



November 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...

With the election coming up, it's not always easy to figure out who to vote for. What does God's Word have to say about electing leaders?

Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:15-22 "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." In so doing, Jesus sets down the principle that as Christians we have a duty to our government ("Caesar"). There are certain things we "owe" the officials who rule over us.

Jesus gave this response to a specific question about taxes. So, yes, we owe our taxes to our government. It's how they pay for services provided to the citizens. But our obligation to our leaders doesn't stop there. We owe...

Our prayers -

specifically for laws that will enable us to live "peaceful, quiet, godly and dignified lives" and enable us to share the truth of the message of salvation that comes through Jesus Christ alone. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Our respect, honor, and submission to their authority -and thus, our obedience to their laws.

The one exception to the "obedience" responsibility is when our rulers would make laws that would *force* us to disobey God. In that case we must say along with Peter and the other apostles in Acts 5:29 "We must obey God rather than men." (And, of course, be willing to suffer the consequences of that civil disobedience.)

Since we are to pray for the ability to live "godly" lives, it logically follows that we should, in a nation that allows our participation in



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government, use our voice and our vote to do we can to see that "godly" laws are put into effect and that "ungodly" laws (those contrary to what God has told us) are done away with.

Of course, voting won't convert hearts. Jesus didn't send his disciples out to "take over governments" but rather to "make disciples." Faithful followers of Jesus can never be *mandated* by governments, but can only be *cultivated* by the Holy Spirit through the sharing of the Gospel. But faithful Christians voting for godly laws is definitely a way of following God's command to "Love your neighbor," since ungodly laws are by definition harmful to our neighbor.

Below is also a summary of qualities God has told us in His Word that are ones we need to look for in those who are chosen to exercise authority over us.

The #1 QUALITY: Someone who fears God more than men.

In other words, a person who values what our unchanging God thinks more than ever-changing public opinion. A person who seeks to follow the laws God has already set out for us and who seeks God's wisdom and direction in making laws for us today.

Other qualities the Bible tells us to look for: Someone who ...

- Shows no favoritism. Who leads according to what is fair, just and godly, not according to the wishes of those who have the most money or with whom the person has many things in common.
- Is in it to serve. Not someone seeking the wealth and power that ruling can bring.
- Is humble. Not a person who pridefully thinks they are better than those they serve.
- Can be described as wise, understanding and respectful in their dealings.
- Cannot be bribed or bought and is not easily deceived.

(From: Deuteronomy 1:9-18, Deuteronomy 17:14-20, 2 Chronicles 19:4-7, Psalm 2:10-11, Proverbs 20:28, Proverbs 29:4,12,14)

Rev. Fredric Hinz, our Minnesota State LCMS Public Policy Advocate suggests, "If you are looking for a helpful resource to inform you about the various public policy issues, you might want to consult the Minnesota Family Institute 2014 Voters Guide at www.mfi.org. Please note that this guide gives the stance of candidates on a variety of issues to which our faith speaks. It is not a list of recommended parties or candidates. Rather it allows

us to see where candidates stand especially on the issues mentioned above.

Another worthwhile preparation is prayer. Believers around Minnesota are joining a 24-hour prayer vigil specifically for the 2014 election, starting at 8PM on Monday, November 3rd and ending at 8PM on Tuesday, November 4th (when the polls close). You can join the effort by finding "MN Christians in Prayer" on Facebook and signing up for a time to pray during that 24-hour period.

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Study (9:00)

Join us for our current study: Jesus' Parables:

Weekly Bible readings:

November finds us incorporating Thankfulness into our lives every day - not just on November 27

Men's Study - Tuesdays at 6:30

NEW: Courageous Living - What is it? When we need it, and what does it take?

Mom's Study - Wednesdays, at 9:30am

(Childcare is provided)

PEW SISTERS: A 12-session study showing God's work in the lives of real Christian women as they struggle with alcoholism, depression, cancer, death of a loved one, chronic anxiety, etc.

Wed. Noon Study - PEW SISTERS:

(See explanation above)

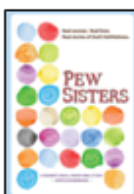
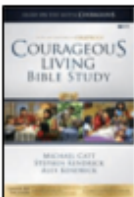
Wed. Evening Women's Study - 6:30

"The Best Yes": Making Wise Decisions
in the Midst of Endless Demands

Confirmation -. Nov 15 @ 10:30

4-6th Grade Youth Group - Wed at 6:30pm

HS Youth Group - 1st & 3rd Sundays at 7:00pm



Mark Your Calendars...

Thanksgiving Eve Worship...

Wednesday, November 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

A special Thank-offering will be collected.

Please use the Song-Suggestion Box to let us know favorite songs of Thanksgiving and Praise that you'd like to sing at this service.



NOVEMBER MOVIE NIGHT:

Wednesday, November 19 @ 6:30

Last month we had a movie for the guys. This month it's a movie for the gals: *Mom's Night Out*



November Food Shelf Sunday

October 9th (always the 2nd Sunday)

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

Living Word Fall Craft Bazaar

Saturday, November 15 from 9am to 2pm

(see page 19 of this newsletter)

Christmas Program Practice Begins December 6

Practices will be held Saturdays at 10:30

Save These December Dates . . .

- Outdoor Nativity Setup - Wednesday, December 3, (potluck supper included)
- Caroling TBD
- Christmas Program Practice - Saturday Dec 6, 13 & 20 @ 10:30
- Birthday Party For Jesus - Saturday December 20 @ 11:30
- Christmas Program - Sunday, December 21 during worship
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship - December 24 @ 5:30pm
- Christmas Day Worship - December 25 @ 9:00am

LWML News...

- Remember to bring your food shelf donations on Sunday, Nov 9
- We will be looking to purchase an upright freezer and upper cabinets for the kitchen in the near future.



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.

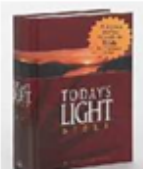
If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

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

Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

Here's just a sampling of what you'll find :

- NEW - The Purpose Driven Life books
- NEW - Luther's Small Catechism (and explanation)
- NEW - 365 Family Devotions book
- NEW - Note pads
- NEW - Kids' stocking hats
- Today's Light Bibles
- Project 24 savings banks (to help with our Sunday School mission project)
- Oct-Dec Portals of Prayer - daily
- November Living Word newsletters
- Magazines - like The Lutheran Witness
- Pens
- Local Coupons
- Gospel tracts and booklets



Operation Christmas Child...



Collecting Shoe Boxes Now Through Nov. 23
Pick up a "How to Pack Your Shoe Box" brochure from the Ushers' Table and start collecting items for your shoe box. It's a great family project and brings Christ and Christmas to hurting kids around the world

Medical Equipment Available to Loan

If you have a temporary need for mobility aids (like a walker) please talk to Wendy or Lonny Robbin. They may have what you need.

Got Extra Apples?

Slice them and bring them to church in freezer bags. We'll freeze them for use in pies next year.

Please Check the 'Lost and Found' Section

of the coat rack

There are a number of clothing items - maybe one is yours...

Mexican Dinner Thanks To:

- Outreach Team Chairperson Amanda Sharp for organizing the Mexican Dinner this year!
- Angie Jaspersen Kari Sharp, Pam Arends and Mike Von Rueden for preparing food!
- Laurel Iverson for advertising, making posters, and tickets
- Eli Sharp for helping make the posters for the sign!
- Men's' Bible study for moving the pews!
- All the people who donated food!
- The servers, decorators, cleaners, and those that helped sell tickets!
- Everyone who invited friends to come and enjoy the meal!

We served 140 people (a new record) and made \$1300

Just For Fun...

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 228 Rev.21.22 - Rev.22.6

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

The Water of Life

ANGEL	ALMIGHTY
BRING	BEARING
CLEAR	CRYSTAL
CROPS	FLOWING
FRUIT	HEALING
GATES	HONOR
GLORY	LEAVES
KINGS	NAMES
LAMB	NATIONS
LAMP	PROPHETS
LIFE	SERVANTS
LIGHT	SHOWED
MONTH	SPIRITS
MOON	SPLENDOR
MIDDLE	TEMPLE
PLACE	THINGS
REIGN	THRONE
RIVER	TWELVE
SERVE	WRITTEN
SHINE	YIELDING

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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.

Thus far we've highlighted 7 keys for 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)
5. Teammates express APPRECIATION & ENCOURAGEMENT
6. Teammates huddle together daily in PRAYER & DEVOTION
7. Teammates SET GOALS TOGETHER.

This month's key: **Romance is not optional**

If bookstore is any indication Romance and Sexuality is a MAJOR problem in marriages. The differences in men and women have something to do with that. What does the culture we live in have to do with that?

God tells us in His Word:

The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1 Corinthians 7:1-5

What kinds of things do you learn from that passage?

Christian Marriage expert Dr. Gary Chapman (who authored *The Five Love Languages*) says this:

To find mutual sexual fulfillment, you must learn to communicate openly about this part of your marriage. Your spouse will never know your feelings, needs, and desires, if you don't express them. Couples can't gain sexual oneness without open communication about sexual matters.

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That for a day: If something "goes without saying," why do people still say it

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In my book, "Happily Ever After," I recommend that you make a list of suggestions you'd like to give to your spouse that would make marriage intimacy better for you. This list may include simple things that your spouse has never considered. Open communication is the road to finding mutual sexual fulfillment in marriage.

Happy are the couples who take the time to learn how to relate to each other sexually, in keeping with God's design.

So here's an exercise to help with that:

1. Do what Dr. Chapman recommended and make a list of things that would increase romance and intimacy for you.
2. Set a time to share your list with each other.
3. Husbands: What changes will you make to meet your wife's physical needs in the relationship?

Wives: What changes will you make to meet your husband's physical needs in the relationship?

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 Veterans (Veterans' Day is Tuesday, Nov 11)
- Thanking God for the great fellowship of our Mexican Dinner
- Thanking God for our Sunday School teachers and Superintendent
- Thanking God for those who serve on our Mission & Ministry Team
- Thanking God for the work of CTI Music Ministries
- Thanking God for money our Sunday School Students
- Asking God for safe travel for everyone over the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Asking God for an "attitude of gratitude" every day—not just on Nov 27.
- Asking God for good weather for the remainder of hunting & harvesting
- Asking God for His Spirit to continue to work through our Bible studies
- 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

Nov. 2014 - Daily Devotionals

In October we read a chapter in Proverbs each day as a way of incorporating God's practical wisdom into our everyday lives. This month we attempt to incorporate an "attitude of gratitude" into each day by reading Scripture references to giving THANKS.

Wk of Nov 2 Daily Readings... GIVING THANKS IN THE PSALMS

Nov 3 Psalm 28:6-7 _____

Nov 4 Psalm 50:14-15 _____

Nov 5 Psalm 75:1 _____

Nov 6 Psalm 100 _____

Nov 7 Psalm 106:1 _____

Nov 8 Psalm 118:1-4, 19-21, 28-29 _____

Wk of Nov 9 Daily Readings ... GIVING THANKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Nov 10 Psalm 69:30-32 _____

Nov 11 Psalm 95:1-7 _____

Nov 12 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 _____

Nov 13 Ezra 3:10-11 _____

Nov 14 Nehemiah 12:27-31,38,40,43 _____

Nov 15 Daniel 6:10 _____

Wk of Nov 16 Daily Readings ... GIVING THANKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Nov 17 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 _____

Daily Readings Available in Audio

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

Nov 18 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 _____

Nov 19 Ephesians 5:3-4 _____

Nov 20 Ephesians 5:19-21 _____

Nov 21 Philippians 1:3-6 _____

Nov 22 Philippians 4:4-7 _____

Wk of Nov 23 Daily Readings. GIVING THANKS in the NEW TESTAMENT

Nov 24 Colossians 2:6-7 _____

Nov 25 Colossians 3:15-17 _____

Nov 26 Colossians 4:2 _____

Nov 27 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 _____

Nov 28 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4 _____

Nov 29 1 Timothy 2:1-4 _____

Wk of Nov 30 Daily Readings... GIVING THANKS in the NEW TESTAMENT

Dec 1 Mark 6:35-44 _____

Dec 2 Luke 17:11-19 _____

Dec 3 2 Corinthians 4:13-15 _____



Dec 4 1 Timothy 4:1-5 _____

Dec 5 Revelation 4:8-11 _____

Dec 3 Revelation 7:9-12 _____

Dec 4 Revelation 11:16-18 _____

November 2014 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00 Adult Study - Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 FALL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY Fellowship 7:00 HS Youth Group	3  8:30 - 1:00 Circuit Pastors at St. Paul's Montevideo	4 ELECTION DAY (Be sure to vote) 6:30 MEN'S STUDY "Courage"	5 9:30 MOM'S STUDY (Childcare provided) noon WED. STUDY 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY - 4-6TH YOUTH	6 <div data-bbox="1360 297 1902 479">  Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, November 6th Sunday, November, 16th Thanksgiving Eve, Nov, 26th </div>	7	8
9 BIBLE SUNDAY 9:00 Adult Study Sunday School 10:00 Worship LWML presents student Bibles 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 Elders' Team	10	11 6:30 MEN'S STUDY "Courage"	12 9:30 MOM'S STUDY (Childcare provided) noon WED. STUDY 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY - 4-6TH YOUTH	13 	14	15 9:00 - 2:00 FALL BAZAAR 10:30 Confirmation
16 9:00 Adult Study: Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 7:00 HS Youth Group	17	18 6:30 MEN'S STUDY "Courage"	19 9:30 MOM'S STUDY (Childcare provided) noon WED. STUDY 6:30 - MOMS NIGHT OUT (Movie Night) - 4-6TH YOUTH	20 5:30 Community Outreach Team 6:30 Mission & Ministry Team	21	22
23 SHOE-BOX DEDICATION 9:00 Adult Study Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/ dedication of Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child 11:15 Fellowship	24 <div data-bbox="525 1031 976 1177"> Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net </div>	25	26 7:00 THANKSGIVING- EVE WORSHIP (w/Lord's Supper)	27 THANKSGIVING 	28	29
30 9:00 Adult Study Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Fellowship	Dec 1 8:30 - 1:00 Circuit Pastors at LIVING WORD	Dec 2 6:30 NEW MEN'S STUDY	Dec 3 9:30 MOM'S STUDY (Childcare provided) noon WED. STUDY 6:30 - Set Up Outdoor Nativity (Potluck Supper)	Dec 4 	Dec 5	Dec 6 10:30 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Nov 2	Tammy Wachter
Nov 9	Scott Wachter
Nov 16	Bryson Wachter
Nov 23	Wendy Robbin
Nov 30	Mona Hjelle
Dec 7	Phillip Iverson
Dec 14	Kevin Welsh
Dec 21	Linda Dilley
Dec 28	Mark Fuglie

Fellowship Servers

Nov 2	Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky
Nov 9	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Nov 16	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Nov 23	Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
Nov 30	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
Dec 7	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Dec 14	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Dec 21	Christmas Ham Dinner
Dec 28	Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky

Usher Schedule

Nov 2	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
Nov 9	Wendy & Lonny Robbin
Nov 16	Joe Johnson & Brady Sharp
Nov 23	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
Nov 30	Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle
Dec 7	Kevin & Noah Welsh
Dec 14	Jamie & Phil Iverson
Dec 21	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
Christmas Eve	Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter
Dec 28	Wendy & Lonny Robbin

Accompanying Musicians

Nov 2	Sharon Willen
Nov 9	Scott Wachter
Nov 16	Pam Johnson
Nov 23	Scott Wachter
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Eve
Nov 30	Scott Wachter
Dec 7	Sharon Willen
Dec 14	Scott Wachter
Dec 21	Pam Johnson
Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Dec 28	Scott Wachter

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Thot for a day: Give a man a fish and feed him for a day. Give a man a stick of dynamite and soon the whole village will be strewn with mud, seaweed, and unidentifiable chunks of fish.

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Altar Guild

November	Nancy Jo Wendt
December	Mona Hjelle

Elders

Nov 2	Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
Nov 16	Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson
Nov 26	Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
Dec 7	Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson
Dec 21	Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
Dec 24	Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson

Make A Meal Volunteers

November	Bonnie Hansen & Gerri Strohbeen
December	Michelle Johnson & Sarah Miller

Custodian

November	Mike Von Rueden
December	Custodian needed

Nursery

Nov 2	Mona Hjelle
Nov 9	Eve Bajari
Nov 16	Gracie Geer
Nov 23	Michelle Johnson
Nov 30	Helper needed
Dec 7	Mona Hjelle
Dec 14	Eve Bajari
Dec 21	Gracie Geer
Dec 28	Michelle Johnson

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Nov 2	Andrew Sharp
Nov 9	Levi Miller
Nov 16	Eli Sharp
Nov 23	Lance Sawatzky
Nov 30	George Arends-Schmidt
Dec 7	Carson Jaspersen
Dec 14	Noah Miller
Dec 21	Andrew Sharp
Dec 28	Levi Miller

November Discipleship Verse...

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being praise His holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits.
Psalm 103:1-2

E-mail Inspiration...

BURNED BISCUITS

By Larry Perry

When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed!

Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that ugly burned biscuit. He ate every bite of that thing... never made a face nor uttered a word about it!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits every now and then."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides - a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

As I've grown older, I've thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each others faults, and choosing to celebrate each others differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today...

that you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker!

We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!

So, please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burned one will do just fine.

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That for a day: He who laughs last thinks slowest.

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Be kinder than necessary, because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

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Email Humor...

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, at the end of the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute organist became the regular organist

My dad bought my mom a piano for her birthday. A few weeks later, I asked how she was doing with it.

"Oh," said my dad, "I persuaded her to switch to a clarinet."

"How come?" I asked.

"Well," he answered, "because with a clarinet, she can't sing along"

Sign of the Times:

Teacher: There will be an eclipse of the moon tonight. Perhaps your parents will let you stay up to watch it.

Pupil: What channel is it on?

Opportunities to Serve...

Serve After-Worship Fellowship Snack

We are looking for more folks to take a turn at serving snacks for fellowship time after worship.

Be Part of Our Community Outreach Team

Outreach Coordinator Amanda Sharp will be hosting a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, November 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" for December

December 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.

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 Warm Fall Weather ! Tell Pastor how you'd finish the sentence this week.

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 .

Provide Foster Care with Lutheran Social Service

Lutheran Social Service is actively recruiting families in your area who would have interest in becoming a foster parent. Do you have room in your heart and home for a child who is in transition and needs a safe, supportive home in which to live and grow? There is need for a few good homes in this area. We need homes for all ages of kids, that need temporary homes, long term and permanent homes/adoptive homes.

Please call Foster Care Coordinator Brooke Rustad at 320-235-5411 or email at brooke.rustad@lssmn.org to get more information

Congratulations!

- Rya Sharp and Addison Arends-Schmidt for perfect attendance at Sunday School in October!

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

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That for a day: Nothing is worse than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

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Sunday School News...

Classes:

Students start at 9:00 each Sunday with music, prayer requests from the kids and offering (for "Project 24").

November Lessons:

Nov. 2-Joshua- Joshua Leads Israel- Joshua 1:1-18

Nov. 9-Joshua-Rahab Helps the Spies - Joshua 2:1-24

Nov. 16-Joshua-The Fall of Jericho- Joshua 6:1-20

Nov. 23-Thanksgiving Lesson-True Thanksgiving - 1 Tim 6:17

Nov. 30 - The Birth of Christ-Gabriel Visits Mary- Luke 1:26-38

Teachers / Classes:

Pre-school to Kindergarten: Amanda Sharp

1st to 3rd Grade: Violet Dauk

4th to 6th Grade: Keith Hanson

Substitute teachers: Jason Miller, Tammy Fuglie, Mona Hjelle

Rides are Available

We have volunteers who will pick kids up for Sunday School. Please contact either Mona Hjelle, Amanda Sharp or Keith Hanson



Project 24 - Our Mission Project

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.



Operation Christmas Child

As in past years the students will be collecting items to pack in shoe boxes to send to kids who have very little. Dedication Sunday will be November 23, and the congregation is invited to join the kids in packing a shoe box.

Living Word Lutheran

FALL CRAFT BAZAAR

Saturday, November 15
from 9am to 2pm.

We will have crafters from the congregation and friends selling items they create - just in time for the holidays and gift-giving. If you make crafts and would like to have a table, please talk to Amanda Sharp (amanda_s9088@yahoo.com or 320-354-9088)



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 #12 Becoming Parents & Families who SERVE

Jesus said of His purpose: "The Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve others."

Jesus set countless examples of serving others, but never greater than when He took our punishment for us on the cross.

Jim Otremba says in "The Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting": "The earlier we begin with outreach the better. By beginning early our children will become used to serving those in our community and will accept that it is just something we do, because our Lord did it."

Serving others starts at home. Take an honest assessment and ask yourself what your family needs you to start doing for/with them. After figuring that out, you can go on to tackle some of these "serving others" ideas:

Examples of Opportunities to serve together:

- Go shopping together for items to place in an Operation Christmas Child shoe box. (Shoe-box Dedication Sunday is Nov. 16)
- Volunteer to do some bell-ringing for the Salvation Army. (235-2033)
- Sign up as a family to be "Custodian of the Month" at Living Word
- Make a meal together for a family going through a tough time.
- Invite to your Thanksgiving dinner someone who has no close-by relatives to celebrate with.
- Brainstorm your own "serve others" ideas over dinner some night this week.

Thanks!

A HUGE THANK YOU... To Our Living Word Family

for the cards, messages and gifts you gave us on Pastor (and wife) Appreciation Sunday! We also greatly appreciate each of you and thank God for your partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Pastor David & Violet

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Thot for a day: Always take time to stop and smell the roses...sooner or later, you'll inhale a bee.

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

Eternity is a long time to be wrong!

Ebola can kill you without treatment. Sin WILL kill you forever without treatment. But.... We know the treatment:

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus:
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Repent of your sin. Ask forgiveness.

Trust that Jesus' blood washes it away. You are cured!

Story Behind The Song...

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" by Matt Redman

The song's main author, Matt Redman was born in Watford, England, in 1974. He has helped plant churches in both England and Atlanta, Georgia. He has written such worship favorites as "Better is One Day" and "Blessed Be Your Name" In 2013, Redman won two Grammy Awards for "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" co-written with Jonas Myrin: Best Contemporary Christian Music Song and Best Gospel/Contemporary Christian Music Performance.

Redman says of the writing of the song, "Probably one of the fastest songs I've ever been a part of writing. I think in all honesty it may have been under an hour. My friend Jonas kept saying, 'Hey, I've got this melody.' At the time I was so caught up in all these other songs, trying to finish a few things for the album, and a few other things I was trying to get into. I kept saying, 'I don't want to hear it, I've got too much going on.' But one moment I said to him in a quiet spot, 'Hey, play me that melody.' As soon as he played me the melody, these lyrics started to flow. I was thinking about Psalm 103. 'Bless the Lord O My soul, all that is within me bless His holy name.'"

Sometimes songs take so long to write, and I don't think that's a bad thing. I think it's good to work hard and learn how to shape things and polish things and remold things. But now and again it's so beautiful when something just drops in your lap and you can just feel your spirit singing it out. I guess that what happened with the Psalmist when he wrote Psalm 103. He's just pouring out all these reasons. And he goes on and on and on about the rule and reign of God, and you just can't shut him up really.

We are meant to be so conscious with our reasons to praise God. If you wake up one day and you can't think of a reason to thank Him

or bring Him an offering of some kind there's something wrong with your spiritual outlook. Our lives are absolutely full of His glory and His goodness. It's just the revelation of Him is flying at us from every moment from every angle you can imagine. And that's what the song says, "For all your goodness I will keep on singing. 10,000 reasons for my heart to find."

"It's about the many, many reasons there are to worship God. And of course when I say '10,000 Reasons' that's obviously a huge poetic understatement. When it comes to worship, there are an eternity of reasons to respond to God and His worth. I love writing worship songs because there's an amazing amount of themes to get your heart into, and always a new way to say respond to these ancient truths."

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes [Chorus]

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find [Chorus]

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore [Chorus x2]

Bless the Lord, O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name Sing like never before
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name

Editor's note: Watch Matt Redman perform this great song live:
<http://youtu.be/XtwIT8JiddM?list=PLF74aXESQacyG7YLoamLclhCnDdHjYTO>

Fall Voters' Assembly

Sunday, November 2nd after worship.

The purpose of the fall assembly is to approve both a 2015 budget and 2015 ministry goals. The Mission and Ministry Team will present their recommendations for both budget and goals.

A sampling of Goals for 2015 proposed by the MMT at their Planning Session:

- Increase Sunday School attendance to be able to expand from two to three classes for 1st-6th grade.
- Have Sunday School kids participate in worship with music, etc..
- Schedule monthly activities/events people can invite friends to
- Organize a fall Craft Bazaar
- Videotape the worship services to stream on the website
- Establish a mentor program for new parents and newlyweds
- Host Christian Bluegrass concerts once-a-month in the summer (e.g. Kingery family, Garms family, etc..)
- Add more storage space inside the church
- Paint parking spaces on the parking lot
- Add 2-4 people to the Youth Board to help plan activities
- Have Time / Talent / Treasure stewardship emphasis in Jan.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Gary Gobbler panicked when he realized he was one of only a few turkeys who were LEFT BEHIND, and so believed the GREAT POULTRY RAPTURE had come and gone without him. Dumb Turkey, it's Thanksgiving