

Living Word

Lutheran Church

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September 2012 Newsletter

THESE WERE ALL COMMENDED FOR THEIR FAITH, YET NONE OF THEM RECEIVED WHAT HAD BEEN PROMISED, SINCE GOD HAD PLANNED SOMETHING BETTER FOR US SO THAT ONLY TOGETHER WITH US WOULD THEY BE MADE PERFECT.



HEBREWS 11:39-40

"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
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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...

What are you looking forward to most about being in our own building?

That's actually a question I posed to our Mission and Ministry team awhile ago. They turned the question back to me, so here's my answer:

There are many things that we will be able to do in a building that we own as opposed to one we rent. One of the positive things I've already seen is how people have been working together to make the building happen. Working together always tends to bring people closer together as we get to know each other better.

But as for when the building is actually done, the thing I am looking forward to most is this: Not having to find other places to hold weddings and funerals.

That may not seem like a big thing, but if you've gotten married or had a loved one die during the time we've been at Prairie Meadows, you know it really is a big deal. For the most part the other churches in the area have been very accommodating in letting us use their facilities when a couple is getting married or when someone dies. But - especially with funerals - I've seen this put an undo hardship on families at a time when they *really* don't need another burden.

So it was with great joy that I was able to say, "Yes, it will!" when Kim Arends asked me if the building would be ready in time to host a wedding (and reception) for her and her fiancé John on October 13.



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Now that I've given you my answer, it's *your* turn to share your answer with us. Here's how:

Simply go to our website www.livingwordlutheran.net and click on "Blog" in the upper right just below the Living Word logo. Scroll down the blog page until you get to the entry titled, "What are you looking forward to ..?" There you will find my answer, but when you click on "Comments" you can add your answer - and read the answers of other folks who have already shared theirs.

If you haven't been to the website yet, take a "walk" around it and discover all the things you can see and read there.

Thanks for asking - *and answering!*
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Countdown to Moving...

Over the past month in worship we have looked to God's Word to prepare us for moving into our new building. Here's a quick review of what we've been reminded of:

1. The land our new building sits on is a GIFT FROM GOD. Just as the "Promised Land" was a gift from God to the Israelites.
2. God gave us that land, so that we would have A PLACE TO BE A SIGN - a sign encouraging people to get to know Him.
3. God's given us - just like Kandiyohi County did - a "Conditional Use Permit" for our land. We'll continue to be blessed in the land on the same condition the Israelites had for the Promised Land: That we have no other gods. We can't encourage people to get to know and trust in Jesus and then have them find out we are really trusting in other things.
4. We need to view our church as being like a hospital - a place of healing. Spiritual, emotional, physical. God's law is there to do surgery on our sin. His Gospel is there to bring the healing of forgiveness.
5. In our discipleship verse for August Jesus told us there is one rock-solid foundation every church needs: His Word. But just like water needs to be added to concrete to make it a firm foundation, God's Word needs to be "put into practice" by us as we trust it and act upon it. It's only when we put it into practice that our church and our lives are built on a solid foundation.

Bible Verses...

What Verse(s) Would You Include ?

A couple months ago when we broke ground we talked about **some ways to highlight the fact that Living Word is built on the foundation of the Living Word of God.** One church buried a Bible in their foundation. Another buried a Bible in the concrete underneath the pulpit. The symbolism is certainly there. They were making the point that their church and preaching are based on the word of God. Great point. But it still seemed a bit... I don't know... just not right to me. I mean, what good is the Bible in concrete? I get the symbolism, but I thought, "There has to be a better way."

Guess where we find the better way? God's word, of course! In Deuteronomy God says this as He prepares the Israelites for entering the Promised Land.

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 20 WRITE THEM ON THE DOORFRAMES OF YOUR HOUSES AND ON YOUR GATES,

Instead of burying a Bible in concrete, we'd like to display them on the doorframes and walls of our church building. This way, when people come into the church building they can see God's word everywhere they look.

With that in mind, we'd like to include favorite verses of Scripture that God has used in your life. Please tell me your verse(s) or email them to me at pastor@livingwordlutheran.net.

Here are some I've received so far:

(Take time right now to grab your Bible and look them up)

+ Genesis 50:20	+ John 16:33	+ John 3:16
+ Psalm 23	+ Philippians 4:13	+ Deuteronomy 6:5
+ Romans 8:38-39	+ 1 Peter 5:7	+ Matthew 7:17
+ Galatians 5:22-23	+ Psalm 42:1	+ Psalm 119:105
+ Matthew 6:9-13	+ Matthew 6:33	+ Matthew 9:12-13
+ Matthew 11:28-30	+ Matthew 16:26	+ Matthew 24:35
+ Matthew 25:34	+ Matthew 25:40	+ Matthew 26:41
+ Mark 1:17	+ John 14:6	+ Acts 17:25b
+ 2 Corinthians 5:17		

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Thot for a day: Some drink at the fountain of knowledge. Others just gargle

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VBS 2012 @ our new building...



More photos at
<http://livingwordlutheranlcms.blogspot.com/>

A Prayer for Your Sunday School

Dear Lord,

May You give children joy in learning about Jesus, teachers eagerness to share the Gospel, and parents motivation to bring their children to Sunday School and participate in adult Bible study. May Your Church in heaven and on earth be strengthened and joined by many, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Sharing the Love of God In Practical Ways...

Use Our Make-A-Meal Program

Several years ago we began the Make-A-Meal program as a way to share Jesus' love/mercy 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!

Immediate Need for Children's Church Leaders

We are in immediate need of Children's Church Leaders. The only pre-requisite is a love for Jesus and for His kids. You read a Bible story or Object Lesson, take prayer requests from the kids and lead them in prayer; and do an activity with the kids that reinforces the lesson. Lessons are provided. You simply show up and lead. Please talk to Pastor David or Mona Hjelle if you could help lead Children's Church once every 6 weeks or so.

Accompanist Needed

Our 1st and 3rd Week accompanist Susan Johnson, has moved to Hudson, WI, 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!

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.

Prayer List from Worship Available to Take Home

We have begun printing off the prayer requests from worship, so you can take them home and keep them in your prayers during the week.

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.

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Thot for a day: Sign under a mounted fish: If I had kept my mouth shut, I wouldn't be here.

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Upcoming Events...

FIRST WORSHIP AT OUR NEW BUILDING:

NEXT Sunday, September 9 !!

Various groups will bring appropriate worship furnishings into the service as we dedicate them to our use in our new location. For example,

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| • Elders | Bring in the altar (on rollers) |
| • Acolyte kids | Bring in the candles |
| • Altar guild | Bring in the paraments |
| • Moms/kids | Bring in hymnals/song books |
| • Musicians | Bring in the instruments |
| • Pastor | Bring in the Bible |
| • Trustee | Bring in Lectern |
| • Ushers | Bring in the Offering Plates.. |
| • LWML | Bring in the pew Bibles |

Please join us for this great first worship celebration at our new location.

NOTE: We will hold a "formal" dedication of the building at a later date after the building has been completely finished.

RALLY SUNDAY:

Sunday, September 16

We kick off a new Christian Growth year (Sunday School and studies)!

NOTE:

The Sunday School Team (teachers and parents) meet for a planning session THIS Thursday, September 6 at 6:30.

We could still use more teachers and helpers.

Mission & Ministry Team 2013 Planning Session

Saturday, September 29 at 9:00 a.m.

We will set out our Strategic Ministry Plan for the coming year and craft a budget proposal. We'll start by revisiting last year's plan (which provided the motivation and direction for our new building), and make necessary revisions and adjustments. Then we will add new plans and goals for the coming year. The planning session is for all Mission and Ministry Team members and will take an estimated 3-4 hours.

Opportunities for Growth...

Lord's Supper Schedule This Month:

We'll celebrate communion on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays during September. (September 2 at Prairie Meadows, September 9th and 23rd at our new building).

Could You Host A Small Group Study This Fall?

One of our Core Values at Living Word is that making disciples (people who are committed to growing to become more like Jesus) happens best in small group settings.

For example, it's easier for people to get connected to Jesus through small groups. It's easier to get to know other Christians in small groups. Caring happens best in small groups. With that in mind we'd like to "plant" more small groups this fall. If you could host a small group study - at your home, a coffee house or at church, please talk to Pastor David. There are many different kinds of studies available. We can find one that fits your situation.

Confirmation Kicks off With . . .

Parents meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 12 @ 6:00

First Class: Wednesday, Sept. 19 @ 6:30

Mom's Study and Wednesday Noon Women's Study:

Both Resume Wednesday, September 5.

This week we'll see how much we remember from our summer study (The Life-Ready Woman) and choose studies for the fall.

Reminder: Childcare is provided for the Mom's Study which begins at 9:30

Men's Study Kickoff Night:

Tuesday, September 18

The Bible on Trial: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt
A 4-week study.

Since "the Bible as God's inerrant Word" is part of the 2-fold foundation for Living Word (the other being "Jesus Christ as God-in-the-flesh and only Savior of mankind") it's important for us to be able to articulate the basis for our trust in it.

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Thot for a day: Some people won't suffer in silence because that would take all the pleasure out of it.

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The Bible has been under furious attack for more than 100 years. Some call it a "myth," or "legend"; others claim it is full of contradictions. Its authenticity has been denied along with its historicity. Still, others challenge the accuracy of the copies that have come down to us from the original writings.

The Bible on Trial: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt is a video study in a courtroom setting. Attorney Craig Parton leads the investigation as we examine these challenges in light of new findings and discoveries in archaeology, ancient history and other fields. Join us as we become the jury and examine the evidence.

For The Youth...

To all the youth (grades 5+) in the congregation: youth group will be held on **Sunday nights starting September 9th with a celebration night.**

Our Sunday night youth group will start at 7:00pm and end at about 9:00pm (with the exception of Sept. 9th which will run longer).

Please feel free to bring yourself and any friends that want to come to any Sunday night group because the more people we have the better and more fun it will be. We will be starting out taking a look at the characteristics of God and what they mean for us. Sunday nights will include some activities, a short study, and some snacks, along with other special things. Please come and hang out, have some fun, and learn about God. (P.S. we will also try and mix in a special event night every once and a while.)

We will also be setting up some games for us to play (i.e. ultimate Frisbee, whiffle ball, gaga ball, etc.), so please come on Sept. 9th to discuss what we should set up and what kinds of things you might like to do for our event nights. You can find out about the youth group schedule via email, facebook, text, or by checking the church web page (to be updated soon). Please let me know what works best to reach you (my info is bryson-wachter@mnmail.us, 894.6378, or friend me on facebook). Other information and scheduling will follow in the near future.

I am looking forward to a great year with lots of fun, learning, and growing by trying new things and exploring new information. I hope to get to know all of you very well and hope that we can make Sunday nights the place to be.

September - Daily Devotionals

As we prepare to leave our home in Prairie Meadows and then move into the land and building God has blessed us with, we will read passages from the Old Testament for insights from Israel preparing to enter the Promised Land and then building, dedicating and worshipping in the Temple. Record your insights from your readings on the lines provided.

Wk of Sept 2 Daily Readings HEADING TO THE PROMISED LAND

Sept 3 Numbers 10:11-13, 29-36 _____

Sept 4 Numbers 11 _____

Sept 5 Numbers 13 _____

Sept 6 Numbers 14 _____

Sept 7 Deuteronomy 6 _____

Sept 8 Deuteronomy 8 _____

Wk of Sept 9 Daily Readings ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND

Sept 10 Joshua 1:1-11, 16-18 _____

Sept 11 Joshua 2 _____

Sept 12 Joshua 3-4 _____

Sept 13 Joshua 5 _____

Sept 14 Joshua 6 _____

Sept 15 Joshua 24 _____

Wk of Sept 16 Daily Readings PREPARING TO BUILD THE TEMPLE

Sept 17 1 Chronicles 17 _____

Sept 18 1 Chronicles 21:17-30 _____

Sept 19 1 Chronicles 22 _____

Sept 20 1 Chronicles 28 _____

Sept 21 1 Chronicles 29:1-22 _____

Sept 22 2 Chronicles 2 _____

Wk of Sept 23 Daily Readings BUILDING & DEDICATING THE TEMPLE

Sept 24 2 Chronicles 3 _____

Sept 25 2 Chronicles 4 _____

Sept 26 2 Chronicles 5 _____

Sept 27 2 Chronicles 6:1-11 _____

Sept 28 2 Chronicles 6:12-42 _____

Sept 29 2 Chronicles 7 _____

Week of Sept 30 Daily Readings PREPARING TO GO TO WORSHIP

Oct 1 Psalm 100 _____

Oct 2 Psalm 66 _____

Oct 3 Psalm 122 _____

Oct 4 Psalm 127 _____

Oct 5 Psalm 130 _____

Oct 6 Psalm 135-136 _____

September 2012 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 2 Last Worship @ Pr Mdws 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship @ OUR BLDG	3	4	5 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study	6 6:30 Sunday School Team Meeting 7:15 Elders' Team	7	8
9 1* WORSHIP at our BUILDING 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum 10:00 Worship w/ Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	10	11	12 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:00 Confirmation Parents Mtg. 6:30 LWML	13	14	15
16 RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	17	18 6:30 Men's Study "Bible on Trial"	19 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 Confirmation	20 7:00 Mission & Ministry Team	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY AT 11:09 EVERYDAY <i>(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")</i> </div>	
23 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum 10:00 Worship -w/ Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	24	25 6:30 Men's Study "Bible on Trial"	26 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 Confirmation	27	28	29 9:00 Annual MMT Strategic Planning Session
30 9:00 Growing in Christ Hour - Adult Forum 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	Oct 1	Oct 2 6:30 Men's Study "Bible on Trial"	Oct 3 9:30 Mom's Study Noon Women's Study 6:30 Confirmation	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6

Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Sept 2	Wendy Robbin
Sept 9	Mona Hjelle
Sept 16	Phil Iverson
Sept 23	Kevin Welsh
Sept 30	Linda Dilley

Oct 7	Mark Fuglie
Oct 14	Tammy Fuglie
Oct 21	Duane Hansen
Oct 28	Tammy Wachter

Fellowship Servers

Sept 2	Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
Sept 9	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
Sept 16	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Sept 23	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Sept 30	Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky

Oct 7	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Oct 14	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Oct 21	Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
Oct 28	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson

Children's Church Schedule

Sept 2	Mona Hjelle
Sept 9	Eve Bajari
Sept 16	Michelle Johnson
Sept 23	Donna Peterson
Sept 30	Leader needed

Oct 7	Mona Hjelle
Oct 14	Eve Bajari
Oct 21	Michelle Johnson
Oct 28	Donna Peterson

Make A Meal Volunteers

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

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Thot for a day: Shot my first turkey yesterday - scared everyone in the frozen food section. It was awesome! Getting' old is so much fun...

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Elders

Sept 2	Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter
Sept 16	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
Sept 23	Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter

Oct 7	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
Oct 21	Troy Hansen & Scott Wachter

Acolyte

Sept & Oct	Children's Church Kids
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Usher / Greeter Schedule

Sept 2	Jamie & Phil Iverson	Bryson Wachter
Sept 9	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen	Laurel Iverson
Sept 16	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter	Bonnie Hansen
Sept 23	Lonny Robbin & Jason Olson	Greeter needed
Sept 30	Troy Hansen & Brady Sharp	Greeter needed

Oct 7	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer	Bryson Wachter
Oct 14	Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle	Laurel Iverson
Oct 21	Kevin & Noah Welsh	Bonnie Hansen
Oct 28	Vern Samuelson & Wally Abraham	Greeter Needed

LWML News...

This past month 13 ladies had a fun day making pies and crusts for the annual Pie and Ice Cream Social. At the Social we sold out of almost all the pies, had a great time of fellowship working together - and took in over \$800 (before expenses). Thanks to everyone who helped



In September we will begin meeting back at the church (after meeting in homes during the summer) at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. At the September 12 meeting we will discuss whether to continue the annual Mexican Fiesta Dinner.

September Discipleship Verse...



*"I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord.""*

Psalm 122:1

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

TO: God
FROM: ABC Management Consultants, LLC

Dear Sir:

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the men you have picked for management positions in your organization. The profiles of all applicants are included, and you will want to study each of them.

As part of our service and for your guidance, we make some general comment, much as an auditor will include some general statements. This is given as a result of staff consultation and comes without any additional fee.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. All of the profiles are self-explanatory.

- Noah
He has 120 years of preaching experience, but no converts.
- - Moses
He stutters; and his former congregation says he loses his temper over trivial things.
- Abraham
He took off to Egypt during hard times. We heard that he got into trouble with the authorities and then tried to lie his way out.
- - David
He is an unacceptable moral character. He might have been considered for minister of music had he not fallen.
- Solomon
He has a reputation for wisdom but fails to practice what he preaches.
- - Elijah
He proved to be inconsistent, and is known to fold under pressure.
- Hosea
His family life is in a shambles. Divorced, and remarried to a prostitute.

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Thot for a day: Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.

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- - Jeremiah
He is too emotional, alarmist; some say a real pain in the neck.
- Amos
Comes from a farming background. Better off picking figs.
- - John
He says he is a Baptist but lacks tact and dresses like a hippie. Would not feel comfortable around him at a church pot-luck supper.
- Peter
Emotionally unstable. Has a bad temper, publically denied knowing your son. 'Nuff said.
- - The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee,
Consistently place personal interest above company loyalty.
- Thomas, the twin
Demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale.
- - Matthew
Blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau.
- - James, son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus
Definitely have radical leanings and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.
- Paul
We found him to lack tact. He is too harsh. His appearance is contemptible, and he preaches far too long.
- - Timothy
He has potential, but is much too young for the position.
- - Judas
He seemed to be very practical, cooperative, good with money, cares for the poor, and dresses well. We all agreed that he is just the man you are looking for.

Sincerely,
ABC Management Consultants

NOTE: Thank God that - as He said through Samuel - *The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.*

God is not looking for perfect people, only willing ones who simply trust Him to provide what we lack.

E-Mail Humor...

Gaudiness, Godliness and Self-Control

Many years ago, when my 9 year old daughter was 3, we went to our usual Sunday morning church service. We were seated and waiting for the service to begin, when this woman walked by us in a really bright, gaudy dress. My husband, who never says anything about anyone, even made a comment about how "loud" the dress was.

After the service was over, we were standing outside the church chatting with another couple. I couldn't see my daughter and then I noticed her standing right next to (practically on top of) the woman with the dress. When I asked her what she was doing, she said "I'm trying to hear

this dress mom. Dad said it was really loud, but I haven't heard it make a peep yet."

Everyone within earshot, with the exception of my husband and the woman in the dress burst out laughing. My husband wanted to crawl in a hole, and I have to say I never saw that particular dress worn again.

In honor of a new school year...

A former sergeant in the Marine Corps took a new job as a high school teacher. But just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school.

The smart-aleck punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Dead silence.

He had no trouble with discipline the rest of the year.

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Thot for a day: Why do we choose from just two people to run for President and fifty for Miss America?

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The LINK...

September 2012

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday I had a flat tire. I called my Dad to help me out. He came to my house, along with a portable compressed air tank and an air compressor, and aired up my tire. As the time for another newsletter approached, I began to reflect on what it means to have meaningful support: someone to call when you have a flat tire or someone willing to share their resources in a time of need. What does it mean to provide that to someone else? As I reach out into the community to talk about the mission of the Link, stories of health crises, broken relationships and job loss are challenges for people assisted by the Link. At times, the Link acts as that support to our neighbors where no other resources exist.

In looking at community and what it means to be part of a community, there are also stories of feeling left out or feeling lost that our neighbors experience. As the Link kicks off the Photo-Voice Exhibit: The Views & Voices of Women in the New London -Spicer area, I look forward to sharing the mission of the Link and engaging you in this important work. The exhibit is available to "travel" within the community—let me know if you would like to host it at your church, community group or business.

Thank you for giving your gifts of time or resources to sustain the Link and meeting our mission: "Creating a community where people share the love of God through service to each other."

Blessings,
Rhonda Otteson
Link Director

Needs:

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays to help out at the Link's New London Household Exchange from 2-6 pm. Shifts can be two or four hour increments. Contact Rhonda if you are interested: 320.796.2522 or flc_link@tds.net.

The Community Care Pantry is in need of personal care and basic household cleaning products. Contact Cathy Plucker at Hope Presbyterian to donate at 320.796.2650.

Tuesday's Table in September:

Come join us for food and fellowship! All are welcome!
September 4th: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

September 11th: New London Evangelical Covenant Church
September 18th: Faith Lutheran Church
September 25th: Peace Lutheran Church

Thank you for your support!

Donations can be sent to:

The Link
c/o Faith Lutheran Church
310 Medayto Drive
Spicer, MN 56288

News & Thanks!

Host the PhotoVoice Project: The Views & Voices of Women
I would welcome the opportunity to come and share about The Link and talk about the exhibit. The exhibit features the photos taken by four women in the NL-S area. This project was made possible by the support of a special grant from the Willmar Area Community Foundation.

Thank you for your support the Link during the New London Music Festival! The money raised helps support the mission of the Link.

Relief for Hurricane Isaac Victims...

As news regarding Hurricane Isaac's impact on the island of Hispaniola (Haiti and the Dominican Republic), and now the storm's landfall in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast continues to unfold, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) Mercy Operations Group is closely monitoring the storm's effect on specific places where assistance from our Synod's national office is being requested.

Already, the LCMS has committed \$35,000 for mercy medical care and rebuilding efforts in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. We will be assessing the need for additional funding for the Gulf Coast to ease suffering among those affected by Isaac's fury.

LCMS individuals and congregations have already given over \$5,000 toward Isaac response efforts.

LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison stated, "We are committed to walking alongside our partners in the Caribbean as well as our local disaster response teams responsible for the Gulf states. Our purpose is to bring the mercy of Christ to our neighbors in need through resources offered by the people of our Synod, regardless of where they live."

The Rev. Dr. Edward O. Grimenstein, our Synod's manager of disaster response, added, "A generous response by God's redeemed people is urgently needed to bring His mercy and witness to those who have been and will be affected by this massive storm."

Hurricane Isaac has made landfall—Please give! To make a donation for hurricane relief efforts:

Rev. John A. Fale
Associate Executive Director
Mercy Operations

Mail checks (noting "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line) to:
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis MO 63166-6861
Phone toll-free: 888-930-4438

Story Behind The Song...

"The Church's One Foundation"

As we move into our building this month we look at another song that focuses on the proper foundation for a Christian church. Last month the hymn "How Firm A Foundation" reminded us that God's Word as found in the Bible is the foundation for all our teaching. This month's song reminds us that the foundation of our faith must be Jesus Christ. "The Church's One Foundation" is based on these passages from God's Word.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Matthew 16:16-18

The hymn text was written by Samuel John Stone who was born in Whitmore, Staffordshire, England, in 1839. Following his graduation from Oxford, he spent most of his remaining ministry in just two parishes in London, where he was affectionately known as 'the poor man's pastor.' He spent much of his time ministering to the poor and underprivileged people in the East End of London, where it was said "he created a beautiful place of worship for the humble folk, and made it a center of light in the dark places."

Stone was known as a man of spotless character; he was compassionate toward the weak and needy, yet he was a fervent fighter for the fundamentals of the faith that were being so fiercely attacked in his day (as they are today). He refused to compromise to the secular philosophies that were becoming increasingly popular, teachings that daimed the Bible was simply a human document. A personal faith in the inspired Scriptures was enough for him. All of his writings have been described as "strongly outspoken utterances of a firm faith, where dogma, prayer and praise are interwoven with much skill."

Stone's text originally contained seven stanzas. However, our hymnal (#644) uses just his first, second, fourth, fifth and sixth.

*The church's one Foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word;
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*She is from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food.
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endured.*

*The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain and cherish is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.*

*Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

Thot for a day: This newsletter is proofread carefully to see if I any words out.

*Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace
That we like saints before us, may see you face to face.*

*O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.
There, past the border mountains, where in sweet vales the Bride
With Thee by living fountains forever shall abide!*

The composer of this music, Samuel S. Wesley, was born in London, England, on August 14, 1810. He was the grandson of Charles Wesley and was recognized as one of the leading church musicians of his day. This tune, known as "Aurelia," taken from the word "Aureus," the Latin word for "golden," was originally compose for the hymn text "Jerusalem the Golden." It was first matched with Stone's text in 1868.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The way to the goal is the narrow hole between left guard and center and is filled with 370 lb. nose tackle Beelzebub Smith. Mt 7:13-14 gridiron gospels note: be sure to wear full pads of God (Eph 6) and use the Holy Spirit as your lead blocker. Jo 14:15-16