

May 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 for Pastor...

What did Jesus mean by, "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak,"?

This question came from one of the students in Confirmation class after we read about things Jesus said and did the week before He was crucified.

Jesus had gone to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane prior to His arrest and had asked the disciples to keep watch while he went and prayed. A little while later Jesus came back to where the disciples were and found them sleeping. It's at this point Jesus tells them to pray (as He had instructed in the Lord's Prayer) to not enter into temptation and makes the statement "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Matthew and Mark in their gospels record that Jesus addressed this comment specifically to the apostle Peter.

Jesus is here stating the truth that we often have good intentions about doing what He asks us to do, but our sinful nature (our 'flesh') is easily tempted to not follow through. On our own power we will not be able to do the things God wants nor resist temptation. Jesus knows that we will need God's help to accomplish both, thus He instructs His disciples (and us) to pray and ask for His help.

It's appropriate that this comment was addressed to Peter who had just made the claim, "Though all (the other disciples) fall away from you, I never will." Peter had good intentions - his spirit was willing - but Jesus knew that when 'push came to shove' Peter's weak 'flesh' would cause him to deny even knowing Jesus!

Quite simply, Jesus comment is a great reminder for all of us to seek God's help in prayer for the power to do the things He's called us to do.

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net



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Opportunities to Serve...

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 Out With the 3rd - 6th Grade Group

The kids are in need of an individual (or team of people) who can head up the 3-6th Graders' weekly group gathering. If you have a heart for helping kids have fun getting closer to Jesus and each other, please pray about this. Talk to Youth Team Director Lyndsay Ampe or Pastor David for more details. Thanks!

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 July through 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). 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.

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 that **Christ is STILL Risen!** Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next week.



NEW Women's Study...

12 Women of the Bible:

Life-Changing Stories for Women of Today

You'll discover lessons from each of these women that will help you persevere in faith through the circumstances you are facing today.

Sessions include:

Eve:	Finding Lasting Contentment in the Truth
Rebekah:	Breaking Free of Feminine Stereotypes
Leah:	Overcoming Rejection and Insecurity
Hannah:	Surrendering in Waiting
Abigail:	Dealing with Confrontation in Relationships
Gomer:	Learning to Accept Unconditional Love
Mary, Mother of Jesus:	Moving from Comfort to Courage
Mary Magdalene:	Transforming from Outcast to Follower
Mary of Bethany:	Putting Our Faith into Action
Martha:	Finding Our Identity in Jesus
The Woman at the Well:	Turning Our Messes into Messages
The Syrophenician Woman:	Approaching God with Boldness

Make plans to join us at 6:30 each Wednesday evening ! (And since the studies don't build on each other, it's ok if you have to miss a week or two.



NEW Men's 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?"

the Christian atheist

Upcoming sessions:

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 6:30 on Tuesday evenings !
(We're just a bunch of 'regular guys' who definitely don't have it 'all together' - but want to learn more about the God who does.)

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That for a day: Birthdays are good for you ... the more you have the longer you live.

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Opportunities for Growth...

Daily Bible readings:

(See pages 10 & 11 in this Newsletter)

Sunday Morning Study - 9:00

We're digging deeper into some of our Key Chapter readings



Men's Study- Tuesdays @ 6:30

How NOT to be a "Christian Atheist" (see page 4)

Women's Study - Wednesdays @ 7:00

12 Women of the Bible (see page 4)

Confirmation - Wednesdays @ 7:00

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

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

Sunday School: 9:00 every Sunday morning

Possible New Daytime Study: Please talk to Pastor David if you would be interested in a morning or noon study during the week.

"What Does the LC-MS Believe ?"

This serves as a Membership Course for those interested in finding out about membership at Living Word. Talk to Pastor for details. Thanks!

Choir Notes...

Choir rehearsal May 21 and 28th. This will be our last rehearsals until Fall. We practice after coffee fellowship at 11:30. Now is your chance to come and sing with us.



New Project Connect Booklet...

Reasons to Believe

This booklet is ideal as a quick go-to guide on how Christianity makes sense on many levels. In an easy-to-read style, author shows how believing in God, creation, prophecy, man's inner morality, Jesus and salvation is not something far-fetched and out there.



Get To Know Your...

...Music Folks

Charles "Scott" Wachter - Guitar Accompanist

Family (including pets):

Wife: Tammy. 3 grown children: Skylar (married to Dana), Bryson (married to Shannon), and Alyssa (soon to be married to Josh). Granddaughter: Maya. And my daughter's cat that allows us to live in its house.



Job / Career:

Jennie-O / Turkey Store – Corporate Scheduling manager

Hobbies / Favorite things to do :

Reading, website design, and playing with Maya

How did you get started playing guitar ?

I played several musical instruments in school, but I am self-taught on guitar and never had a lesson. I started playing guitar with my roommate when I was in college.

Favorite hymns and songs:

Many different contemporary Christian songs, but my favorite hymn would be His Eye is on the Sparrow.

What do you enjoy most about accompanying?

Being able to share my faith through music has helped me to grow in my faith. Playing & learning new contemporary songs has helped me to pay more attention to the actual words of the songs and learn about the inspiration behind many of the songs.

Bible verse that God used in your life (and how He used it):

Favorite would probably be John 3:16, but I am going to go with... *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* Philippians 4:6
It is a constant reminder to turn all worries and problems over to God. When there have been difficulties in life, God has shown repeatedly that He is in control and nothing is too big or too small for Him to handle.

A Bible character that inspires you:

Moses... despite difficulties, insecurities, and deficiencies God used him in great ways to demonstrate His power and love for His people.

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Thot for a day: Have you noticed that when someone says "To make a long story short..." it's generally too late?

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"Interesting trivia" about you that most people won't know:

I spent many years as a certified chef and was the executive chef for several restaurants in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

Leone Quigley - Choir Director

Family (including pets):

I am married to Kerry and we had 6 children, but lost one son last year. We have 15 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren and number 10 on the way. Whew! (Plus, of course, Suzy - the dog!)



Job / Career:

I currently am working two days a week, as an LPN at Glen Oaks in the Personal Care Suites and also the apartments.

Hobbies / Favorite things to do :

I enjoy gardening - mainly flowers, sewing, cooking and trying new recipes, visiting do it yourself sites on my computer, singing and doing jigsaw puzzles.

How did you get started playing directing choir ?

I was asked in the '70s at the church I was attending if I would be interested in directing the children's choir. I did that for many years and from there graduated to the adult choir. I so much enjoy directing, because I can interrupt songs different if I so want to and what a joy to hear and see the energy that the Holy Spirit brings to the choir's voices. All voices are unique in their own way and add so much to a choir. Along with a commitment I must admit it is a lot of fun.

Favorite hymns and songs:

I love a good hymn and too many to mention, but a few I would like sung at my funeral would be "Beautiful Savior," "Children of the Heavenly Father," and "Softly and Tenderly."

Bible verse that God used in your life (and how He used it):

I Peter 5:6-7 "Humble yourselves, then, under God's mighty hand so that he will lift you up in his own good time. Leave all your worries with him, because he cares for you." This verse spoke to me when I planned my divorce from my first husband. This Bible verse helped me to always remember that God was there lifting me up and I could give him all my worries. This continues to be very comforting to me.

The Bible character that inspires me:

The Woman at the Well. She was seeking worldly things and right beside her was the Savior inviting her to drink from the well that never goes dry. Jesus will truly fill my cup and make me whole.

"Interesting trivia" about you that most people won't know:

I'm trying to think of the interesting trivia that people don't know about me - I guess I'm pretty boring. Anyway I love the theatre and was in the musical Oklahoma and Kerry came to the final show with his sister and then to the cast party with his cousin who had become a good friend of mine from doing this show. I almost didn't go to the party that night because I was having issues with a daughter. But I went and met Kerry and the rest is history.

Sharon Willen - Organ & Piano accompanist

Family (including pets):

Son and family: Todd, Katie and Thomas (age 3)
Daughter and family: Kelly, Gaylene, Chelsea and Nicholas Eckhoff



Job / Career:

Past: Elementary vocal teacher/ Director of Music Ministry
Present: Piano teacher, organist and accompanist.

Hobbies / Favorite things to do :

Read, watch Disney movies with grandchildren, crafts, sew, attend rummage sales.

How did you get started playing piano/organ.

I started piano lessons at the young age of 6 and majored in music at Concordia College in Moorhead -- with special emphasis on piano and a minor in religion. I started accompanying choirs when I was in 5th grade at Slayton Lutheran Church because the regular accompanist was sick. That started me on the road to playing for many choirs, soloists and instrumentalists. In college there was always a need for a rehearsal accompanist for the musicals so, naturally, I had to do that (against my piano teacher's wishes). It was one thing that I never was sorry about since I directed many musicals in Westby Wisconsin where I taught for 20 years.

Favorite hymns and songs:

A tough one for a music major!!!! It changes with the seasons: but one that I really love is the tune: "Slane" with titles of Be Thou My Vision/ Lord of All Hopefulness - to name a couple. And of course, one of the first songs we learn: Jesus Love Me then - Joy to the World, uffda-- don't ask me that question I could go on all day!!!!!!

What do you enjoy most about accompanying?

I have loved accompanying all my life since every situation is different. I loved directing all the elementary choirs I had and also the adult choirs.

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Thot for a day: I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

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A sense of humor is VERY important!!!!

Bible verse that God used in your life (and how He use it).

Again: tough one: there are TOO many.

Probably the one that I have used the most is Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. I use it every day as it the song I sing every morning when I arise.

A Bible character that inspires you:

Noah. Even though people thought he was crazy, he still persevered and did what God told him to do. It took a lot of faith!

A piece of "interesting trivia" that most people won't know:

I collect skunks. My older sister, Donna started my collection when I was a toddler because I told my Dad that I wanted one for a pet. Needless to say, Dad wouldn't let me have a real skunk. (Trivial information: they are black and white you know.)

May...

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 Diley if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks ! Our March Make-a-Meal volunteers are Bonnie Hansen & Gwen Ruchti

Please Remember to Pray At 11:09 Every day

(inspired by Luke 11:9: "So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you")

Remember to take a time-out to be "impudent" and PRAY for...

- Thanking God for all the kids in our church - and all we learn from them
- Thanking God for a great Sunday School year - and for the teachers!
- Thanking God for Spring and the new life reminding us of Jesus
- Safety for the farmers planting crops.
- Favorable weather for the growing season.
- Protection for Allan Fuglie and all our Armed Forces personnel
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The Spirit's guidance and angels protection for all our elected officials
- God to keep strengthening faith thru our daily Bible readings
- The mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

May 2017 - 100 (or so) Key Readings

DAILY READING PROGRAM: We continue our '100 - or so - Key Chapters of the Bible' readings.

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

Apr 30 Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed

May 1 Daniel 3 _____

May 2 Daniel 6 _____

May 3 Daniel 7 _____

May 4 Jonah 4 _____

May 5 Joel 2 _____

May 6 Haggai 1 _____

May 7 Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed

May 8 Isaiah 55 _____

May 9 Malachi 3 _____

May 10 Matthew 1:18-2:23 _____

May 11 Matthew 5 _____

May 12 Matthew 6 _____

May 13 Matthew 7 _____

May 14 Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed

May 15 Matthew 13 _____

May 16 Matthew 21 _____

May 17 Matthew 24 _____

May 18 Matthew 25 _____

May 19 Matthew 26 _____

May 20 Matthew 27 _____

May 21 Use today to Have a Picnic - a Sunday School Picnic

May 22 Matthew 28 _____

May 23 Mark 4 _____

May 24 Mark 5 _____

May 25 Mark 6 _____

May 26 Mark 9 _____

May 27 Mark 13 _____

May 28 Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed

May 29 Colossians 3 _____

May 30 Romans 1 _____



May 31 Romans 3 _____

June 1 Romans 5 _____

June 2 Romans 7 _____

June 3 Romans 8 _____

May 2017 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 30 9:00 ADULT STUDY - <i>Sunday School</i> 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 Spring Voters' Assembly 11:30 Choir Practice 6:00 NEW MEMBER CLASS	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30 MEN'S STUDY	6:30 -WOMEN'S STUDY - CONFIRMATION		Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, May 7th Sunday, May 21st 	
7 9:00 ADULT STUDY - <i>Sunday School</i> 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship	8	9	10 10:00 LWML Planning & Pie Baking 6:30 -WOMEN'S STUDY (No confirmation today)	11	12	13
14 9:00 ADULT STUDY - <i>Sunday School</i> 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 Sunday School Mtg	15 MN PASTORS' CONF.	16 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MEN'S STUDY:	17 6:30 -WOMEN'S STUDY 6:00 - Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup	18 MISSION <i>Ministry</i> 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	19	20
21 SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC 9:00 ADULT STUDY - <i>Sunday School - last day</i> 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Sunday School Picnic 11:30 CHOIR REHEARSAL	22	23 6:30 MEN'S STUDY:	24 6:30 -WOMEN'S STUDY 6:30 - CONFIRMATION	25	26  6:30 FFAA Night	27 2-6:00 Michelle Johnson Graduation Open House
28 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 CHOIR REHEARSAL	29 MEMORIAL DAY 	30	31	June 1	June 2	June 3
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Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

May 7 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
 May 14 Becky Sarsland / Mary Raddatz
 May 21 Nancy Jo Wendt & Tammy Fuglie
 May 28 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore

June 4 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
 June 11 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
 June 18 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
 June 25 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen

Usher Schedule

May 7 Wally Abraham & Joe Johnson
 May 14 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
 May 21 Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson
 May 28 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen

June 4 Brent & Lance Sawatzky
 June 11 Jason & Noah Miller
 June 18 Bo & George Arends-Schmidt
 June 25 Wendy & Lonny Robbin

Make A Meal Volunteers

May Bonnie Hansen & Gwen Ruchti
 June Scott & Tammy Wachter and Nancy Jo Wendt

Altar Guild

May Mona Hjelle
 June Nancy Jo Wendt

Custodian

May Ed & Ruth Vegdahl
 June Kari & Amanda Sharp

Confirmation Parent Helper

May 3 Sawatzkys
 May 17 Sharps

Scripture Readers

May 7 Tammy Wachter
 May 14 Wendy Robbin
 May 21 Linda Dilley
 May 28 Jason Miller

June 4 Mark Fuglie
 June 11 Tammy Fuglie
 June 18 Becky Sarsland
 June 25 Nykki Foshaug

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Thot for a day: You have a choice: You can throw in the towel, or you can use it to wipe the sweat off of your face.

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Elders

May 7/14 Jason Miller & Kevin Welsh
 May 21/28 Keith Hanson & Ed Vegdahl

June 4/11 Mark Fuglie & Jason Miller
 June 18/25 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson

Nursery (volunteers needed)

(Amanda Sharp - substitute helper)
 May 7 Ryland Engler & Mona Hjelle
 May 14 Lance Sawatzky & Noah Miller
 May 21 George Arends-Schmidt & Davis Rustad
 May 28 McCartney Knutson & Andrew Sharp

Accompanying Musicians

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

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

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

May 7 Gage Dahl
 May 14 Levi Miller
 May 21 Eli Sharp
 May 28 Alison Sarsland

June 4 Zoe Rustad
 June 11 George Arends-Schmidt
 June 18 Carson Jaspersen
 June 25 Noah Miller

Email Wisdom...

"He who can give thanks for little, will always find he has enough." Anonymous

May Discipleship Verse...



Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

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*
- May Living Word newsletters
- 100 (or so) *Key Chapters in the Bible* reading guide
- April—June Portals of Prayer - daily devotionals
- Family Devotion Books
- Christian Magazines
- *Free to be Faithful* update on Religious Freedom issues



Spring: A Great Time for Direct Deposit Your Offerings

Bad winter weather may keep you away, but 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.

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:

- Apr 2 - "A Point-Blank Question to Answer"
- Apr 9 - "Important Life Lessons from Kids"
- Easter - "An Easter Parable"
- Apr 23 - "God's Family Inheritance"

Offering Envelopes Now 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.



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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That for a day: Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

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Monthly Whist Card Fellowship...

Takes a Spring / Summer break and will return in the Fall.

NEW 2017 Lutheran Island Camp brochures available

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



You're Invited...

Congregation Invited to Michelle Johnson's Graduation Open House

When: Saturday, May 27 from 2-6pm

Where: At her home: 223 3rd Ave SE, New London

Mark Your Calendars...

FFAA Night: Friday, May 26th

Recent FFAA Nights have included...

- + Court Whist cards (Dec)
- + Video and board games (Jan)
- + Bingo (Feb)

What will we think of next?! Come and find out on May 26th

"Old-Fashioned Sunday School Picnic" Sunday, May 21

After worship - behind the church. Potluck Picnic, outdoor games, etc..

How you can help:

- + Games organizer needed
- + Potluck organizer needed

Bring a friend and a dish to pass.

Church-League Softball

Another Season starts soon

Please talk to Brady Sharp if you would like to play.

(Guys and gals)



Adopt-a-Highway Wednesday, May

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We will leave from church 6:00

We need a minimum of 8 people in order to complete the cleanup in

about an hour. Sign up at church. Treats after clean-up at A & W !!



LWML News...

LWML - Planning meeting will be held May 10th at 10:00. Meeting will be held at church. Just a short meeting then plan on making 5-6 pies. All women are welcome to be a part of LWML. Hard to believe, but it is time to start getting pies in the freezer for the Music Fest.

LWML Has Started 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. Thanks!

Email Inspiration...

Did God really say...? Genesis 3:1

We don't need a serpent (Satan in disguise) to speak these words to us anymore. We speak them to ourselves. Temptations begin with questions and confusion over what God really said. Sometimes it's legitimate confusion, but frequently it's not. Somewhere deep inside us, we want a reason to go ahead and disobey, because what we want to do seems more appealing than what God wants us to do!

You know the routine. Every human being has practiced it. The gymnastics that the human heart will go through to justify our wants is truly impressive. Psychologists call our thought processes "rationalizing," but the biblical word is caving to temptation. The cravings of our flesh, the lust of our eyes, the pride of self - these are the drives that compete with the holiness offered by our God. The enemy has done a masterful job of coloring those impulses brightly and painting holiness blandly.

Are you skilled in the art of rationalizing - of talking yourself into disobedience? If you are a human being you must answer, "Yes!" The clever serpent got the ball rolling in the Garden of Eden, but it has rolled freely ever since.

God wants you to recognize your rationalizations. He wants you to have discernment. Can you pray for that today? Ask God to give you clear insight into the mind games your desires play when you are tempted to do what you want when it's not what God wants.

Chris Tiegreen in Walk With God

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That for a day: No matter how busy people are, they are never too busy to stop and talk about how busy they are.

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MAY NEWS



Chasity Osmund, Director of Outreach & Volunteer Engagement • 326.354.5555 • outreach@youarethelink.org



Save the Date:

The 4th Annual "Smokin' for The Link" RibFest on Sunday, June 11th at Glacial Ridge Winery. Join the fun and vote for your favorite ribs, eat pie and listen to live music. There are several opportunities to support The Link: donate a homemade fruit pie, form a rib team or volunteer at the event! If you are interested, please contact The Link office. Pre-sale Tickets are available in May.

Your Impact:

With your support, The Link was able to assist a family with a 13 year old boy who was suffering with two abscessed teeth. Without dental insurance, the family had no financial means to relieve the excruciating pain. The Link was contacted by Public Health looking for help and resources. The Link partnered with five local resources and provided \$250 in "fill the gap" assistance to raise \$1,393 needed for the procedure. Your passion and generosity has helped a young boy by saving his permanent teeth and allow him to focus in the classroom.

MN FoodShare Month Success:

Thanks to your support, The Link Food Pantry received 1,511 pounds of food and \$8,112.46 in donations! The Link Food Pantry served 19 households (27 adults & 23 children) with food. There were also over 200 hours of volunteer time during March not including the 100 hours volunteered for Tuesday's Table.

Double Your Gift—Double Your Impact:

The Link currently has a matching grant from the Otto Bremer Trust. Donations to support The Link will be matched until we reach \$10,000. Donations can be sent to or dropped off at: The Link, PO Box 823, 206 Main St. North, New London, MN 56273 or donate online youarethelink.org. Donations of food, housewares and dollars can be mailed to The Link, PO Box 823 or dropped off at 206 North Main St., New London 56273.

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



Tuesday's Table

May 2nd: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church
May 9th: Evangelical Covenant Church
May 16th: Faith Lutheran Church
May 23rd: Peace Lutheran Church
May 30th: Open House & The Open Door
Food, Friends, Fellowship.

Household Exchange & Food Pantry Hours:

Mondays: 9am-3pm
Tuesdays: 12pm-6pm
Thursdays: 9am-3pm

Food Pantry:

Key food items:
Bread, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, tuna; please contact Chasity at 354.5555 or stop in during hours of operation to make a donation of food.

"RibFest"

Sunday, June 11, 2017

We Need Furniture!

Please consider donating your gently used furniture to The Link's Household Exchange.

Closed

The Link will be closed on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.

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.

Thanks to... everyone that brought soup, bread, or desserts to the Lenten soup suppers. Also many thanks to those that did the cleanup. We were truly blessed with these services and blessed with this fellowship! The LWML

Congratulations:

+ Emmett Adam Hjelle on your baptism into God's family April 23
Please email pastor@livingwordlutheran if there's someone you'd like us to extend congratulations to.

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Thot for a day: I don't need anger management. I need people to stop making me mad!

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We Prayed For You...

Remember to use our

"We Prayed for You" program...

In 2016 we started a new prayer ministry where we send out a card or two each week to people we prayed for during worship. Nancy Jo Wendt is our card sender.

How you can help: Simply tell Nancy when you feel that someone you asked us to pray for would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. Then just call, email or text Nancy with that person's address. It truly is a simple way to brighten the spirits of someone who's going through a tough time.



E-mail Humor....

These are the laws of the natural universe:

- Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.
- Law of the Workshop: Any nut or bolt, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
- Law of the Alibi: If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.
- Variation Law: If you change lines or traffic lanes, the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now.
- Law of Lines: When you walk IN the grocery store, there's never anyone in the checkout line.
- Inverse Hair Dryer Law: You're sure you hear the phone ringing in the background, until you turn the hair dryer off.
- Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
- Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
- Law of Coffee: As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

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Story Behind The Song...

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

This famous Easter hymn was written by Samuel Medley in England in the 18th century. After he was severely wounded in a battle while serving in the Royal Navy, he was read a sermon which led to his conversion. In 1767 He received a call to become pastor of a Baptist church at Watford.

This hymn, based on Job's comment in Job 19:25-27 details many of the results that Jesus' rising from the grave has for us. As you read, I'd suggest grabbing a pen or highlighter and underlining those results that you need to be reminded of right now. (Then, maybe tear out this page and post it in a place you'll see it and be reminded daily.)

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives
He lives, He lives who once was dead;
He lives my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above.
He lives to rule his church in love.

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

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Thot for a day: Nothing is so embarrassing as watching someone do something that you said couldn't be done.

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He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;
He lives & loves me to the end
He lives and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives my prophet, priest and king!

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives all glory to his name!
He lives my Savior, still the same.
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Editor's note: Hear a nice version at <https://youtu.be/SkLuZxqPPzE>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



After the Lord trims a 32,000 man army down to a lean mean 300, he arms them with trumpets and jars. **Judges 7:8** (sounds like a Monty Python skit)