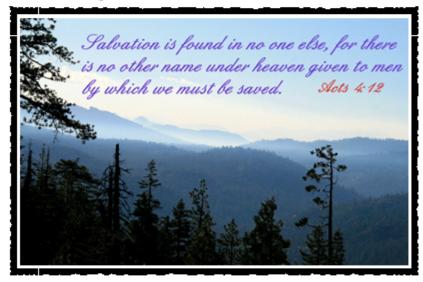


September 2013 Newsletter



"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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Phone: 320-354-4637

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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 Memory of Our First Year in This Building?

This is a question someone asked when I mentioned that Rally Sunday (September 8) is also the First Birthday of our new building.



I didn't have an answer right away. There are so many great things that have happened this past year in our building. We hosted our first wedding: Kim and John England; our first baptism: Austin Hjelle; our first celebration of someone going to be with Jesus: Geneva Olson; our first Christmas program, first Candlelight Christmas Eve, first Easter (coldest Sonrise service I can remember!), first VBS, etc... We also hosted our first Tuesday's Table meal and served 170 people. I could go on with more "firsts" - kind of like proud parents celebrating all the firsts of their eldest child. They are all special.

One of my best memories doesn't come from any of the many "firsts" but from something that happens every time I walk into my office. I am grateful (a huge understatement) for every day that I get to come into an actual office with a window instead of a 'closet-masquerading-as-an-office' (as was the case at the school).

But maybe the thing that sticks out most for me - the memory I am most grateful for - is the erecting and dedicating of the cross that was donated by Randy Nissen's family. (A cross that has received many positive comments about from folks in the community.)

The cross is a symbol that identifies "this building that sprang up in the middle of an alfalfa field just south of New London" as a

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church building. More than that, the solid-oak, threedimensional cross that dominates the front of our building



identifies us as Lutheran Christians of the LC-MS variety. For people who pay attention to things like that, our cross speaks volumes about the kind of messages they will find inside the building. Messages centered around the belief that the Bible IS God's Word and that God's Word - not our ever-changing culture - is the true standard by which everything should be judged.

But our cross has an even greater significance. God has placed Living Word in this location to be a beacon of hope

for our community. There may be no greater symbol of hope than the cross. It was on a cross about 2000 years ago that God demonstrated the depth of His love for us. Jesus didn't die for us because we were great and wonderful people. He died, taking *our* punishment for sin, while we were still *sinners* - *ungodly, powerless, enemies of God.* (Romans 5:6-10) That is the truly amazing depth of the love of our God!

That's the hope we have to offer. Hope that comes from the certainty that nothing you could do (or nothing that's been done to you) can ever take you out of God's love. Such is the Hope the cross shines for everyone who drives by our building. That's a Hope worth remembering. Always!

Thanks for asking Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Special Thanks to our HayDay VBS Staff:

Mona Hjelle - director Grace Geer - helper Pastor David - helper Wendy Robbin - meal Marcia Welsh - meal Amanda Sharp - helper Bryson Wachter - helper Bonnie Hansen - meal Nancy Jo Wendt - meal Tammy Fuglie - meal

We had 18 students at our VBS on August 22 & 23. Thanks to parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles who brought kids - and to the kids for showing us how much fun it is to have Jesus as our Friend!

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.

Nursery Replaces "Children's Church"

<u>Beginning on Rally Sunday</u> (Sept 8) we will be 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.

In place of Children's Church, kids will receive activity bags with books and activities to complete during the sermon. Pastor will hand these out at the end of the Children's Message.

New in our "Project Connect" Booklet Rack

(outside Pastor's Office)

What is the Bible all about? Our booklet The Bible: What? When? Why? looks at the sixty-six books that make up the Bible. Written by different authors across the centuries at first glance it may seem like they were just thrown together in random order without rhyme or reason. But Dr. Geisler shows how the books come together to form a mini-library. And despite their differences they share one important purpose. In this booklet you will learn about the heart and center of the message God brings us in His Bible.



Geisler writes, "The words of the Bible did not come down from heaven on golden pages or in a secret book delivered by an angel. The Bible is an amazing mirade, but it is a quiet kind of miracle that joins together the words of God Himself with ordinary human language."

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Sunday School News...

 RALLY DAY Sept 8 @ 9:00a.m Games, Scavenger Hunt, Crafts

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.

Curriculum:

"Jesus is...A through Z" (names/titles of Jesus)

Sept 15: Lesson 1: Jesus-THE #1 Name

Sept 22: Lesson 2: A - Advocate, Alpha-Omega, etc.

Sept 29: Lesson 3: B - Beginning & End, etc.
Oct: 6 Lesson 4: C - Carpenter, etc.

SS teachers' meetings:

After worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month

A Music Leader:

Is needed to help students learn fun songs.

"Little Lambs":

A class for 2-3year olds will be held once a month (the last Sunday)

LWML News...

We sold out of pies with over 2 hours
left! In case you hadn't heard, our annual
Pie and Ice Cream Social at the New London Music Fest set a new record. We had
36 pies available and all were gone by 3:45 p.m. This is the first time we've sold all our pies. We took in around a thousand dollars before expenses. One thing didn't change: We had a great time working together making the pies and selling them. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept 11 at 6:30.

Congratulations!

Living Word - On the First Birthday of Your Building !!!

Please email <u>pastor@livingwordlutheran.net</u> if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

Thot for a day:

Actions

E-Mail Humor

CHURCH SERVICE of THE FUTURE

PASTOR: "Praise the Lord!"

CONGREGATION: "Hallelujah!"

PASTOR: "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone, and Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians 13:13. And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon."

P-a-u-s-e.....

"Now, let us pray committing this week into God's hands.

Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with
God"

S-i-l-e-n-c-e

"As we take our tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready."

"Please log on to the church Wi-Fi using the password 'I ord???...' "

"Please use your iPad to make your electronic fund transfers directly to the church account. Or if you prefer, the ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the pews. If you forgot to bring an electronic device, you are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church. Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account."

The holy atmosphere of the Church becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker!

Final Blessing and Closing Announcements: "This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out. Thursday's Bible study will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs GMT. Please don't miss out. You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counseling and prayers. God bless you and have a nice day.

Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net

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Mark Your Calendars...

Rally Sunday / 1st Birthday Celebration

September 8:

- Rally Sunday Activities for kids and adults starting at 9:00
- Rally Sunday/1st Birthday of Our Building Celebration Worship at 10:00
- 1st Birthday Potluck Meal, (birthday cake will be provided) after worship
- Birthday Games after we eat

Mission & Ministry Team 2014 Planning Session

Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 p.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, 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.

Let's Go Fishing!

- Thursday, Sept 5, 10a.m.
- · Wednesday, Sept 11, 10am

Please talk to Linda Dilley <u>TODAY</u> if you can go fishing either



Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Study: Sundays at 9:00 am

"Who Am I - and What Am I Doing Here?"

These are the BIG questions that eventually confront each one of us. They usually begin to pop up when we are kids. We ask and we wonder. But unfortunately, these questions don't go away with time. We might choose to ignore them or cover them up with distractions or rationalizations. But eventually each of us returns to these questions about our own existence and the reason for being. Thankfully God has the answers. In this study we will see how He answers these nagging questions.



Men's Study:

Starts Tuesday, September 10 @ 6:30pm

"Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School"

(Plus: NEW "Baloney Shop" Episodes)



Mom's Study:

Wednesdays at 9:30 beginning September 11 Soul Detox

Wednesday Noon Women's Study:

Soul Detax

Wednesdays at noon beginning Sept 11.

Soul Detax is a five-week video-based study designed to help us get free from all the toxins that weigh down our souls:

- 1. Lethal Language Experiencing the Power of Life-Giving Words
- Scare Pollution Unlocking the Chokehold of Fear
- 3. Radioactive Relationships Loving Unhealthy People Without Getting Sick
- Septic Thoughts Overcoming Our False Beliefs
- Germ Warfare Cleansing Our Lives of Cultural Toxins

Sunday Night Youth Group

For youth (grades 5+) from 7:00 to 9:00

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

Confirmation: Confirmation kicks off with: Parents meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 11 @ 6:00 First Class: Wednesday, Sept. 18 @ 6:30

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.

COMING IN OCTOBER:

What Does the LC-MS Believe?

Pastor will be hosting a "What does the Missouri Synod believe" class for those interested in membership at Living Word, Please talk to Pastor for details.



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.

Parents & Grandparents:



You should have received (or will in the next day or two) a mailing with information about the first Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting session.

Please return the postcard as soon as you can, so we know which day works best to schedule the session, THANKS!

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September - Daily Devotionals

In August we completed our "Summer Reading Series" - short books of the Bible that could be can read in a week (or so) by just reading a chapter a day. This month we begin reading "100 (or so) Key Chapters" of the Bible. Record your insights from these chapters on the lines provided.

	Wk of Sept 1 Daily Readings Key Chapters about the Beginning of Mankind
Sept 2	Genesis 1
Sept 3	Genesis 2
Sept 4	Genesis 3
Sept 5	Genesis 6-8
Sept 6	Genesis 9
Sept 7	Genesis 11
	Wk of Sept 8 Daily Readings Key Chapters about God's Choice of Israel
Sept 9	Genesis 15
Sept 10	Genesis 18-19
Sept 11	Genesis 22
Sept 12	Genesis 25
Sept 13	Genesis 37
Sept 14	Genesis 49:29-50:26
	Wk of Sept 15 Daily Readings Key Chapters in the Exodus from Egypt
Sept 16	Exodus 3
Sept 17	Exodus 12-14

Sept 18 Exodus 16
Sept 19 Exodus 20
Sept 20 Exodus 32
Sept 21 Exodus 34
Wk of Sept 22 Daily Readings: Key Chapters in "The Wanderings"
Sept 23 Leviticus 19
Sept 24 Leviticus 25
Sept 25 Numbers 11
Sept 26 Numbers 13-14
Sept 27 Numbers 20:1-21:9
Sept 28 Numbers 22
Wk of Sept 29 Daily Readings Key Chapters on Entering the Promised Land
Sept 30 Deuteronomy 11
Oct 1 Deuteronomy 28
Oct 2 Joshua 3
Oct 3 Joshua 5:13-6:27
Oct 4 Joshua 24
Oct 5 Judges 2

September 2013 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 9:00 Adult Study: 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 7:00 Youth Group	2 LABOR DAY	3	9:30 Morns' Study noon Wed. Noon Study	10:00 Let's Go Fishing	6	7	
8 RALLY DAY/ BLDG BIRTHDAY 9:00 Rally Sunday Activities 10:00 Rally Sunday Worship 11:15 First Birthday Party for our Building noon SS Teachers' Mtg. 7:00 Youth Group	9:00 Pastors' Conf @ Montevideo	5:30 Helpwith Tuesday's Table at NL Covenant 6:30 Men's Study "Stuff they didn't teach me in Sunday School"	9:30 Moms' Study "Soul Detax" 10:00 Let's Go Fishing noon Wed. Noon Study "Soul Detax" 6:00 Confirmation Parents Mtg. 6:30 LWML	11:0 (insp <i>Ask</i> you	ASE REMEMBER TO D9 EVERYDAY sired by Luke 11:9: " and it will be given to will find; Knock and to ned to you")	So I say to you, o you; Seek and	
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Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Sept 1	Scott Wachter
Sept 8	Bryson Wachter
Sept 15	Wendy Robbin
Sept 22	Mona Hjelle
Sept 29	Phillip Iverson
Oct 6	Kevin Welsh
Oct 13	Linda Dilley
Oct 22	Mark Fuglie

Fellowship Servers Sept 1 Linda Dilloy / Ronnie Hancon

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Sept I	Linua Dilley / Bolline natisett
Sept 8	Rally Sunday
Sept 15	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Sept 22	Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky
Sept 29	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Oct 6	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Oct 13	Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
Oct 20	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
Oct 27	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen

Tammy Fuglie

Children's Church Schedule

- Children's Church will be replaced by a Nursery for 2-4 year olds.
- At the end of Children's Message the kids will receive activity bags with books and activities to complete during the sermon.

<u>Nursery</u>

(Please sign up at church to take a Sunday)

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Sept 1	Kevin & Noah Welsh
Sept 8	Jamie & Phil Iverson
Sept 15	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
Sept 22	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
Sept 29	Lonny Robbin & Jason Olson
Oct 6	Troy Hansen & Brady Sharp
Oct 13	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
Oct 20	Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle
Oct 27	Kevin & Noah Welsh

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One to sit on and the other to think with. Success we use the most. gave us two ends: on which one The Lord depends day: ٥ Thot for

Page 15 Altar Guild

September Mona Hjelle October Nancy Jo Wendt

Make A Meal Volunteers

Sept Pam Johnson & Donna Peterson Oct Jamie Iverson & Mona Hjelle

<u>Elders</u>

Oct 27

Sept 1 Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp Sept 15 Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Sept 1	Lance Sawatzky
Sept 8	George Arends-Schmidt
Sept 15	Carson Jaspersen
Sept 22	Noah Miller
Sept 29	Andy Sharp
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Oct 13	Eli Sharp
Oct 20	Lance Sawatzky

George Arends-Schmidt

Accompanying Musicians

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Sept 8	Pam Johnson
Sept 15	Scott Wachter
Sept 22	Scott Wachter
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Oct 13	Scott Wachter
Oct 20	Pam Johnson
Oct 27	Scott Wachter

Custodian

September Mona Hjelle & Nancy Jo Wendt October ++ Custodians Needed ++

September Discipleship Verse...



"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12



Have you ever thought about what it might be like to rely on public transportation to get you to work, appointments, grocery shopping or to a child's school conference? I'd like to share some stories about issues surrounding transportation. In rural areas, safe, affordable, reliable transportation contributes to economic prosperity and wellness.

Two examples of transportation challenges for our neighbor in the last month:

Unexpectedly unable to work due to temporary health concerns, "John" (name changed) had a vehicle breakdown. John has been a hard working person all his life and has never experienced what it is like to ask for help for himself and his child. Living on county assistance of ~\$450 per month, John doesn't even receive enough to pay his rent. The Link provided John with a couple of bus passes to get to a medical appointment in Willmar. He boarded the KAT bus at 8:00 am for a 9:30 am appointment. He got home at 3:30 pm waiting for a bus home to New London—a 7 1/2 hour trip.

Another person had a vehicle breakdown, with a repair bill over \$1,000, and I'll call him "Jim". Living on a fixed income and without friends or family in the area, the Link worked to partner with Kandiyohi Area Transit to find a volunteer driver to bring him to and from his medical procedure. Volunteer drivers are able to get a stipend with from certain insurance providers. However, this person didn't have the "right" insurance. The Link provided a gas card to a volunteer driver willing to bring "Jim" to and from his appointment. Additionally, the Link was also able to help this person access a \$900 grant from the Willmar Area Community Foundation Good Samaritan Fund to assist with the repair of the vehide.

Just like many organizations and agencies in the area, Kandiyohi Area Transit works hard to meet the needs of our residents, However, resources are limited. The Link is able to "fill the gap" in instances where other resources may be limited and works to collaborate to meet our neighbors' needs!

Thank you for your continued support and for reaching out to share God's love!

> Sincerely. Rhonda Otteson Link Director

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Tuesday's Table in August: All are welcome!

September 3rd: Our Lady of the Lakes September 10th: Covenant Church September 17th: Faith Lutheran Church September 24th: Peace Lutheran Church

The purpose of Tuesday's Table is to build relationships among all of God's people.

Benefit



Coralie Jacobson



Coralie Jacobson, single mother of Jenna (19) and John (17), was diagnosed with breast cancer in May of 2013. Due to the strenuous nature of her two jobs, she is unemployed for an undetermined amount of time. Family and friends of Coralie feel the need to help her during this trying

Bake Sale

Live

September 20th, 2013 5-8pm Peace Lutheran Church 100 SW 4th Ave Entertainment New London, MN

Dinner

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(320) 354-2373

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

Lowly Sinners, Everyone

Historians tell a story about the funeral of Charlemagne. Charlemagne was widely recognized as the greatest Christian ruler of the early Middle Ages. After his death a mighty funeral procession left his castle for the cathedral at Aix. When the royal casket arrived, with a lot of pomp and circumstance, it was met by the local bishop, who barred the cathedral door.

"Who comes?" the Bishop asked, as was the custom.

"Charlemagne, Lord and King of the Holy Roman Empire," proclaimed the Emperor's proud herald.

"Him I know not," the Bishop replied. "Who comes?"

The herald, a bit shaken, replied, "Charles the Great, a good and honest man of the earth."

"Him I know not," the Bishop said again. "Who comes?"

The herald, now completely crushed, responded, "Charles, a lowly sinner, who begs the gift of Christ."

To which the Bishop, Christ's representative, responded, "Enter! Receive Christ's gift of life!"

The point, of course, is that in God's eyes, we're all equally needy. Charlemagne, Mother Teresa, you and me. None of us will ever be "good enough" to force entrance into the presence of God.

~Alex Gondola, Jr., Come As You Are, CSS Publishing Company

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/

Facebook:

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A Letter Received...

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Home: 218.353.7361 Cell: 218.730.7750 djrudloff74@yahoo.com

The Rev. Dean Rudloff Pastor

Rejoice in the LORD always

Living Word Lutheran, New London, MN

Dear Friends in Christ.

Greeting to you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Head of our church, His bride; "the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." (Heb. 12:2) Today I write to you with an update as to Life In Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Marais.

Since our last communication, you and other churches too, have written back to give their intent to partner with us to "help us build" our LCMS church in Cook County, Minnesota. As you have responded with your congregation's intent and gift, we are truly thankful and motivated to proceed. Indeed the Lord answers prayers and blesses according to His good will even as He puts our faith forward saying: "Put Me to the test & see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." (Malachi 3:10b)

To date, we are continuing our search for land on which to build. A great location on the west end of town, directly along highway 61, is currently under consideration. Originally it was a mission site for a Texas group who built it up as a retreat center complete with a dormitory, cafeteria, and additional buildings for housing guests.

In consideration of this 3.4 acre property, we have received word from churches within the Lake Superior Circuit & Lutheran Island Camp (Henning) of their desire to partner with Life In Christ Lutheran Church to establish a "campus type" ministry on this same property. The idea being that Lutheran Island Camp would bring its great programs East to another location & population, providing convenience and opportunity. The Grand Marais campus would be a destination site for our churches to use for retreats, workshops, outdoor camping, and the like, with housing and cafeteria available; with access to Lake Superior; with all that Grand Marais has to offer; with outfitters for adventuring into the BWCA via the Sawbill, Gunflint, and Arrowhead trails; and Life In Christ Lutheran Church ministering the Word and Sacrament. Yes, we're prayerfully looking into this potential site closely and will decide soon if this property is the right one.

Please keep us in your prayers.

The Rev. Dean Rudloff

Pastor of Life In Christ Lutheran Church

Sincerely in Christ

Opportunities to be a Servant Like Jesus...

Items Needed for Mike Knutson Benefit

(At Living Word Sept. 28 - see page 7 for more info)

- 10 Tables (w/chairs) that can be set up for eating outdoors.
- Bake Sale items.
- Silent Auction items or services

Please talk to Pastor David if you (or someone you know) can help with either of these. Thanks!

Provide a "Project-With-A-Purpose" School Kit

VBS is over, but you can still help with our "Project with a Purpose" Put together a "School Kit". Information sheets detailing what to purchase for each kit can be found on the "Free Stuff" table

Be A Sunday School "Sub"

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

Lead Sunday School Music

Music is a very important (and fun!) part of the Sunday School experience. If you like music - and helping kids learn songs we can use your help. Note: You don't have to be able to play musical instruments.

Help With A Nursery

Beginning on Rally Sunday (Sept 8) we will be 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!

Finish Installing Baseboards

The moldings are ready to install in the hallway and bathrooms. All that's needed is a volunteer to put them on.

Be a Custodian for the Month of October

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

Install Casters on our Room Partitions

We need someone who can look at our room dividers and figure out the best way to make them moveable (prior to the start of Sunday School). Talk to Pastor David

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Provide Pictures for Our 1st-Year Time Capsule

On Rally Sunday, September 8, we celebrate 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.

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! (Pam Johnson and Donna Peterson are our September 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.

Just For Fun...

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Story Behind The Song...

Jesus, Name Above All Names

In Hebrew thought, a name contains the essence of the person. It tells us who the person is. This year in Sunday School the students will be learning about all the names of Jesus. (Actually, He had one name, "Jesus." In Hebrew that name is "Y'shua." (The English form of which is Joshua). "Jesus" is actually the English way of saying the Greek). But there were many things Jesus was called. Some were titles, like "Christ" which means "Messiah." Others were what we would refer to as "Nicknames," names that are used to describe Him, but are not His given name.

A favorite song of many Sunday School kids (and adults) is *Jesus,* Name Above All Names by Naida Hearn.

Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

The history of the song is reprinted below as found in Lindsay Terry's book, *The Sacrifice of Praise: Stories Behind the Greatest Praise and Worship Songs of All Time*, by Integrity Publishers. The story is that of New Zealand native Naida Hearn (1931-2001) and how this great praise song grew out of praising God while doing the laundry:

Of the approximately twelve songs she wrote-she wasn't quite sure how many-only one has been published, but what a song! She wrote it as she was nearing her fortieth birthday.

As she studied the Bible, she became interested in the different names referring to Jesus and their meanings. So great was her interest that she began to make a list of the names on a piece of paper.

As is the case with many homes in Palmerston North [New Zealand], she and her family had a "washhouse" behind the regular living quarters of the home. One day in the early 1970s, as she made her way to the washhouse, she carried with her the paper on which she had written the names of Jesus. According to her report to me, she placed the paper "on the window seal against the window." The paper was in full view as she did the washing.

Feeling in a very worshipful mood, she suddenly found herself singing. She expressed it to me as follows:

"While I was doing the washing the Lord just gave me the first line, "Jesus, name above all names," to sing. I just started it and carried on singing. I sang the whole song just as you sing it today. I just

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opened my mouth and all of the words came out, the pitch and everything. I just sang...Soon after that it was sung in her church, New Life Church in Palmerton North...

This story makes Jesus, Name Above All Names a testament not just to the name of Jesus, but also to the way in which we can worship God in all times and places.

These second and third verses were added at a later time.

Jesus, Loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God. Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of Lords, The Way, the Truth and the Life, Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

Editor's note: Listen to a music video of this song by Clay Crosse at http://youtu.be/ZZwQqOL9YDw

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Go then into all the world and preach the gospel of Christ.. Mark 16:15

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