully present with us - even (and especially) in the darkest of times. The comfort of knowing He is our perfect guide, protector and leader. The comfort of knowing that He is the source of rest and restoration for our souls.

In a past letter, Heidy had shared this final verse (verse 6) of Psalm 23 with us:

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

The word usually translated as "follow" in that verse literally means "pursue." What an amazing comfort to know that God and His accompanying love and mercy are pursuing us, not content to let us live apart from His love and mercy! Of course, there is no greater encouragement than the certain hope that believers have of "dwelling in the house of the Lord" forever.

When someone asks questions like the one above, usually the passages that "come to mind" are also ones that you personally have turned to in similar situations. I'll close with another such passage:

*"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33*

Sometimes people get the wrong idea that Christians should have "an easy time of it." Jesus dispels that myth by telling us (here and many other places) that just the opposite is true. Because we follow Christ we can expect Satan to attack us with all kinds of "trouble" in an effort to destroy our faith. But in the midst of those troubles we can "take heart" - have courage and hope - knowing that Jesus is in control, has already overcome Satan, and does have the power to get us through.

Thanks for asking,  
Pastor David

Send your questions to [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net)

### 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](http://www.daveramsey.com)

## That The World May Know...

We are still getting estimates for various building layouts in an effort to get us the most functional building at a cost that will fit our budget. Spring is looking like a more realistic start date due to several things that need to be finalized before we can begin. Things like completing the filing process for non-profit status and working on ways to pay off our current operating debt (watch your mailbox for details on that). There will also be a new "feedback box" at the back of the sanctuary where you can give us input on the designs and layouts we are looking at. As always, we need your prayers and we thank you for your continued support through prayer, input and building fund donations.

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Thot for a day: I'd like to be the ideal mother, but I'm too busy raising my kids.

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## Upcoming Events...

### "50 Days Ablaze"

**Coming this Fall...** A Congregation-wide, small-group program (similar to 40 Days of Purpose that we held several years ago) **see page 17**

### Mexican Fiesta Dinner/ Fall Festival

Saturday, October 2

This year we are adding the "Fall Festival" to our Mexican Fiesta Dinner. The dinner will be served at our normal 4:30- 7:30 time. The Fall Festival activities will be going on all day.

New Fall Festival Activities:

- Arts and Crafts
- Apple Pies / Crisps / Bars
- Pumpkin Painting
- Pumpkins for sale
- Cornstalk decorations for sale
- Rummage Sale Items
- Kids' Activities

### New Time for LWML

2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

### Rally Sunday -

First Day of Sunday School September 12th 8:45 am

Potluck, fellowship and games to follow service.

The main dish will be provided, please bring a side dish to pass.

### 10-10-10-10

An opportunity that only comes once every 100 years. Watch for details.

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH INFO MEETING**

Sunday, September 19 after worship

For those who help with Children's Church  
- and those who would like to.

### **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



## Mom's Study...

9:30 Wednesday Mornings, beginning September 8  
Childcare is provided

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

### Session 1: Why do bad things happen?

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

### Session 2: What is real love?

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

### Session 3: What is my purpose in life?

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

### Session 4: What does God really want from me?

Why do we do the things we do? Why do we go to church or give money away? Because we're supposed to or because we think that God needs it? Do we honestly put on our best clothes for an hour once a week, stand and sit at all the right

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Thot for a day: Age is an awfully high price to pay for maturity.

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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.

## Men's Study ~ Bible & Burgers...

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

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



These are really BIG questions that eventually confront all guys (who, being guys, usually try to avoid really BIG questions). These questions probably popped up first when we were kids (at a time when we hadn't "learned" that BIG questions are

something guys ignore). But ignore them or not, these questions keep popping up and need to be answered.

God has the answers (big surprise there)!

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

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

*\*\*\* Last month we kicked off our study with by grilling steaks. Having study after sharing a meal together as a "big hit," so we decided to do something similar for future studies. We'll be grilling burgers and then studying the Bible, hence: "Bible and Burgers". Guys: Come and join us.*



## Women's Study...

### "That the World May Know"

Faith Lessons on the Promised Land

Wednesdays at noon beginning September 8

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

*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..

Upcoming Lessons include:

The time had fully come - the Wilderness where Jesus was tempted

- The Essene group and John the Baptizer

No Greater Love- Galilee: The place where Jesus taught

The Rabbi - The various groups of Jews



## The LINK Update...

September 2010 'The Link' Update

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

*through service to each other.*

Here are some current needs:

- a water heater
- 3 bedroom home to rent in the area- \$500-600 per month
- financial donations for school clothes and utility/housing bills
- dressers and beds

Please let us know if you can help!  
God Bless-

### Contact Information:

Michelle Peterson 320-796-2522 [fic\\_michelle@tds.net](mailto:fic_michelle@tds.net)

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Thot for a day: Bald spot? No, that's a solar panel for brain power.

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## Sunday School...

### WONDERING WHAT'S NEW WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Check us out on facebook "Livingword Lutheran Sundayschool" or email [sundayschool.lw@gmail.com](mailto:sundayschool.lw@gmail.com) to request weekly email updates.

Here's a sampling of upcoming Sunday School activities:

We begin on September 12 with 'Growing in Christ' Bible story lessons.

We are planning lots of outreach opportunities this year, for example:

- Plenty of singing,
- A Halloween event (possibly tied in with Trunk or Treat),
- Thanksgiving Dinner donations to the N.L. Food Shelf,
- Caroling in the area during the Christmas season
- A Christmas program.

The Sunday School will be utilizing the space in the back of the sanctuary for our class time.

The Sunday school made \$110.80 with our lemonade stand at the music festival! Some of this will be used to cover the cost of our Christmas program for this December, "God's Love at Christmas". The remainder will be used to cover expenses for Rally Sunday.

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

### 11:09 a.m. - 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...

- The Holy Spirit to grow your faith
- For God to do what you can't.
- Pray for God to give you faith and courage to do what you can.
- For wisdom to know the difference between what only God can do and what He calls you to do.
- Pray for God to take us into the land He's given us.

## September - Daily Devotionals

MIRACLES - signs and wonders that only God can bring - fill the Bible and give evidence of His power and compassion. This month we look at what God says about miracles and read about many of them.

Sep 5 **What God Says About MIRACLES - in General**

Sep 6 John 20:24-31 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 7 Matthew 4:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 8 Ephesians 3:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 9 Matthew 14:13-14 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 10 Matthew 9:1-8 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 11 Matthew 11:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 12 **What God Says About MIRACLES - in the Old Testament**

Sep 13 Exodus 4:1-9 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 14 Numbers 21:4-9 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 15 1 Kings 17:1-14 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 16 1 Kings 18:30-39 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 17 2 Kings 2:9-14 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 18 Joshua 3:1-17 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 19 **What God Says About MIRACLES - in John's Gospel**

Sep 20 John 2:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 21 John 4:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 22 John 4:46-54 \_\_\_\_\_

## "What Does God Say

Sep 23 John 6:1-14 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 24 John 9:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 25 John 11:1-44 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 26 John 21:1-14 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 26 **What God Says About MIRACLES - in Luke's Gospel**

Sep 27 Luke 7:1-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 28 Luke 7:11-17 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 29 Luke 8:22-25 \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 30 Luke 13:10-17 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 1 Luke 17:11-19 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 2 Luke 22:47-51 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 3 **What God Says About MIRACLES - in Matthew, Mark and Acts**

Oct 4 Matthew 14:22-33 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 5 Matthew 28:1-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 6 Mark 2:1-28 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 7 Acts 3:1-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 8 Acts 9:1-19 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 9 Acts 12:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_



## September 2010 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Outreach Meeting	<b>6</b> LABOR DAY	<b>7</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's Book of Ruth 7:00 Elders' Team	<b>8</b> 9:30 Mom's Study 6:30 LWML (note new time)	<b>9</b> Evening Sunday School Canvassing (invitations to Rally Sunday)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> RALLY SUNDAY 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Miracles Sunday School 10:00 Rally Sunday Worship 11:15 Rally Sunday Potluck	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's Book of Ruth 6:00 Men's 'Bible & Burgers' Group "Who Am I - and Why Am I Here?"	<b>15</b> 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 Building Committee 7:00 Confirmation Parents	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Miracles Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship Children's Church Info Mtg	<b>20</b> MN North Pastors'	<b>21</b> Conference @ L.I.C. 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	<b>22</b> 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 Confirmation	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Miracles Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's Book of Ruth 6:00 Men's 'Bible & Burgers' Group "Who Am I ..."	<b>29</b> 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 Building Committee Confirmation	<b>30</b>	<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>Oct 2</b> Fall Festival 4:30 - 7:30 Mexican Fiesta Dinner
<b>Oct 3</b> 8:45 Growing in Christ Hour Adult Forum - Miracles Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship Outreach Meeting	<b>Oct 4</b> 9:00 Circuit Pastors' Conference	<b>Oct 5</b> NOON Bible Study @ Geneva Olson's 7:00 Elders' Team	<b>Oct 6</b> 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 Confirmation	<b>Oct 7</b> Noon NL-S Ministerial	<b>Oct 8</b>	<b>Oct 9</b>

## Upcoming Schedules...

### Elders

Sept 5 Bryson Wachter & Brady Sharp  
Sept 19 Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham

Oct 3 Bryson Wachter & Brady Sharp  
Oct 17 Troy Hansen & Wally Abraham

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

### Scripture Readers

Sept 5 Kevin Welsh 796-6840  
Sept 12 Carolyn Rossow 952-738-1036  
Sept 19 Gerri Wadsworth 796-2294  
Sept 26 Paulette Spletter 354-7143

Oct 3 Linda Dilley 235-0235  
Oct 10 Mark Fuglie 796-6975  
Oct 17 Tammy Fuglie 796-6975  
Oct 24 Lu Kiehm 979-0097  
Oct 31 Tammy Wachter 796-6222

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

### Fellowship Servers

Sept 5 Laurel Iverson / Violet Dauk  
Sept 12 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen  
Sept 19 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson  
Sept 26 Wendy Robbin / Stacy Olson

Oct 3 Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie  
Oct 10 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller  
Oct 17 Lu Kiehm / Mona Hjelle  
Oct 24 Laurel Iverson / Violet Dauk  
Oct 31 Youth

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

## Usher & Greeter Schedule

### Ushers

Sept 5 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen  
Sept 12 Lonny Robbin & Jack Kuppich  
Sept 19 Mark Fuglie & Vern Samuelson  
Sept 26 Kevin & Noah Welsh

Oct 3 Linda Dilley & Lu Kiehm  
Oct 10 Tim Geer & Allan Fuglie  
Oct 17 Mona Hjelle & Paulette Spletter  
Oct 24 Brady Sharp & Wally Abraham  
Oct 31 Youth

Nov 7 Jamie & Phil Iverson  
Nov 14 Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter  
Nov 21 Brian Tri & Troy Hansen  
Nov 28 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen

### Greeter

Jack & Bryson  
Laurel Iverson  
Lu Kiehm  
Gerri & Paulette

Jack & Bryson  
Laurel Iverson  
Lu Kiehm  
Gerri & Paulette  
Youth

Jack & Bryson  
Laurel Iverson  
Lu Kiehm  
Gerri & Paulette

Fill-in Greeter Bonnie Hansen 796-5605

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

## Meal Makers and Takers

### Meal Makers:

Sept Alicia Sawatzky  
Paulette Spletter

### Meal Takers:

Bryson Wachter  
Rachel Tri

## Acolyte

Sept 5 Grace Geer  
Sept 12 Michelle Johnson  
Sept 19 Matthew Tri  
Sept 26 \*\*\*\* Acolyte Needed

Oct 3 Grace Geer  
Oct 10 Michelle Johnson  
Oct 17 Matthew Tri  
Oct 24 \*\* Acolyte needed  
Oct 31 \*\* Acolyte needed

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

## Children's Church Schedule

Sept 5 Mikayla Geer & Halee Lucas  
Sept 12 Carolyn Rossow 952-738-1036



Sept 19	Mariah Welsh	796-6840
Sept 26	Joe Johnson	354-3545
Oct 3	Kasey Nieland	354-2036
Oct 10	Mona Hjelle	354-4315
Oct 17	Emily Fuglie	796-6975
Oct 24	Mikayla Geer & Halee Lucas	
Oct 31	Carolyn Rossow	952-738-1036
Nov 7	Mariah Welsh	796-6840
Nov 14	Joe Johnson	354-3545
Nov 21	Kasey Nieland	354-2036
Nov 28	Mona Hjelle	354-4315

## Letters from Heidy...

(The girl from Ecuador we support through Compassion, Int'l.)

### Letter #1

*It's a great pleasure for me to write to you again. Sponsors, let me tell you that your beautiful cards (for Valentines) fill me with happiness. I keep inside myself your beautiful and motivating words as they are a treasure. Thank you very much sponsors for dedicating a great part of your time to me. I thank you all infinitely. May God's blessings abound your homes today, tomorrow and always. God's promise for you, Psalm 23. I say goodbye sponsors and hope to write to you again. Kisses. Bye.*

Heidy Haylis Vizueta Plas

### Letter #2

*Hi! I'm pleased to write another letter to you, trusting that everything's fine over there with you and your loved ones. I went to the beach for the weekend with my mom, my dad and my siblings. We went out at night for a walk in the sand. My first day of school was loads of fun, because I met my new teachers and classmates. Where did you go on vacation? Please pray for my family and my studies. Thanks for everything you are doing for me and for my loved ones. Bye! Lots of love from your friend,*

Heidy Vizueta Plas

Note: Our support commitment for Heidy is \$32/month. You can help by putting money in the "Heidy" box near the back door of the sanctuary. Checks can be made to "Compassion, Int'l." Thanks so much!

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Thot for a day If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough.

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## Beginning in October...



### 50 Days Ablaze

What is it? "A 50-day journey designed to help us as individuals and as congregation to grow spiritually in our awareness and understanding (and practice) of Christ's Great Commission given in Matthew 28:19-20"

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

50 Days Ablaze is a mission-focused LCMS program patterned after the 40 Days of Purpose spiritual growth campaign many of you participated in several years ago. Participation is 3-fold:

- **Individual:** Individuals read daily devotions based on that weeks mission theme
- **Group:** Groups meet weekly in small group Bible studies based on the seven mission themes
- **Congregational:** In worship the sermon and worship is centered around the weekly theme.

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

- 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

Please talk to Pastor David or elder Bryson Wachter if you can help in any of these ways. Thanks!

**THANK YOU** To those that supported/helped @ the NL Music Festival on August 21

Sunday School Raised \$110.80 (Jacob, Caleb, Liz Carolyn)  
Pie and Ice Cream Raised \$564.35  
Total Raised \$775.15



## E-Mail Humor...

A pastor is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is rather short and the doorbell is too high for him to reach.

After watching the boy's fruitless efforts for awhile, the pastor smiles, crosses the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder, leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the pastor asks, "And now what, my little man?"

To which the boy turns and hollers, "Now we run!"



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

(From "Mikey's Funnies" daily email humor - and sometimes serious stuff like this)

*"I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free." (Psalm 119:32)*

I first noticed Jake when he was praying. We were traveling with a Russian singing group that was appearing in U.S. and Canadian churches. Jake handled the sound equipment, and I drove the van.

We often stayed in homes of church members to save money along the way, and on this occasion he and I were room-mates. I awoke after some minutes asleep and noticed a bed-side light still on. There, on the other side of his bed, Jake was kneeling on the floor praying silently, his face lifted up, eyes shut tight, back ramrod straight. I watched for some minutes and fell asleep again with the light still on, Jake still praying.

After that I began to notice more about how Jake lived. A quiet young man, he had done little until then to draw my attention. What I saw was someone who, with no more noise than his prayers had created, lived life with enthusiasm and joy. He was interested in things, concerned about people and eager to see and learn all he could. A Russian himself, he was visiting the West for the first time and was thrilled with every new road and town and name and restaurant. He threw himself into trying to learn our language, laughing at his failures and exulting in his successes. With a light in his eyes Jake

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To succeed in life, you need three things: A wishbone, a backbone and a funnybone.

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loved life and his sample of it.

Since traveling with Jake I have observed that people who live successfully have that same kind of attitude. They participate in what is happening. They make an effort. They tackle opportunities with abandon. They focus mentally and spiritually on the many things that are good and right about life. They appreciate that a lifetime is not really a long time—here today, gone tomorrow. So they live it while they can, with hearts that are free.

At the end of our tour, Jake embraced me at the airport and said, "Thank you, Michael. Is like a dream." His words — and way of living — came back to me when I saw the latest film adaptation of Jules Verne's "Around the World in Eighty Days." In it there is a line that reads: I traveled the world looking for inspiration, and I found it in a man who lives what he dreams.

Jake inspired me. He was a man whose heart was free, and it freed him to live his dream.

By Dr. Michael A. Halleen

## 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..

- Our Youth Group
- Air Conditioning
- New-Mown Hay
- The Truth of His Word

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

## September Discipleship Verse...



*But grow in the grace and knowledge  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To Him be glory both now and  
forever! Amen.*

2 Peter 3:18



## Inspirational Story...

There once was a little boy who wanted to meet the king. He set off, walking across the beautiful countryside towards the king's castle. He walked and walked, thinking of all the wonderful things that he and the king would talk about, and he imagined how beautiful the castle was. He was just a little boy, and wanted so much just to talk to the king and be in his presence.

Finally, after many long days of walking, the king's castle came into view. It was even more majestic than the boy had imagined! He couldn't wait to tell the king how beautiful everything was and how much he had enjoyed his walk across the countryside. The boy began to run towards the castle!

However, as the boy drew closer to the outside of the castle, he noticed guards. Watchtowers were bristling with firepower, and the guards had mean looks on their faces. The boy slowed down...then stopped. The guards noticed him, and drew their weapons, striking menacing postures. They looked right at him!

"I just want to see the king...." the little boy began in a halting voice.

"Get out of here!" growled the guards.

Well, the little boy didn't have to be told twice. After all that walking, after all that thinking, after all that wishing and hoping, he turned...and ran, scared beyond measure.

He began to cry. All he wanted to do was tell the king wonderful things, and see all the beautiful things in the king's house. But he couldn't even get near the castle! The boy finally stopped running and sat down and cried.

A young man happened to be coming down the path at that very moment. He was carrying a sack of groceries and whistling a pretty tune. He saw the little boy and stopped.

"What's wrong, young man? Why so sad?" he asked.

"Sir, I walked and walked and walked just to see the king and there were these guards and I was scared and I wanted to tell the king how lovely everything is and see all the neat things in his castle and play and just tell the king that I just wanted to see him!!" wailed the little boy.

"Whoa! Slow down a little. Sounds like you've had a rough time today." With that, the man set down his grocery sack and began to rummage through it. "Would you like some apple juice?" asked the man.

"Yes, thanks. I don't think I'll ever go back there!"

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**Thot for a day:** Love is like a rose. You have to see past the thorns to appreciate its beauty.

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The man looked at the little boy thoughtfully. "Look, why don't you try again. I'll come with you this time."

"Hey look mister, you haven't seen these guards. They're big! And mean! They yelled at me!"

The man smiled at the little boy, who was obviously concerned for his (the man's) safety. He stood up and dusted himself off.

"C'mon with me. Maybe we can find something to eat along the way." the man said, holding out his hand.

The little boy looked up at the man, and looked in the direction of the castle. He was so close! Well, he reasoned, even if I can't see the king, maybe I can get something to eat before I begin my walk home.

With that, the little boy got up and took the man's hand. He gripped the man's hand tighter and tighter as they got closer to the king's castle. Finally, the king's guards spotted them: one very frightened boy holding the hand of a man with a sack of groceries. As they drew close, the little boy could stand it no more.

"Look, mister, we don't have to do this...I don't want you to get hurt. I'll just be on my way. It was nice of you to stop...thanks for the juice...we can just turn around now..." the boy began to babble again.

The man held the little boy's hand firmly and said, "Child, you've come this far...how about trusting me a little longer? Let's just see what happens."

"OK...."

The pair came closer to the castle and the guards watched them approach. The man looked down and winked at the boy. The boy really thought the man might be crazy...until he looked back up at the guards. They were smiling now!! The two that looked the toughest and meanest grinned fit to split! They even lowered the drawbridge to the castle. The little boy was amazed!

"Who are you?" asked the little boy in astonishment.

"Why, I'm the King's Son. By placing your trust and faith in Me, you can enter the Castle and be with the King," said the man.

The little boy broke into a huge smile.

"Can I go home and tell my parents about You?" asked the little boy. "Then they can come to visit, too!"

Jesus threw His head back and laughed. He thought that was the best thing that anyone could do.

Would you like to see the King? Let me introduce you to His Son....

## Sharing the Love of Jesus In Practical Ways...

### "Secret Paul" Prayer Partner Program Reminders

Secret Pauls: Don't forget to send your person a note if they have a birthday in September.

### 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

## Story Behind The Song...

### Onward Christian Soldiers

Recently someone requested we sing Onward Christian Soldiers. Before we sang the song a few weeks ago in worship I commented how the Bible compares the Christian life to fighting as a soldier. Ephesians 6:10-20 reminds us that we are in a battle every day against Satan. It also reminds us that God has given us everything we need to not only be standing at the end of the war, but to also win the individual daily battles. I looked up the story behind the song we had sung in worship. Here it is.

The author of the text, Sabine Baring-Gould, a minister in the Church of England, had left this account regarding the writing of this hymn:

*It was written in a very simple fashion, without thought of publication. Whitmonday is a great day for school festivals in Yorkshire, and one Whitmonday, it was arranged that our school should join forces with that of a neighboring village. I wanted the children to sing while marching from one village to the other, but I couldn't think of anything quite suitable, so I sat up at night resolved to write something myself. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was the result. It was written in great haste, likely in less than 15 minutes.*

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That for a day: It's not so much about "Why this?" as "What's next?"

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These words written hastily for marching children became the text for a hymn that God has used to challenge Christians around the world. It is our responsibility and privilege to live as soldiers who have turned our lives over to Jesus as soldiers turn their lives over to the direction of their commanding officer.

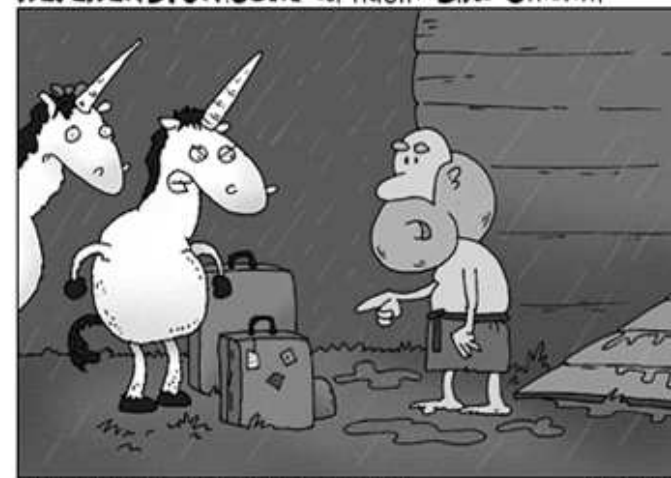
*Onward Christian soldiers marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before!  
Christ the royal Master, leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle see His banner go!*

*Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod  
We are not divided, all one body we –  
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity*

*Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng;  
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.  
Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King –  
This through countless ages men and angels sing.*

*Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.*

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Genesis 6-8)

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