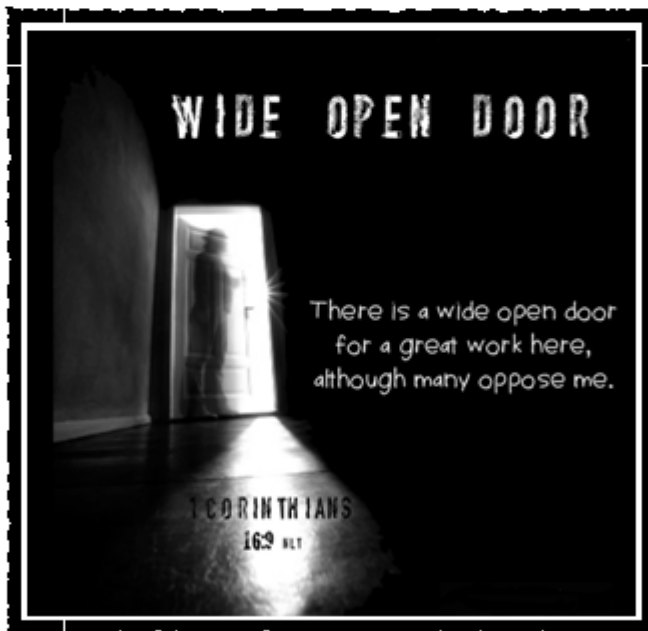


  
**Living Word**  
**Lutheran Church**  
LCMS

**May 2012 Newsletter**



**"Communicating the Love of Jesus"**

**Worship Hours:**

**Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.**

# Living Word Lutheran Church

Located on the West of Spicer on County Rd 10  
in old Prairie Meadows building  
PO Box 242, New London, MN 56273  
Phone: 320-796-0742  
Website: [www.livingwordlutheran.net](http://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...

### "What's going on with your Building Project ?

This is a question I have received countless times over the past five years from people in the community. My answers have varied - depending on the time - from "Moving forward," to "Getting close - just need a few more funds" to "On hold," to "Maybe in a couple of years," to at one point a frustrated, "I really have no idea!" (Had to keep that one I kept to myself).



You have no idea how excited I am to finally be able to answer

"WE ARE GOING TO BREAK GROUND THIS SPRING !"

and to know that is not just wishful thinking!

I have been to be able to give that answer many times since our Voters' Assembly on Palm Sunday unanimously approved going ahead with construction. And, each time I've given it, the reaction has been with equal excitement for us!

In this May issue, on the next few pages, you will find drawings of the floor plan, the location on our land, and view from outside. You will also find the cost figures and list of subcontractors whose bids have been selected by our Building Committee.

**A Ground-Breaking Celebration Sunday is planned for May 20.** That day we will celebrate in worship God's work in bringing us to this point. The Sunday School students will be

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concluding their Sunday School year that day by making a trip to our land to transplant flowers they started from seed on Earth Day. Please make plans to join us for this day of praising God for His goodness. Tentative plans are to also hold a "Ground-Breaking" ceremony at the land following the Sunday School picnic.

Building Chairperson, Jamie Iverson, gives us this update:

*"The papers for the mortgage are ready to be signed, so that's exciting. We're looking forward to our land-use permit receiving final approval at the county board meeting on May 15th. The excavating can proceed immediately after that. We're also counting on lots of volunteer help once the walls are up and the roof is on."*

Special thanks is due to our Building Committee for the many hours they have put into planning: Chair Jamie Iverson, Mark Fuglie, Mona Hjelle, Brent Sawatzky and Kevin Welsh.

But most of all, THANKS BE TO GOD !

Thanks for asking,  
Pastor David

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

## Living Word Lutheran Church on the Web

### Our Website:

Information about our church, calendar of events, schedules, past newsletters, and more at <http://www.livingwordlutheran.net>

### Our Blog:

The latest in information, news, views, and interesting items from Living Word Lutheran at

<http://livingwordlutheranlcms.blogspot.com/>

*\*Link is also found on home page of our website*

### Facebook:

Posting the daily bible readings, church activities, and taking prayer requests! Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) to sign up for your free account. Already on Facebook? Go to

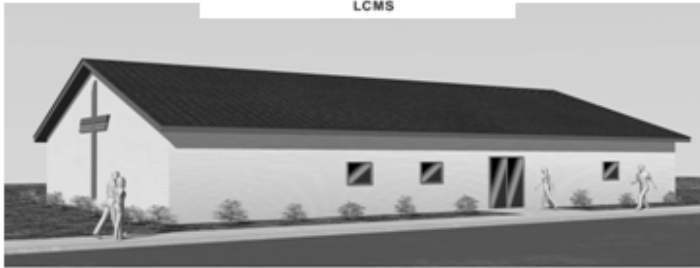
<http://www.facebook.com/people/Living-Word-Lutheran-Church/100002935463148>

*\*Link is also found on home page of our website*



## BUILDING PROPOSAL

52' x 80', 4160 sq. ft., 9ft. sidewalls, flat interior ceiling  
4/12 pitch steel roof, aluminum soffit & fascia, vinyl siding.



Exterior view of south side.



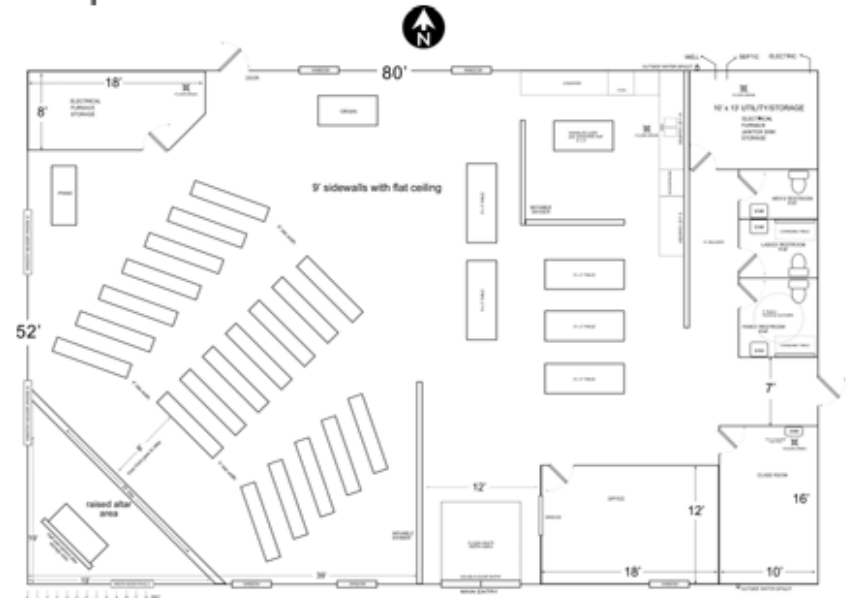
Visualization of interior

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There's something wrong if you're always right.

That for a day

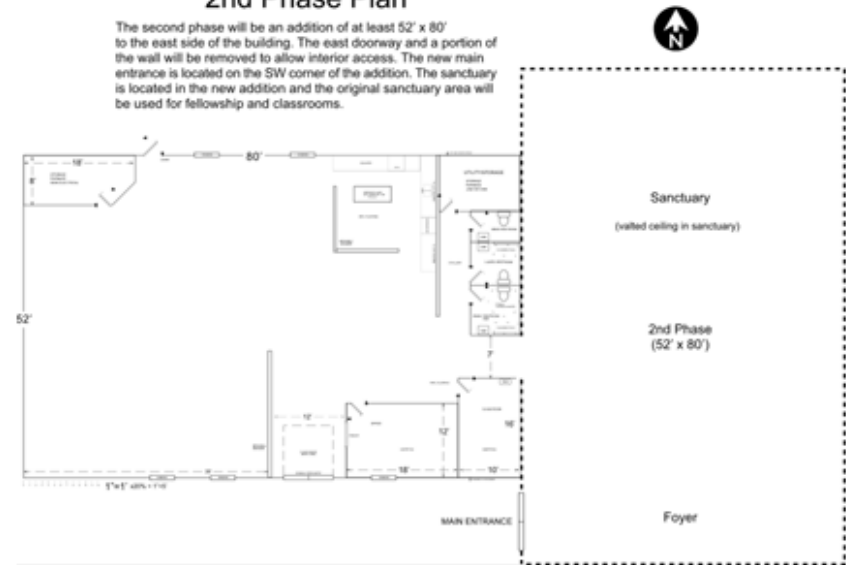
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## And for future growth and expansion...

### 2nd Phase Plan

The second phase will be an addition of at least 52' x 80' to the east side of the building. The east doorway and a portion of the wall will be removed to allow interior access. The new main entrance is located on the SW corner of the addition. The sanctuary is located in the new addition and the original sanctuary area will be used for fellowship and classrooms.



Larger copies of these plans can be found in the member section of our website: [www.livingwordlutheran.net](http://www.livingwordlutheran.net)

**Financial Information:**

Living Word Lutheran 52' x 80' building	
<b>SIP building</b>	
SIP walls	\$14,787.00
Altar area	\$481.00
Interior walls	\$1,173.00
Insulation (roof only)	\$3,191.00
Sheetrock, doors, trim	\$5,151.00
Roof - structure	\$10,948.00
Roofing Steel	\$7,208.00
Siding, Windows, Exterior Doors	\$9,734.00
Floor epoxy coating	\$700.00
Wall taping	\$5,500.00
Painting	\$1,200.00
Subtotal	\$60,073.00
<b>Labor</b>	
Labor	\$12,685.00
Concrete	\$22,400.00
Heating & Cooling	\$19,500.00
Septic (mound system)	\$10,000.00
Well	\$8,550.00
Excavating	\$14,400.00
Plumbing	\$9,450.00
Electrical	\$21,329.00
Subtotal	\$118,314.00
<b>Permits &amp; Fees</b>	
Land Use Permit	\$300.00
Building Permit	\$3,500.00
Restroom Plan, State (incl. in plumbing)	\$0.00
Septic Permit (included in septic cost)	\$0.00
Engineering Stamp (included in SIP)	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$3,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$182,187.00</b>

**Loan Information:**

20 year loan @ 5.25%,  
 first 5 years fixed, 15 years with annual adjustment.  
 Loan amount: \$100,000.00  
 Monthly Payment: \$678.00

That for a day: To make a long story short, don't tell it.

**Construction Information:**

Construction Timeline

- Excavating & footings - 1 week
- Concrete slab ready and poured - 2 weeks
- SIP walls & roof trusses - 1 week
- Roof steel - 1 week
- Plumbing, electrical, heating, siding & windows - 3 to 4 weeks
- Interior walls and sheetrock - 2 to 3 weeks



Overview of lot and building location.

**Contractors Working On Our Building Project**

- |                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Excavation:                   | Stai Trucking, Inc.        |
| Well:                         | Thein Well                 |
| Masonry:                      | Joe Caskey Masonry         |
| Heating:                      | Riverview Heating          |
| Electrical:                   | Electrical Plus, Inc.      |
| Plumbing:                     | Jerry Philippi Plumbing    |
| Structural Insulated Panels:  | Extreme Panel Technologies |
| Other construction materials: | Perkins Lumber             |
| Construction:                 | Oakridge Construction      |



## Opportunities for Growth...

### What Do \_\_\_\_\_ Believe ?

This past month in our Bible studies we've looked at the beliefs of groups like Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Scientologists, Unitarian-Universalists. This coming month we will finish up by looking at some of the other groups like Seventh Day Adventists. Please join us.

### Men's Study

Tuesday nights at 6:00

### Mom's Study

9:30 Wednesday mornings (Childcare provided)

### Wednesday Noon Study

Open to guys and gals of all ages

### Sunday Morning Study

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning

## Prayer Opportunities...

### 1) **Pray with the Elders after worship.**

Our Living Word Elders (Troy Hansen, Kevin Welsh, Jason Miller and Brady Sharp) will be available after worship at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you.

2) **Pray on Wednesday evenings at 6:15** (just prior to Confirmation). We will gather *together* in the sanctuary to bring our prayers to the Lord.

### 3) **Take home the prayer requests from Sunday worship.**

We've started printing off the prayer requests from Sunday worship, so you can take those home with you after worship and keep those requests in your prayers during the week.

4) **Pray "together" at 11:09.** As before, we can pray together even when we are not physically together by taking time to pray at the same time each day (11:09) wherever we are.

5) **Ask our Prayer Force to pray.** We have updated our Prayer Force prayer chain listing. Special prayer requests that come in during the week will be forwarded via email or text message or phone (you choose), so we can bring those requests to God together even when we are not physically together. If you didn't have a chance to sign up to be part of the Prayer Force but would like to be, please talk to Pastor David (or text him at 320-220-1816)

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That for a day: if you're in hell, and are mad at someone, where do you tell them to go?

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## Upcoming Events...

### "Old - Fashioned Church Picnic"

**Sunday, May 20**

After worship - behind the church  
Picnic, Softball, volleyball, cake walk, gunny sack races, etc..

**Bring a friend and a dish to pass.**

### Church-League Softball

Another Season starts on Thursday, May 17

Come and cheer on your team



### Spring Voters' Assembly

Wednesday, May 23 @ 7:00

Offices up for election this year (to take office July 1)

Incumbents who are up for re-election are listed

Chairman	Jamie Iverson
Secretary	
Stewardship	
Community Outreach	Laurel Iverson
Elders (two):	Brady Sharp
Youth	Bryson Wachter
Trustee	



## The LINK Update...

**News from The Link May 2012**

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

**From the Director....** Dear Friends,

As many of you may have already heard, I will no longer be the Director of The Link. I am moving to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries in Spicer as CEO. It has been a pleasure working with all of you through the Link. The Link is currently looking for my replacement. If you know of a good candidate please contact Michelle Peterson at Faith Lutheran Church at the phone below for more information. In the meantime the Link continues to be staffed to assist clients both at the Faith Office and the New London site. This current email address will continue to function for a while. Starting at the end of April all Link email can go to [flc\\_link@tds.net](mailto:flc_link@tds.net).

My new contact information is as follows:

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries  
320-796-2181 [nmahler@gllm.org](mailto:nmahler@gllm.org)

Peace, Naomi

# May- Daily Devotionals

The first week we finish off our readings on resurrections in the Bible. The rest of the month we turn our attention to an appropriate topic: Building. God has a lot to say about "building" in His Word. Check it out and make notes about what you find. God will bless your time with Him.

## Wk of APR 29 Daily Readings MORE RESURRECTIONS IN THE BIBLE

April 30 Luke 7:11-17 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 1 Acts 9:36-42 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 2 Ephesians 2:1-5 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 3 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 4 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 5 John 5:24-30 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Wk of May 6 Daily Readings PASSAGES ABOUT BUILDING

May 7 John 14:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 8 Ephesians 2:19-22 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 9 Ephesians 4:11-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 10 Ephesians 4:14-16 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 11 Ephesians 4:29 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 12 1 Peter 2:4-8 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Wk of May 13 Daily Readings MORE PASSAGES ABOUT BUILDING

May 14 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 15 2 Corinthians 13:8-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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# "Building" God's Word

May 16 Acts 17:24-28 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 17 Matthew 21:42-46 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 18 1 Thessalonians 5:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 19 Jude 17-23 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Week of May 20 Daily Readings: MORE PASSAGES ABOUT BUILDING

May 21 Psalm 127:1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 22 Ecclesiastes 3:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 23 Matthew 7:24-27 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 24 Matthew 16:13-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 25 1 Corinthians 3:9-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 26 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Wk of May 27 Daily Readings MORE PASSAGES ABOUT BUILDING

May 28 1 Corinthians 8:1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 29 1 Corinthians 14:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 30 Acts 20:32 \_\_\_\_\_  
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May 31 Romans 15:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jun 1 Hebrews 3:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jun 2 Hebrews 3:5-6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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# May 2012 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 30 CONFIRMATION DAY</b> 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum: - Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/ Lord's Supper 11:15	April 31	1 6:00 Men's Group	2 9:30 Moms' Study Noon Bible Study 6:15 Prayer 6:30 Confirmation	3	4	5
6 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum: - Sunday School 10:00 Worship W/ Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	7	8 6:00 Men's Group	9 9:30 Moms' Study Noon Bible Study 6:15 Prayer 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 LWML	10	11	
13 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum: - Sunday School 10:00 Worship - 11:15 Fellowship	14	15 6:00 Men's Group 7:15 Elders' Team	16 9:30 Moms' Study Noon Bible Study 6:15 ADOPT-A-HWY CLEAN UP	17 6:30 Sunday School Mtg 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team TBA Church League Softball	18	19
20 A GROUND-BREAKING DAY 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum - Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/ Lord's Supper 11:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC 1:00 Ground-Breaking Ceremony	21	22	23 9:30 Moms' Study Noon Bible Study 7:00 SPRING VOTERS' ASSEMBLY - Election of officers	24 TBA Church League Softball	25	26
27 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	28 MEMORIAL DAY	May 29	May 30 9:30 Moms' Study Noon Bible Study 7:30 BACCALAUREATE @ NL-S	31 TBA Church League Softball	June 1	June 2

**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")*

## Upcoming Schedules...

### Scripture Readers

May 6 Mark Fuglie  
 May 13 Tammy Fuglie  
 May 20 Tammy Wachter  
 May 27 Duane Hansen

June 3 Scott Wachter  
 June 10 Bryson Wachter  
 June 17 Wendy Robbin  
 June 24 Mona Hjelle

### Fellowship Servers

May 6 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky  
 May 13 Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie  
 May 20 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller  
 May 27 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham

June 3 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson  
 June 10 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen  
 June 17 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson  
 June 24 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky

### Children's Church Schedule

May 6 Mona Hjelle  
 May 13 Eve Bajari  
 May 20 Michelle Johnson  
 May 27 Donna Peterson

June 3 Mona Hjelle  
 June 10 Eve Bajari  
 June 17 Michelle Johnson  
 June 24 Donna Peterson

### Acolyte

May & June 2-3rd Graders

### Make A Meal Volunteers

May	Wendy Robbin	Bryson Wachter
June	Pam Johnson	Donna Peterson
July	Jamie Iverson	Mona Hjelle
August	Gracie Geer	Laurel Iverson
September	Pastor David	Linda Dilley
October	Violet Dauk	Julie Bajari
November	Scott & Tammy Wachter	Nancy Jo Wendt

**Thot for a day:** Why do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

### Elders

May 6 Jason Miller & Troy Hansen  
 May 20 Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp

June 3 Jason Miller & Troy Hansen  
 June 17 Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp

### Usher / Greeter Schedule

May 6 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen  
 May 13 Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter  
 May 20 Lonnie Robbin & Jason Olson  
 May 27 Troy Hansen & Brady Sharp

June 3 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer  
 June 10 Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle  
 June 17 Kevin & Noah Welsh  
 June 24 Vern Samuelson & Wally Abraham

## Confirmand Noah Welsh's Faith Statement...

### What I believe about God the Father:

I believe that God created me and that out of His pure love, sacrificed His Son for our sake to purchase our eternal life.

### What I believe about God the Son:

I believe that Jesus died on the cross to forgive my sin,

### What I believe about God the Holy Spirit:

I believe the Holy Spirit is like a 'body guard' who follows me, keeps me safe and gets me to where I need to be.

### What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven:

I will go to heaven by repenting of my sin believing in Jesus as my Lord and Savior

### The difference God makes in my life here on earth:

I don't have to worry about dying. I trust in Him to save me when that day comes.

### Why I want to "enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ:

I get protection from God and He promises me eternal life.

### What I would like to do with my life as a way of saying,

#### "Thanks" to God:

I'd like to spread the word of God by continuing to go to church, bringing friends to church and being a witness in things I do - like playing football.



## District Convention Summary...

Pastor David and Vice Chairman Tim Geer represented Living Word at the convention which was held at Alexandria, April 16-18.

### Here's a quick summary of the 'high points' of the convention:

- Rev. Donald Fondow was re-elected to another 3-year term as President of the Minnesota North District
- Rev. Steve Bielenberg of Redeemer, Willmar was re-elected to serve as Circuit Counselor for our circuit (Montevideo Circuit)
- Lutheran Hour Ministries Speaker Rev. Greg Seltz spoke about "Flexing our faith muscles" by "unleashing God's mercy" on our neighbors in their times of need. He emphasized that showing mercy requires being willing to get into people's lives and be willing to meet them where they are with what they need, and that mercy eventually leads to opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus with people.
- Synod President Rev. Matthew Harrison answered questions and spoke about the Synod's "Witness, Mercy and Life Together" emphasis. He received a standing ovation in recognition of his presentation to the United States House of Representatives Health and Human Services committee this March. In that presentation he encouraged the legislature to defeat the Administration's proposed mandate that all organizations offer and pay for abortion-causing drugs as part of the health plans offered to their employees.

### A Sampling of Resolutions Passed:

- To encourage all members of MN North District LC-MS congregations to vote *for* the Marriage Protection Amendment in the election this coming November. This amendment to the Minnesota constitution would "provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota." (The ELCA in Minnesota has gone on record as urging its members to vote *against* the amendment.)
- To join with the North Dakota District in supporting Project 24 - an effort by our partner church in Kenya to build three orphanage "rescue centers" there.
- To allow the District to continue to call two full-time Mission and Ministry Facilitators, even though one of them, Pastor Rick Hans, is retiring this year. (Pastor Dave Strohschein is the Facilitator assigned to work with Living Word).
- To encourage each MN North District congregation to conduct a yearly strategic planning session centered around our Synod's "Witness, Mercy and Life Together" theme.

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That for a day: Why do hotdogs come in packs of 8 when hotdog rolls come in packs of 10?

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- To ask the Synod to increase its funding of our two seminaries.
- To study possible re-alignment of circuits in the District
- To return to emphasizing New Mission Starts in the District
- To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the District in 2013
- To encourage the use of Lutheran Island Camp as we celebrate 60 years of God's work there.
- To support the Lutheran Malaria Initiative

## We're not asking for your money...

*"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

*Corinthians 9:7*

### Habitat for Humanity is looking for your help:

**Individuals and groups to help set up the ReStore.** Involves cleaning, painting, sorting, hauling, variety of tasks available.

**Donations of gently used appliances, furniture, and home improvement leftovers.** We are also looking for wooden ladders and cleaning supplies.

### Individuals or groups with a truck to pick up donations.

Donors want to give, but sometimes donations are unable to fit in their vehicle.

*Many blessings to you. Please keep us in your prayers.*

  
**ReStore**  
DONATE SHOP  
VOLUNTEER

### Contact Habitat to Help:

(320) 231-2704  
rest.ore@habitatwcm.org  
www.habitatwcm.org  
www.facebook.com/habitatwcmrest.ore

## E-Mail Humor...

A group of friends from the Walleye Lake Lutheran Church decided they should start to fellowship together on a regular basis, socializing, eating and playing games. The lady of the house was to prepare the meal.

When it came time for Al and Janet to host the fellowship gathering, Janet wanted to outdo all the others. She decided to have mushroom-smothered steak. But mushrooms are expensive. When she told her husband about the plan, he vetoed it saying "No mushrooms. They are too high." He offered an alternative, "Why don't you go down in the pasture and pick some of *those* mushrooms? There are plenty in the creek bed."

Janet said, "I'm not going to do that, some wild mushrooms are poison." Al, still not wanting to buy them at the store, said, "Well, I see varmints eating them all the time and they're OK."

So Janet decided to give it a try.. She picked a bunch, washed, sliced, and diced them for her smothered steak. Then she went out to the back porch and gave Ol' Spot (the yard dog) a double handful. Ol' Spot ate every bite. All morning long, Janet kept an eye on Ol' Spot, and notice the wild mushrooms didn't seem to affect him, so she finally it was ok to use them.

Janet even hired a helper lady from town to help her serve, and the meal was a great success. After everyone had finished eating, they relaxed, socialized, and played cards and dominoes. While serving everyone a 'heaping helping' of Janet's famous Pistachio dessert, the helper lady came and whispered in Janet's ear, "Mrs. Anderson, I hate to tell you, but Ol' Spot is dead."

Janet went into hysterics. After she finally calmed down, she called the doctor and told him what had happened. The doctor said, "That's not good, but I think we can take care of it. I'll call for the ambulance and be there as quickly as possible. We'll just pump everyone's stomach. Everything will be fine. Just keep them calm.." In a few minutes the sound of sirens was heard as the ambulance was came barreling down the road. The EMTs and the doctor hurried to the house with their medical bags and a stomach pump.

One by one, they took each person into the bathroom and pumped out their stomach. After the last one was finished, the doctor came out and said, "I think everything will be fine now," and he left. The Walleye Lake Lutherans were all looking pretty pale and weak sitting around the living room when the helper lady came in and whispered to Janet, "You know, that fellow that run over Ol' Spot never even stopped."

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**That for a day:** If practice makes perfect, and nobody's perfect, then why practice?

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

### Accompanist Needed

Susan will be moving in May, so we are in need of people who can help in worship by providing accompaniment on piano, organ or keyboard. Please talk to Pastor David if you can help - or know of someone who can. Thanks!

### Moving Help Needed

Susan needs some help transferring boxes from her St. Cloud apartment into the moving van on, Saturday, May 19 at 8am. Susan has promised a meal for all helpers. If you could help her with the move, talk to Pastor.

### Altar Guild Help Needed

The Altar Guild is in need of more helpers to do things like set up/take down of communion. If you could assist with that, please contact Mona Hjelle. Thanks!

### Use Our Make-A-Meal Program

Several years ago we began the Make-A-Meal program as a way to share Jesus' love with people going through a tough time. **Please use the Prayer and Care cards in the attendance pad at worship** or call Pastor David or Meal Coordinator Linda Dilley if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks !

### Elders Available For Prayer After Worship

God tells us in the book of James (5:14-15), "*Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.... Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.*" Our Living Word Elders (Troy Hansen, Kevin Welsh, Jason Miller and Brady Sharp) will be available each week after worship at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you.

## Sunday School Schedule in May

Meets at 9:00 each Sunday

Classes for pre-school through 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| May 6  | Jesus Ascends to Heaven   |
| May 13 | The Holy Spirit is Given at Pentecost   |
| May 20 | Plant Flowers at our land.<br>Sunday School Picnic after worship for ALL ages |



## Just for Dads...

Some of us remember the times our dads were active in our lives: sitting in the stands cheering us on, waking us up early to go fishing, packing the van for vacation, sitting next to us in church. Some of us remember the hole that was there when our dads weren't around to do stuff with us. Does it really matter if dads do stuff with their kids?

Besides our own experiences, there are a number of studies indicating the more stuff a man does with kids, the better the kids turn out. One study sums it up when it concludes this: "Without two parents working together as a team, the child has more difficulty learning the combination of empathy, reciprocity, fairness and self-command that people ordinarily take for granted. If the child does not learn this at home, society will have to manage his behavior in some other way. He may have to be rehabilitated, incarcerated, or otherwise restrained. In this case, prisons will substitute for parents." Though the downward spiral and end result this study suggests are extreme, it would seem to be true that what kids don't get at home they often pick up from the streets.

The Men's Network offers another chance for men to get involved in the world of their kids. Do Stuff with Your Kids provides the rationale and framework to be active in the lives of your children. Find out more at <http://www.lhmmen.com/morekids.asp>



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That for a day What ever happened to an E grade? We have A,B,C,D,F but no E.

### From Creation Science Environmental Learning Center At Lutheran Island Camp

We have set the dates for the **Home School Young Scientist program**. It will be held September 4-7. Brian Young and his wife Tara will be teaching a number of classes in science, math, history, and English. We'll also have lots of special activities going on during that week. Brian will also be doing a program for families over the Labor Day weekend.

Lutheran Island Camp is looking for volunteers willing to come and help work on a number of projects at Christ Serve Ranch. Chain saws would be helpful.

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## Inspirational Message...

### THAILAND MISSION Update from Jade Dols



#### *What's Happening Now?*

Right now I am seeking God and beginning to discover what it looks like to "do life" here. Realistically that looks like a lot of prayer and worship, meeting new people, building relationships, learning about the Thai culture, and learning to speak the language. Next week I will begin weekly prayer walks through the "red light district" with some women from Ezekiel Rain. They are in the developing stages of opening a safe-home for children. I can't wait to learn more.

#### *You Should Know*

After sending out the last newsletter in March, my email was hacked and those of you on my email list received a disturbing spam email. I apologize for this. Several complications occurred, but everything appears to be fine now. Because of all this I now have a new email and blog site:

email: [jadedols.thailand@gmail.com](mailto:jadedols.thailand@gmail.com)

blog: <http://jadedols.weebly.com/blog.html>

#### Prayer Needs:

- Spiritual protection.
- Intimacy with God.
- Encouragement. It's very easy to feel discouraged and alone, especially in a foreign country without close friends or family nearby.
- Direction for the moment and the future.
- Peace and patience to go low and slow.
- Wisdom, discernment and obedience

## May Discipleship Verse...



(Confirmation Noah Welsh's confirmation verse)

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.*

**Psalm 32:8**

## Story Behind The Song...

### "This is My Father's World"

Our Easter song, "Every Morning is Easter Morning," contains the line "Daily news is so bad it seems the Good News seldom gets heard." But our song this month reminds us that God has surrounded us with evidence of His love and creativity and power. The beauty of the creation He has surrounded us constantly speaks of His majesty and glory. Who can deny the pleasure that comes from the sight of a glowing sunset or a majestic mountain, the song of the birds early on a sunny spring morning, the roar of the surf at the ocean and the smell of new mown hay or grass?

Malcolm D. Babcock put his great admiration for God's creation into the words of the hymn "This is My Father's World." He was recognized as one of the outstanding Presbyterian ministers in the late 1800's, Dr. Babcock was also a skilled athlete who enjoyed all outdoor activity - especially his early morning walks. He would comment, "I'm heading out to see my Father's world."

Dr. Babcock was also an accomplished performer on the organ, the piano and violin, so it was natural for him to write that God's creation seemed to him to be "the music of the spheres."

This hymn is not simply a tribute to God's work in creation, but the final verse reminds us of the unfailing power of God and the assurance of the victory Christ won for us on the cross and empty tomb, "Jesus, who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one."

As we gaze upon the beauty of God's creation we are reminded that He has placed us here as stewards (caretakers) of His world. The real answer to the ecological problems of our world is not to be found in a trendy concern to be "green," but rather in the simple reminder given by the title of this song, "This is my Father's World."



**This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas -  
his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their maker's praise.**

**This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,  
He speaks to me every-where.**

**This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.**

**This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one.**

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Our motto here at Wispy Willow City Church is.. "Have it Your Way" So for your convenience we now offer a 24 hr. Drive-thru Prayer window.