



## **September 2016 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...

### What does "begotten" mean?

A few weeks ago I did a sermon where I mentioned that for people who don't go to church often, the church - any church - probably seems a lot like a foreign country where we speak a foreign language. I gave some examples of words in our songs like, "sanctified," "incarnate," and even "Ebenezer." For those of us who do come inside the walls of a church building on a regular basis, the challenge is to 'translate' the Gospel message in our everyday lives.



After that sermon we stood up and spoke the Nicene Creed. In that statement of faith we confess that Jesus is the "only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds.... begotten, not made." It was following that worship service that I received the question listed above.

That word, "begotten" certainly qualifies as one sounding like a foreign language. It's definitely not a word that gets much, if any, use outside the walls of church. It is an old English word, and we also find it in the King James translation of the Bible in that famous John 3:16 passage.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

"begotten" is an English translation of the Greek word *monogenes*. As such, we have to look at the original meaning of the Greek word.

So what does *monogenes* mean? According to the Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (BAGD, 3rd

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Edition), *monogenes* has two primary definitions. The first definition is "pertaining to being the only one of its kind within a specific relationship." This is its meaning in Hebrews 11:17 when the writer refers to Isaac as Abraham's "only begotten son" (KJV). Abraham had more than one son, but Isaac was the only son he had by Sarah and the only son of the covenant. Therefore, it is the uniqueness of Isaac among the other sons that allows for the use of *monogenes* in that context.

The second definition is "pertaining to being the only one of its kind or class, unique in kind." This is the meaning that is implied in John 3:16. John was very concerned with demonstrating that Jesus is the Son of God (John 20:31), and he uses *monogenes* to highlight Jesus as uniquely God's Son—sharing the same divine nature as God—as opposed to believers who are God's sons and daughters 'adopted' into the family by virtue of baptism and faith. This is also the meaning intended by the use of "begotten" in the Nicene Creed which highlights the fact that Jesus is truly divine. John tells us (in the first chapter of the Gospel - "good news" - that bears his name) along with the Father, Jesus is Creator. All else is created.

Since there are so many words that can seem like a "foreign language," I will be starting a new feature in the Sunday bulletin. Each week will highlight - and explain! - one of the words we use in church whose definition may be kind of elusive.

Thanks for asking  
Pastor David

Send your questions to [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net)

## Mark Your Calendars...

### Mission & Ministry Team—2016 Planning Session

Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

We will set out our Strategic Ministry Plan for the coming year and craft a budget proposal. We'll start by revisiting last year's plan, and make necessary revisions and adjustments. Then we will add new plans and goals for the coming year. The planning session is for all Mission and Ministry Team members.

### Rally Sunday

September 11th—see page 18 for details

### Mexican Dinner

Coming soon in October

## Opportunities for Growth...

### 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.

### Today's Light Daily Readings:

See pages 10—11 of this newsletter

### Sunday Morning Study (9:00)

*Stuff they didn't teach me in Sunday School:*  
Gospel of John



### Men's Study— Tuesday, Sept 13th @ 6:30

We'll kick off the fall by:

- Grilling some brats,
- Playing some games (horseshoes, foosball, bean bag, cards)
- **Introducing our new study: Reel to Real** (see details below)

Bring a friend!

#### **New Men's Study**

As **Reel to Real-Of Fish and Men** shows, there's more to fishing than catching fish. Listen in as five guys talk about temptations, trophy catches, the one that got away, and that day when the fishing season finally ends—for all of us. Anglers share their insights, humor and introspection. The result is a Bible study that offers a telling glimpse of faith at work in the lives of individuals who are Christ-followers first and fishermen second.



### Mom's Study - Wed. @ 9:00 a.m. -

watch for details about a new study for moms - coming soon

### Wed. Evening Women's Study -

Begins Wednesday, Sept. 21 @ 6:30

### H.S. Youth Study - 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 6:00

**Sunday School:** Begins September 11th—See page 18  
Summer Reading Program ends Sept. 11th—see page 19

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That for a day: There are two things I've learned: There is a God. And, I'm not Him.

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### Confirmation - Classes Resume This Month

- Parents Meeting - Wednesday, Sept 7 @ 6:30 pm  
We will review last year, and cover plans for this year.
- Class begins the following Wednesday (Sept 14) at 6:30.
- Please contact Pastor David if you have a student 7th Grade or above who wants to begin confirmation classes but aren't able to attend the parent's meeting.

## E-mail Wisdom...

*If God just forgives all Christians and none of them go to hell, why would any Christian do good when they can sin all they want?*

I remember being asked this question by two children, a girl and a boy about twelve and ten years old, after one of my engagements in Hong Kong. Apparently they were sent to me by their mother. When they asked me their question, I could not help but smile, because I remembered asking the same question of Christians when I was their age, also urged on by my parents.

In Islam, the reward for following sharia (a law) is heaven, and the deterrent for disobedience is hell. Why would anyone make the hard moral decisions if they were promised the reward regardless? Since the solution to man's problem in Islam is a law, the gospel's idea of a heart transformed by God is foreign to many Muslims—as it was to these children.

When the young siblings in Hong Kong asked me their question, I sat down next to them, nodded toward their mother and asked them a question in return: "Do you love your mom?"

Slightly taken aback, they answered emphatically, "Of course!" Smiling, I asked them a simple question: "When she asks you to do something, like clean your room, what do you think would make her happier: if you cleaned your room because you love her, or if you cleaned your room because you were afraid she would punish you?"

Without hesitation, the sister answered, "Because we love her." And as the words left her lips, the realization was apparent on her face: obedience under the shadow of threat is hardly obedience at all, but compulsion. Christian obedience, devoid of threat and rooted in love, is what God truly wants.

I began to explain to her and her brother that when we respond to the gospel and live as children of God, our Father changes our hearts and makes us want to obey out of love. For the next few minutes they continued asking me questions in earnest, clearly unfinished when their mother whisked them away.



## Opportunities to Serve...

### Lead a small group of youth

We would like to have our 3-6th, 7-9th and 10-12th groups meet once a week (or every-other week) for study, service projects and fun events. If you could help with any of these activities for one of these age groups, please talk to Youth Director Lyndsay Ampe. Thanks for considering it!

### Help Plan our Mexican Dinner

Our annual Mexican Dinner is coming "just around the corner" in October (exact date to yet to be set). Please talk to Outreach Coordinator Amanda Sharp if you'd like to help in any way. Thanks!

### Deliver Food Shelf Collections to Willmar Food Shelf

Now that the New London Food Shelf has closed, we are in need of someone to deliver the donations collected at church to the Willmar Food Shelf. Please talk to Leone Quigley if you can do this. Thanks!

### 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 September Make-a-Meal volunteers are Laurel Iverson & Linda Dilley

### 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 Trustee Jamie Iverson if you have questions or to volunteer yourself or your family. Custodian still needed for October

### Serve As Scheduler for Fellowship Servers

Please talk to Pastor David if you could be in charge of scheduling those who serve fellowship snacks after worship. Thanks!

### Serve After-Worship Fellowship Snack

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

### Fill-In as Restroom Custodian one week Sept & Oct

We still have a few weeks during September and October (weeks of Sept 5, Sept 19 & Oct 10) where we will need someone to clean the

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That for a day: if you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

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restrooms (once a week) while our regular Restroom Custodian (Laurie Hanson) is away. Please sign up if you can help. Thanks!

### 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.

### 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

### Bring Food Shelf Items Every Second Sunday

The women of our LWML collect canned and dry goods the second Sunday of each month.

## LWML News...

- A special "Thank You" to everyone who made the NL Music Fest Pie Booth a success! Our profit for this year was \$627.21 The LWML uses this money for camp scholarships and as well as support of several other ministries.
- The LWML Planning Board meets on September 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Leone Quigley's home. Please come and join us - we always have fun!
- The next General Meeting for LWML is on October 11th at 6:00 p.m. the meeting will be held at the church. All women are welcome, and we would love to have you join us!
- If anyone has extra apples that you can't use this fall, the LWML would be willing to take them. We will peel and freeze them for next year's pies. Just leave them at church with a note - or let Leone know. Thanks!
- Thanks for Supporting the Food Shelf! The Food Shelf in New London was closed on August 30. All food items will now go to the Willmar Area Food Shelf in Willmar for distribution. If anyone is interested in delivering Living Word's food shelf donations to Willmar, please contact Leone Quigley. Thanks!

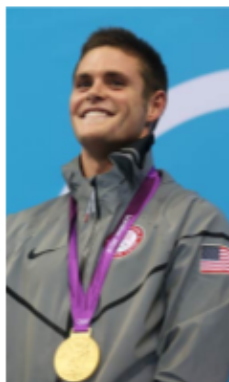


Lutheran Women's Missionary League

## Email Inspiration...

By David Boudia - Silver Medalist in Diving at the 2016 Summer Olympics

After I became a Christian in fall 2009, diving took on a new life for me. Though I originally struggled with the desire to continue diving, I eventually got back into my routine and my love for the sport. I came to enjoy diving more for the experience of it, with Christ now as the center of my life. I focused on things other than just winning and feeding my own ego.



Just because I had become a Christian and winning was no longer my top priority doesn't mean that I didn't pursue it. My competitive nature still burned within me. So while God commands me to love the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and while He commands me to love others around me (Mark 12:30-31), that's not at odds with a desire to win. And guess what? The Bible doesn't say God doesn't want me to win.

God doesn't call me to hold back from training hard or to hold back in a competition, because that's not pleasing to Him. In fact, I think it's contradictory to what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:31:

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

Christians follow the Lord by doing everything with excellence because God does all things with excellence. Being excellent is a character trait of God, so when we pursue it, we are modeling ourselves after Him.

When I compete, I'm doing it for the glory of God. In any given competition I can be a finger pointing to God's goodness and a light shining on His faithfulness. I don't have to tear others down or do whatever it takes to win. If I choose to do it that way, that's disobedience and a perversion of what God requires of us. But to work hard and do my best, to love others around me, that brings honor to God when I'm on the platform.

Competitions can be especially hazardous times in the life of a believer. Everything is all about the athlete. Organizers offer massages left and right. The food is all catered to my needs. I have refreshments. I have outfitting. I'm given everything and waited on hand and foot. In this environment, it's easy to become consumed with self. It's easy

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Thot for a day: I always say "No" to temptation -- but it doesn't always listen.

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for me to start thinking that I'm hot stuff if I'm treated this way.

On top of that, competitions take me away from other believers. I'm away from my church and my circle of support. That separation made me realize how important the church is for me as a Christian. The Bible calls the church "the body of Christ," because no part of a body can live on its own (Romans 12:5). Likewise, this walk cannot be done alone. When I was away from my church, I found it easier to fall back into my old ways of thinking. I definitely missed the influence of my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who could speak truth into my life.

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Just For Fun... Find the hidden Bible verse.

### Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 252

Matt 10:10-20

Disciples sent out Preaching

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FATHER GUARD  
GENTILES HAND  
INNOCENT HOME  
LISTEN HOUSE  
PERSON KINGS  
RETURN LEAVE  
SEARCH LOCAL  
SENDING PEACE  
SHREWD SHAKE  
SNAKES SHEEP  
SODOM SPIRIT  
VILLAGE TOWN  
WELCOME TRUTH  
WOLVES WORDS  
WORTHY WORRY

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

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## September 2016 - Daily Devotionals

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE READING PROGRAM: We start with New Testament letters from the Apostle Paul and finish with the prophetic book Zechariah from the Old Testament.

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

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

Sep 5 2 Timothy 1 (1:6-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 6 2 Timothy 2 (2:1-13) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 7 2 Timothy 3-4 (3:1-17) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 8 Titus 1 (1:1-4) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 9 Titus 2 (2:11-15) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 10 Titus 3 (3:1-8) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sep 12 Colossians 1 (1:15-23) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 13 Colossians 2 (2:1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 14 Colossians 3-4 (3:1-17) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 15 Romans 1-2 (1:1-23) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 16 Romans 3-4 (3:21-31) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 17 Romans 5 (5:1-11) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sep 19 Romans 6 (6:1-14) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 20 Romans 7 (7:25) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 21 Romans 8 (8:1-17, 28-39) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 22 Romans 9-11 (10:1-21) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 23 Romans 12 (12:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 24 Romans 13-14 (14:1-23) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sep 26 Romans 15-16 (15:1-21) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 27 Zechariah 1-2 (1:1-17) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 28 Zechariah 3 (3:1-5) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 29 Zechariah 4 (4:1-7) \_\_\_\_\_

Sep 30 Zechariah 5 (5:1-4) \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 1 Zechariah 6 (6:9-15) \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 2 Use the time today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed

Oct 3 Zechariah 7 (7:8-14) \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 4 Zechariah 8 (8:1-17) \_\_\_\_\_




Oct 5 Zechariah 9-10 (9:1-17) \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 6 Zechariah 11-12 (12:1-14) \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 7 Zechariah 13 (13:7-9) \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 8 Zechariah 14 (14:1-9) \_\_\_\_\_

# September 2016 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 9:00 ADULT STUDY - The Gospel of John 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship 6:00 SR HIGH YOUTH STUDY	<b>5 LABOR DAY</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 LWML Planning 7:00 CONFIRMATION PARENTS' MEETING	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 RALLY SUNDAY</b> 9:00 ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 6:00 SR HIGH YOUTH STUDY	<b>12</b> Rally Sunday! 	<b>13</b> 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 NEW MEN'S STUDY	<b>14</b> 6:30 - CONFIRMATION CLASS	<b>15</b> MISSION Ministry 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM Annual Planning Meeting	<b>16</b>  6:30 SUMMER- READING PROGRAM Reward Night	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00 ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 SR HIGH YOUTH STUDY	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	<b>21</b> 6:30 - CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 -- NEW WOMEN'S STUDY	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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## Lord's Supper Dates

- Sunday, September 4th
- Sunday, September 18th

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[newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net)



## Upcoming Schedules...

### Scripture Readers

Sept 4 Kevin Welsh  
 Sept 11 Tammy Wachter  
 Sept 18 Wendy Robbin  
 Sept 25 Linda Dilley  
 Oct 2 Jason Miller  
 Oct 9 Mark Fuglie  
 Oct 16 Tammy Fuglie  
 Oct 23 Becky Sarsland  
 Oct 30 Mona Hjelle

### Fellowship Servers

Sept 4 Nancy Jo Wendt & Tammy Fuglie  
 Sept 11 **Rally Day Potluck**  
 Sept 18 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore  
 Sept 25 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller  
 Oct 2 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham  
 Oct 9 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson  
 Oct 16 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen  
 Oct 23 Gwen Ruchti  
 Oct 30 Mike & Brooke Knutson

### Usher Schedule

Sept 4 Jason & Noah Miller  
 Sept 11 Wendy & Lonny Robbin  
 Sept 18 Brady & Andrew Sharp  
 Sept 25 Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad  
 Oct 2 Wally Abraham and Joe Johnson  
 Oct 9 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer  
 Oct 16 Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson  
 Oct 23 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weffen  
 Oct 30 Brent & Lance Sawatzky

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

Sept 4 George Arends-Schmidt  
 Sept 11 Carson Jaspersen  
 Sept 18 Noah Miller  
 Sept 25 Davis Rustad  
 Oct 2 Lance Sawatzky  
 Oct 9 Andrew Sharp  
 Oct 16 Gage Dahl  
 Oct 23 Levi Miller  
 Oct 30 Eli Sharp

### Make A Meal Volunteers

Sept Laurel Iverson & Linda Dilley  
 Oct Violet Dauk & Bonnie Hansen

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**That for a day:** Long hours spent fishing inevitably turns a man into a philosopher. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to buy decent tackle on a philosopher's salary...

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### Nursery (volunteers needed)

(Amanda Sharp - substitute helper)  
 Sept 4 Alana Friebl & George Arends-Schmidt  
 Sept 11 Mona Hjelle & Davis Rustad  
 Sept 18 McCartney Knutson & Andrew Sharp  
 Sept 25 Gracie Geer & Carson Jaspersen

Oct 2 Lance Sawatzky & Noah Miller  
 Oct 9 Alana Friebl & George Arends-Schmidt  
 Oct 16 Mona Hjelle & Davis Rustad  
 Oct 23 McCartney Knutson & Andrew Sharp  
 Oct 30 Gracie Geer & Carson Jaspersen

### Altar Guild

Sept Nancy Jo Wendt  
 Oct Mona Hjelle

### Elders

Sept 4 Mark Fuglie & Jason Miller  
 Sept 18 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson  
 Oct 2 Mark Fuglie & Jason Miller  
 Oct 16 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson

### Accompanying Musicians

Sept 4 Sharon Willen  
 Sept 11 Scott Wachter  
 Sept 18 Pam Johnson  
 Sept 25 Scott Wachter

Oct 2 Sharon Willen  
 Oct 9 Scott Wachter  
 Oct 16 Pam Johnson  
 Oct 23 Scott Wachter  
 Oct 30 Open

### Custodian

Sept National Youth Gathering Group  
 October **Custodians needed**

## September Discipleship Verse...



*"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."*  
 John 8:31-32



### You Might Be a Lutheran If...

...you only serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color for the season.

...you didn't know chow mien noodles were a Chinese food.

...when someone mentions red and green (in terms of Christmas), you immediately think of a battle over hymnals.

...during the entire service you hold your hymnal open but never look down at it.

...during communion you hum the hymns so you can see who's at church that Sunday.

...you have your wedding reception in the fellowship hall and feel guilty about not staying to help clean up.

...a midlife crisis means switching from the old hymnbook to the new one.

...you forget to put water in the baptismal font but never forget to put water in the coffee pot.

...your choir believes volume is a fair substitute for tonality.

...you don't know what was sooo funny about dat movie "Fargo" then.

...in response to someone jumping up and shouting "Praise the Lord!", you politely remind him or her that we don't do that around here.

...peas in your tuna noodle hotdish add too much color.

...you make change in the offering plate for a ten.

...the church is on fire, and you rush in to save the coffee pot.

...you have more than five flavors of Jell-O in your pantry.

...the only open pew is up front, so you volunteer to shovel the side-walk.

...Ole and Lena are really the names of your relatives.

...you think hotdish is one of the major food groups.

...someone asks you after church if there's any "decaf coffee" and you laugh because you KNOW that if it doesn't have caffeine, it can't be coffee!

...you think anyone who says "casserole" instead of "hotdish" is trying to be uppity (or maybe even Episcopalian!)

...you freeze the leftover coffee from fellowship hour for next week.

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

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## Miscellaneous Notes...

### Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

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

- A BUNCH of new kids books
- New Devotional books
- Read With Me Bibles for toddlers
- Today's Light Devotional Bibles
- Sept Today's Light daily Bible readings
- Faith, Hope and Love Scripture bags
- Sept Living Word newsletters + Local coupons
- July—Sept Portals of Prayer - daily devotionals



### Fall: A Great Time to Direct Deposit Your Offerings

School and sports schedules can keep people busy during this time of year. 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 Jason Miller for more details.

### Come and Join Our CHOIR

Where did the summer go?!



It's already time to start choir practice!

We will rehearse following coffee fellowship (close to 11:30) on the last two Sundays of each month to prepare for singing in worship on the first Sunday of the next month. I'm looking forward to seeing your smiling faces and hearing

your great voices at our first practice on September 18th! Come and join us! Leone

### Sermons Now Available in Audio on our Website

<http://livingwordlutheran.net/sermons.htm>

(Or just click on "New Sermons Online" at the bottom of the [livingwordlutheran.net](http://livingwordlutheran.net) home page)



Sermons from this past month:

8-7-16: "The need to 'translate' the Gospel Message"

8-14-16 "Translating the Cure for Fear"

8-21-16 "Being A Christian is as Simple as 'A Walk with Jesus'"

8-28-16 - "Translating Humility"

## Sunday School News...

### Rally Day (Sept 11) kicks off a New Sunday School Year!

Class: 9:00 - 9:50

#### Sunday School staff:

Director:	Mona Hjelle
Music:	Sarah Miller
Pre-K thru Kindergarten:	Our Senior High girls: Gracie Geer, Alana Friehl and Michelle Johnson
1st & 2nd Grade:	Amanda Sharp
3rd & 4th Grade:	Violet Dauk
5th Grade- Jr High	Keith Hanson
Subs:	Jason Miller, Mona Hjelle

We could benefit from having another sub or two. Please talk to Mona if you can be a substitute teacher. Thanks!

#### Fall Curriculum: "Bible Treasure Hunt"

Sept 11	"First Things First"	Matthew 6:19-34
Students learn that true treasure is found in seeking God's way.		
Sept 18	"The Journey Begins"	1 Kings 19:5-8
Students learn when we seek God, He promises we'll find Him.		
Sept 25	"Knowing What to Look For"	1 Kings 3:4-15
Students learn God wants us to seek His wisdom for our choices.		
Oct 2	"Follow the Map"	Psalms 119:9-11
Students learn that good treasure hunters follow God's 'map.'		

## Email Humor...

### The Broken Doll

Little Emma, our friend's daughter, ran into the house, crying as though her heart would break.

"What's wrong, dear?" her mom asked.

"My doll! Billy broke it!" she sobbed.

"How did he break it, Emma?"

"I hit him over the head with it!"



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Thot for a day: I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights."

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## S.R.P.4.K (Summer Reading Program For Kids)...

We are in the last leg of our 2016 SRP4K program this summer. Here's a sampling of the books available - appropriate for all ages of Sunday School students - to check out from the library at church:

- Chronicles of Narnia
- The Sugar Creek Gang
- The Case for Christ for Kids
- The Cul-de-sac Kids
- Arch Books
- BOXCAR CHILDREN 1-4 set;
- GIRL'S GUIDE TO MAKING REALLY GOOD CHOICES;
- BOY'S GUIDE TO MAKING REALLY GOOD CHOICES;
- TEN GIRLS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD;
- TEN BOYS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD;
- IF I COULD ASK GOD ANYTHING-
- AWESOME BIBLE ANSWERS FOR CURIOUS KIDS.



Each student earns points for books read (or books read to them) Older kids can earn points for reading to their younger siblings too. These points can be redeemed on Reading Reward Night (Fri., September 16)



## Thanks...

### Vacation Bible School "Thanks" to...

Director Mona Hjelle

Helpers: Tammy Fuglie, Alex Rustad, Andy Sharp, McCartney Knutson, Sharon Willen and Chelsea Eckhoff

Teacher: Pastor David

Meal Makers: Marcia Welsh, Nancy Jo Wendt, Wendy Robbin

Students who attended

Parents & Grandparents who brought them

We had twenty kids who took a "Walk With Jesus" We learned what it means to walk in Truth, in Wisdom, and in Faith. We followed His example by filling backpacks with school supplies for needy kids

### Tuesday's Table "Thanks" to...

Organizers: Gwen Ruchti, Lyndsay Ampe & Nancy Jo Wendt

Everyone who helped with set-up, take-down, serving and food prep!

We helped out The Link by serving approximately 120 people a great meal of corn on the cob, kielbasa, meatballs, baked beans & bars.

### Pie Social "Thanks" to...

Organizer: Leone Quigley

Everyone who helped donating fruit, making pies, baking pies, set-up, take-down and serving!

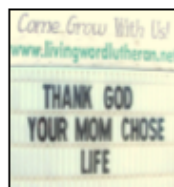
We made 40 fresh-fruit pies and netted \$627.19 from the sales of pies, coffee, pop and popcorn, and once again provided a much-appreciated service for the community!

### Parking Lot "Thanks" to...

The three families who donated funds to get the cracks filled, the surface sealed and the parking space lines painted!

## 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 **Nick & Nykki - Married August 27!** Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next week.



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Thot for a day: Blessed are they who have nothing to say and who cannot be persuaded to say it.

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## Parking lot update...



### **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 a great turnout for Rally Sunday
- For the Holy Spirit to help kids who don't know Jesus to discover Him as their Lord and Savior through Sunday School
- For God's guidance and angels' protection for all going back to school
- For the Holy Spirit to work through the teachers of our classes
- Thanking God for a great summer growing season
- For God to work through the Today's Light program to strengthen faith
- For God to embolden our Christian witness in our daily lives
- For God to raise up leaders in our nation who seek His will
- For protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- For the mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan



## Congratulations...

- Nick & Nykki Foshaug .... on your marriage, August 27 !
- Marion Dille .... on your 95th Birthday, August 19 !

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

## Story Behind The Song...

### "Jesus Loves Me"

Anna and Susan Warner lived in a lovely townhouse in New York City where their father was a successful lawyer. But the 'Panic of 1837' wrecked the family's finances, forcing them to move into a ramshackle Revolutionary War-era home on Constitution Island on the Hudson River right across from the Military Academy at West Point.

Needing to contribute to the family income, Anna and Susan began writing poems and stories for publication. Anna wrote "Robinson Crusoe's Farmyard," and Susan wrote "The Wide, Wide, World." The girls thus launched parallel literary careers with resulted in 106 publications, eighteen of them co-authored.

One of their most successful joint projects was a novel titled *Say and Seal* in which a little boy named Johnny Fox is dying. His Sunday School teachers, John Linden, comforts him by taking him in his arms, rocking him and making up a little song, "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so..."



The novel became a best seller, second only to *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and when hymn writer William Bradbury read the words of John Linden's little songs (written by Anna), he composed a childlike musical score to go along with them. "Jesus Loves Me," soon became the best-known children's hymn on earth.

For forty years, Susan and Anna conducted Bible classes for cadets at West Point, and both were buried with full military honors. They are the only civilians buried in the military cemetery at West Point. To this day, their home on Constitution Island is maintained by West Point as a museum to their memory.

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

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Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; They are weak but he is strong.

Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me.  
Yes Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

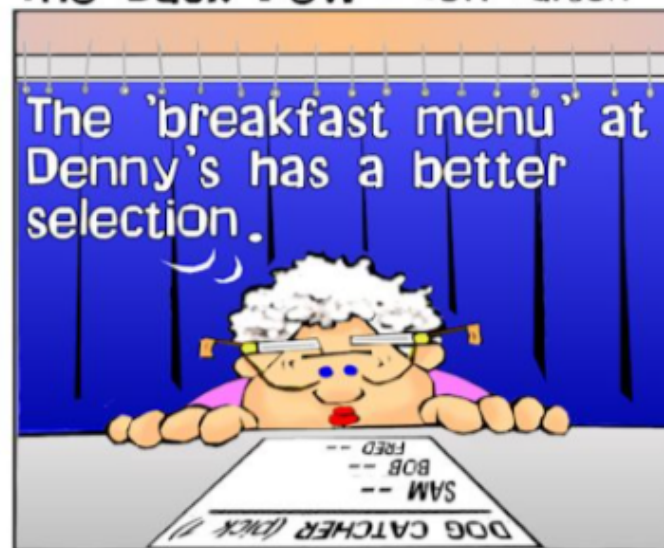
Jesus loves me, He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin, Let his little child come in.

Jesus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly Thine.  
Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee.

Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way;  
He's prepared a home for me And some day His face I'll see.

Editor's note: A nice version by Whitney Houston at  
<https://youtu.be/ZNqAHrNNLqA>

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



## A SCRIPTURE FOR VOTERS

I find it hard to choose between the two.  
I would like to leave this life and be with Christ. That's by far the better choice.

Phil 1:23