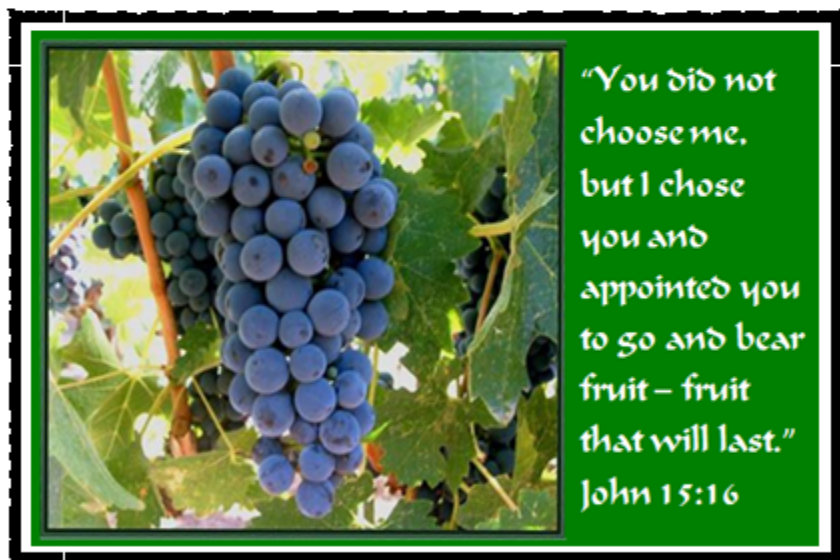




**November 2013 Newsletter**



**"Communicating the Love of Jesus"**

**Worship Hours:**

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

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



# Living Word Lutheran Church

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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's Your Favorite Book in the Bible - Old Testament?*

I appreciated this question, because it reminds us that the Bible is not a book in and of itself. Rather, it is a *collection of books* that we have bound into book form for convenience. You could actually think of the Bible as a small library, a collection of sixty-six books. You could say it is "God's Library," since all of the books in it have been inspired by God. In other words, even though the words in those books were written down by human beings, everything written in each book is exactly what God himself wanted in there. He prompted (inspired) the writers to write what they did.



As with any library, the Bible contains different types of writings. For example, you will find writings that would be classified as "History." The book of Acts in the New Testament would be one good example. Other writings, like the Psalms, fall under the "Poetry" category. Still others fit the "Prophecy" genre - direct messages of warning or encouragement from God to His people. Isaiah is such a book. The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) could be classified as "Biographies" - although they are much more than that. And most of the rest of the New Testament books are actually "Letters" that were written to individuals or congregations.

I can, at times, be easily distracted, so I tend to gravitate toward books or sections of books that I can read from start to finish in five or ten minutes. The shorter the time frame, the less likely I will be to lose focus. I also tend to find myself attracted to books that tell stories about people or specific situations those people

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faced. So it stands to reason that Jonah and Esther would stand out for me as favorites from the Old Testament. (It took me five minutes to read the book of Jonah just now.) I have many favorite *parts* and *chapters* in other Old Testament books that would probably top Jonah and Esther on my list, but when taking the books *as a whole*, it would have to be one of those.

Jonah has an added bonus. It's not just an interesting and memorable non-fiction short story about God's miraculous work in and through the life of one prophet named Jonah. The book of Jonah also has a single, easy-to-detect, central theme: God is "*gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.*" Main points that are easy to pick out and highlighted over and over are a blessing to those of us who have a tendency to get distracted easily.

I'll tackle the favorite New Testament and Gospel books in upcoming newsletters. In the meantime, I'd like to know what yours is - and why. Head over to our website [www.livingwordlutheran.net](http://www.livingwordlutheran.net) and leave your answer as a comment to the blog entry asking this question

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:

Keep up with the latest news and scripture lessons from Pastor Dave at <http://livingwordlutheranlcms.blogspot.com/>

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## Mark Your Calendars...

### Redeemer Lutheran Members Invite Us To **Plymouth Playhouse** **To See. . .**



**Sunday, December 1**

Cost: \$38.00 (includes ticket & bus ride)  
Bus Loads In The North Redeemer Parking  
Lot at 11:15 a.m.

**Sign Up By Friday, November 1**

We Will Be Stopping On The  
Way Home For Supper

**Invite Your Friends Too !**

## LWML News...

- Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30.



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Thot for a day: The best way to get ahead is to use the one you've got.

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### Sunday, November 24: Harvest Dinner

The Sunday before Thanksgiving we will gather as a church family to give thanks for all God has given and dedicate His gifts for His service. We will celebrate with a Harvest Dinner after worship. What can you bring from the harvest?



### Smoke-Detector Battery Giveaway Outreach:



Daylight Saving Time ends on the morning of Sunday, November 3. As a reminder for everyone to Fall Back and to change the battery in their smoke detector, we will be doing our annual Battery Giveaway on **Saturday, November 2**. Meet at the church at **10:00**. For more information about helping with this program, see Pastor Dave.

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship...

Wednesday, November 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated

Please let us know favorite songs of Thanksgiving and Praise that you'd like to sing at this service.



### *Community Choir Concert* *to benefit the Link*

Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 7:00 pm  
Peace Lutheran Church, New London

*Free will offering during the concert*

Featuring area church choirs and a combined community choir  
Sponsored by the New London-Spicer Ministerial Association

Supplemental funds have been applied for through Kandiyohi County Chapter #31307 of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



## Miscellaneous Notes...

### Last Call For Time Capsule Items

Bring something that signifies our faith and church at this point in time. Maybe a cd, movie, book, photos, predictions, news clippings, etc.... Also bring a favorite Bible passage to show even though some elements of our faith and religion change over the years, the most important - the rock-solid foundation that is the Living Word of God - never will.

### Church Directory Pictures

If you didn't get your directory picture taken earlier this year, there's still time to bring a picture for us to include. Please talk to Linda Dilley.

### Living Word Shirts & Sweatshirts

Are still available to order. See the order form on page 17 in this newsletter.

### HELP WANTED:

Administrative Assistant Position Open at Koronis Ministries

Beyond the general office skills in writing and communication, this person must display positive Christian attitude and hospitality when serving guests. Will utilize a registration software for group booking and scheduling. Be involved in marketing via social media, printed materials. Contact Mike 320-243-4544



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

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## Sunday School News...

- **Class Time:** 9:00 - 9:45 every Sunday morning
- **Teachers:** Preschool - K: Amanda Sharp  
1-3 grade - Jason Miller  
4-6 grade - Violet Dauk

Substitutes still needed. Please talk to Mona if you can help.

- **November Service Project:** *Operation Christmas Child*
- **Curriculum:**  
"Jesus is...A through Z" (names/titles of Jesus)  
Nov 3 Lesson 8: G - Good Shepherd, Great God, etc..  
Nov 10 Lesson 9: H - Healer, High Priest, Holy One  
Nov 17 Lesson 10: I - I Am, Image of God, Immanuel  
Nov 24 Lesson 11: J-K - Judge, King of Kings, etc..
- **SS teachers' meetings:**  
After worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month

## Operation Christmas Child...

"The Power of A Simple Gift"

Collecting Shoe Boxes Now Through Nov. 24



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoe boxes and evangelistic material that tell the Good News of God's love. Here are some ways you can make a difference:

Pray... that God will touch the heart of every child who receives shoe box gift, and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ.

Pack a Gift... A Shoe box filled with small toys and other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love. Instructional brochures on "How to Pack a Shoe Box" are available at church.

Included \$7 Donation... Remember to give \$7 per box to cover shipping and other project costs. (An added bonus if you donate online: You get a tracking number for your shoebox and will be able to find out where it ends up!)

Pick up a "How to Pack Your Shoe Box" brochure from the Ushers' Table and start collecting items for your shoe box. It's a great family project and brings Christ and Christmas to hurting kids around the world. Shoebox Dedication Sunday is Nov. 24.



## Opportunities for Growth...

### Bearing Fruit for Jesus

It is exciting to inform you that our stewardship theme for this year is Bearing Fruit for Jesus: His Grace and Power at Work Within You.

The following is an introduction to what God's Word says about bearing fruit:

Jesus said, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:4-5). Fruit characterizes the life of the Christian steward. It is interesting to note that, in this passage above, Jesus did not say, "You should bear fruit." He stated that when we abide in Him, it follows naturally that we will bear fruit.



We will learn more about Bearing Fruit for Jesus in each of our Bible Study groups this month as well as on Sundays.

We will conclude the theme with a special Harvest Dinner on Sunday, November 24. (see page 4 of this newsletter) On that day we will also make our commitments to God about fruits we intent to return to Him over the course of the coming year.

**Men's Study:** Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

**Mom's Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30

**Wednesday Noon Study:** Wednesdays at noon

**Sunday Morning Study:** 9:00 am

### **Sunday Night Youth Group**

For youth (grades 5+) from 4:00 to 6:00

Sunday nights will include some activities, a short study, and some snacks, along with other special things. Please come and hang out, bring some friends, have some fun, and learn about

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Thot for a day: How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

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God. (P.S. we will also try and mix in a special event night every once and a while.)

### **Confirmation:**

This month we will continue our video Bible overview on Wednesday nights. We'll also conduct our Battery Out-reach



### **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 spring. 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.

## E-Mail Humor



Joe had been a long-time and very valued member of his church in Austin. He was a trustee and always preferred to fix things rather than replace them and he was very adept at doing so.

One day the pastor came in o the office on his day off to get something. He was dressed in very grungy clothing and wearing a pair of running shoes that were falling apart. If fact, when he walked down the hall to his office it sounded like he was wearing flip-flops. This old trustee heard the noise and told the preacher, "I think I have some glue that will fix those shoes if you'll give then to me." A couple of days later he did just that.

A week later, when he went into his office he saw a brown bag on his desk. Upon opening it he found his repaired running shoes and a handwritten note stuffed in one of them. It read: "It is a rare occasion when a parishioner is able to save the Pastor's sole."



# November - Daily Devotionals

This month we continue reading the "100 (or so) Key Chapters" of the Bible. Each of these chapters will help you come to a greater understanding of God, who He is, what He likes, what He is like, and His plans for you.

Record your insights from these chapters on the lines provided.

**Wk of Oct 27** Daily Readings: Key Chapters in the Psalms

Oct 28 Psalm 1 & 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 29 Psalm 23 & 27 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 30 Psalm 32 & 46 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 31 Psalm 51 & 91 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 1 Psalm 100 & 127 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 2 Psalm 139 & 145 \_\_\_\_\_

**Wk of Nov 3** Daily Readings: Key Chapters in the Old Testament

Nov 4 Proverbs 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 5 Proverbs 31 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 6 Ecclesiastes 3-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 7 Isaiah 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 8 Isaiah 52:13-53:12 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 9 Isaiah 55 \_\_\_\_\_

**Wk of Nov 10** Daily Readings: Key Chapters in the Old Testament

Nov 11 Daniel 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 12 Daniel 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 13 Daniel 7 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 14 Jonah 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 15 Joel 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 16 Haggai 1 \_\_\_\_\_

**Wk of Nov 17** Daily Readings: Key Chapters in the Gospel of Matthew

Nov 18 Malachi 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 19 Matthew 1:18-2:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 20 Matthew 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 21 Matthew 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 22 Matthew 7 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 23 Matthew 13 \_\_\_\_\_

**Wk of Nov 24** Daily Readings: Key Chapters in the Gospel of Matthew

Nov 25 Matthew 21 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 26 Matthew 24 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 27 Matthew 25 \_\_\_\_\_




Nov 28 Matthew 26 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 29 Matthew 27 \_\_\_\_\_

Nov 30 Matthew 28 \_\_\_\_\_



# November 2013 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Oct 27 REFORMATION</b> 9:00 <b>Adult Study</b> <i>Who Am I?</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fall Voters' Assembly / Special Parking Lot Mtg. 4:00 Youth Group	<b>Oct 28</b>	<b>Oct 29</b> 6:30 <b>Men's Study</b> <i>"Stuff they didn't teach            me in Sunday School"</i>	<b>Oct 30</b> 9:30 <b>Moms' Study</b> noon Wed. Noon Study 6:30 Confirmation @ Pastor's	<b>Oct 31</b>	<b>Nov 1</b> 	<b>2</b> 10:00 Smoke-Detector Battery Outreach 2:00 Baby Shower for Kim England
<b>3</b> 9:00 <b>Adult Study</b> <i>Bearing Fruit</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 4:00 Youth Group	<b>4</b> 9:00 Pastors' Conf @ Canby	<b>5</b> 6:30 <b>Men's Study</b> <i>"Bearing Fruit"</i>	<b>6</b> 9:30 <b>Moms' Study</b> <i>Bearing Fruit</i> noon Wed. Noon Study <i>Bearing Fruit</i> 6:00 Confirmation @ Michelle's	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:00 <b>Adult Study: Bearing Fruit</b> Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 Elders' Team SS Teachers' Mtg. 4:00 Youth Group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30 <b>Men's Study</b> <i>"Bearing Fruit"</i>	<b>13</b> 9:30 <b>Moms' Study</b> <i>Bearing Fruit</i> noon Wed. Noon Study <i>Bearing Fruit</i> 6:30 Confirmation @ Gracie's	<b>PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY AT 11:09 EVERYDAY</b> <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>		
<b>17</b> 9:00 <b>Adult Study</b> <i>Bearing Fruit</i> Sunday School 10:00 Worship - w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 4:00 Youth Group	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 <b>Men's Study</b> <i>"Bearing Fruit"</i>	<b>20</b> 9:30 <b>Moms' Study</b> <i>Bearing Fruit</i> noon Wed. Noon Study <i>Bearing Fruit</i> 6:30 Confirmation @ Pastor's	<b>21</b> 6:30 Mission & Ministry Team	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 HARVEST DINNER</b> 9:00 <b>Adult Study:</b> Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 HARVEST DINNER (potluck) 4:00 Youth Group 6:00 Parents' Supper @ Dauk's		<b>26</b> 6:30 <b>Men's Study</b> <i>"Stuff they didn't teach me in Sunday School"</i>	<b>27</b> 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship w/communion	<b>28 THANKSGIVING</b> 	<b>LORD'S SUPPER DATES IN NOV:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday, November 2nd</li> <li>Sunday, November 16th</li> <li>Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 27th</li> </ul>	



## Upcoming Schedules...

### Scripture Readers

Nov 3 Duane Hansen  
Nov 10 Tammy Wachter  
Nov 17 Eve Bajari  
Nov 24 Scott Wachter

Dec 1 Bryson Wachter  
Dec 8 Wendy Robbin  
Dec 15 Mona Hjelle  
Dec 22 Phillip Iverson  
Dec 29 Kevin Welsh

### Fellowship Servers

Nov 3 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson  
Nov 10 Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky  
Nov 17 Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie  
Nov 24 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller

Dec 1 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham  
Dec 8 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson  
Dec 15 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen  
Dec 22 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson  
Dec 29 Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky

### Nursery

Nov 3 Mona Hjelle  
Nov 10 Eve Bajari  
Nov 17 Grace Geer  
Nov 24 Michelle Johnson

Dec 1 Mona Hjelle  
Dec 8 Eve Bajari  
Dec 15 Grace Geer  
Dec 22 Michelle Johnson

### Altar Guild

November Mona Hjelle  
Dec Pastor David & Linda Dilley

### Make A Meal Volunteers

November Grace Geer & Laurel Iverson  
Dec Pastor David & Linda Dilley

### Custodian

November ++ Custodians Needed ++  
December ++ Custodians Needed ++

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**Thot for a day:** Measure your wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.

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### Elders

Nov 3 Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp  
Nov 17 Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter  
Nov 27 Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp  
Dec 1 Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter  
Dec 15 Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp  
Dec 24 Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter

### Usher Schedule

Nov 3 Jamie & Phil Iverson  
Nov 10 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen  
Nov 17 Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter  
Nov 24 Lonny Robbin & Jason Olson

Dec 1 Troy Hansen & Brady Sharp  
Dec 8 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer  
Dec 15 Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle  
Dec 22 Kevin & Noah Welsh  
Dec 29 Jamie & Phil Iverson

### Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Nov 3 Carson Jaspersen  
Nov 10 Noah Miller  
Nov 17 Andy Sharp  
Nov 24 Levi Miller

Dec 1 Eli Sharp  
Dec 8 Lance Sawatzky  
Dec 15 George Arends-Schmidt  
Dec 22 Carson Jaspersen  
Dec 29 Noah Miller

### Accompanying Musicians

Nov 3 Sharon Willen  
Nov 10 Scott Wachter  
Nov 17 Pam Johnson  
Nov 24 Scott Wachter  
Dec 1 Sharon Willen  
Dec 8 Scott Wachter  
Dec 15 Pam Johnson  
Dec 22 Scott Wachter  
Dec 29 Scott Wachter

## November Discipleship Verse...



"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last."  
John 15:16







## Opportunities to be a Servant Like Jesus...

### **Be A Sunday School "Sub"**

We need a couple substitute teachers. Talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help

### **Participate in the Community Choir Concert**

The Concert will be at Sunday, November 24, at Peace Lutheran. Practice on Nov. 17 @ 7pm and prior to the concert. Talk to Pastor David if you would like to be part of this choir.

### **Help With A Nursery**

On Rally Sunday we began offering a nursery for 2-4 year olds (give or take). To make this happen we will need some volunteers to help. Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you'd like to help out one Sunday a month. Thanks !

### **Be a Custodian for the Month of November**

We still need families to volunteer for November-December. A check-list of duties is provided. Talk to Trustee Lonny Robbin and choose your month. Thanks

### **Provide Pictures for Our 1st-Year Time Capsule**

On Rally Sunday, September 8, we celebrated the first birthday of this building. We will be burying a time capsule with memories from this past year. Please bring any pictures you have of special events from this year.

### **Provide Church Directory Pictures**

If you didn't get your directory picture taken earlier this year, there's still time to bring a picture for us to include. Please talk to Linda Dilley.

### **Use Our Make-A-Meal Program**

A meal is a simple 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 Linda Dilley if you know someone who could use a meal as a reminder that we're thinking of them. Thanks! (Gracie Geer and Laurel Iverson are our November Make-A-Meal volunteers)

### **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: Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

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## The Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting



The class is finished, but the parenting never stops, so we'll have excerpts of things we learned in this and future newsletters.

### **DAILY DOZEN #1: Parents, Don't Forget Who You Are**

Our society trains us to find our identity in the things that we buy. That's a horrible example to set for children. Someone talked of the result of trying to define ourselves by the stuff we own this way, "I buy things I don't need... with money I don't have... to impress people I don't even like!"

God - as always - has the better way: Ephesians 5:1 (our Discipleship Verse from October) reminds us that we are "Dearly Loved Children." Who are you? You are a Child of God.

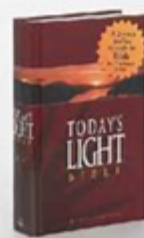
There's a lot wrapped up defining who you are as "A Child of God." Here are a couple really important things that means:

1) You have the Ultimate Parent (God) as an example.

You may not know how to be the best parent for your children, but God does. Ask Him to show you. (As His child, you can come to Him any time). Even when you know what's the best thing to do, you may not have the power, patience, perseverance to do it. God does. Ask Him for His help

2) You have a Heavenly Father who specializes in forgiveness.

God may be the Perfect Parent, but we certainly aren't. And when you find that you've really blown it, you can - and should - go to God and ask His forgiveness. Then go back to the previous step and Ask for His power to do it right next time.



### **REMEMBER...**

#### **We Have New *Today's Light Bibles***

- 1) For our Bible Studies
- 2) To take home or give to someone who needs a Bible

These were given in memory of Geneva Olson by her family.



## Just For Fun...

### Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 218 Rev. 17-7-18

### Mystery Babylon

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EARTH	BELONGS
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FLESH	CHOSEN
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MIND	NATIONS
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RULES	REMAIN
RIDES	WRITTEN
WOMAN	WATERS
WORLD	WISDOM

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Thot for a day: Success is more attitude than aptitude.

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to Jerry and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?" Jerry replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, Jerry, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood." I choose to be in a good mood.

Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life."

"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested.

"Yes it is," Jerry said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live life." I reflected on what Jerry said. Soon thereafter, I left the restaurant industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that Jerry did something you are never supposed to do in a restaurant business: he left the back door open one morning and was held up at gunpoint by three armed robbers. While trying to open the safe, his hand, shaking from nervousness, slipped off the combination. The robbers panicked and shot him. Luckily, Jerry was found relatively quickly and rushed to the local trauma center.

After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Jerry was released from the hospital with fragments of the bullets still in his body. I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?"

I declined to see his wounds, but did ask him what had gone through his mind as the robbery took place. "The first thing that went through my mind was that I should have locked the back door," Jerry replied. "Then, as I lay on the floor, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live, or I could choose to die. I chose to live."

"Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked. Jerry continued, "The paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the emergency room and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read,

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

### ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

(If you've heard this one before, it's still worth reading again.)

Jerry was the kind of guy you love to hate. He was always in a good mood and always had something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!"

He was a unique manager because he had several waiters who had followed him around from restaurant to restaurant. The reason the waiters followed Jerry was because of his attitude. He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Jerry was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up



"He's a dead man." I knew I needed to take action."

"What did you do?" I asked.

"Well, there was a big, burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Jerry. "She asked if I was allergic to anything. 'Yes,' I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Bullets!' Over their laughter, I told them, 'I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.'"

Jerry lived thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything.

## Story Behind The Song...

### Let All Things Now Living

Most songs and hymns start out as poems that eventually get set to music. The author - or often someone else - finds a tune that fits the cadence of the poem then tune and text come together in the form of a hymn. Katherine K Davis (born in St. Joseph Missouri in 1910) did the opposite. She wrote this text for the Welsh tune ASH GROVE which she discovered in the 1920s. She wrote the harmonization and a descant for the tune and published them with her text in 1939 under the name John Cowley, one of her pseudonyms. (Davis wrote "The Little Drummer Boy," 1941, as well as many other songs under this and other pseudonyms.) She died on April 20, 1980, at the age of 87, in Littleton, Massachusetts.

In addition to the imagery of God physically in the form of a pillar of fire leading His Old Testament people on their journey to the Promised Land, the text of the hymn also incorporates themes found in both Psalm 19 and Psalm 148. Both Psalms talk about all the created things joining to praise God. The hymn encourages us to join with all creation in praising God as together He leads us to the Ultimate Promised Land of heaven.

**Let all things now living, A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us.  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light**

**His law he enforces, The stars in their courses,  
The sun in his orbit obediently shine,  
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine  
We too should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration A song let us raise  
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest Hosanna and praise.**

We will sing this great "song of thanksgiving" at our Thanksgiving Eve worship on November 27 (7pm). Please let us know of favorite thanksgiving songs you'd like for us to sing at that service as well.

Editor's note: Listen to a music video of this song with some nice photos at <http://youtu.be/fJVzpGnRdyg>

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

**REPENT.. for you may not know  
the day of our Lord's Return, but  
Thanksgiving is the last Thursday in  
November.**



**THE PURPOSE DRIVEN POULTRY -** Passionate preaching to a congregation of turkeys ( no pun intended ) unwittingly near Judgement Day (Thanksgiving)