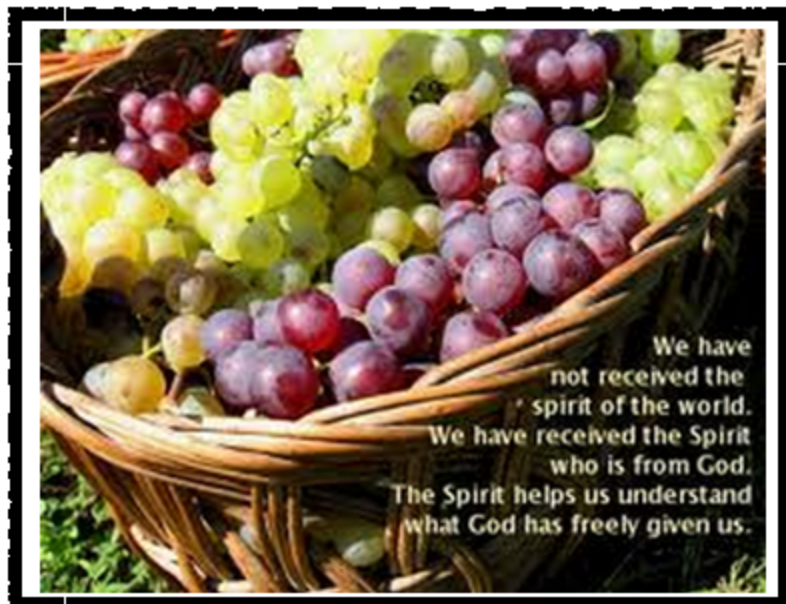



Living Word
Lutheran Church
LCMS



June 2014 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...

Will my dog be in heaven ?

I get this question several times a year, most recently a couple of weeks ago. I've also answered that question previously in this column. (In case you don't remember: There *will* be animals in eternity, but the Bible is silent about whether they will include those we had as pets here on earth. In short, "I sure hope so, but I really don't know.")

The interesting thing about this question is that a couple days after I fielded it again, I also found the very same question addressed in a quarterly publication I got in my mail from Concordia Seminary. The point of that article was that at the heart of this "pet question" is really a big-picture question about what eternity is really going to be like.

Articles in academic journals tend to go into great depth in covering the topic at hand - as they should. So, I distilled out a few points about eternity that you hopefully find helpful with your questions about eternity.

The current heavens and earth will pass away.

God attests to this fact through many people in both Old and New Testaments: The prophet Isaiah in 51:6; Jesus in Matthew 24:35. The apostle Peter in 2 Peter chapter 3; and the apostle John in Revelation 20:11 - just to name a few.

The current heavens and earth will be replaced with "new heavens and a new earth"



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Again God makes this fact plain in Isaiah 65. 2 Peter 3 and Revelation 21. The current heavens and earth are all marred by sin and will be replaced by a universe that has had all the effects of sin permanently removed.

This new creation will be "new" as in "perfectly restored" not "new" as in "totally different." So we look to the original creation prior to its being messed up by sin for clues about the new heavens and earth. Citing Isaiah 65, the journal article says, "The future new creation will be a reversal of the curse of Genesis chapter 3, a new earth where God's people are active doing constructive activities." Note: In eternity we will inhabit this new EARTH. We will NOT be floating on clouds strumming on harps as some popular myths depict. PTL ! The article goes on to say, "There will be a new creation, established by the Creator himself. The Creator will reclaim His messed up creation, including animals." Isaiah chapter 65 depicts these animals - even ferocious wild ones, like lions - living in peace with each other and with us humans in this future restored creation.

The article concludes with these encouraging words:

"The Scriptures depict life in eternity as active, dynamic, involving worship and work, and all in the immediate presence of the Triune God. Too often we depict the future eternal life as boring. That is not the way the Scriptures depict it... We Christians have a bright future ahead of us. We will enter the new and greater promised LAND, the new creation, where the crops will abound, the hills will flow with new wine, and the wolf will lie down with the lamb. Then we will see our Creator and Savior as he is, face-to-face. What a future of eternal joy and bliss. Come Lord Jesus, come quickly!"

Sound good to me!

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Looking Forward to Summer...

... and the First-Saturday of the month
"Picnic Service"
... and a new playground for the kids !
... and a new place to play outdoor vol-



Marriage Enrichment Retreat...

The Marriage Enrichment Retreat is History....



... but History is something we are supposed to learn from. So, for the next few months we'll include some things we learned at the retreat.

We've highlighted the first 2 of 5 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 !

This month's key:

Teammates need to COMMUNICATE (even using words if necessary)

One of the ruts we get into is "Assuming" we know everything there is to know about our spouse. (And that they know everything about us)

Answer the following questions - then check with your spouse to see what how much you really know.

1. What has especially pleased your spouse during the past month?
2. If you could invite friends to your home for dinner, which couple would your spouse choose?
3. If your spouse has \$100 "free" money , how would they spend it?
4. What does your spouse worry about?
5. For your next getaway weekend as a couple, where might your spouse like to go?
6. What are the major pressures your spouse is feeling right now?
7. If your spouse had a "free day" to spend in any way, what would they like to do?
8. Name one specific thing that would make your spouse feel special or loved :

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Thot for a day: Why did the chicken cross the road? To show the skunk it could be done.

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Confirmands' Faith Statements...

Last month Terrell Abbott, Eve Bajari and Michelle Johnson made public commitments of their faith in Jesus during our Confirmation Service. Here are the faith statements they wrote. Please keep them in your prayers, and thank them for sharing their faith.



TERRELL ABBOTT

What I believe about God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

I believe God the Father....

Made heaven, Earth, and me and is the one and only true God.

I believe God the Son

is the Messiah and died on the cross for my sins.

I believe God the Spirit

is in my heart and is the Holy Spirit who works through God's Word to keep me in the faith.

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven:

I will receive eternal life by trusting God who tells me in His Word that Jesus died for my sins and that everyone who repents of sin and believes in Him will have eternal life.

What I believe about the difference God makes in my life on earth.

I believe that I can make it through all of the tough times here, because God will help me through them.

Why I want to "Enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus

Christ: I want to worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

What I'd like to do with my life as a way of saying "thanks" to God: I would like to teach people about God and tell them that He is always with you.

EVE BAJARI

What I believe about God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

I believe God the Father....

Is God of all. He is the Beginning and the End. He created all and will end all. He is the high power whom I will seek in troubles and turmoil. I will try to find Him in all my days of darkness and the glorious light. He is my all.

I believe God the Son

is Almighty. He came down to earth to die for our sin and show us that the true meaning of happiness lies in the hope of heaven - even when earth isn't best. He showed us that God really exists and can relate to us on a human level. He brought us God's message and revealed Himself as the Messiah.

I believe God the Spirit

is the Spirit that lives in all of us who believe in Jesus. He leads us to find and accept Jesus as our Savior. Once we do, we will be guaranteed eternal life.

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven:

By believing in God (Jesus) and asking for redemption from our wrong-doing.

What I believe about the difference God makes in my life on earth: Hope. He makes me look forward to something - that earth is temporary and heaven is eternal.

Why I want to "Enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ:

Because once a person accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior they will have eternal life.

What I'd like to do with my life as a way of saying "thanks" to God: Obey Him. Try to do my best, and devote my time to Him!

For example, set aside time for God every day.

MICHELLE JOHNSON

What I believe about God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

I believe God the Father....

is the Almighty Maker of heaven and earth. He loves us and forgives us - even when we mess up.

I believe God the Son

is our one and only Savior. He died on the cross for us and went to hell to forgive our sins

That for a day: Anything not nailed down is a cat toy.

I believe God the Spirit

comes to me in baptism and delivers the gift of eternal life to us.

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven:

I will go to heaven when I die, because I believe in God and trust in Him to bring me there.

What I believe about the difference God makes in my life on earth:

He helps me through all the hard times and loves me no matter what.

Why I want to "Enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ:

I love Him and want to repay Him for dying on the cross for me.

What I'd like to do with my life as a way of saying "thanks" to God:

I want to go to church more often, and pray more, and tell more people about God.

Email Humor...

Determined to have one more, lazy day of fishing before summer's busy schedule, I purposely ignored the leaky faucet and the broken gate -- household projects that had awaited me since last fall.

My wife asked, "What are you going to do today?"

I grinned and answered, "It starts with F and ends with ISH."

"Oh, good," she replied. "You're finally going to FinISH those projects."

Spring Voter's Meeting...

... elected these people to serve on your Mission and Ministry Team beginning July 1, 2014

- Chairman Tim Geer
- Secretary Sarah Miller
- Stewardship Jason Miller
- Trustee Lonny Robbin
- Community Outreach Amanda Sharp
- Elders : Scott Wachter & Keith Hanson
- Christian Growth - Youth. Bryson Wachter

Opportunities for Growth...

- **Sunday Morning Study:**
Sundays @ 9:00
- **Mom's Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30
Childcare is Provided

Angels are among the most misrepresented beings of God's creation. Instead of looking to TV shows or Hallmark cards to find out about angels, why not find out about them from the One who created them? We'll do that in all of our studies this month in a series based on what God tells us in the Bible. Here's a sampling of what we'll look at:

- Common myths about them.
- Who is The Angel of the LORD?
- What exactly are they - and what do they really do?
- What are the Cherubim and Seraphim? Fallen angels?
- What about the angels that are named: (Michael & Gabriel)?
- Do we have Guardian Angels?
- Did angels used to be human?
- Are they Visible? Invisible?

Please join one of our studies for a look at the truth about angels!

- **Wednesday Noon Study:**
Begins a New Study: *Answers in Genesis*
- **Men's Study**
on Summer hiatus...

Confirmation:

Family work project: Adopt-a-Highway on June 7

Sunday School

VBS Day at Lutheran Island Camp - June 12
(See detailed info on page 17 in Newsletter)

Weekly Bible readings:

(This month after we conclude our readings about Angels, we will begin reading about the Holy Spirit's work in the book of Acts. You'll find the reading list on pages 11 & 12 in this Newsletter)

***Audio versions are available on our website.**

4th—6th Grade Youth Group

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

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That for a day: Reality is a nice place, but I wouldn't want to live there.

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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.

Needed for our Water Days Parade Outreach ...

- Something to pull a float with (4-wheeler?)
- A small trailer to serve as a 'float'
- Kids & Adults to hand out our outreach items.

Please talk to Linda Dille if you can help with any of these

Items needed for Lutheran Island Camp:

Some of our children will be attending a VBS Day at Camp on Thursday, June 12. We will be collecting some items for camp to bring with us that day.

Items include: Toothbrushes for guests who forgot to bring them, Small bars of soap, General books for our libraries, New and fire resistant Fall and Christmas decorations, Decks of Cards, new cribbage boards, Nerf balls, especially glow in the dark, Playground balls, Whiffle ball equipment, Plastic hockey pucks for indoor hockey, Office scissors and staplers, Flashlights, Extension cords (3 prong and UL listed), Five Gallon pails, water hoses (new pocket or flexible hoses).

If you can donate any of these items, please place them in the box by Pastor's office

LWML News...

- Remember to bring your food shelf donations on Sunday, June 8
- MN-North District LWML Convention - St. Cloud, June 23-25



June 2014 - Daily Devotionals

This month we finish our look at Bible passages that tell us about Angels, God's unseen ministers. Then to coincide with the Day of Pentecost on June 8, we begin a 'chapter-a-day' reading from the book of Acts which details the work of the Holy Spirit starting and growing the church.

Audio Recordings of each reading can be streamed from www.livingwordlutheran.net

Record your insights from these chapters on the lines provided.

Wk of June 1 Daily Readings ANGELS

- June 2 Galatians 1:6-9 _____
- _____
- June 3 Luke 16:19-31 _____
- _____
- June 4 Luke 22:39-46 _____
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- June 5 Revelation 5:1-12 _____
- _____
- June 6 Revelation 12:1-9 _____
- _____
- June 7 Revelation 22:7-10 _____
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Wk of June 8 Daily Readings ACTS 1-7

- June 8 Acts 1 _____
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- June 9 Acts 2 _____
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- June 10 Acts 3 _____
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- June 11 Acts 4 _____
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- June 12 Acts 5 _____
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- June 13 Acts 6 _____
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- June 14 Acts 7 _____
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Wk of June 15 Daily Readings ACTS 8-14

- June 15 Acts 8 _____
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- June 16 Acts 9 _____
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- June 17 Acts 10 _____
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- June 18 Acts 11 _____
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- June 19 Acts 12 _____
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- June 20 Acts 13 _____
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- June 21 Acts 14 _____
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Wk of June 22 Daily Readings: ACTS 15-21

- June 22 Acts 15 _____
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- June 23 Acts 16 _____
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- June 24 Acts 17 _____
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- June 25 Acts 18 _____
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- June 26 Acts 19 _____
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- June 27 Acts 20 _____
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- June 28 Acts 21 _____
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Wk of June 29 Daily Readings ACTS 22-28

- June 29 Acts 22 _____
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- June 30 Acts 23 _____
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- July 1 Acts 24 _____
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- July 2 Acts 25 _____
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- July 3 Acts 26 _____
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- July 4 Acts 27 _____
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- July 5 Acts 28 _____
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June 2014 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Adult Study <i>Angels</i> 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 3:30 4-6TH GRADE GROUP	2	3 *	4 9:30 Moms' Study <i>"Angels"</i> noon Wed. Noon Study <i>"Answers in Genesis"</i>	5 6:15 Church-League Softball Red vs. Redeemer	6 	7 10:00 ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY 5:30 "THE PICNIC SERVICE"
8 9:00 Adult Study - "Angels" 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 Elders Team Meeting	9	10	11 9:30 Moms' Study <i>"Angels"</i> noon Wed. Noon Study <i>"Answers in Genesis"</i>	12 7:15 VBS Day @ LIC (bus leaves from Redeemer, Willmar) 7:15 Church-League Softball Red vs Salem Covenant	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f0ff;"> Lord's Supper Dates In June: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, June 1st Sunday, June 15th </div>	
15 (Bring items for NL Food Shelf) 9:00 Adult Study: "Angels" 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship "1001 Orphans" Bake Sale 4:00 Youth Group	16	17 6:00 Living Word hosts TUESDAY'S TABLE	18 9:30 Moms' Study <i>"Angels"</i> noon Wed. Noon Study <i>"Answers in Genesis"</i> 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	19 7:15 Church-League Softball Yellow vs. Willmar CR	20	21 8:00 Camo Zoo Trip (bus leaves from Redeemer, Willmar)
22 9:00 Adult Study 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	23	24	25 9:30 Moms' Study noon Wed. Noon Study <i>"Answers in Genesis"</i>	26 7:15 Church-League Softball Red vs First Covenant	27	28
29 9:00 Adult Study 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship 4:00 Youth Group	30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f0ff;"> Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net </div>	July 1	July 2 9:30 Moms' Study noon Wed. Noon Study	July 3 7:15 Church-League Softball Yellow vs Eagle Lk Luth	July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	July 5 5:30 "THE PICNIC SERVICE"

Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

June 1	Mona Hjelle
June 8	Phillip Iverson
June 15	Kevin Welsh
June 22	Linda Dilley
June 29	Mark Fuglie
July 6	Tammy Fuglie
July 13	Terrell Abbott
July 20	Duane Hansen
July 27	Eve Bajari

Fellowship Servers

June 1	Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky
June 8	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
June 15	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
June 22	Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
June 29	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
July 6	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
July 13	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
July 20	Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky
July 27	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie

Usher Schedule

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

Altar Guild

June	Mona Hjelle
July	Nancy Jo Wendt

Make A Meal Volunteers

June	Pam Johnson & Donna Peterson
July	Jamie Iverson & Mona Hjelle

Custodian

June	Chuck Weflen
July	Custodian Needed

Thot for a day: Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are good is like expecting the bull not to charge because you are a vegetarian.

Elders

June 1	Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
June 15	Kevin Welsh & Brady Sharp
July 6	Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
July 20	Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson

Nursery

June 1	Mona Hjelle
June 8	Terrell Abbott
June 15	Grace Geer
June 22	Michelle Johnson
June 29	Eve Bajari
July 6	Mona Hjelle
July 13	Terrell Abbott
July 20	Grace Geer
July 27	Michelle Johnson

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

June 1	Noah Miller
June 8	Andrew Sharp
June 15	Levi Miller
June 22	Eli Sharp
June 29	Lance Sawatzky
July 6	George Arends-Schmidt
July 13	Carson Jaspersen
July 20	Noah Miller
July 27	Andrew Sharp

Accompanying Musicians

June 1	Sharon Willen
June 8	Scott Wachter
June 15	Pam Johnson
June 22	Scott Wachter
June 29	Scott Wachter
July 6	Pam Johnson
July 13	Scott Wachter
July 20	Pam Johnson
July 27	Scott Wachter

June Discipleship Verse...

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

1 Corinthians 2:12

Mark Your Calendars...

Church-League Softball



Come and cheer on your team at the Swanson Fields on Willmar Avenue in Willmar

- June 5 6:15 Red Redeemer
- June 12 7:15 Red Salem Cov't
- June 19 7:15 Yellow WCR
- June 26 7:15 Red First Cov't
- July 3 7:15 Yellow ELLC

(As of this publication we are well on our way to getting the first draft pick in next year's draft! i.e. We haven't won a game. Come and help us get that first victory!)

Beginning June 7th: Our Outdoor "Picnic Service"

(The 1st Saturday each month of summer - 5:30 pm)

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:

- We will not celebrate the Lord's Supper at any of our Picnic Services.
- The Picnic Services are 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 of the month for the summer months (May - August), **June 18th.**

2014 Minnesota North District LWML Convention

"God Alone Is Our Rock"

Mon, 06/23/2014 - 10:00am to

Wed, 06/25/2014 - 12:00pm

St Cloud River's Edge Convention Center,
4th Avenue South, St Cloud MN

*See poster at church for more details



Thot for a day: Lots of people make sense. I'd rather make dollars.

VBS DAY AT LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP

Thursday, June 12

AGES: 3 - 12 years old

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

Come and join the fun at Lutheran Island Camp for a day. We will be riding a coach bus to The Island.



DAY
CAMP

Leave 7:15 am. (from Redeemer Lutheran, Willmar)

Return 6:00 pm. (approx.)

COST: WILL BE PAID BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

(includes bus transportation and VBS at camp.)

Pre-school children must have a parent/guardian with them.

The Day's Activities Include:

Singing

Bible Study

Playing Games

Lunch

Doing Crafts

Swimming

Final registration is due June 5. If you have any other questions, please contact Mona.

NOTE: VBS Day at Camp is in addition to our regular VBS which will be held Thurs-Fri, August 14,15.

Tuesday's Table at Living Word - June 17

We'll serve a simple 'picnic' meal: Brats, beans, bars & chips
Tuesday's Table typically serves 200+ people, so we need LOTS of help.

Here are some ways you can serve God by serving others.

Sunday, June 15 after worship:

- Move pews
- Set up tables / chairs
- Bring outdoor tables / chairs for outdoor seating
- Bring / make picnic tables that can be left here for summer.

Tuesday afternoon / evening

- drop off your brownies/bars (cut into approx 2 1/2 x2 1/2 squares and placed on paper plates)
- Grill the Brats (starting around 5:15)
- Cook the baked beans
- Bring milk / juice
- Set plates, etc... at tables
- Make coffee
- Serve food
- Greet people
- Clean up



Please let Pastor David know which of these you can help with.
THANKS

Sharing the Love of Jesus in Practical Ways...

Please Fill Out an Orange "Opportunities to Serve" Insert...

if you haven't done so yet. You can place it in the offering plate

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 June Make-a-Meal volunteers: Pam Johnson & Donna Peterson

Help with childcare Wed. mornings thru July 3 . . .

during the Moms' Bible study (9:30-11:30). Talk to Pastor or Tammy F.

Landscaping Activities You Can Help With

- Designing a picnic area
- Designing a playground area
- Painting lines on the parking lot (after it's paved)
- Creating a lawn-volleyball court
- Staining the frame of our sign
- Watering our newly planted trees

Help Build Picnic Tables

Summer is here and picnic tables will be a major part of our outdoor area. If you could help make tables for us, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!

Help with Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up

Re-scheduled for Saturday June 7. @ 10:00 - Talk to Pastor if you can help. We need a minimum of 8 people.

Purchase Some Baked Goods ...—June 8th

Our confirmation students will be selling baked goods after worship the 2nd Sunday of each month. They are raising funds to support an orphaned child in Kenya. Their goal is to support at least one child (\$33/month)

Bring Food Shelf Items—June 8th

The women of our LWML will be collecting canned and dry goods the second Sunday of each month. These will be delivered to the New London Food Shelf that is sponsored by the Link.

Be Custodian of the Month

We still need volunteers for the following months: July, August,

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That for a day: What if the Hokey-Pokey really IS what it's all about?

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October, November and December. If you (or your whole family) could provide the necessary cleaning one of those months, please talk to, call or email our Trustee Lonny Robbin. 320-354-9049 or wfrobbin@tds.net Thanks!

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 one Sunday a month.

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 take for granted. This week we thanked God for ... All who gave their lives for our freedom. Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence this week.

Willmar Area Food Shelf... looking for volunteers.

All are Monday-Friday availability.

- Shopping assistant: 8am-12:30pm and 12:30pm-4:30pm
-The shopping assistant helps take people through the shopping area, and weigh the food packages. Lifting of approximately 20 would be needed. Occasionally helps with carrying out food orders for the clients as well.
- Backroom: 8am-12:30pm and 12:30pm-4:30pm
-Back room assistant helps the inventory specialist unload trucks and put items on the shelves. Must be able to lift up to 40 pounds.

You can help with our Support of Heidi

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

Thanks!

- To everyone who brought food for the food shelf in May.
- To everyone who bought baked goods for 1001 Orphans.
- To everyone who helped plant trees.
- To our Sunday School teachers, Amanda Sharp, Jason Miller and Violet Dauk and to our Sunday School coordinator Mona Hjelle

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 #8

Don't Buy Into the Lies of Society

(Remember who is behind the lies of society: Satan - "the Father of Lies")

There are so many lies our culture directs at parents that they are impossible to list. We'll start with this one:

Jesus told us that He is "The Way," but our culture tells us that **"the way" to be satisfied in life is "to buy, to acquire, to consume, to get more, to have the newest and the best."**

Satan knows that "things" can never satisfy, so we will constantly be in search of new "things" in the hopes that they will bring the satisfaction the old "things" promised, but didn't deliver.

Jim Otremba, author of the *Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting* writes: "Of course we need things when raising children, and these things will vary from situation to situation. But overall, too many of us have too much stuff, and we buy too much stuff for our children."

What can you do about it ?

Pray. Ask God to show you where you may be setting the wrong example that satisfaction can be found in acquiring stuff.

A couple key things to remember:

1. Your kids do *not* spell "love," S-T-U-F-F.
(If anything, they spell it T-I-M-E)
2. If you don't have money for it - don't buy it!
Saving for something makes us (both adults and kids) appreciate it more than when we simply run out and "charge it."
Saving money to buy something actually heightens the anticipation
3. Time spent working with your kids to build/fix/repair something is a whole lot more rewarding than running to the store to

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.



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Thot for a day: My mind is like lightning. One bright flash and it's gone.

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

(Another "Oldie but Goodie")

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out...

- A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."
- An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."
- A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits."
- A mathematician calculated how deep the pit was.
- A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit.
- An IRS agent asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.
- A pity-party person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit."
- A fire-and-brimstone preacher said, "You deserve your pit."
- A Christian Scientist observed, "The pit is just in your mind."
- A psychologist noted, "Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit."
- A self-esteem therapist said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit."
- An optimist said, "Things could be worse."
- A pessimist claimed, "Things will get worse."

Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

Congratulations!

- Skylar and Dana Wachter on your marriage !
- Terrell Abbott, Eve Bajari & Michelle Johnson on your confirmation !
- Phillip Iverson, Paige Bajari & Mikayla Geer on your graduation !
- Joe Johnson & Ali Bratberg on your engagement !

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

Story Behind The Song...

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

Graham Kendrick writes about the song he penned 25 years ago:

Most places I go and lead worship, perform or speak someone will come and tell me a personal story that relates to one of my songs, what was happening in their life at the time and how the song became woven into their memory and spiritual journey.

Often, and unsurprisingly, the song is Shine Jesus Shine which celebrates its 25th anniversary since publication this year. There are many who remember where they were when they first heard it sung, some who tell me they encountered God personally for the first time in the singing of it, those who chose it for a wedding or a funeral, or simply found that it sustained them through a time of pressure or difficulty.

Sometimes the stories are quite striking. There was the man who found himself caught up in a war zone watching from his hotel roof as tracer bullets and rockets criss-crossed the night sky. Though a non-believer he felt the need to pray but did not know how. The only prayer he could think of was in a song he had learned at school, and as he prayed what words of Shine Jesus Shine he could remember a spark of faith ignited that became a life changing flame.

As we near our celebration of Pentecost - the Day the Spirit blazed - it would be good for us to pray these words as well:

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Chorus:

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)**

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;**

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That for a day: Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your kids.

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**Ever-changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)**

Editor's note: Watch a traditional version of this song by Hillsong at: <http://youtu.be/70IwSQmyCq4>

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 our newly paved parking lot
- + Thanking God for our newly planted trees
- + Phillip Iverson, Mikayla Geer and Paige Bajari our 2014 H.S Grads
- + Dads - to follow the example of our Heavenly Father (Dad's Day - June 15)
- + For continued good planting, growing & outdoor-activity weather
- + Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- + The ability to live like you know that Jesus IS alive.
- + An overturn of laws that restrict our religious freedom
- + Opportunities to "be Jesus" to someone where you live, work or play
- + Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Joseph, I leave you one little task.. watch our son.. AND you forget him.. the future Savior of this whole blessed planet. JESUS CHRIST!



Joseph and Mary star in the original HOME ALONE
Luke 2:41-52