



August 2014 Newsletter

**"Communicating the Love of
Jesus"**

Worship Hours:

Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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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 advice do you have for me?

This question came up kind of 'out of the blue' during a conversation with someone I just kind of bumped into recently. I'd never really talked with this person before, but they knew I was a pastor and were curious about how I'd boil the message of the Bible down to a memorable bit of advice.



Talk about a difficult challenge! The Bible is a big book - actually, as I've said before, it's more of a library that contains many books. Now, if there was a *specific* situation the person was dealing with it that prompted this question it would certainly be easier to pinpoint some biblical advice.

For instance, if the person was dealing with a situation that was resulting in lots of worry and sleepless nights, I'd point them to Philippians 4:6-8. Through the Apostle Paul, God gives this great advice (paraphrased): *Empty your mind of all the worries by dumping them into God's lap in prayer. Then fill your mind back up with positive thoughts like the promises God has made. When you do that God makes a great trade - great for you! You give Him your worries, and He gives you His perfect peace.* Hard to beat that trade!

But the question above was a general one. There was no specific situation the person was seeking guidance for. How do you answer that? Well, for starters I said a quick, silent prayer for the Holy Spirit to speak through me. I didn't want this answer to be 'just something Pastor Dave came up with.' I wanted it to be from God.

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On a different occasion at a different time, the answer may be different, but on this day here was my response:

"Do you remember the old Sunday School song 'The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock'?" That song is actually a paraphrase of how Jesus summed up a sermon He had just preached to a bunch of people on a mountainside. We usually refer to that sermon as the Sermon on the Mount.

Remember the line in the song, "The rains came down and the floods came up..."? The house on the Rock did what? Stood firm. What did the house on the sand do? It went "Splat!"

Jesus is the Rock and He said that we build our house - our life - on that Rock by listening to what He says, and then putting what He said into practice." So, my best advice would be to find out what Jesus has said to you - to all of us. Read the Gospels - start with maybe Matthew, then jump over to John. Then go back to Luke and Mark. After you find out what Jesus says... put it into practice."

You might be thinking, "But you didn't tell them to trust in Jesus. That's how we are saved." Actually, by telling them to find out what Jesus says to them and then to put His words into practice, I did tell them to trust in Him. If you believe someone is telling you the truth, and then you go out and act on what they've told you, you have actually placed your trust in them.

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

PRAYING FOR US . . .

This week we received in the mail a card with this message:

God's greetings from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Turlock, California. We are including Living Word Lutheran Church in our prayers this week.

Blessings to all the people of your congregation and their service to your community.

Sincerely, George and Jean White

Thank God for our Christian brothers and sisters at Good Shepherd !

Marriage Enrichment Retreat...



The Marriage Enrichment Retreat is History....

... but History is something we are supposed to learn from. So we are including some things we learned at the retreat.

We've highlighted the first 4 keys for having a successful marriage:

1. Never forget that you are a TEAM (with God as your coach)
2. Don't forget this truth: Men and Women ARE Different by design !
3. Teammates must constantly communicate - don't assume you know!
4. Teammates work together to fight CONFLICT (not each other)

This month's key: Regularly (and 'once a year' is not 'regularly') Express Encouragement / Appreciation

It can make all the difference in the world to hear, "Thanks for doing that."

Take a moment right now to do the "E & A" exercise on the next page >>Encouragement & Appreciation Exercise:

(Each of you finish the sentences separately, then share your answers.)

This past year I really enjoyed the time we...

1. In our relationship, I'm glad we take time to...
2. One thing you've done recently that shows you love me is...
3. A recent challenge we've been able to handle with God's help is...
4. I especially appreciate the way you...
5. I'm also thankful for the many ordinary, everyday things you do like
6. A couple personal qualities I respect and value in you are...
7. You have helped me to ...
8. I'm thankful we have the kind of relationship where ...
9. If I could give you any gift (that money can't buy) I'd like to give you ...

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Thot for a day: If evolution is true, why do mothers still only have one pair of hands?

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10. Love is spelled "TIME," so I'd like us to spend more time ...

11. If I could give you any gift (that money can buy) I'd love to be able to give you ...

Here's a list of ten things I see that you are really good at ...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Email Humor...

On the first day of school, the kindergarten teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers."

A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"

An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a casket containing a mummy. After examining it, he called the curator of a prestigious natural-history museum. "I've just discovered a 3,000 year-old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!" the excited scientist exclaimed.

To which the curator replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out."

A week later, the amazed curator called the archaeologist. "You were exactly right about the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?"

"Easy. There was a piece of paper in his hand that said, '10,000 Shekels on Goliath.'"

Sunday School News...

VBS - Thursday & Friday, August 14 & 15

Vacation Bible School will be held both evenings.

Details on next page...

Rally Sunday - September 7

- Sunday School Kicks Off
- Potluck Dinner
- Hay Ride & Bonfire After Dinner

Rally Sunday!



Project 24

Our Vacation Bible School will be supporting the LCMS-sponsored "Project 24" in Kenya as their mission project this month.



Project 24 is committed to building at least 24 orphan rescue centers. Donations help construct safe homes, provide food, clothing, and healthcare for children in need.

As their physical needs are met, each child is told of Jesus' love.

On Sunday, August 3, Candice Bicoondoa from the St. Cloud area introduced us to this mission that's changing lives of orphans in Kenya. Extra spare-change containers that you can fill and return as part of the mission project are available at church if you were not at worship that day. Please help the VBS kids (and orphans in Kenya) by taking one home and filling it with your spare change. Thanks!

Congratulations!

- Bo & Mary Arends-Schmidt on your new baby girl: Josie
- Becca (Johnson) and Levi Langseth on your marriage !
- Joe Johnson and Ali Bratberg on your engagement

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

REMEMBER...

We Have New *Today's Light* Bibles

- 1) For our Bible Studies
- 2) To take home or give to someone.

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



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That for a day: Of course talk is cheap - supply far exceeds demand.

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Vacation Bible School...



"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Colossians 3:12

Gather up the kids and join us at

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 14-15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

to have a fun-filled 2-days

as we experience

KINDNESS AND COMPASSION

**through God's Word, song, game, craft
and a light supper.**

Call the church 354-4637 or Mona @ 354-4315

Start collecting loose change as our Mission Project will be to support "Project 24". Donations will help build at least 24 orphan rescue centers in Kenya and also providing food, clothing, and healthcare for children in need while being told of the love of Jesus.

NEW: OUTDOOR-MOVIE NIGHT

We will be wrapping up our VBS on August 15 with a campfire (s'mores) followed by our first-ever "Outdoor Movie Night" Bring some blankets and watch a family-friendly movie that we'll project onto the east side of the church.

Miscellaneous Notes...

Now Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Living Word is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account.

Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office.

Please Remember to Pray At 11:09 Every day

(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")

Remember to take a time-out to be "impudent" and PRAY for...

- Thanking God for all people who help others by volunteering
- Asking God to show you where He may want you to volunteer
- Asking God to bring lots of kids for our Vacation Bible School
- Asking the Spirit to work through all our VBS volunteers.
- Asking God to provide us with good weather for VBS and our first Outdoor Movie Night
- Thanking God for the lives changed by Project24 in Kenya.
- Asking God to continue to bless those who are a part of Project 24
- Thanking God for the chance to host another Pie/Ice Cream Social
- Asking God for great weather for the Pie/Ice Cream Social
- For continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- For the discipline to simply listen to Jesus and do what He says
- A continuing overturn of laws that restrict our religious freedom
- Opportunities to "be Jesus" to someone where you live, work or play
- For the safety and boldness of Christians in Syria and Iraq

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That for a day: The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

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Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Study (9:00) - Join us for our current study: Jesus' Miracles: What can we learn from them?

Vacation Bible School - August 14 & 15, 5:30-7:30
(Details about VBS on page 7)

Weekly Bible readings:

4 Great Books from Israel's history AFTER the exile.

You know how in certain classes in school you'd often spend 9/10 of the year on just the front half of the textbook and not ever get to the last half - or be told to 'skim' it for the final exam? That's kind of like what seems to happen when it comes to our studies of Israel's history. We spend lots of time on Genesis and Exodus and getting Israel to the Promised Land. Then we tend to spend a good deal of time on the reigns of the first three kings: Saul, David and Solomon. We often skim over the rest of the kings and end up with The Exile (where God allowed His people to be booted out of the land as a consequence for not following Him). But the history of God's dealings with His Old Testament people doesn't end in The Exile. Haggai, Ezra, Nehemiah and Malachi are four great books with lots of insight into the grace of God as Israel returns from exile. We'll read those books - one chapter each day - this month and find lots of wisdom for our lives today.

Audio recordings of the readings can be found at our website

Men's Study - Is on Summer Break; Starts again Sept 2

Mom's Study - Is on Summer Break; Starts again Sept 3

Wed. Noon Study - Is on Summer Break; Starts again Sep

Confirmation - Helps with the Pie & Ice Cream Social Aug 16

4-6th Grade Youth Group

4-6th Graders will meet for 1 ½ hours of fun, snacks and God's Word on Sunday, August 24 from 3:30- 5:00. Rides are available. Please talk to Bryson if your student will need a ride.

LWML News...

- Remember to bring your food shelf donations on Sunday, Aug. 10
- Please check the sign-up for the Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social to see where you may be able to help out. Thanks!



August 2014 - Daily Devotionals

This month we finish out our "summer reading" by simply reading through four books of the Bible that don't get a lot of 'airplay.' These books deal with the nation of Israel *AFTER* it has suffered the consequence of being exiled from the "Promised Land." Note how God reassures them that the consequences He brought does *not* mean that He has abandoned them. God displays His grace in bringing them back. Record your insights from these chapters on the lines provided.

Audio Recordings of the Readings may be streamed from www.livingwordlutheran.net

Wk of August 3 Daily Readings HAGGAI & EZRA

Aug 4 Haggai 1 _____
Aug 5 Haggai 2 _____
Aug 6 Ezra 1 _____
Aug 7 Ezra 2 _____
Aug 8 Ezra 3 _____
Aug 9 Ezra 4 _____

Wk of August 10 Daily Readings EZRA - Part 2

Aug 11 Ezra 5 _____
Aug 12 Ezra 6 _____
Aug 13 Ezra 7 _____
Aug 14 Ezra 8 _____
Aug 15 Ezra 9 _____
Aug 16 Ezra 10 _____

Wk of Aug 17 Daily Readings NEHEMIAH - Part 1

Aug 18 Nehemiah 1 _____
Aug 19 Nehemiah 2 _____

Aug 20 Nehemiah 3 _____
Aug 21 Nehemiah 4 _____
Aug 22 Nehemiah 5 _____
Aug 23 Nehemiah 6 _____

Wk of Aug 24 Daily Readings NEHEMIAH - Part 2

Aug 25 Nehemiah 7 _____
Aug 26 Nehemiah 8 _____
Aug 27 Nehemiah 9 _____
Aug 28 Nehemiah 10 _____
Aug 29 Nehemiah 11 _____
Aug 30 Nehemiah 12 _____







Wk of Aug 31 Daily Readings: Nehemiah (final chapter) & MALACHI

Sept 1 (No reading - Labor Day)
Sept 2 Nehemiah 13 _____
Sept 3 Malachi 1 _____
Sept 4 Malachi 2 _____
Sept 5 Malachi 3 _____
Sept 6 Malachi 4 _____

Daily Readings Available in Audio

...on our website www.livingwordlutheran.net.

August 2014 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 3 PROJECT 24 SUNDAY 9:00 Adult Study <i>Angels</i> 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	4 <div> Lord's Supper Dates In June: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, August 3rd Sunday, August 17th </div>	5	6 	7 TBA Church-League Softball playoffs	8	9 
10 (Bring items for NL Food Shelf) 9:00 Adult Study - 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 Elders' Team	11 TBA PIE CRUST (a.m.) MAKING TBA PIE CRUST (p.m.) FILLING	12 1:30 "LET'S GO FISHING"	13 	14 10:00 "LET'S GO FISHING" 5:30 - 7:30 V. B. S. TBA Church-League Softball playoffs	15 5:30 - 7:30 V. B. S. 8:30 OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT	16 11:30 - 7:30 ANNUAL "PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL" @ NL Music Festival
17 9:00 Adult Study: 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship	18	19	20 5:30 Community Outreach Team 6:30 Mission & Ministry Team	21 <div> Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net </div>	22	23
24 9:00 Adult Study 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 3:30 4-6TH GRADE GROUP	25	26	27	28 	29	30 5:30 "THE PICNIC SERVICE"
31 9:00 Adult Study 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	1 LABOR DAY 	2 SCHOOL STARTS 6:30 MEN'S STUDY NEW "Stuff they didn't teach me in Sunday School"	3 9:30 MOM'S STUDY (Childcare provided) noon WEDNESDAY STUDY	4	5 	6 RALLY SUNDAY TOMORROW !! (Sunday School starts - Potluck & Hayride after worship)

Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Aug 3 Tammy Wachter
 Aug 10 Scott Wachter
 Aug 17 Bryson Wachter
 Aug 24 Wendy Robbin
 Aug 31 Mona Hjelle
 Sept 7 Phillip Iverson
 Sept 14 Kevin Welsh
 Sept 21 Linda Dilley
 Sept 28 Mark Fuglie

Fellowship Servers

Aug 3 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
 Aug 10 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
 Aug 17 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
 Aug 24 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
 Aug 31 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
 Sept 7 Rally Sunday Potluck
 Sept 14 Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky
 Sept 21 Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
 Sept 28 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller

Usher Schedule

Aug 3 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
 Aug 10 Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle
 Aug 17 Kevin & Noah Welsh
 Aug 24 Jamie & Phil Iverson
 Aug 31 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
 Sept 7 Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
 Sept 14 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 Sept 21 Joe Johnson & Brady Sharp
 Sept 28 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer

Altar Guild

August Mona Hjelle
 September Nancy Jo Wendt

Make A Meal Volunteers

Aug Gracie Geer & Laurel Iverson
 Sept Pastor David & Linda Dilley

Custodian

Aug Laurie & Keith Hanson
 Sept Custodians needed

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That for a day: I hate it when TV shows say they contain "adult situations" but then don't show anyone going to work, paying their bills, or cleaning up after their kid's.

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Elders

Aug 3 Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
 Aug 17 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson
 Sept 7 Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
 Sept 21 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson

Nursery

Aug 3 Mona Hjelle
 Aug 10 Eve Bajari
 Aug 17 Gracie Geer
 Aug 24 Michelle Johnson
 Aug 31 Helper needed
 Sept 7 Mona Hjelle
 Sept 14 Eve Bajari
 Sept 21 Gracie Geer
 Sept 28 Michelle Johnson

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Aug 3 Levi Miller
 Aug 10 Eli Sharp
 Aug 17 Lance Sawatzky
 Aug 24 George Arends-Schmidt
 Aug 31 Carson Jaspersen
 Sept 7 Noah Miller
 Sept 14 Andrew Sharp
 Sept 21 Levi Miller
 Sept 28 Eli Sharp

Accompanying Musicians

Aug 3 Sharon Willen
 Aug 10 Scott Wachter
 Aug 17 Pam Johnson
 Aug 24 Scott Wachter
 Aug 31 Scott Wachter
 Sept 7 Sharon Willen
 Sept 14 Scott Wachter
 Sept 21 Pam Johnson
 Sept 28 Scott Wachter

August Discipleship Verse...

"The jailer... asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved - you and your household."
 Acts 16:30-31

Mark Your Calendars...

Church-League Softball

Come and cheer on your team at the Swanson
August 7th Playoffs begin



Saturday, August 30: (5:30 pm)

Our Final Outdoor "Picnic" Service for the Summer

We will worship outdoors - picnic style. That means you bring whatever you want to sit on - a blanket, a lawn chair, a horse even. The Elders will bring something to throw on the grill after worship - hot dogs, brats or burgers.

As it sounds, The Picnic Service has a more informal format with camp-style songs, a message and prayers. It's a great opportunity to utilize the land God has blessed us with, as well as provide an alternative to Sunday morning worship for those who may be out of town that Sunday. Mark your calendar and bring some friends (and, of course, something to sit on)

Note: The Picnic Service is in addition to our Sunday morning worship.

5:30 pm - worship (we'll worship inside in bad weather)

6:30 pm - Picnic / games

Mission & Ministry Team

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday this month. (August 20)

NEW: OUTDOOR-MOVIE NIGHT

See page 7 for more information

"Church Ladies" Pie & Ice Cream Social

See page 19 for more information

Let's Go Fishing!

Two Opportunities in August:

- Tuesday, August 12 @ 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 14 @ 10:30 a.m.

Sign up at church or talk to...

Congregational Outreach Coordinator Linda Dille



VBS - Thursday & Friday, August 14 & 15

See page 7 for more information.

Rally Sunday - September 7

See page 6 for more information

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Thot for a day: Do not believe in miracles...rely on them.

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The LINK...

Link Newsletter, August 2014

Thank you for all for your support at the first ever "Smokin' for the Link" Ribfest!

- Over \$9,000 raised to support the Link.
- What a fabulous day of music, delicious food and community!
- We are grateful for EVERYONE that helped make this event a success.

Rib champs:

Church: Cross Roads Community Church

Fire Department: New London Fire Department

People's choice: Lost Boys BBQ

Pie winners:

First place: Marie Bakke and Wanda Nelson, Cherry Pie

Second place: Louise Stenberg, Strawberry Pie

Honorable Mention:

Shannon Eckhoff, Blueberry Crumble Pie

Robin Dohmann, Jack Daniel's Bourbon Pecan Pie

Audrey Renner, French Silk Pie

Gwynne Anderson, Banana Cream Pie

Tuesday's Table in August:

Food. Friends. Fellowship. 6 PM each week.

August 5th: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

August 12th: Evangelical Covenant Church

August 19th: Faith Lutheran Church

August 26th: Peace Lutheran Church

Save the date: 2nd Annual
"Smokin' for the Link" Ribfest
coming June 14, 2015!

Link contact information:
thelink@faithspicer.org ▼ 310 Me-
dayto Drive, Spicer, MN 56288
▼ 320.796.2522

Upcoming opportunities to support the Link

Views & Voices of Young Moms: Exhibit Opening

Greenwater Garage + Gallery, New London

Saturday, August 16th from 10 am - 2 pm

Special funding from the Willmar Area Community Foundation

Women's Fund

Spicer Music in the Park

Sunday, August 17th from 4 - 6 pm

Enjoy the music of the Green Lake Bluegrass Band

The Link is serving homemade cookie and ice cream sandwiches-
YUM!

Sharing the Love of Jesus in Practical Ways...

Remember to use our Make-A-Meal Program

One of the best (and simplest) ways to share Jesus' love is by making a meal for someone who is 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! Our August Make-a-Meal volunteers: Gracie Geer and Laurel Iverson.

Food Shelf Sunday—August 10th

Bring some canned goods to help stock the Link's New London food shelf
Sponsored each month by the women of Living Word's LWML

Purchase Some Baked Goods ...—August 10th

for "1001 Orphans"

The Confirmation students are holding a bake sale the second Sunday of every month to raise funds to support one (or more) of the million-plus children orphaned in Kenya, Africa. Anyone else who would like to bring baked goods for these monthly fundraisers is most welcome to.

Support to a Kenyan orphan or disadvantaged child provides one year of:

- Family and spiritual-care support, by placing each child with a Christian family with ties to a local Lutheran congregation;
- Economic support, by providing money or food to supplement the already stretched-thin resources of families caring for an orphan; and
- Education support, by providing funds so each orphan can attend school.

Help With Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 Thursday and Friday evenings, August 14 & 15. Talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help in any way.

Spread Out Our Black-Dirt Pile

If you have a shovel and wheelbarrow, please talk to Pastor. He's trying to organize a crew to transfer our dirt from the pile to the perimeter of the parking lot. Thanks!

Suggest a "Thank God For" Message...

You've seen our message board by the road with the beginning of a sentence, "Thank God For..." Each week we want to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people to remember that God is the Giver of all good things — especially things we often take for granted. Last week we thanked God for People Who Volunteer. Tell Pastor how you'd finish the sentence this week.

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Thot for a day: Ever notice how ignorance picks up confidence as it goes along?

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Be Part of Our Community Outreach Team

Outreach Coordinator Amanda Sharp will be hosting a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 20 for anyone interested in being on the team - or just finding out what it's about. Please talk to Amanda if you have any questions. Thanks!

Be "Custodian of the Month" this Fall

September, October and November are still available. You (or your whole family) can sign up to provide the necessary cleaning for any of these months. A check-list of duties is posted by the mailboxes.. Please consider being a part of this service. Talk to Wendy or Lonny Robbin if you have questions or to volunteer yourself or your family.

Help With Our Nursery

We need volunteers to help with our during-worship nursery (2-4 year olds). Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help out.

Help with our Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social

Details below...

"Church Ladies" Pie & Ice Cream Social



Our annual "Church Ladies Pie & Ice Cream" booth at the New London Music Festival will be on Saturday, August 16 from noon-7pm. (It runs an hour later than it has in the past.)

We call it "Church Ladies" for the tie-in with the popular Church Basement Ladies comedy, BUT help for this fundraiser needs to come from male and female, young and mature. We have lots of opportunities for you to help, from making pies (see below) to baking the pies the night before the event, to selling, cutting, serving the pies and ice cream at the event. We also need cash donations that will enable us to purchase pop/water and ice cream.

We'll be having a creating/baking day the week of the event (likely Monday, the 11th or Tuesday, the 12th) where crusts will be made and rolled in the morning, then fillings added by an evening shift.

Youth Director Bryson Wachter has plans to coordinate with the Pie committee to sell items (root-beer/soda floats, along with other possibilities) at the Music Fest for the Youth Group.

Pam Johnson and Laurel Iverson are co-chairing the event this year. It takes lots of helping hands to make this event the great success it has been. Proceeds from this event will go to the church's building fund. Please look for the sign-up sheet to add your name to the list of pie-making and booth-serving volunteers. Thanks!

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 # 9 Don't Buy Into the Lies of Society - Part 3 (Remember who is behind the lies of society: Satan - "the Father of Lies")

One of the biggest areas our culture lies to us is in the area of sexuality. The following is a quoted from the Daily Dozen work-book

Sadly, we live in a culture which encourages promiscuity and, thus, profoundly devalues the holiness of sexuality; a culture that tears at the fabric of family life by questioning the essential need for marriage.

If we desire life in its fullness for our children we must teach them Christian wisdom regarding sexuality. This wisdom exposes the lies of our present-day culture. Included among these lies:

- *Our teens are going to be sexually active. But if we start early and discuss the wholeness and beauty of sexuality, I believe we can minimize the odds that our children will fall into this destructive lie.*

- *Since you are going to be sexually active ... use safe sex. What a lie! There is no such thing as "safe" sex. The instance of STD's among sexually active teens is staggering.*

Our discussion of sexuality to our children needs to happen early and often. It is no longer the "big talk"; it is rather a whole lot of little, Christ-centered talks. We live in a sex-saturated culture, and we need to understand how God created sexuality - as a beautiful bond between husband and wife - and that He wants us to talk to our children about it.

The author recommends as a resource for talking with your kids about this topic a book by Larry Christenson entitled, *The Wonderful Way Babies Are Made*

Thanks!

- To everyone who helped with our WaterDays Parade Outreach!
- To Pam Johnson & Laurel Iverson for co-chairing our Pie & Ice Cream Social.

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That for a day: If life isn't worth living, what else can you do with it?

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Story Behind The Song...

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Last month's song of the month, *America the Beautiful* found its way into the Newsletter, because we begin July by celebrating America and our freedom here on Independence Day. August has no such "patriotic" day, so why another "patriotic" song?

Here's why: Of all the 'patriotic' songs we incorporating into our worship on the Fourth of July weekend, I noticed that one of those songs definitely "struck a chord" with more people than all the other songs. That song was Battle Hymn of the Republic. So, I decided to find out a little more about that song. Here's what I discovered:

The memorable anthem Battle Hymn of the Republic was written during the American Civil War by Julia Ward Howe, an impassioned opponent of slavery. Julia toured a Union Army Camp in Virginia and heard soldiers singing "John Brown's Body" a song about a man who was hanged trying to free the slaves. As Robert J. Morgan relates in *Then Sings My Soul*, "The music was rousing, but the words needed improvement. Julia's pastor, who accompanied her, asked her to consider writing new and better verses. That night, after the Howes retired to their room at the Willard Hotel, the words came.

"I went to bed and slept as usual, but awoke the next morning in the in the gray of the early dawn, and to my astonishment found that the wished-for lines were arranging themselves in my brain. I lay quite still until the last verse had completed itself in my thoughts, then hastily arose, saying to myself I shall lose this if I don't write it down immediately. I searched for an old sheet of paper and an old stub of a pen which I had had the night before and began to scrawl the lines almost without looking as I learned to do by often scratching down verses in the darkened room when my little children were sleeping. Having completed this, I lay down again and fell asleep, but not before feeling that something of importance had happened to me."

Mrs. Howe's hymn was first published in *Atlantic Monthly Magazine* in 1862 and was later sung as a solo at a large rally attended by President Abraham Lincoln. The audience responded with loud applause and the President, reportedly with tears in his eyes, exclaimed, "Sing it again!" The soloist sang it again.

The song is a call to take a stand for the truth God has revealed in His Word. It also serves as a stark reminder that God sometimes allows devastating consequences to come upon a land in an effort to wake His people to the need to come back to Him and seek (and then follow) His truth.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Chorus: **Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!**
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damp
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps
His day is marching on.
(Chorus)

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift my soul to answer him; be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.
(Chorus)

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on.
(Chorus)

Editor's note: One of the all-time great versions of this song was done by Bill Gaither and friends (especially David Phelps). See at: <http://youtu.be/o5TT1Ag6rsQ>

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The Best Way To Pray:

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

"Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said.

"No," said the minister. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted. "The best prayin' I ever did was when I was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



THAT HEAVENLY CUP OF COFFEE

Brew unto others as you would have others brew unto you. **Folgers 3:16**