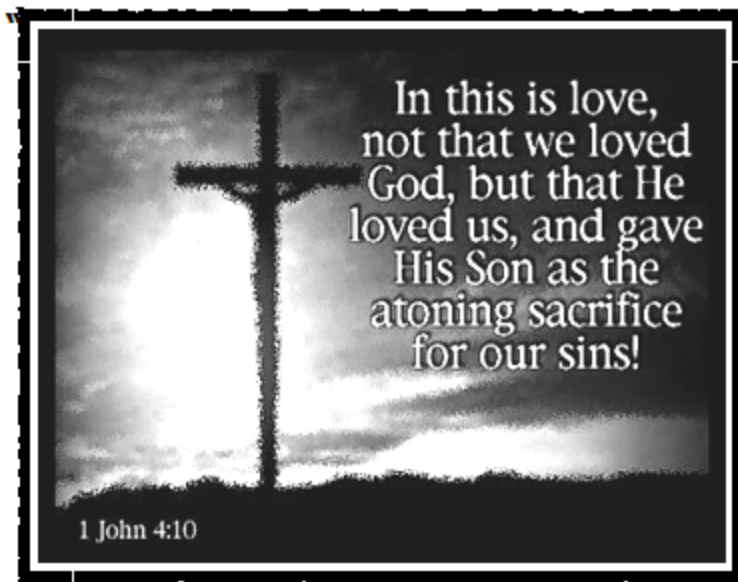



Living Word
Lutheran Church
LCMS

April 2012 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 County Rd 10
in old Prairie Meadows building
PO Box 242, New London, MN 56273
Phone: 320-796-0742
Website: www.livingwordlutheran.net

What we aim to do:
Make disciples for Jesus - as we go, wherever we go.

What we aim to be:
A joyful, caring, Christ-centered family of God.

Question for Pastor...

"Do dogs go to heaven?"

For some reason I keep getting asked this question over and over. It's really not difficult to figure out why. Dogs (and cats, and gerbils and whatever other pets you may have) can quickly become 'part of the family.' And sometimes they are easier to deal with than the human members of the family. The dog doesn't talk back, always listens and shows you unconditional love (At least, that's what we think. It could be they are just being nice to us, so they can get more treats.)



We have two dogs (plus a cat), so I decided to check with them to see if they had any insight into the question. They looked up at me with those adoring eyes. I'm sure they were just thinking, "Maybe he has treats."

Sometimes the best answer to a question is a simple, "I really don't know." And that's the answer I'd have to give. I can say "I hope so," but I can't go so far as to replace "hope" in that sentence with another four-letter word: "know." I do hope so, but I don't know so.

I can say, though, that I am convinced that there will be animals in eternity. The end of the Bible - the book of Revelation - depicts God restoring people and the earth to their original condition. We look to the first few chapters of the first book of the Bible for clues about that original condition. The most important part of that original condition is that human beings will have a perfect relationship with God. We will live in His visible, audible presence and really understand Him. The Apostle Paul describes our understanding of God here on earth as looking through a really fogged-up glass. In eternity, though, we will see/understand God with perfect clarity - no more fog.

But one of the other things we find in the perfect world that God created was.... ANIMALS. All kinds of them. And when God destroyed the world by a flood and started over with just Noah and seven others, the vast

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majority of the passengers God saved on that ark were.... ANIMALS. It's quite apparent to me that God has a very important place in His creation - and re-creation in eternity - for animals. I have no doubts that God will have animals in eternity along with us humans.

The question that remains unanswered, however, is this: "Will the *specific* animals who were part of our families here on earth be with us in eternity?"

The story is told that one of Martin Luther's kids asked him that same question. Luther answered it by saying, "If, when you get to heaven, you want your dog there, it will be there." (The idea being that in heaven we will have everything we want.) But Luther followed that comment up with this: "The real question is this: "When you get to heaven, will you still want your dog there?" (The idea being that some things that are important to us on this earth will no longer be important to us in eternity.)

I would have to say in answer to that, that I see no reason why animals that were important to us here would all of a sudden not be important in an eternity where there will be animals.

But as for the question, "Will *my* dog be in heaven?" The best I can say is, "I don't know for sure, but I sure do hope so."

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to 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:

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

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The LINK Update...

News from The Link April 2012
Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other.

From the Director....

This will be the last Link Newsletter that I will write as Director of The Link. It has been a privilege and pleasure for me to serve The Link and the community in this capacity. However, I am leaving The Link at the end of March in order to serve as Interim CEO at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries in Spicer.

I want you to know how grateful I am to have had this experience. I am so grateful for the new friendships that I have made in this work. I am grateful to be a part of a community that cares enough to help those who are less well off. In addition, I am especially grateful that many in this community care and serve because take seriously the commandment of Jesus to love our neighbor.

The Link is going strong and will continue to do well even in a time of staff transition. The Link Advisory Board is passionate and committed to seeing the mission of The Link continue. The board is making plans to move forward with hiring a new director and they hope to post the job opening by the end of April.

Plans are already in place for volunteers and some temporary staff to continue with the work of The Link during the director vacancy. You can also still contact Faith Lutheran Church 796-2522 with any questions you have about The Link and its services.

I am glad that I will still be in the community to see how The Link will continue to grow in its work of linking people and building community.

God Bless, Naomi

Furniture And Donations Needed!

Doing a little spring cleaning? We are happy to receive donations of *gently used* furniture, kitchenware, linens, bedding, and appliances.

The New London Link is open Tuesdays from 2p- 6pm and Thursdays 10am-2pm to receive donations.

(We can especially use silverware and pots and pans!)

Check out our website: www.thelinknls.org

TUESDAY'S TABLE

Join us Every Tuesday night at 6pm!

1st Tues @ Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer

2nd Tues @ Evangelical Covenant, NL

3rd Tues @ Faith Lutheran, Spicer

4th Tues @ Peace Lutheran, New London)

5th Tues @ Hope Presbyterian, Spicer

Tuesday's Table is a great way to enjoy some fellowship and conversation. Invite a friend! Volunteer to help!

That for a day: Remember that Triumph is just a little "yumph" added to "try."

Does Spring Fever = Spring Cleaning?

The weather is getting warmer and the itch to clean out the house is growing. **Don't trash those useable materials, donate them to the Habitat ReStore.** We accept building materials, large appliances, furniture, and more. A full list can be found below. Materials can be brought 9am-5pm Mondays-Fridays to our office location and future home of the Habitat ReStore at 619 Benson Ave. SW in downtown Willmar, next to Family Dollar on HWY 12.

By donating useable materials, they are kept out of landfills which leads to a greener and healthier community. If a donation cannot be used in a Habitat home, it will be sold at a bargain price in the ReStore. ALL proceeds from ReStore sales go to our local Habitat so we can help more people in the community!

- **Appliances:** Less than 5 years old, CLEAN and WORKING
- **Cabinets:** No built-ins, must be complete unit –doors, hardware, etc
- **Countertops :** No holes or sink inserts
- **Doors :** No deep gouges, holes, water damage, bowing, splintering
- **Electrical:** No odds and ends
- **Flooring:** New or like new, no stains, rips or odors, useable quantity
- **Furniture:** Upholstered furniture must be completely stain, rip and odor free, no major repairs needed
- **Hardware:** No odds and ends, quantity needed
- **Landscaping Materials:** No damaged bricks, pavers, or fencing, useable quantity
- **Lighting Fixtures:** No broken glass, no repairs, all parts working
- **Lumber and trim:** No smaller than half sheet or 5', no nails or damage
- **Paint:** No lead or oil paint, full, unopened cans only
- **Plumbing Fixtures:** CLEAN, WORKING, stain free, has all parts
- **Roofing Materials:** Large donations only, useable quantity, no scraps
- **Tools:** Complete in working condition
- **Windows:** No single pane, cracked or fogged glass, or rotted sills

Items not accepted:

- Materials containing lead
- Materials containing asbestos
- Chemicals

- Exercise equipment
- Toys
- Clothes and linens
- Mattresses
- Unframed mirrors
- Broken items
- Knick-Knacks



Wish List:

Looking for another opportunity to help Habitat for Humanity?

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Picnic Table | • Colored printing paper |
| • Cordless Drills | • Cash Register |
| • Table saw | • 12'-16' box truck |
| • Tool Chests | • 4 x 4 pick up with 2" ball |
| • Pry bars | • #18 trim nail gun |
| • 4' and 6' ladders | • Bench Vise |
| • Paint brushes and rollers | • Pallet Jack |

Thanks for your donations!

What is Your Next Step in a "Closer Walk With Jesus"?

During the Lenten Season we have been challenged to "Take the Next Step," so we can have a "Closer Walk" with Jesus.

We've looked at these areas for ideas of possible Next Steps:

1) Loving God above all things. We learned that the Bible says we show our love for God by obeying Him. So, a possible "next step" can be found by looking at the 10 Commandments - and Luther's explanation of them.

2) Loving your neighbor as yourself. We saw Jesus teach in the parable of the Good Samaritan that *everyone* is our neighbor, and the question for us to ask is "How can I be a neighbor." Who needs you to help them? That's a possible "next step."

3) Trusting that God will continue to provide when you follow his command to return to Him the first ten percent of what He's entrusted to you. Tithing may be a possible "next step" for you.

4) Using the talents God has blessed you with. We all use our talents for God - maybe not as many or as often as we should. But one "next step" each of us can take as we use those talents is to use them with the right attitude. The attitude God talks about in 1 Corinthians 13: An attitude of love.

What's a "Next Step" you can take in your effort to have a "closer walk" with Jesus? Ask God for His power to do it. (And His forgiveness when you "take two steps forward and one step back.")

Thot for a day: Live each day like it's your last. One day you'll get it right.

Top Ten Reasons to Come to Church on Easter

10. Beats hunting for Easter eggs
9. It's the only time "Everyone Else is Doing It" is actually a good reason
8. Not much compares to singing "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" with other believers as you watch the sun rise
7. It is the Super Bowl, World Series, Final Four, Stanley Cup, Daytona 500, Masters Tournament, Wimbledon, American Idol Finale, Survivor-Mt. Calvary, all rolled into one (but this victory *actually means something!*)
6. It's a "foretaste of the eternal feast to come"
5. With apologies to the Christmas song, Easter is "the greatest celebration of them all!"
4. Jesus' resurrection is THE event our faith in Jesus hinges on.
3. Jesus! - Jesus invites you! Do you really want to turn Him down?
2. If Jesus could rise from the grave for you - well, it really is the least you can do
1. It's your team's victory celebration! You can't miss that.

By the way, Easter is on April 8th and you have two choices of worship:

- **6:47** (actual sunrise) **Sonrise Worship** (starts outside watching sun rise)
- **10:00** (regular Sunday time) **Worship with the Lord's Supper.**

Easter Outreach for Kids

Yesterday we held our second Spring Outreach Event for children ages 3-9 (younger and "older" kids are also welcome!)

The theme of the event was "The Resurrection Butterfly". The colors of the butterfly will help us to remember the special time when Jesus died and came alive again, for us on the very first Resurrection Day!

This was a FREE event included a Bible story, snack, craft, activities, song, and springtime "babies" and extra goodies.

Thank to Mona for organizing the outreach event again.

Thanks also to everyone else who helped in any way or who invited and brought kids.

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

We take turns bringing the meal and side dishes. Meal and prayers start at 6. Study continues after we eat and pray.

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

Confirmation

Meets Wednesdays March 7, 14, 21 and 28

6:30 - Assist with Lenten Devotion

7:00 - Class

7:30 - Practice for kickball tourney on 3/23 at Concordia

Lord, Teach Us To Pray:

The Devotions

As we have "walked with Jesus" through Lent, we've learned from Him about how to pray and what to pray for. Each Wednesday the theme centered around a particular petition of the Lord's prayer. We finish our look at the Prayer Jesus Gave Us on these days of Holy Week

The Schedule

- **Maundy Thurs** "Give us this day our daily bread"
On Maundy Thursday Jesus gave us bread for our souls when He instituted the Lord's Supper
- **Good Friday** "But deliver us from the evil one"
The greatest deliverance from Satan took place on a hill on a cross.
- **Easter Sunday** "For Thine is the kingdom... for ever and ever. Amen!"
The Resurrection is the best proof of the truth of this last petition of the prayer.

When you're looking for something to "Take up for Lent" pray about adding the HOLY WEEK Services to your schedule.

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That for a day: Love is lovely when it's easy, but much truer when it's hard.

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Upcoming Events...

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

- Maundy Thursday (April 5): 7:00 p.m.
Lord's Supper is Celebrated
- Good Friday (April 6): 7:00 p.m.
The Seven Last Words Tenebrae Devotion
- Easter Sunrise (April 8) 6:47 a.m. (actual sunrise)
Worship begins outside watching the sunrise
- Easter Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Served by Congregation Youth
- Easter Celebration Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation

Noah Welsh will be confirmed on April 29.

Church Softball

It is the time of year to start thinking about playing softball again. League starts on **May 17th** and runs on Thursday nights. If you played last year, please expect to get contacted and asked if you are planning on playing again this year. Please contact Bryson Wachter if you want to play this year or know someone who might. Hope to talk to you soon and start playing some ball!!!

LWML News...



The Living Word LWML had 12 women attend their Tea Party in March.

The April meeting is on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.

LWML Spring Rally

The Spring Rally for all area LWML groups will be hosted at St Paul Lutheran Church in Montevideo on April 21st. The Theme is "Let Your Light Shine". The speaker will be Cheryl Peterson, LWML MN North District President. She will talk about Project 24 and the mission of six Christian men from US committed to carrying out the dream of building at least 24 orphan rescue centers throughout Kenya.

The Rally will start at 8:30 with registrations-- muffins and coffee. Registration Fee \$5.00 The Rally will end with a noon lunch served.

The ingathering is supplies for Orphan Rescue Centers-School in Rongo, Kenya:

- Pencils
- Notebooks
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Chalk (for teachers)

April- Daily Devotionals


This month we begin with the Holy Week Events and spend the rest of the month reading about the reason we remember a certain Friday as "Good" - The Resurrection 3 days later.

Wk of	APRIL 1	Daily Readings	HOLY WEEK EVENTS
Apr 2	Matthew 21:1-11	_____	_____
Apr 3	Matthew 21:12-17	_____	_____
Apr 4	Matthew 26:1-30	_____	_____
Apr 5	Matthew 26:31-75	_____	_____
Apr 6	Matthew 27:1-32	_____	_____
Apr 7	Matthew 27:33-66	_____	_____
Easter	Matthew 28:1-10	_____	_____
Wk of	APR 8	Daily Readings	WITNESSES OF JESUS' RESURRECTION
Apr 9	Matthew 28:8-10, 16-20	_____	_____
Apr 10	Mark 16:9-11	_____	_____
Apr 11	Luke 24:15-31	_____	_____
Apr 12	John 20:19-31	_____	_____
Apr 13	Luke 24:50-51, Acts 1-2	_____	_____
Apr 14	1 Corinthians 15:5-8	_____	_____
Week of APR 15	Daily Readings:	RESULTS OF JESUS' RESURRECTION	
Apr 16	John 11:20-27	_____	_____

Holy Week Readings

Apr 17	1 Corinthians 15:12-23	_____	
Apr 18	1 Corinthians 15:51-58	_____	
Apr 19	Acts 4:32-35	_____	
Apr 20	Colossians 3:1-10	_____	
Apr 21	1 Peter 1:3-9	_____	
Wk of	APR 22	Daily Readings	OTHER RESURRECTIONS IN THE BIBLE
April 23	1 Kings 17:7-24	_____	
April 24	2 Kings 4:8-37	_____	
April 25	2 Kings 13:20-21	_____	
April 26	Matthew 9:18-26	_____	
April 27	Matthew 27:50-53	_____	
April 28	John 11:1-44	_____	
Wk of	APR 29	Daily Readings	MORE RESURRECTIONS
April 30	Luke 7:11-17	_____	
May 1	Acts 9:36-42	_____	
May 2	Ephesians 2:1-5	_____	
May 3	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	_____	
May 4	1 Corinthians 15:50-58	_____	
May 5	John 5:24-30	_____	

April 2012 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum - Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/ Lord's Supper 11:15 SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY	2	3	4 3:00 Youth @ AirMaxx Trampoline Park	5 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 Worship w/ Lord's Supper	6 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 7 LAST WORDS Devotion Service	7
8 EASTER SUNDAY 6:47 Sunrise Worship 8:00 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Easter Worship w/ Lord's Supper		10 6:00 Men's Group 7:15 Elders' Team	11 9:30 Moms' Study Noon Bible Study 6:15 Prayer 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 LWML	12	13	14
15 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum - Sunday School 10:00 Worship - 11:15 Fellowship	16 DISTRICT	17 CONVENTION 6:00 Men's Group	18 AT ALEXANDRIA 9:30 Moms' Study Noon Bible Study 7:00 XTREME Tour for Youth	19 6:30 Sunday School Mtg 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	20	21
22 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum - Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	23	24 6:00 Men's Group	25 9:30 Moms' Study Noon Bible Study 6:15 Prayer 6:30 Confirmation	26	27	28
29 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum - Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/ Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	30	May 1 6:00 Men's Group	May 2 9:30 Moms' Study Noon Bible Study	May 3	May 4	

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

Apr 1 Phil Iverson
 Apr 8 Susan Johnson
 Apr 15 Kevin Welsh
 Apr 22 Linda Dilley
 Apr 29 Confirmand Noah Welsh

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

Confirmation Meal

Apr 4 No Class
 Apr 11 Marcia Welsh
 Apr 18 Julie Bajari
 Apr 25 Vicky Skotterud

Fellowship Servers

Apr 1 Mona Hjelle
 Apr 8 Easter Breakfast served by Youth
 Apr 15 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
 Apr 22 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
 Apr 29 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson

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

Children's Church Schedule

Apr 1 Mona Hjelle
 Apr 8 Eve Bajari
 Apr 15 Michelle Johnson
 Apr 22 Donna Peterson
 Apr 29 OPEN

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

Acolyte

April & May 2-3rd Graders

That for a day: I am grateful that I am not as judgmental as all those self-righteous censorious people around me.

Text Box

Elders

Apr 1 Jason Miller & Troy Hansen
 Apr 5 (Maundy Thursday) Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
 Apr 8 (Easter) Jason Miller & Troy Hansen
 Apr 29 Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp

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

Usher / Greeter Schedule

Apr 1 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
 Apr 8 Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle
 Apr 15 Kevin & Noah Welsh
 Apr 22 Jason Olson & Wally Abraham
 Apr 29 Jamie & Phil Iverson

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

Make A Meal Volunteers

April	Scott & Tammy Wachter	Nancy Jo Wendt
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

Communion Schedule in April

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in April on

- Palm Sunday (April 1)
- Maundy Thursday (April 5)
- Easter Sunday (April 8 - 10:00 a.m. worship only)
- Confirmation Day (April 29th)

April Discipleship Verse...



"I know that my Redeemer lives. And that in the end He will stand upon the earth." Job 19:25

Sharing the Love of God In Practical Ways...

Make-A-Meal Program Updated

One of our Core Values at Living Word is "Sharing the Love of Jesus in Practical Ways". Several years ago we began the Make-A-Meal program as a way to share Jesus' love with people going through a tough time. We have recently updated the list of people who have volunteered to be meal makers or takers. They are listed below. 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 for Sharing the Love of Jesus in a practical way !

Make-A-Meal Volunteers: Please check the Schedule to see which month you have been scheduled to be "on call" to fix meals. And thank you! [mailto: NancyJo56273@yahoo.com](mailto:NancyJo56273@yahoo.com)

We're Updating These Serving Lists

- +Ushers
- + Greeters
- + Scripture Readers
- + Fellowship Servers
- + Children's Church Leaders

Please talk to Pastor if you'd like to serve in any of these ways.

Donate

There are a couple of donation opportunities on pages 4 - 6 of this newsletter.

Habitat for Humanity

Fast-Learning, Friendly Leaders needed !

Check out Habitat for Humanity's Year Long AmeriCorps VISTA positions and help further Habitat's mission to build simple, decent, affordable homes with low-income families throughout MN.

- Do you like working with people and leading others?
- Would you like to gain experience in the nonprofit sector?
- Are you looking to develop your professional skills?
- Do you have a passion for serving families?

If you answered "Yes" to any of those questions, Habitat for Humanity has a position for you!

I am happy to announce that Habitat for Humanity's Year Long Positions are NOW accepting applications! To apply, please visit www.AmeriCorps.gov and "search" for opportunities with Habitat for Humanity in Minnesota...

Please spread the word in your church or business that we are looking for interested applicants.

More information is also available at www.habitatwcm.org

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That for a day: I am a Nobody. Nobody is perfect. Therefore I am perfect.

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New Prayer Opportunities...

One of our Core Values at Living Word is "People Praying Together."

Jesus promised His special presence when people get together to pray: "*Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.*"

With that in mind we are offering a handful of ways to "get together" to pray .

1) Pray with the Elders after worship.

God tells us in the book of James (5:14-15), "*Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. 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 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)

You can help with our Support of Heidy

We have committed to \$32/month to help pay for basic needs and Christian education opportunities for Heidy. Donations may be placed in the "Heidy" box on the usher table at church.

For The Youth...

Easter Breakfast

The youth of the congregation will be providing breakfast for everybody on **Easter morning April 8th**, breakfast will be between services @ 8:00am. We have discussed what some people are bringing, and you will be reminded of what you are bringing. I will also be looking for more people to bring food. Keep your eyes and ears posted.

YMCA Night

Attention all **5th– 8th graders!!** On **Friday, April 13th**, area churches are planning a trip to the Willmar YMCA from **9pm to 12am**, where we will be the only ones there!! Sign up sheet is posted at the church and it will cost \$5 per person. We are limited to 100 kids, so please let Bryson know if you are interested. You can bring along 2 friends if you wish (\$5 per person); just make sure everybody gets signed up. On **Friday, April 13th** we will meet at the high school and the bus will leave no later than 8:30pm and will arrive back at approximately 12:30 am. Please talk to Bryson you have questions or want more information.

2012 Xtreme Tour

The Xtreme Tour is an event where MS and HS kids come together to have fun playing on inflatable toys with great music, fun times, a speaker, and many more exciting things. Xtreme, **open to all 5th-12th graders** this year, will be **Wednesday, April 18th**. The games will be set up all day during school so that the kids can enjoy them during gym classes. Then we will reopen **everything starting at 6:00pm** that night for the kids to play around, with the speaker/mc/singer Kaboose going on at about 7:00pm?; the event will **conclude around 9:00pm**. Also, if anyone is interested Xtreme will also be in Willmar on Wednesday, April 25th, and will be held at the Civic Center with Children 18:3 and Flatfoot 56 performing. Doors open at 7:00pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

Spring Lock-in

There will be a lock-n scheduled for the first weekend in May (**either Friday May 4th or Saturday May 5th**). Please plan on bringing extra clothes if you plan on attending as these nights tend to get a little messy. Also we will be doing some games outside. Please pass the word and bring lots of people as we will have fun with God. Talk to Bryson for more details.

Church Visit?

Wondering if any youth would want to visit another church sometime this spring. It would probably be somewhere in the cities. Please talk to Bryson.

Youth Fun Night

Exploring the possibility of holding a youth night during the summer where we can get together at different places to have fun, play

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That for a day: Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even if you wish they were.

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games and talk a little (i.e., softball, kickball, bonfire, etc.). Right now I am just looking to see who would be interested, so please get a hold of Bryson if this might interest you.

Service Projects

Looking at a couple of service projects that we might do this spring. Open to ideas and/or dates. Please talk to Bryson if you have ideas or are interested in something.

Fundraisers

Keep your eyes open for a couple of fundraisers that will be happening in the next couple months. These will help to raise funds for special events and trips that our youth group will do.

Get Connected with Living Word Lutheran

If you are not signed up to receive updates or notifications, please check out one or all of these options:

Facebook: coming soon- either friend youth leader Bryson Wachter or search for Living Word Lutheran

Email- get updates via email by emailing Bryson at brysonwachter@mnmail.us with Living Word Lutheran included

Text: text your name and youth group to **320.894.6378** (Bryson's #)

Updates will include weekend events, concerts, parties, lock-ins, etc. The whole point is to keep everybody on the same page so that we can have lots of people and lots of fun!!!!

E-Mail Humor...

A teenager who had just received her learner's permit offered to drive her parents to church. After a hair-raising ride, they finally reached their destination.

When the mother got out of the car she said emphatically, "Thank you!"

"Anytime," her daughter replied with a smile.

As her mother headed for the church door, she said, "I wasn't talking to you. I was talking to God."

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Auditor: It is your duty as a citizen to pay taxes, and we expect you to pay them with a smile.

Taxpayer (grinning widely): Wonderful! I thought you expected me to pay them with cash!

Inspirational Message...

BRINGING JESUS TO THAILAND Update from Jade Dols

Jade Dols, who grew up in New London and Kerkhoven, visited our Wednesday Bible study groups last month. Jade has spent the past year doing mission work in Africa and Thailand. She told about how God had worked to change her life and give her a passion for bringing Jesus and His love to people - especially in Thailand. Jade is now back in Thailand and promised to keep us updated about her experiences there. This is her second update:

Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Thailand! First of all, I would like to thank you for your prayers and support. They are SO valuable to me. It might sound "cheesy," but I'm serious when I say that I don't know what I would do without you.

These past few weeks have been such an amazing journey with the Lord, and I am so blessed that everywhere I go, you go too. When I first arrived in Thailand, I was traveling with Iris; the ministry that I was with this past fall/winter. Everybody on the team felt called to serve long term in Southeast Asia, either in Thailand or Cambodia to combat the growing sex industry.

We visited a lot of missionaries that have already been pouring out their lives here. This has helped to educate us more on the problems and their roots, as well as what is being done, and the visions that God has been giving others for the future. Much of the first 2 weeks has been about listening to what God has called us to individually, and for those called to Iris corporately.

I said goodbye to the Iris team a few days earlier than planned in order to prepare for a journey to Chiang Mai. Originally I thought that I would settle in Bangkok, so I was a little surprised when the Lord started pointing me to Chiang Mai repeatedly. Some of my spiritual parents have done a lot of missions work in Thailand, much of it being here, so they put me in contact with several ministries in the area. I really felt in my spirit that something significant would happen here, and something did...I found my home. Some new friends brought me to a church called TLC, located near Chiang Mai University and I began to connect with people instantly. By the end of the first night we were family.

I would like to thank everybody who is sowing into this ministry in Thailand. I sincerely appreciate it.

Jade Dols

"Nothing gets me more excited than seeing Jesus set the captives free. And nothing captivates my heart like His love. So I am on a

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Thot for a day If it doesn't matter who wins or loses, then why do they keep score?

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journey into one of the darkest places on the earth: the sex industry of Thailand with one motive...to combat evil with LOVE and be a LIGHT in the darkness"



PRAYER NEEDS...

I have some very important prayer needs, and I would be honored and grateful if you could stand in the gap with me for them.

- Spiritual protection. Thailand is VERY dark, ESPECIALLY in the area of the sex industry. Quite honestly, this is what I need the most prayer coverage for.
- Physical protection. As time progresses and we dive further into the sex trade, we may face physical threats as we help women and children escape their oppressors.
- Accelerated language learning.
- Adaptation to culture. The East is very different than the West. I have a LOT of learning to do and will need a LOT of grace.
- Provision. I will not be able to work, so I must rely on God to provide 100% of my living expenses.
- Relationships and connections. I will be away from all of my friends and family in America and will need to build close relationships in Thailand. Please pray for spiritual parents and close friendships. Also pray for connections with missionaries and local Thais. Pray for unity in the body of Christ in Thailand.

Please keep Jade in your prayers. You can keep tabs on her work as she writes about here experiences on her blog "No Time To Be Normal."

You can find her blog at <http://www.jadedols.blogspot.com>

Sunday School Schedule...

Meets at 9:00 each Sunday

Classes for pre-school through 9th Grade

- April 1 (Palm Sunday) The Passion of Christ
- April 8 (Easter) The Resurrection of Jesus
- April 15 Jesus appears to the Emmaus Disciples
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 29 (Confirmation) Jesus appears to Disciples in Galilee

Story Behind The Song...

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

The title is based on a statement by Job in the Old Testament. Samuel Medley, who wrote the text of "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" in 1775, was born in Chess Hunt, England just north of London. But the most important part about the history of the song isn't about the writer but the words. But the verses of the song give witness to the many ways that the Resurrection of Jesus impacts our lives on a day to day basis. Read the verses and let the true results of the Resurrection sink in. Maybe even get out a pen or highlighter and circle the lines of the song that speak to your current situation in life.

Then make sure to come and celebrate with us on Easter Sunday the FACT that your Redeemer lives. Sunrise worship begins at actual sunrise time of 6:47 We also have our regular worship service at 10:00 with the Lord's Supper.

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.

He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;

He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

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

This is a story about a little girl who, on the way home from church, turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, the Preacher's sermon this morning confused me."

The mother said, "Oh! Why is that?"

The girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

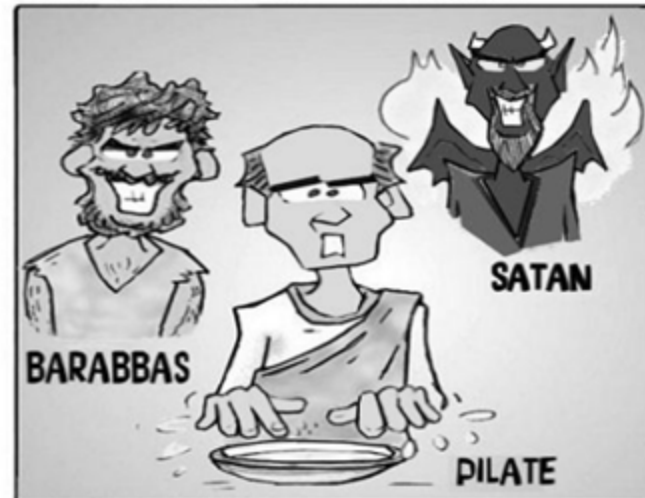
"Yes, that's true," the mother replied.

"He also said that God lives within us. Is that true, too?"

Again the mother replied, "Yes."

"Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



BARABBAS believed he was free. PILATE believed he was in control. SATAN believed he won the battle... WRONG!

