



October 2015 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...

Do you think there were dinosaurs on the ark?

Violet and I just returned from a trip through the western part of the country. We saw a lot of land—the kind that makes you REALLY appreciate trees and lakes and green grass (and not the artificial kind of grass that adorns the lawn at Violet's aunt and uncle's place in California!). Along the way we also saw quite a few signs advertising "Dinosaur bones" and "Dinosaur fossils."

Since I had just recently received the above question about dinosaurs, I thought it was an appropriate time to answer it here. And my answer was: "Of course.."

If dinosaurs were around when The Flood hit - and there's no reason to think they weren't - then they would have been included in God's command in Genesis 6:19-20

19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. 20 Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive.

A couple other questions usually arise at this point. One of those is something along the lines of "How could they have fit in the ark?" I'd strongly recommend you check out the detailed answer to that question at the excellent "Answers in Genesis" website. Here's the specific link: answersingenesis.org/dinosaurs/were-dinosaurs-on-noahs-ark/.

But the 'short answer' includes these three main ideas:

1) The ark was huge, so there was plenty of room and



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2) The vast majority of dinosaurs are no larger than your average horse.

3) Of the larger dinosaur "kinds" it would have been natural to take a couple of very young ones (i.e. smaller) onto the ark.



The other usual question has to do with the possibility that humans and dinosaurs lived at the same time. For that I would suggest you go grab your Bible and read about the "leviathan" and "behemoth" in chapters 40 (especially

after verse 15) and 41 in the book of Job. In those chapters God makes the point that He is the creator of these two most fearsome of all animals. The description of each sounds very much like what we know of dinosaurs. In these two chapters of Job God is describing creatures that the recipient of His message (a guy named Job) was personally familiar with, so biblical evidence suggests that humans in ancient times did indeed live at the same time as dinosaurs.

I'd encourage everyone to check out more of the Answers in Genesis website. You'll also find some "Answers" magazines on the "Free Stuff" table at church. Both the website and the magazine have great articles and answers about dinosaurs and other aspects of God's creation.

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

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 Sunday School!

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next week



Sunday School News....

9:00 every Sunday morning

- Classes: Students start each morning with music, prayer requests from the kids and offering .
- Teachers / Classes:

Pre-school to Kindergarten:	Kari Sharp
1st & 2nd Grade	Amanda Sharp
3rd & 4th Grade:	Violet Dauk
5th to 8th Grade	Keith Hanson
- Rides are Available (Talk to Mona Hjelle or Pastor David)

Sunday School Lessons for October:

- Oct. 4- "Clash of Kingdoms" Gideon Defeats the Midianites
Judges 7: 1-22
- Oct. 11- "Clash of Kingdoms" Battle for the Ark of the Covenant
1 Samuel 4: 1-11, 7: 2-13
- Oct. 18- "ShoeBox" Why We Give John 3:16, Luke 7:36-50
- Oct. 25- "ShoeBox" Who We Help
- Nov. 1- "ShoeBox" What's In It For Me

Operation Christmas Child...

Operation Christmas Child Kickoff
(Yes, it's that time already!!!)

Operation Christmas Child kicks off Sunday, October 18th.

The congregation is invited to participate along with the Sunday School students who will be filling shoe boxes. The deadline to return shoeboxes to church will be November 18th.



Congratulations!

- Joe and Allie Johnson on your marriage September 12 !
- 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: Good news is just life's way of keeping you off balance.

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The LINK...

Link Newsletter, October 2015

Warm greetings from The Link! Thankfully we still have had a handful of gloriously sunny and warm days. However I am a realist and know that October will soon bring a chill to the air. Children will be searching for the perfect costume to trick-or-treat in and I will be doing my best to avoid all of my favorite candies! Thankfully I now have only one child who still gets excited about Halloween, so that helps!

In September the new volunteer Client Services and Community Engagement Committee met. The committee is eager to share ideas, lend support, and fulfill their desire to find the best ways possible to serve our families and friends.

Last month The Link made a difference to a family struggling with a physical illness. Vanessa is a single mom with three children. She was working three jobs to keep the family financially stable, but getting sick was not part of the plan. Vanessa was too sick to work and needed treatment three times a week. This resulted in the loss of two of her jobs. Vanessa fell behind in August and September rent. She wept as she shared her recent struggle and when her nine year old daughter saw her mom's pain, she wrapped her arms around her and cried too. I felt so much emotion for this family and was so thankful that The Link could assist them. Vanessa is currently on a new medication that will allow her to work more and with her subsidized rent decreased due to her current income, she felt confident that they would be stable. It was truly an honor to reduce this family's financial burden. It would not have been possible without our local churches and caring community members. Thank you.

"No matter how dark the moment, love and hope are always possible." George Chakiris

Tuesday's Table in October:

Food. Friends. Fellowship.
October 6th: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church
October 13th: Evangelical Covenant Church
October 20th: Faith Lutheran Church
October 27th: Peace Lutheran Church

Warm blessings to you,
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Miscellaneous Notes...

It's Not Too Late to Join Our CHOIR



We will be rehearsing soon for the Christmas Program which is December 20th. Put that date on your calendar. Rehearsals are the last 2 Sundays of each month. Extra rehearsals may be needed for Christmas. Come and join us

Please Check the Directory Proof Copy.

A proof copy of the Living Word Church Directory is posted on the white board outside Pastor's office. Make check it out and list any changes/additions for you or your family on the copy. If we don't have a picture of you and your family, please email one to Violet - violetdauk@tds.net Thanks!



Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

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

- + Read With Me Bibles for toddlers
- + Today's Light Devotional Bibles
- + October Living Word newsletters
- + Local coupons
- + October Today's Light daily Bible readings
- + July - Sept Portals of Prayer - daily devotionals
- + Christian magazines & Videos



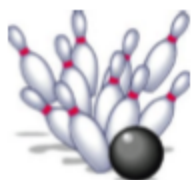
YOU CAN PLAY HANDBELLS

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!



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.



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Thot for a day: What do you give someone who has everything? A. Antibiotics.

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Mark Your Calendars...

Annual Mexican Dinner

Saturday, October 24th

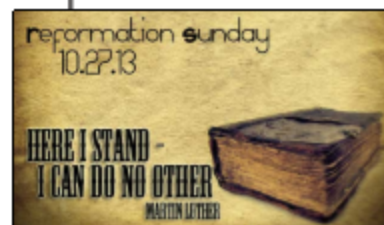
See page 19 of this newsletter for more information.

Fall Voters' Assembly

Sunday, November 8 after fellowship

The purpose of the fall assembly is to approve both a 2016 budget and 2016 ministry goals. The Mission and Ministry Team came up with a set of recommended goals at their September planning meeting. They will be preparing a proposed budget at their October meeting.

Communion Schedule in October



The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in October on the first and FOURTH Sunday. October 4 & 25). Due to First Communion being held on Reformation Sunday (the 4th Sunday), we will celebrate communion on the 4th Sunday instead of the usual 3rd Sunday.

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...

- The Holy Spirit to help kids who don't know Jesus to discover Him as their Lord and Savior through Sunday School
- A great turnout for our annual Mexican Dinner
- Great weather & God's work thru our Smoke-Detector Battery Outreach
- The Holy Spirit's work in the lives of our Confirmation Students
- Thanking God for a great growing season
- A safe fall harvest and hunting season
- Thanking God for our Sunday School & Bible Study teachers
- The Holy Spirit to work through our Bible studies
- The Spirit's guidance for our MMT and Voters' Assemblies
- God to work through the Today's Light program to strengthen faith
- God to embolden our Christian witness in our daily lives
- God to raise up leaders in our nation who seek His will
- Protection and boldness is witness for all persecuted Christians
- The mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

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

After a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church's Pastor slowly stood up, walked over to the pulpit and, before he gave his sermon for the evening, briefly introduced a guest Minister who was in the service that evening. In the introduction, the Pastor told the congregation that the guest Minister was one of his dearest childhood friends and that he wanted him to have a few moments to greet the church and share whatever he felt would be appropriate for the service. With that, the elderly gentleman stepped up to the pulpit and began to speak.

"A father, and his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific coast," he began... "when a fast storm blocked any attempt to get back to the shore. The waves were so high, even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright and the three were swept into the ocean as the boat capsized."

The old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with two teenagers who were, for the first time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in his story. The aged minister continued with his story...



"Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life: to which boy would he throw the end of the life line? He had only seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian and he also knew that his son's friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of waves.

As the father yelled out 'I Love You, Son!' he threw out the life line to his son's friend. By the time the father had pulled the friend back to the capsized boat his son had disappeared beneath the raging swells into the black night. His body was never recovered," the old man said sadly.

By this time, the two teenagers were sitting up straight in the pew, anxiously waiting for the next words to come out of the old Minister's mouth.

"The father," he continued, "knew his son would step into eternity with Jesus and he could not bear the thought of his son's friend stepping into an eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his son to

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That for a day: Light travels faster than sound - that's why some people appear bright until they speak.

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save the son's friend. How great is the love of God that he should do the same for us? Our Heavenly Father sacrificed His only begotten Son so that we could be saved. I urge you to accept His offer to rescue you and take hold of the life line He is throwing out to you in this service."

With that, the old man turned and sat back down in his chair as silence filled the room. The Pastor again walked slowly to the pulpit and delivered a brief sermon with an invitation at the end. However, no one responded to the appeal. But, within moments after the service ended, the two boys were at the old man's side.

"That was a nice story," politely stated one of the boys, "but I don't think it was very realistic for a father to give up his only son's life in hopes that the other would become a Christian."

"Well, you've got a point there," the old man replied, glancing down at his worn Bible. As a big smile broadened his narrow face, he looked up again at the boys and said, "It sure isn't very realistic, is it? But I'm here today to tell you this story gives me a glimpse of what it must have been like for God to give up His only Son for me. You see...I was that father, and your Pastor is my son's friend."

Email Wisdom...

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less....

A 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked.

"Fifty cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired.

By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied.

The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream."

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish were two nickels and five pennies..

You see, he wasn't able to have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

October 2015 - Daily Devotionals

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We start with some of the Apostle Paul's books of the New Testament, then head back to the Old Testament to read about the Israelites coming back to the Promised Land after being exiled in Babylon.

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

Sept 28 1 Corinthians 1:1-2:16 (1:1-24) _____

Sept 29 1 Corinthians 3:1-4:21 (4:1-21) _____

Sept 30 1 Corinthians 5:1-6:20 (5:1-13) _____

Oct 1 1 Corinthians 7:1-40 (7:1-24) _____

Oct 2 1 Corinthians 8:1-9:27 (8:1-13) _____

Oct 3 1 Corinthians 10:1-33 (10:14-33) _____

Oct 4 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Oct 5 1 Corinthians 11:1-12:31 (11:17-34) _____

Oct 6 1 Corinthians 13:1-14:40 (13:1-13) _____

Oct 7 1 Corinthians 15:1-58 (15:35-58) _____

Oct 8 1 Corinthians 16:1-24 (16:1-9) _____

Oct 9 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:17 (2:1-17) _____

Oct 10 2 Corinthians 3:1-4:18 (3:6-18) _____

Oct 11 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Oct 12 2 Corinthians 5:1-21 (5:14-21) _____

Oct 13 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:16 (7:1-16) _____

Oct 14 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15 (9:1-15) _____

Oct 15 2 Corinthians 10:1-11:33 (10:1-18) _____

Oct 16 2 Corinthians 12:1-13:14 (12:1-10) _____

Oct 17 Galatians 1:1-2:21 (1:1-24) _____

Oct 18 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Oct 19 Galatians 3:1-29 (3:1-14) _____

Oct 20 Galatians 4:1-31 (4:1-20) _____

Oct 21 Galatians 5:1-6:18 (5:1-25) _____

Oct 10 Ezra 1:1-2:70 (1:1-11) _____

Oct 11 Ezra 3:1-4:24 (3:1-13) _____

Oct 12 Ezra 5:1-6:24 (6:1-18) _____

Oct 25 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Oct 26 Ezra 7:1-8:36 (8:1-32) _____

Oct 27 Ezra 9:1-10:44 (9:1-15) _____



Oct 28 Nehemiah 1:1-11 (1:1-9) _____

Oct 29 Nehemiah 2:1-3:32 (2:1-20) _____

Oct 30 Nehemiah 4:1-6:19 (4:1-23) _____

Oct 31 Nehemiah 7:1-8:18 (8:1-18) _____

October 2015 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00 ADULT STUDY SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 6:30 SR HIGH YOUTH STUDY	5	6 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	7 8:30 New MOMS' STUDY Noon WED NOON STDY 6:15 - CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	8	9 <div> Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, October 4th Sunday, October 25th </div>	10
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25 1 st COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 ADULT STUDY SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/Lord's Supper <i>Confirmants' first communion</i> 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 CHOIR PRACTICE	26	27 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	28 8:30 MOMS' STUDY Noon WED NOON STDY 6:15 - CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	29	30 	31 10:00 SMOKE-DETECTOR BATTERY GIVEAWAY
Nov 1 9:00 ADULT STUDY SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/Lord's Supper 11:15 Fellowship 6:30 SR HIGH YOUTH STUDY	2	3 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	4 8:30 MOMS' STUDY Noon WED NOON STDY 6:15 - CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	5 <div> Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net </div>	6	7 TOMORROW: Fall Voters' Assembly (after fellowship)

Upcoming Schedules...

Scripture Readers

Oct 4	Mark Fuglie
Oct 11	Tammy Fuglie
Oct 18	Duane Hansen
Oct 25	Tammy Wachter
Nov 1	Scott Wachter
Nov 8	Wendy Robbin
Nov 15	Becky Sarsland
Nov 22	Mona Hjelle
Nov 29	Kevin Welsh

Fellowship Servers

Oct 4	Mike & Brooke Knutson
Oct 11	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Oct 18	Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky
Oct 25	Nancy Jo Wendt / Tammy Fuglie
Nov 1	Becky Sarsland / Mary Raddatz
Nov 8	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Nov 15	Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
Nov 22	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
Nov 29	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen

Usher Schedule

Oct 4	Wendy & Lonny Robbin
Oct 11	Joe Johnson & Brady Sharp
Oct 18	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
Oct 25	Linda Dilley & Mona Hjelle
Nov 1	Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson
Nov 8	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen
Nov 15	Jason & Noah Miller
Nov 22	Wendy & Lonny Robbin
Nov 29	Joe Johnson & Brady Sharp

Elders

Oct 4	Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
Oct 25	Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson
Nov 1	Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter
Nov 15	Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson
Thxgvg Eve	Mark Fuglie & Scott Wachter

Altar Guild

Oct	Mona Hjelle
Nov	Nancy Jo Wendt

Make A Meal Volunteers

October	Wendy Robbin
November	Pam Johnson & Donna Peterson

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That for a day: Things could be worse. Suppose your errors were counted and recorded every day like those of a baseball player.

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Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Oct 4	George Arends-Schmidt
Oct 11	Davis Rustad
Oct 18	Carson Jaspersen
Oct 25	Noah Miller
Nov 1	Andrew Sharp
Nov 8	Levi Miller
Nov 15	Eli Sharp
Nov 22	Lance Sawatzky
Nov 29	George Arends-Schmidt

Accompanying Musicians

Oct 4	Sharon Willen
Oct 11	Scott Wachter
Oct 18	Pam Johnson
Oct 25	Scott Wachter
Nov 1	Sharon Willen
Nov 8	Scott Wachter
Nov 15	Pam Johnson
Nov 22	Scott Wachter
Nov 29	Scott Wachter

Custodian

October & November **Custodians needed**

Nursery (volunteers needed)

(Amanda Sharp - substitute helper)

Oct 4	Mona Hjelle
Oct 11	Michelle Johnson
Oct 18	Gracie Geer
Oct 25	Alana Friebl
Nov 1	Mona Hjelle
Nov 8	McCartney Knutson
Nov 15	Gracie Geer
Nov 22	Alana Friebl
Nov 29	Michelle Johnson

Confirmation Parent-Assistant

Oct 7	Sharps
Oct 14	Adopt-a-Highway
Oct 21	Knutsons
Oct 28	Millers

October Discipleship Verse...



For the Lord is good and His steadfast love endures forever, His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:5

E-Mail Humor...

MIRACLE HOUSE

My engineer husband is meticulous but mild-mannered. While our new house was being built, he would leave notes for the workmen, politely calling their attention to mistakes or oversights. Two weeks before we were to move in, the floors still were not finished, the bathrooms were not tiled, and necessary fixtures were not installed. I was sure that the work would never be completed in time. However, on moving day, we found that the house was ready to receive us.

Curious as to how this miracle had been accomplished, I went and checked where my husband always left his notes for the workmen. Posted prominently on the living room wall was my husband's last note: "After September 15, all work will be supervised by five children."

In honor of Yogi Berra, baseball player who passed on last month (and who also had a cartoon bear named after him) we give you a list of some of Yogi's famous quotes: Some of them really make you stop and think... and scratch your head!



YOGI BERRA QUOTES:

- When you come to a fork in the road, take it.
- You can observe a lot by just watching.
- It ain't over till it's over
- It's like deja vu all over again.
- No one goes there nowadays, it's too crowded.
- Baseball is ninety percent mental and the other half is physical.
- A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore.
- Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours.
- We made too many wrong mistakes.
- Congratulations. I knew the record would stand until it was broken.
- You wouldn't have won if we'd beaten you.
- I never said most of the things I said.
- The future ain't what it used to be.

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Thot for a day: Make sure you have finished speaking before your audience has finished listening.

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Mexican Dinner 2015

When: Saturday, October 24 from 4:30 to 7:30

Menu: Chips & Salsa at every table
 Enchiladas Tortilla Soup
 Taco Bar Spanish Rice
 Refried Beans
 Coffee, Lemonade, Milk

Cost: \$10.00 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-11,
 Free for kids 4 & under

Tickets: Packs to sell are available from Amanda Sharp.

Idea:
 Buy a bunch of tickets to give to friends as an outreach.

How You Can Help:

+Prep food (Friday evening Oct 23);
 +Set Up + Serve Food + Take Down
Donate: + Chicken breasts + taco meat + salsa
 + cheese + refried beans
 + black olives + chips + taco shells
 + tortillas + nacho cheese sauce.

Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Study (9:00)

Journey from Unbelief to Faith continues October 11th

Today's Light Daily Readings:

See pages 10—11 of this newsletter

Men's Study - Tuesdays @ 6:30

Journey from Unbelief to Faith continues October 6th

Wed. Noon Study -

Journey from Unbelief to Faith starts October 7th

See page 23 to more information.

Wed. Evening Women's Study -

6:30 Wednesday evenings

New Study: "Believing Jesus" starting October 7th

Mom's Study -

will start again Wednesday, Oct 7 @ 8:30a.m.

(childcare provided)

Sr. High Youth Study

Sunday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 Please join us starting Sunday, September 13. Friends are welcome too!

Lyndsay Ampe leads the study. Please call her 612-325-8960 with any questions or topic suggestions. THANKS!

Could You Host A Small Group Study This Fall?

One of our Core Values at Living Word is that making disciples (people who are committed to growing to become more like Jesus) happens best in small group settings. For example, it's easier for people to get connected to Jesus through small groups. It's easier to get to know other Christians in small groups. Caring happens best in small groups. With that in mind 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.

LWML News...

- October 18 is set aside as "LWML Sunday"
- LWML will meet Wednesday, October 14 @ 6:30pm



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Thot for a day: If ignorance is bliss, then I must be the happiest thingamajig in the whatchamacallit!

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New Bible Study...

"The JOURNEY from unbelief to faith"

The passage from unbelief or antagonism toward God to faith in Christ as Lord and Savior is a road that's different for each person. In this study we will follow the stories of four individuals from widely different pasts who arrived at the same conviction: Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and because He is they must tell others about it.



This four-session Bible study offers the viewpoints of four people who have made a remarkable journey. Theirs has been a pilgrimage from the outer edges of unbelief and apathy to a place where today Jesus Christ commands their heartfelt devotion. The road to faith was not easy for them, and many were the times when abandoning it seemed the preferred route to travel. Still, the persistence of the Holy Spirit's work in their lives brought about a different outcome, with an eternal transformation.

- With an upbringing marred by violence and abuse from her belligerent, alcoholic father, one woman's journey was set in motion by a record album.
- For one young man, an allegiance to evolutionary theory and science trumped any idea of the spiritual at work in his life, until he grasped the nature of faith.
- For an Orthodox Jew it was a lengthy apprenticeship-in the back row of a Christian church-that became for him a brand new kind of life.
- Finally, for a New Age stargazer, a woman deep into Eastern religions who charted other people's futures by astrology, it was an attempt to get Christianity out of her system that eventually won her over.

THANKS...

Thanks to everyone who has generously supported the New London Food Shelf through your donations! Donation amount for September: 10 pounds. Please continue to bring your donations on Food Shelf Sunday is October 11 (always the 2nd Sunday of each month). And thanks again for supporting this much-needed program!

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 ! Our October Make-a-Meal volunteer is Wendy Robbin Thanks!

Fall Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

Wednesday, Oct 14

(A Confirmation Class service project)

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.

Be "Custodian of the Month"

You (or your whole family) can sign up to provide the necessary cleaning. 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. Custodian still needed for Oct.

Sing With Us (in the choir)

Please join us for practice after worship Oct 18 & 25 for singing on November 1

PLAY HANDBELLS

It's really not 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!

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.

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That for a day: I always try to be modest. And I am VERY proud of it.

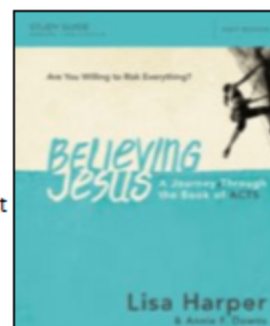
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NEW Women's Bible Study...

"Believing Jesus"

Starting Wed., October 7

What does it mean to believe Jesus? Not just believe in Jesus, but actually believe what He said—and shape our lives around that truth? How would that affect the choices we make? The way we see the world? The way we conduct ourselves with other Christians?



In *Believing Jesus*, Lisa Harper answers these questions by looking at the lives of the believers in Acts and how Jesus' command to spread the gospel forever shaped their lives. You will hear how Peter turned tables on his Benedict-Arnold behavior and became a church-building saint when the power of the Holy Spirit came over him. How the first believers were so gifted at giving they made Santa look bush league. How it cost Stephen and other early believers their very lives to follow Christ. And how Paul's case proves God's grace can change the worst of sinners, making us willing to have our lives interrupted by God and boldly share the gospel to the world.

Today, we are faced with the same decisions the early church faced. Will we, like them, truly believe the words of Jesus and allow them to transform every part of our lives?

Story Behind The Song...

"A Mighty Fortress is our God"

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, igniting what we refer to as "The Reformation."

There were many great blessings that came out of the Reformation. The one that usually comes to mind first is how Luther (and associates) brought back the Gospel Truth that we are not saved by things we do (or money we pay) but by God's grace through faith in Jesus.

Another blessing that came out of The Reformation was how Luther's translation of the Scriptures into German made the Bible available to the common people in a language they could understand.

One of the other great results of Luther's efforts was the introduction of singing into the congregation. Prior to Luther, hymns in worship were sung by choirs of clergy, not by the congregation. Lay people did

have some vernacular hymns that were sung outside of the church, but Luther was the father of congregational singing.

Luther's musical career was first inspired when he learned about the first martyrs of the Reformation. On July 1, 1523, two young monks, Heinrich Voeg and Johann Esch, little more than teenagers, were burned at the stake in Brussels for their evangelical faith. Luther was moved to write a ballad, "A New Song Now Shall Be Begun," telling the story of these two "lads," from the cruelty of their inquisitors to how "they stepped into the flames with song."

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is, of course, Luther's 'greatest hit.' It has often been called the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation." Luther composed the music and based his words on Psalm 46. Read the text of the Psalm below and then see how the hymn paraphrases the psalm and brings great comfort.

Psalm 46 (NIV)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

7 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

8 Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

11 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.



A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God A sword and shield victorious
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation for us
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost rejected.
But now a Champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.

You ask who this may be The Lord of Hosts is He
Christ Jesus mighty Lord God's only Son adored
He holds the field victorious

And though this world with devils filled Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, For God has willed His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure For lo! his doom is sure
One little Word shall fell him!

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes who fear it
For God himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit
Were they to take our house Goods, honor, child or spouse
Though life be wrenched away They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Editor's note: A slightly updated version by Chris Rice at
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The Pumpkin Epistle: Be transformed by the
renewal of your minds **Romans 12:2**