



God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear

Psalm 46:1-2

**June 2015 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...

"So, what insights did you get?"

This is a question that Violet asks me quite frequently, usually after we have finished our daily Bible reading. But this time her question came while we were riding in the car on our way home from a few days spent in Door County, Wisconsin. It's kind of been a 'tradition' to come home and share some "insights" whenever we have some time away. Violet was just curious what bits of wisdom I gained this time.

I shared some of those last week in worship, but there seems one that bears repeating:

Three years ago when we visited Door County (we've vacationed there several times), we came across an Irish-themed gift shop in one of the villages. It was located in what I termed "the tourist-trap village" - the one with the most shops geared to selling souvenirs to tourists. But the Irish place was not on the Main Street near all the other shops. It was off by itself at the top of a hill on a curve that was leading out of town. You had to make a special effort to stop there (not to mention that making the turn into their parking lot could be actually a bit dangerous given the location on a hidden curve).

This year as we drove into that town, I commented to Violet, "I'm guessing we will find the Irish place is no longer in business." Given the aforementioned location issues I figured there was at least a 95% chance that I would be right.

You may have guessed that I was wrong. As we drove up the hill and came around the corner I fully expected to see some new business in that location. I was more than a little surprised that our Irish store was still there, ("shocked" may be a more accurate word - that's how convinced I was that it wouldn't be in business).



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It would be easy to toss in some "Luck 'o the Irish" comment, but I don't really think luck had anything to do with it. What I said to Violet was this, "I guess if you have good stuff that fills a need, people will find out about it and make an effort to seek you out."

That little insight also applies to the Christian Church.

At some point during our stay in Door County, Pew Research (which has nothing to do with the furniture we sit on in worship) published their latest survey of spiritual beliefs in America. The big news in the survey was that over the last seven years the percentage of Americans considering themselves Christians has declined a full eight percent! That's an alarming drop. That's not a bump in the road but rather a HUGE decline trend. The natural response would be to make the same judgment about the Christian Church in our country that I had made about the Irish store in Door County: "Looks like it won't be around long."

We can prove that assumption to be wrong for the same reason I was wrong about the Irish place. When you have good stuff that fills a need people will find out about it and seek you out.

"Dark" seems to me to be a very appropriate word to describe both a country and the lives of individual people who are living without God. Without God there truly is no enduring purpose for life. There is no hope for anything after this life - and since "none of us makes it out of here alive," that's about as hopeless and dark as you can get.

But the Christian Church has the one thing people living in darkness need: Light. Light that cannot be extinguished by darkness (see John 1:5). Light that is Jesus Christ! And we have the Holy Spirit who empowers us to shine that Light to a dark world - the very Spirit of the God who showed He had defeated darkness when He rose from His grave!

Where is a light most visible - when surrounded by other lights or when shining in the darkness? The darker, more God-less our nation becomes, the more noticeable the Light of Christ.

Our challenge, as individuals and as a congregation, is to - as Jesus said - make sure we don't hide our Light under a bowl but rather to let it shine!

*"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

Matthew 5:14-16

Thanks for asking  
Pastor David

## Sunday School News...

1. **VBS Day at Lutheran Island Camp** - Monday, June 15  
(See details below)
2. **New Summer Reading Program for kids!**  
We will have books available - appropriate for all ages of Sunday School students - to check out from the library at church. Each student will earn points for books read (and books read to younger siblings). These points can be redeemed at the end of summer for special prizes!
3. **NEW FFAA Nights.** Once a month we will host a Fun For All Ages night. For the kids there will be games, movies and bonfires. Our first FFAA Night will be Wednesday, June 10. We will also need some assistance with games, food, etc... so please talk to Mona or Pastor if you would like to help.
4. We need kids to be part of our **New London Water Days Parade** (July 18) - Talk to Linda Dille about how you and your kids can participate.
5. **Vacation Bible School** - August 26-28 (Wed-Fri)

## VBS Day at Lutheran Island Camp

Monday, June 15  
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.

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

Return: 6:00 p.m. (approx.)

COST: \$15 per attendee (child or adult)

(includes bus transportation and VBS at camp)

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

The Day's Activities Include:

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|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| + 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 August 26-28

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Thot for a day: Warning: Dates on calendar are closer than they appear.

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## Mark Your Calendar...

### Second Annual "Smokin for The Link Rib Fest"

Sunday, June 14th is the 2nd annual RibFest to benefit individuals and families served through The Link. The Link is the primary interfaith community outreach resource of northern Kandiyohi County. Its three main services include Client Services, Household Exchange and Tuesday's Table. Gifts, grants and partnerships - churches, individuals, clubs, businesses and nonprofits - enable The Link to help those facing exceptional life challenges.



Location: Glacial Ridge Winery -

15455 Old Mill Rd, Spicer, MN 56288

Serving 2:00-5:00 \$20 ticket gets you:

5 Rib Bones, 1 Piece of Homemade Pie and 1 Ear of Corn

Pie Auction 5:00-6:00 Awards and Scraps

5 great rib bones, corn & slice of homemade pie

**NOTE: Living Word has a RibFest Team this year.**

**Please come and check out (then vote for!) our ribs!**

### Congregation Invited to Graduation Open House

Saturday, June 6

Noah Welsh - from 11:00 to 4:00pm

At his home (4153 132nd Av NE, Spicer)

### Tuesday's Table at Living Word - June 30

(Details on page 16 of this newsletter.)

### FFAA - June 10 (it really has nothing to do with farming)

Once a month during the summer we will be hosting a "Fun For All Ages" night. For the kids there will be games, movies and bonfires. We will also have games for adults - horseshoes, bean toss, cards.

Our first FFAA Night will be Wednesday, June 10. Bring Friends !!!



If you could help by organizing one of the games or provide food assistance, please talk to Mona or Pastor.

### Church-League Softball

Cheer on your team at the Swanson Fields on Willmar Avenue in Willmar

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|---------|------|--------|---------------|
| June 4  | 7:15 | Yellow | NL Covenant   |
| June 11 | 7:15 | Red    | Redeemer      |
| June 18 | 6:15 | Yellow | Word of Faith |
| June 25 | 6:15 | Red    | Svea Luth.    |
| July 2  |      | BYE    |               |



## Miscellaneous Notes...

### Still Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Summer schedules frequently have us out of town on the week-ends. Direct-deposit can ensure your offerings are still supporting our mission while you are away. Thrivent Financial sponsors Simply Giving, a direct-deposit program that you can set up to have offerings automatically transferred from your bank account to the Living Word's general fund. Please see Stewardship Chair Jason Miller for more details.

### Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

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

- Christian Magazines
- Magnet reminders
- Videos
- Devotional Books
- Local coupons
- Today's Light Bibles
- April - June Portals of Prayer - daily devotional
- June Living Word newsletters
- 2015 Lutheran Island Camp schedules
- Lutheran Women's Quarterly magazines

### YOU CAN PLAY HANDBELLS

It's really not that difficult. If you can count, you can play! We have the opportunity to form a Bell Choir to play for worship. Please talk to Jason or Sarah Miller if you'd like to be a part of it!



### NEW 2015 Lutheran Island Camp brochures available

All Parents of students received one in your mailbox. Extras are available on the "Free Stuff" table. Scholarships are available to help with the cost. Just ask.

### Choir News

Choir will be taking a short break for the summer. Watch the Newsletter for rehearsal dates when we start back up. Thanks to everyone who has been a part of the Choir Ministry this year!

### Audio Bibles for Military & Families

If you would be interested in helping promote here at Living Word a program to raise funds to help get audio Bibles into the hands of Armed Forces personnel and their families, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!



### Church-Bowling League

Plans are in the works to form a church-bowling league this fall at the New London Bowl. The league will run for 16 weeks and begin late October or early November. We are looking to field two mixed-doubles teams (4 people/team). Cost will be \$11/person for each week. This will be a handicap-league, so everyone can compete on the same level. Please talk to Brady Sharp if you would like to bowl or have question. Thanks!

### Needed for our Water Days Parade Outreach - July 18

- 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 Dilley if you can help with any of these

## Asia Calling: Jastrams to Japan

*Natsukashii* (Nostalgic!) "was the word that came to mind as the smells came wafting from Tokyo restaurants – reminiscent of Dan's walks home from Judo lessons as a child. He had returned for a short visit after a 40-year absence, part of the LCMS delegation to celebrate, with our Japanese brothers and sisters in Christ, the dedication of the new Urawa Lutheran school building. Dan's visit also allowed him to discuss his part-time seminary teaching responsibilities (not to be confused with half-time, which in Japan could mean forty-hour weeks) when he returns to stay, God-willing, later this year. Tokyo will also serve as his home base to carry out the other half of his work - theological education facilitator for Northern Asia seminaries. He came back from his short visit, jet-lagged, but eager to begin to his missionary work for the long-term.

### Minnesota: highways and byways

Essential in "getting set" for overseas work is to establish a strong support network, both spiritual and financial, here in the States. Dan and I had the privilege of sharing the story of our mission work with dear sisters in Christ at many LWML MN North Zone spring rallies last month. Your warm welcome, interest and support for the Northern Asia work was gratifying and greatly appreciated. We cannot go without your support. Dan was also privileged to preach and present at several Twin Cities area churches. Whether large or small, we welcome these opportunities to share the LCMS's mission goals and to partner with individuals and congregations in carrying out the mission of the church

**NOTE: Rev. Jastram and wife Joan will be at Living Word on Sunday, July 5 to share with us the details of their mission to Japan. Please make plans to join us for worship on Independence Day Weekend!**

## Confirmands' Faith Statements...

Last month Alana Friebl and Gracie Geer 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.



### ALANA FRIEHL

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

I believe God the Father....

- Always knows and gives me what is best.
- Is Almighty.
- Is Gracious
- Loves me.

I believe God the Son ....

- Is my Savior
- Died for my sins
- Is God
- Loves me.

I believe God the Spirit ....

- Is in charge of my faith.
- Is a person - not just an impersonal 'force'.
- Is God

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

I believe that I will get to heaven by believing in God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

God makes my days easier - knowing He's always there to

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That for a day: There's no limit to what you can achieve if you don't mind who gets the credit.

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turn to for help with all my struggles. He gives me something to live for - I have hope for eternal life and know this earth is not all that there is.

**Why I want to "Enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ:** He created me and died so my sins can be forgiven.

**What I would like to do with my life as a way to say "thanks" to God:** Share His love - being a missionary to other countries would be fun. Pray and Learn more about Him by reading His Word.

### GRACIE GEER

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

I believe God the Father....

- Is the Creator of all things - heaven and earth.
- Sent His Son to die for the sins of the world.
- With his mercy and love provides me with everything I need

I believe God the Son ....

- Is the only-begotten Son, begotten not made - being fully divine and fully human.
- Though whom God created all things.
- Forever intercedes for us.

I believe God the Spirit ....

- Proceeds from the Father and is sent by the Son.
- He comforts and gives life and joy.

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

I will get to heaven by the mercy of the Holy Trinity through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus.



**What I believe about the difference God makes in my life on earth:** It gives me a purpose to live and a reason to get up in the morning.

**Why I want to "Enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ:** Because He is the right and only Way.

**What I would like to do with my life as a way to say "thanks" to God:** Just to glorify God in the work that I do.

# June 2015 - Daily Devotionals

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We Read Through the Bible, in Just 15 Minutes a Day. We continue our readings in the Old Testament. Record your insights on the lines provided.

(In parentheses are verses to focus on if you are short on time that day)

Readings are available in audio at [livingwordlutheran.net](http://livingwordlutheran.net)

May 31 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 1 **Joshua 8:1-9:27** (9:1-27) \_\_\_\_\_

June 2 **Joshua 10:1-43** (10:1-14) \_\_\_\_\_

June 3 **Joshua 11:1-12:24** (12:7-24) \_\_\_\_\_

June 4 **Joshua 13:1-15:63** (14:6-15) \_\_\_\_\_

June 5 **Joshua 16:1-17:18** (17:7-18) \_\_\_\_\_

June 6 **Joshua 18:1-19:51** (19:49-51) \_\_\_\_\_

June 7 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 8 **Joshua 20:1-21:45** (21:43-45) \_\_\_\_\_

June 9 **Joshua 22:1-34** (22:11-34) \_\_\_\_\_

June 10 **Joshua 23:1-16** (23:1-11) \_\_\_\_\_

June 11 **Joshua 24:1-33** (24:1-15) \_\_\_\_\_

June 12 **Judges 1:1-36** (1:1-20) \_\_\_\_\_

June 13 **Judges 2:1-23** (2:11-19) \_\_\_\_\_

June 14 - Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 15 **Judges 3:1-30** (3:5-11) \_\_\_\_\_

June 16 **Judges 3:31-5:31** (4:1-34) \_\_\_\_\_

June 17 **Judges 6:1-8:35** (7:1-25) \_\_\_\_\_

June 18 **Judges 9:1-10:18** (10:1-18) \_\_\_\_\_

June 19 **Judges 11:1-12:15** (11:1-11) \_\_\_\_\_

June 20 **Judges 13:1-16:31** (16:1-31) \_\_\_\_\_

June 21 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 22 **Judges 17:1-18:31** (17:1-13) \_\_\_\_\_

June 23 **Judges 19:1-20:48** (19:1-30) \_\_\_\_\_

June 24 **Judges 21:1-25** (21:1-15) \_\_\_\_\_

June 25 **Ruth 1:1-2:23** (1:1-2:12) \_\_\_\_\_

June 26 **Ruth 3:1-4:22** (4:1-22) \_\_\_\_\_

June 27 **1 Samuel 1:1-28** (1:1-18) \_\_\_\_\_

June 28 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

June 29 **1 Samuel 2:1-36** (2:1-11) \_\_\_\_\_

June 30 **1 Samuel 3:1-21** (3:1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

July 1 **1 Samuel 4:1-22** (4:1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

July 2 **1 Samuel 5:1-6:21** (5:1-6:9) \_\_\_\_\_





July 3 **1 Samuel 7:1-17** (7:7-17) \_\_\_\_\_

July 4 **1 Samuel 8:1-22** (8:1-9) \_\_\_\_\_

**Daily Readings Available in Audio**

...on our website [www.livingwordlutheran.net](http://www.livingwordlutheran.net).

# June 2015 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

| Sunday                                                                                                                                     | Monday                                                                                                                                                          | Tuesday                                                                                                              | Wednesday                                                                                      | Thursday                                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Saturday                                                |
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| <b>31</b><br>9:00 <b>Adult Study</b> - History of Christianity<br>10:00 <b>WORSHIP</b><br>11:15 <b>Fellowship</b>                          | <b>1</b>                                                                                                                                                        | <b>2</b><br>5:30 <b>ELDER'S TEAM</b><br>6:30 <b>MEN'S STUDY</b>                                                      | <b>3</b><br>noon <b>WED. STUDY</b><br>6:30 - <b>WOMEN'S STUDY</b><br>- <b>4-6TH YOUTH</b>      | <b>4</b><br>7:15 <b>CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL</b> Yellow                                                                                        | <div> <b>Lord's Supper Dates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday, June 7th</li> <li>Sunday, June 21st</li> </ul> </div>                                                                         |                                                         |
| <b>7</b><br>9:00 <b>Adult Study</b> - History of Christianity<br>10:00 <b>WORSHIP</b> w/Lord's Supper<br>11:15 <b>Fellowship</b>           | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                                        | <b>9</b>                                                                                                             | <b>10</b><br>noon <b>WED. STUDY</b><br>6:30 - <b>FFAA NIGHT</b><br>'Fun For All Ages'          | <b>11</b><br><br>7:15 <b>CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL</b> - Red | <b>12</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>13</b><br>11:00 - <b>CRAFTING / SCRAPBOOKING DAY</b> |
| <b>14</b> <b>FOOD SHELF SUNDAY</b><br>9:00 <b>Adult Study</b> - History of Christianity<br>10:00 <b>WORSHIP</b><br>11:15 <b>Fellowship</b> | <b>15</b><br>VBS DAY AT CAMP<br>Leave Redeemer 7:15<br>Return approx. 6:00<br> | <b>16</b>                                                                                                            | <b>17</b><br>noon <b>WED. STUDY</b><br>6:30 - <b>WOMEN'S STUDY</b><br>- <b>4-6TH YOUTH</b>     | <b>18</b><br>5:30 <b>COMMUNITY-OUTREACH TEAM</b><br>6:30 <b>MISSION &amp; MINISTRY TEAM</b><br>6:15 <b>CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL</b> Yellow     | <div> <b>Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to:</b><br/> <a href="mailto:newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net">newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net</a> </div> |                                                         |
| <b>21</b> <b>FATHERS' DAY</b><br>9:00 <b>Adult Study</b><br>10:00 <b>WORSHIP</b> w/Lord's Supper<br>11:30 <b>Fellowship</b>                | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                                                       | <b>23</b>                                                                                                            | <b>24</b><br>noon <b>WED. STUDY</b><br>6:30 - <b>WOMEN'S STUDY</b><br>- <b>4-6TH YOUTH</b>     | <b>25</b><br>6:15 <b>CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL</b> - Red                                                                                        | <div>  </div>                                                                                                            |                                                         |
| <b>28</b><br>9:00 <b>Adult Study</b><br>10:00 <b>WORSHIP</b><br>11:15 <b>Fellowship</b>                                                    | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                                                       | <b>30</b><br>TUE SDAY'S TABLE<br> | <b>July 1</b><br>noon <b>WED. STUDY</b><br>6:30 - <b>WOMEN'S STUDY</b><br>- <b>4-6TH YOUTH</b> | <b>July 2</b><br><b>CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL</b> - BYE                                                                                         | <b>July 3</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>July 4</b><br><b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>                |

## Upcoming Schedules...

### Scripture Readers

June 7 Becky Sarsland  
June 14 Mona Hjelle  
June 21 Kevin Welsh  
June 28 Linda Dilley

July 5 Jason Miller  
July 12 Mark Fuglie  
July 19 Tammy Fuglie  
July 26 Duane Hansen

### Fellowship Servers

June 7 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson  
June 14 Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky  
June 21 Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie  
June 28 Becky Sarsland / Mary Raddatz

July 5 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller  
July 12 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham  
July 19 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson  
July 26 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen

### Usher Schedule

June 7 Jason Miller & Bryson Wachter  
June 14 Wendy & Lonny Robbin  
June 21 Joe Johnson & Brady Sharp  
June 28 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer

July 5 Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle  
July 12 Kevin & Noah Welsh  
July 19 Jamie & Phil Iverson  
July 26 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen

### Elders

June 7 Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter  
June 21 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson  
July 5 Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter  
July 19 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson

### Altar Guild

June Mona Hjelle  
July Nancy Jo Wendt

### Make A Meal Volunteers

June Pastor David & Linda Dilley  
July Violet Dauk & Julie Bajari

Thot for a day: Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea

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

June 7 Lance Sawatzky  
June 14 George Arends-Schmidt  
June 21 Davis Rustad  
June 28 Carson Jaspersen

July 5 Noah Miller  
July 12 Andrew Sharp  
July 19 Levi Miller  
July 26 Eli Sharp

### Accompanying Musicians

June 7 Sharon Willen  
June 14 Scott Wachter  
June 21 Pam Johnson  
June 28 Scott Wachter

July 5 Sharon Willen  
July 12 Scott Wachter  
July 19 Pam Johnson  
July 26 Scott Wachter

### Custodian

June Custodian needed  
July Custodian needed

### Nursery (volunteers needed)

(Amanda Sharp - substitute helper)

June 7 Mona Hjelle  
June 14 McCartney Knutson  
June 21 Gracie Geer  
June 28 Michelle Johnson

July 5 Mona Hjelle  
July 12 McCartney Knutson  
July 19 Gracie Geer  
July 26 Michelle Johnson

## June Discipleship Verse...



*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble, therefore we will not fear."*

Psalm 46:1-2a

## Opportunities to Serve...

### A Great Month 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!

### Help with FFAA

(Details on page 5 of this newsletter)

### Bring Food Shelf Items Every Second Sunday

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.

### Please Fill Out One of our New Talent / Service Sheets

They can be placed in the offering plate or given to our Stewardship Chair Jason Miller. Thanks!

### Help with Tuesday's Table at Living Word - June 30

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 28 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 ½ x 2 ½ 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

Sign up at church to indicate which of these you can help with.  
THANKS

### Be "Custodian of the Month"

You (or your whole family) can sign up to provide the necessary cleaning for our church home. 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.

### Read Scripture in Worship

Please talk to Pastor David if you can take a turn once every couple of months reading our New Testament and Old Testament Scriptures.

### Serve After-Worship Fellowship Snack

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

### Help With Our Nursery

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

### Help with Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up

We are in need of someone to organize a clean-up during June. Please talk to Pastor David if you could be that organizer. Thanks!

## Thank God For...



You've seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For..." Each week we'd like to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people who drive past to remember that God is the giver of all good things - especially things we take for granted. **Last week we thanked God for All who gave their lives for our country.** Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next week.

## '99 Envelope Challenge' Wraps Up in June

Our 99 Envelope Board is a fund-raising effort to raise money to replace the yearly mission funding we have been receiving from our District. (We began with 99 envelopes on the board - each with a dollar amount from \$1 to \$99. If we fill all envelopes we'll raise \$ 4950.)

To date: 53 envelopes have been taken and filled with \$2457 !  
THANKS !

If you haven't taken an envelope yet... please prayerfully consider taking one from the board and filling it with the dollar amount listed on the envelope. You may simply place it in the offering plate any Sunday.

## Meet Our Newest Members...

In March we welcomed a new group of members to our congregation. Last month we had the first of a series short bios as they introduce themselves. This month we meet:

Cassandra & Alex Hunstad, and Byron Meis



### Byron Meis-

I was born At Rice Hospital in Willmar and grew up in New London/ Colfax township. I currently live in Willmar and work for Quam Construction. As for hobbies; I love to work in the garage and on projects that I have (AFVs, truck, go-cart), I also love camping, ice fishing, being with our dogs, hunting.

I have no children of my own, but one soon-to-be step-son Alex Hunstad. The two dogs (who pretty much are my children) are Buddy, a 4-year-old Golden Retriever and Clyde, a 1-year-old Yellow Lab.

Cassandra adds: "Byron is very easy going and always willing to lend a hand for someone in need."

### Cassandra Hunstad-

I was born in Alexandria, MN, and grew up in Willmar, MN. I currently live in Willmar and also work in Willmar at Home State Bank. My hobbies include sewing, crafts, selling Scentsy, hunting and every once in a while doing massages.

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That for a day: There is an old proverb that says just about anything you want it to.

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I have one child Alexander Lee Hunstad who was born September 7th, 2007. Alex will be 8 this summer. He attends NLS Prairie Woods Elementary and will be going into 2nd grade next year! Alex's favorite things include: drawing and crafting by making his own inventions; building things with Legos and playing video games. He has really grown fond of the military, whether it's Navy, Guards or Air Force, he studies them all. He loves anything about the history of our nation's wars and what things they used to fight them.

### THANKS...

**...for Supporting the Food Shelf!** Thanks to everyone who has generously supported the New London Food Shelf through your donations! Donation amounts for May - 18 pounds + \$20 donation. Please continue to bring your donations on Food Shelf Sunday (always the 2nd Sunday of each month). And thanks again for supporting this much-needed program!

### 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...

- For our Supreme Court justices to seek God's wisdom in their decisions
- God's continued guidance for in our NL-S Grad Noah Welsh.
- Dads - that they would have God's energy, wisdom and heart.
- Thanking God for those who died serving our country
- God to work through the Today's Light program to strengthen faith
- For increased trust that God will continue to provide
- For protection and boldness is witness for all persecuted Christians
- For the ability to love unconditionally and sacrificially

### Congratulations!

- **Mikayla Geer** ...on the birth of your daughter Amelia!
- **Allie Bratburg** ... on your graduation from St. Cloud State!
- **Becca Langseth** ... on your Master's Degree and new position!

Please email [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

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

*What Love means to a 4-8 year old... A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds: 'What does love mean?' The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined...*

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore.. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.'

Rebecca- age 8

'When someone loves you the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.'

Billy - age 4

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.'

Chrissy - age 6

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.'

Terri - age 4

'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.'

Danny - age 7

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.'

Bobby - age 7

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.'

Nikka - age 6

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.'

Tommy - age 6

'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.'

Elaine-age 5

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.'

Chris - age 7

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.'

Jessica - age 8

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'

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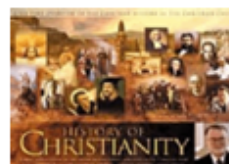
That for a day: The best reason for the right thing today is tomorrow.

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## Opportunities for Growth...

### Sunday Morning Study (9:00)

"History of Christianity"



### Today's Light Daily Readings:

See pages 10—11 of this newsletter

### Men's Study - Tuesdays at 6:30

"Drive Through the Holy Land" - Jericho Unearthed

Tuesday, June 2nd @ 6:30

Men's Study NOTE: We meet once-a-month during the summer on the first Tuesday of each month. We will grill out before each summer study, so bring your favorite meat - we'll also have brats if you don't bring your own



### Confirmation:

Meets April 11th & 25th

### Wed. Noon Study -

NEW: "Twelve Women of the Bible"



### Wed. Evening Women's Study - 6:30

NEW STUDY: The Parables of Jesus  
Important truths to live by.



**4-6th Grade Youth Group** - Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

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

### Could You Host A Small Group Study This Summer?

One of our Core Values at Living Word is that making disciples (people who are committed to growing to become more like Jesus) happens best in small group settings. For example, it's easier for people to get connected to Jesus through small groups. It's easier to get to know other Christians in small groups. Caring happens best in small groups. With that in mind if you could host a small group study - at your home, a coffee house or at church, please talk to Pastor David. There are many different kinds of studies available. We can find one that fits your situation.

## Story Behind The Song...

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

It seems that the recently released Pew Research survey showing Christianity on a decline in the U.S. is a call for Christians to do

what this hymn urges. Here's how the hymn came about:

In the spring of 1858 revival was taking place in Philadelphia. The movement grew out of midday prayer meetings coordinated by the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, a young Episcopalian minister, soon came to be recognized as its leader. Though there was some controversy over his anti-slavery preaching, Tyng was known and loved for his zeal for the work of God. Among the inter-denominational leaders who gathered around him was the Presbyterian minister George Duffield, Jr.

On Tuesday, April 13th, 1858, Rev. Tyng was studying at his country home when he went to the barn to check on his mule which was driving a machine that shelled corn. As he patted down the animal, the sleeve of his gown got caught in the cogs of the machine, and his arm was severely injured. The arm was soon amputated, the wound became mortal, and Tyng died the following week.

Before he died, however, he was asked by friends if there was a message he would have them give to those who had participated with him in the revival work. Tyng responded briefly, beginning with the words, "Tell them, 'Let us all stand up for Jesus.'"

In the days and events following Tyng's death, these final words were invoked several times and became a resounding exhortation to all who had been affected by his ministry. When George Duffield, Jr. preached to his own congregation the next week, he focused on Ephesians 6:14 ("Stand firm therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth...") and concluded his sermon with a hymn he had written. It began with the line, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus." The hymn was soon picked up by Presbyterian and Congregationalist publishers, and it quickly became an established work.

Similar to "Onward Christian Soldiers," it became popular among soldiers of the Civil War, most likely because of its militaristic imagery and language. But a connection to worldly battles was not the author's intent; Christians have often sung soldier songs, because, as God tells us in Ephesians 6 and elsewhere, our lives in Christ are a fight for faith in the midst of spiritual enemies. We are called to stand in the strength He supplies.

The original six verses (we typically omit verses 2 & 5)

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the solemn watchword hear;  
If while ye sleep He suffers, away with shame and fear;  
Where'er ye meet with evil, within you or without,  
Charge for the God of battles, and put the foe to rout.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day.  
Ye that are brave now serve Him against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, each soldier to his post,  
Close up the broken column, and shout through all the host:  
Make good the loss so heavy, in those that still remain,  
And prove to all around you that death itself is gain.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.  
To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;  
They with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.**

**Editor's note:** A classic version of this song by the George Beverly Shea at: <https://youtu.be/o5bozd6KJf8>

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Satan, the father of LIES, John 8:44 is remembered with a 'HellMark' card on Fathers Day.