

August 2017 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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Question FROM Pastor...

"The church seems to be getting 'filled up.'
What are the plans for Phase 2?"

I'm pretty sure that the person who asked the above question isn't the only one who has noticed things getting a little 'cramped' space-wise. We've only been in this building for five years, and God has blessed us with increasing numbers of people getting to know Jesus- whether that's in worship or in Sunday School or at VBS or in



Before I tackle the question, I'll start by clarifying what is meant by the term "Phase 2":

Phase 2 of our Building Plan is the addition of a dedicated Sanctuary - a space that will be designed primarily for use as a worship area. When we were planning Phase 1 we also laid out the basic plans for this Phase 2 addition. It will be perpendicular to our current building and connected to it on the east side. The size of the Phase 2 addition will be roughly the same dimensions as Phase 1: 52'x80'. This dedicated sanctuary area will have a higher, vaulted ceiling.

Phase 1 of the plan is the multipurpose structure we are currently using. This Phase 1 area was designed to be a space we could use for all aspects of congregational life: worship, classes, fellowship, meetings and special events. It was built with a low, 9-foot ceiling, with the idea that after the dedicated sanctuary is constructed in Phase 2, this current multi-purpose space will be used for classes, meetings and fellowship activities that do not require the higher ceiling of a worship space.

Instead of answering the question about Phase 2 by myself, I thought it would be best to pose the question to our Mission and Ministry Team for their insights. Here's our collective response:

Earlier this year we determined that, yes, we are definitely starting to fill up our current space and that it's time to take the first step toward Phase 2 of our Building Plan. That first step is the formation of a Phase 2

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Building Committee.

As with Phase 1, the Phase 2 committee will be made up of 5 members:

- A Committee Chairperson who oversees the who process, reports to the Mission & Ministry Team and keeps the congregation informed about progress.
- 2) A Committee Secretary who records all the plans and progress.
- A Finance Chairperson responsible for oversight of fundraising and loan acquisition.
- A Construction Chairperson who will serve as 'general contractor' and design advisor.
- An Interior-Space Design Chairperson who will be responsible for the interior layout, design and furnishings.

We envision the Construction, Finance and Interior-Space Chairpersons will form sub-committees to assist with the tasks specific to their areas of responsibility.

Our initial search for committee members has resulted in us being able to fill three of the five positions: Finance, Construction and Secretary.

At this point we would encourage you to give us names of people you see who have a passion for making Phase 2 happen and who have the qualities and/or experience necessary for the Committee Chairperson or Interior-Space Design Chairperson. Or, maybe you have that passion and experience and are sensing God has put you here "for such a time as this" and could fill one of those Committee positions.

We would encourage all of you to pray for God to raise up the people to fill out our Phase 2 Committee, so that we can get the ball rolling on Phase 2.

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 A Place to Call Home.

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

Email Inspiration...

Patience is the companion of wisdom.

In 1 Samuel 13:5-15 we read about the Israel's first king, Saul, as he led God's people in battle. Saul and the army were vastly outmanned and out armed and surrounded by vengeful Philistines. He waited for the prophet Samuel to come and make the offerings that would secure the Lord's favor. But Samuel delayed in coming. We don't know why; we just know the longer he delayed, the more desperate Saul became. The moment Samuel was "officially" late, Saul acted. He made the offering himself - even though he was not a priest and had no authority to do so.

Have you ever prayed desperately for God's help, only to see the 'deadline' pass with no reply? God often tests us this way. Providence is slow coming, and so we take matters into our own hands. We don't mean to be disobedient; we just assume that God hasn't answered our prayers and wants us to 'help ourselves.' He doesn't! He's waiting to see what's more important to us: our plan or our obedience to Him.

Would God really give us that difficult a test? Just ask Abraham, or Esther, or Peter. And remember Saul. Our obedience will be tested, usually in smaller degrees. But it always comes down to this:

When things are really desperate, when our whole lives seem to depend on the next step, what will we do:

Take it upon ourselves to intervene as we see fit OR

Continue to trust God and wait on Him?

Life is filled with little acts of impatience. We pray, but we don't wait long enough for the answer. Like Samuel, we think God is taking too long. Our deadlines pass - not God's, but ours. We may think He's left us 'out to dry,' and that perhaps our prayers were not 'on target' enough. But in reality, what's not 'on target' is our timetable. In His Word God tells us many times - emphatically - to "Wait on the Lord."

Saul's impatience cost him his reign. Like Saul, waiting is not our strong suit. We live in a society that depicts 'waiting' as almost evil. But God's kingdom is exactly the opposite. He greatly values the virtue of waiting on His timing. He tests us to see if we will trust Him enough to wait. His answer and His action on our behalf will comeand it's never too late.

Excerpted rom Walk With God by Chris Tiegreen

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<u>Daily Bible readings:</u> The Proverbs (See pages 10 & 11 in this Newsletter)

Men's Study - Tuesdays @ 6:30 Looking for a n August Work Project

Sunday Morning Study - 9:00

"How NOT be a Christian Atheist" -

Wednesday Evening Women's Study-on Summer break

Confirmation -

Finish up your '100 (or so) Key Chapters' (In August we will have a fun event)

3-6th Grade Group - still in need of adult leaders

H.S. Youth Study- Every other Sunday @ noon

Sunday School: on Summer break (Starts on Sept 10th)

Bible Story Book / Video lending library:

We have over 100 books in the nursery that you can sign out to read with your children at home. We also have videos to sign out: Adventure in Odyssey (in the old VHS format)! Veggie Tales (dyd) and more!

NEW "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"

- Starting in September

Please talk to Pastor David if you are interested.

Vacation Bible School-

July 31-August 4 5:30 to 8:30

AUGUST...

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 August Make-a-Meal volunteers are Jamie Iverson & Donna Peterson.



2017: The Summer of Serving...

On the way to help with our Men's Study June Work Project, I heard on the radio that this is the 50th anniversary of "The Summer of Love," that summer-long event in San Francisco in 1967 that popularized the hippie culture. That prompted me to wonder, "Wouldn't it be great if we could make 2017 "The Summer of Serving!" Serving others IS what Jesus calls His disciples (that's us) to do- and serving others has a whole lot more to do with "love" than long hair and tiedied shirts, etc...

To make "The Summer of Serving" a reality:

- Identify ways that you'd be willing to help someone out.
 If you didn't get a chance to do so during worship on June 25,
 take a moment to fill out the checklist below and bring it with
 you to church next time (or fill one out there).
- Keep your eyes and ears open for someone we could help (i.e. serve).
 Neighbors, friends, co-workers, relatives- anyone who needs

something done and can't do it on their own.

 Contact our "Summer of Serving" coordinator Wendy Robbin (320-354-9049) or Pastor David (320-220-1816) with opportunities to serve.

Wendy has volunteered to develop a database of who can serve and in what capacities and will use that information to match people up with folks who need some help.

Small-job painting	Basic car maintenance e.g. oil chg.
Cleaning house	House sitting
Shopping for groceries, e	etc Household fix-up
Feeding pets while owne	er is gone Baby sitting
Lawn maintenance / mo	wing Weeding a garden
Tilling a garden	Raking leaves
Baking	Canning fruit / vegetables / jam
Driving to an appointme	nt Giving a ride to church or school
Cutting trees - not too b	ig Trimming trees / shrubs
Fixing	Helping organize garage, room, etc
Mending / sewing	Trapping varmints
Fixing a meal	Other:

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Children's Ministry Reminders...

Nursery:

We have a Nursery area in the East Classroom at the rear of the fellowship hall. You may take Pre-K children to the Nursery after the Children's Message (or at other times during worship as needed).

Children's Worship Bags:

These contain Bible story coloring pages and Bible story books. They are available for the older children to take back to their pew after the Children's Message.

Bible Story Book / Video lending library:

We have over 100 books in the nursery that you can sign out to read with your children at home.

We also have videos to sign out: Adventure in Odyssey (in the old VHS format)!

New Video additions in DVD format:

+ Veggie Tales: All the Shows - Volume I (1993-1999)

+ Buddy Davis' Amazing Adventures: I Dig Dinosaurs + Buddy Davis' Amazing Adventures: Extreme Caving

+ Buddy Davis' Amazing Adventures: Swamp Man!

+ The Wild Brothers: Welcome to Our World + The Wild Brothers: Jewels of the Jungle

+ The Wild Brothers: Paradise Lost

We are looking for adult Nursery Helpers -

"Grandparent-age" is great, so parents can have a break.

Talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help in the Nursery once a month.

E-mail Humor....

I've often wondered what an atheist would do if stuck behind a car that wasn't moving at a green light - a car that had a bumper sticker on it that said, Honk If You Love Jesus.

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While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up with an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand-printed sign:

"Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

Thot for a day: I try to take one day at a time but

Opportunities to Serve...

Head up our Pie Booth at NL Music Fest

The LWML ladies have the pies all made. We just need someone to take it from there and schedule workers for the booth on Saturday, August 19 Please talk to LWML Chair Leone Quigley if you could be that person!

Tell us who could use a "We Prayed for You" card.

Tell Pastor or Nancy Jo Wendt when someone you asked us to pray for would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. Then just give us their address.

Help Chaperon a Fun Event for:

- + 4-6th Graders or
- + The Confirmation Group

We'd like to have a fun outing (somewhere within an hour drive) for each of these groups during August. If you could help with either group this month, please talk to Pastor David or Lyndsay Ampe

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 November & December

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). "Grandparent-age" is great, so parents can have a break. 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.

Help at Tuesday's Table

See details on specific task need on page 18 in the Newsletter

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Calming Back-to-School Anxiety

~ by Erin Mohring ~



"Mom, don't freak out, but I'm leaving you in 36 days."

Yes, those were the exact words spoken to me by my five-year-old, soonto-be kindergartener this morning. The countdown has been on for him since his older brothers had their last day of school. While he is clearly ready to fly the coop, this mama

might be going against his wishes and freaking out just a bit.

Your child might be like my youngest, or he may be the complete opposite: a nervous wreck about the coming school year. Both types of children need us parents on their side to help them face and process the many emotions that arise with school's return. Here are some ways to address their worries and questions.

Talk about it

Our fears are always so much worse when they stay inside our heads. Open communication is one of the main keys to helping our children get through the anxiety because it lets them know they aren't alone. To break the ice, we can share about our own school-related worries from childhood and how we dealt with them. It's important to make sure they know we are always available to talk about the things that trouble them.

Plan for it

After we talk about the causes of back-to-school anxiety, we can make a plan with them about how to handle the situations and feelings when they arise. To help them remember the truth when fear creeps in, write 1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your cares on Him, because He cares for you." on a notecard to keep in their backpacks. I love to plan a favorite breakfast and relaxing after-school activity on the day of a test or stressful event.

Pray about it

Let's pray with our children every time we talk about school-related anxiety. We can pray for our children every day as they head to school. It's so important that we help our children learn to pray throughout their day when stress or worry threatens to take over. We can talk and plan and read, but I want my children to know there is great power in prayer!

August 2017 - Daily Readings

DAILY READING PROGRAM: During the 31 days of August we will read a chapter a day in the book of Proverbs (which has 31 chapters). We'll start September with 2 passages for "Labor Day" weekend.

Just look for one main thing God has for you to learn in each reading, then write that down.

July 30	Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed
July 31	Review your notes on the 100 Key Chapter readings
Aug 1	Proverbs1
Aug 2	Proverbs 2
Aug 3	Proverbs 3
Aug 4	Proverbs 4
Aug 5	Proverbs 5
Aug 6	Proverbs 6
Aug 7	Proverbs 7
Aug 8	Proverbs 8
Aug 9	Proverbs 9
Aug 10	Proverbs 10
Aug 11	Proverbs 11
Aug 12	Proverbs 12
Aug 13	Proverbs 13
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Aug 15	Proverbs15

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Sept 1	Matthew 11:28
Sept 2	Exodus 20:8-11
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August 2017 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP w/ Old-Time Gospel songs 11:15 Fellowship	31 VBS BEGINS! 5:30 - 8:30 SON-SPARK LABS VBS	1 VBS Ready Blast VBS 5:30 - 8:30 SON-SPARK LABS VBS	2 VBS 10:00 LWML Planning 5:30 - 8:30 SON-SPARK LABS VBS	3 VBS 5:30 - 8:30 SON-SPARK LABS VBS 8:15 CHURCH-LEAGUE SOFTBALL	4 VBS 5:30 - 8:30 SON-SPARK LABS VBS	5
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Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

Aug 6 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore

Aug 13 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller Aug 20 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham

Aug 27 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson

Sept 3 Leone & Kerry Quigley

Sept 10 Rally Sunday Potluck

Sept 17 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen

Sept 24 Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl

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Aug 6	Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson	
Aug 13	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen	
Aug 20	Brent & Lance Sawatzky	
Aug 27	Jason & Noah Miller	

Sept 3 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
Sept 10 Brady & Andrew Sharp
Sept 17 Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad
Sept 24 Wally Abraham and Joe Johnson

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Aug 6	Eli Sharp
Aug 13	Alison Sarsland
Aug 20	Zoe Rustad
Aug 27	Lexi Macik

Sept 3 Carson Jaspersen
Sept 10 Noah Miller
Sept 17 Davis Rustad
Sept 24 Lance Sawatzky

Make A Meal Volunteers

August Jamie Iverson & Donna Peterson
Sept Mona Hjelle & Laurel Iverson

Altar Guild

August Nancy Jo Wendt Sept Mona Hjelle

Custodian

Aug Jean & Phil Lungstrom Sept Custodians needed

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Scripture Readers

Aug 6	Linda Dilley
Aug 13	Jason Miller
Aug 20	Mark Fuglie
Aug 27	Tammy Fuglie
Sept 3	Becky Sarsland
Sept 10	Nykki Foshaug
Sept 17	Mona Hjelle
Sept 24	Ruth Vegdahl

Elders

Aug 6/13	Keith Hanson & Ed Vegdahl
Aug 20/27	loe Johnson & Jason Miller

Sept 3/10 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson Sept 17/24 Ed Vegdahl & Joe Johnson

Accompanying Musicians

Aug 6	Sharon Willen
Aug 13	Scott Wachter
Aug 20	Pam Johnson
Aug 27	Scott Wachter
Sept 3	Sharon Willen
Sept 10	Scott Wachter
Sept 17	Pam Johnson
Sept 24	Scott Wachter

THANK YOU ...

... to everyone who helped with our WaterDays Parade Outreach

Email Wisdom...

An elderly gentleman was nearly blind and deaf but, nevertheless, regularly on Sundays found his way to the church for worship by tapping his cane on the curb.

When asked why he continued struggling to get to church when he could hear almost nothing that was spoken or sung, he replied, "I just want people to know which side I'm on."

August Discipleship Verse...



This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:8

Miscellaneous Notes...

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
- August Living Word newsletters
- 100 (or so) Key Chapters in the Bible reading guide
- July—Sept Portals of Prayer daily devotionals
- Family Devotion Books
- Christian Magazines + tapes and DVD's
- Free to be Faithful update on Religious Freedom issues

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 home page)

Sermons from this past month:

July 2 - "The attitude Jesus set us free from" July 9 - "Why Acts 16 is a 'Top Ten' Chapter



Offering Envelopes Still Available for Those Who Want

In response to some requests, we now have offering envelopes available for those who want to use them. They are on the table by the mailbox. Please write down the identifying number of the box you picked up. You can begin using them right away.

New in Your Mailboxes:

Monthly offering & ministry expense summary. Our Mission and Ministry Team feels this is a good way to keep members up to date on our financial stewardship.



Summer: A Great Time for Direct Deposit Your Offerings

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.

Elders Available for Prayer After Worship

Each Sunday, after worship two members of the Living Word Elders' Team will be available near the altar to pray with you. Simply come up and tell them your request and they will bring that to the Lord in prayer for you.

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Living Word Directory... NOW AVAILABLE Online.

Email <u>pastor@livingwordlutheran.net</u> and he will send you a link to view the directory online.

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...

- A great attendance at Vacation Bible School
- . The Holy Spirit to work through our VBS
- Volunteers for the Pie Social
- Great Weather for the Pie Social & VBS
- God to provide people for our remaining two Phase 2 Building Committee positions
- Protection for all Armed Forces personnel who serve to keep us free
- Especially those connected in some way to members of LW:
- Allan Fuglie, Jonathan Carter, Shawn Opien
- God to continue to open our eyes to opportunities to serve others
- God to open our hearts to be willing servants
- Asking God for safe travel for everyone over the summer.
- · Continued favorable weather for finishing the growing season.
- Kids (and parents) to have a great start to the school year.
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The Spirit's guidance and angels protection for all elected officials
- God to keep strengthening faith thru our daily Bible readings
- The mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

Sunday Morning Study...

How NOT to be a "Christian Atheist"

(Someone who 'believes in' God, but lives like He doesn't exist)



Each week we are challenged to ask (and answer) the question: "Am I putting my whole faith in God or still living as if everything was up to me?"

Upcoming sessions:

When you believe in God, but don't think He's fair

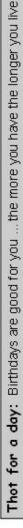
When you believe in God, but aren't sure He loves you.

When you believe in God, but put more trust in money.

When you believe in God, but pursue happiness at all costs.

When you believe in God, but don't want to 'go overboard' about Him.

Please join us at 9:00 every Sunday morning.



Mark Your Calendars...

Church-League Softball

Another Season is winding down...

Aug 3: 8:15

Aug 10: Playoffs TBA Aug 17: Playoffs TBA



All games are played on the Red field at Swansson Fields in Willmar

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"SonSpark Labs"
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 31 - AUGUST 4

Meal from 5:30- 6:00 Son-Spark Labs VBS from 6:00 - 8:30





The 5th Tuesday in August is our day to host The Link's "Tuesday's Table" community meal.

We'll serve a simple 'picnic' meal: Brats, beans, bars & chips Tuesday's Table typically serves 150+ people, so we need LOTS of help. Below are some ways you can help . . .

Sund	ay, August 27 after worship:
	Move pews
000	Set up tables / chairs
223	Bring tables / chairs for extra seating
Tueso	day afternoon / evening
1583	bake and drop off brownies/bars
(cut i	nto approx 2 ½ x2 ½ squares & put on paper plates)
-	Grill the Brats/hot dogs (starting @ 5:15)
	Bring baked beans
	Bring milk / juice
2200	Set plates, etc at tables
	Make coffee
	Serve food
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Please sign up at church for the way(s) you can help. THANKS !!!

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COMING in SEPTEMBER

For Young Married Couples (you get to define 'young')

Pastor & Violet will host ...

Video-based sessions from Mark Gungor's wildly popular seminar, Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage® builds on Gungor's success with tens of thousands of couples who credit him with enriching, and even saving, their marriages. By using his unique blend



of humor and tell-it-like-it-is honesty, he helps couples grow closer and have fun doing it. Sessions include "The Tale of Two Brains," "How to Stay Married and Not Kill Anybody," and more.

LWML News...



LWML - Planning meeting is August 2nd @ 10 AM.

The meeting will be at church, and bring \$5.00 for lunch at the Dairy Freeze.

Pie Booth update:

Pam Johnson and Marcia Welsh have agreed to be in charge of the pie booth. The Music Fest is August 19th. Watch for the sign up sheet. Helpers are needed for the pie booth and also need pie bakers to bake the pies the day before. Please sign up to help in any area you can or let Pam, Marcia or Leone know where you are willing to help. Thanks so much to everyone who helps with this project.

Continue to support the New London Food Pantry.

Leave your canned goods, or monetary donation in the purple tub by the front door. Thank you to everyone for remembering other folks who don't always have enough food to feed their families.

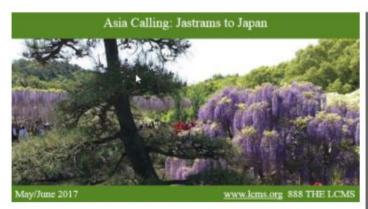
Reminder: LWML Has a 'Tough Times' Fund

If you know someone who is going through some temporary financial difficulty and would be blessed to get a gas card or grocery card to use for these expenses, please talk to Pastor David. If you would like to donate to the fund, please talk to LWML treasurer, Nancy Jo Wendt.

Congratulations:

Mike and Brooke Knutson on the birth of Chase Michael on July 13

Please email <u>pastor@livingwordlutheran</u> if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.



It's the middle of Golden Week—one of the busiest travel weeks in Japan with its duster of three national holidays. Dan and Darin have just left the JLC convention when Darin suggests that Dan head to Kobe for the Lutheran Golden Symposium. A flurry of phone calls ensues, an invitation is extended, and before you know it, Dan is barreling towards Kobe Lutheran Seminary on the bullet train. But just a minute. Darin who? And a convention? Darin Storkson was sent as the LCMS presidential representative to our partner church's tri-annual convention in Tokyo. Dan was at his side

throughout, serving as his informal translator and transportation coordinator, all the while also making introductions to Japan Lutheran Church church officials. "The days were full" as they say! And Kobe? Three hours after leaving Tokyo, Dan arrives. It's his first visit to the only other Lutheran seminary in Japan. He is impressed with the three foreign lecturers during his two-day stay. He also is happy to engage with the seminary president, a doctoral graduate of Concordia Seminary Saint Louis. Dan came away with a full notebook—it was indeed a golden opportunity for this theological education fadilitator

Sunday Morning...

As usual, last Sunday Dan and I worshipped at one of our partner church congregations, but had the unusual opportunity of interacting with THREE different pastors: the aging Pastor Kazuteru Mastukawa, pictured to the left; his son, who is also a pastor; and their guest pastor, who is the former president of the Japan Lutheran Church. As the general population in Japan is aging, so are the pastors of the church. Please remember them in your prayers, asking that God will lead young men to serve the Lord in His church. This is also one of Dan's prayers and a large part of his motivation for theological education.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT To support our work funeccially, send a tax-deductable gelt to: The Lottleran Church-Missouri Synod PO Box 66661 Make chicks payable to The Lotheran Church-Missouri Synod. Call 888 930 4438 between 8 a.m. and 4 y.m. Central Time Control Ti

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Household

Exchange & Food

Pantry Hours:

Mondays: 9am-3pm

Tuesdays: 12pm-6pm

Thursdays: 9am-3pm



Launching: Wildcat Backpack Program

Did you know that one in four kids in the NL-S School District is at-risk of hunger? The Link, local churches, service clubs and businesses are launching a backpack program for NL-S students. Each backpack will provide kids with food for the weekend. Our goal: All kids fed and ready to learn!

Are you interested in getting involved?

- · Donate and help launch the Wildcat Backpack Program
- · Volunteer and spend 1-2 hours packing backpacks
- · Participate and receive a backpack for your child(ren)

Sponsor a child:

One weekend: \$6

Ten weekends: \$60

The school year: \$234

Food Pantry: Key food items:

Bread, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, naadles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and tuna

Did You Know?

The Link Food Pantry partners with Second Harvest Heartland to stretch cash donations. Your 550 allows us to purchase food far 100 meab!

Please contact Chasity at 354.5555 or stop in to donate food.

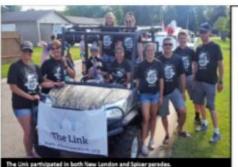
Help Us Choose a Name!

The Link is excited to get the community's creative input in naming our new thrift store. A part of the Household Exchange Program will be transformed into a thrift store model in September. The Link will continue to serve families in need with basic household furniture and the store will increase revenue to support programs assisting people in need. It's a win-win! Stay tuned to The Link's Facebook page for more details.

Your Impact:

Thanks to your continued support, The Link was able to serve over 63 households or 52 children and 88 adults in July. These families were positively impacted through stable housing, food, household goods & furniture, and "fill the gap" assistance. This is possible because of your generosity! Thank you.

Our mission: Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other.



Tuesday's Table

Aug, 1st: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

Aug. 8th: Evangelical Covenant Church

Aug. 15th: Faith Lutheran Church

Aug. 22nd: No Tuesday's Table

Aug. 29th: Living Word Lutheran Church

Food. Friends. Fellowship.

Story Behind The Song...

I Love to Tell the Story

Another "Old Time Gospel" favorite that serves as a much-needed reminder for us that the Good News of Jesus is meant to be shared and that we can never share it too much.

The author of this hymn, Katherine Hankey, was raised in a Christian home in England, the daughter of a wealthy banker. At an early age she developed a fervent concern for sharing the gospel of Jesus. As a result she organized Sunday school classes throughout London for rich and poor alike. The classes had a strong influence in the city with a large number of young students becoming zealous Christian workers.

While Kate was only 30 years old (in 1866) she experienced a serious illness. During an extended time of recovery she wrote a lengthy poem on the life of Christ. The poem was comprised of two main parts, each with 50 verses. Part I was entitled The Story Wanted from which came her hymn "Tell Me the Old, Old Story". The second section of the poem, titled The Story Told, brought forth the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story".

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be mytheme in glory To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. Page 22

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Editor's note: Watch the Oak Ridge Boys sing this great song at

https://youtu.be/1fO66CWcB7Y

or a very popular version by Alan Jackson at

https://youtu.be/D0aiahlo8Sw



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The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



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(who brought the Bologna Casserole?)