

October 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...

"Should we be nervous talking to God?"

Another great question from one of our Sunday School students!

This month we get Part I of my answer:



The end of this month we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation - Martin Luther's efforts to *re-form* the Church - in reality returning it to its original *form*. A form that was centered around Jesus and what He's done for us. As part of Luther's efforts to educate the people in the basics of the Bible, he wrote the *Small Catechism* for parents to use in teaching their children about the faith. In his "*What does this mean?*" explanation to the introduction of the Lord's Prayer (*Our Father who art in heaven,*) Luther wrote:

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

'Boldness' and 'confidence' are the opposite of 'nervous.' We sinners can boldly and confidently approach the sinless God, because Jesus (who gave us the Lord's Prayer) took the punishment for our sins. When we come to the all-mighty and holy God in the name of Jesus, (with faith in Him) we can indeed approach God unafraid - as children approach a father who they know loves them and wants only what is best for them.

Thanks for asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net



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Email Inspiration...

A young lady named Sally, relates an experience she had in a class taught by her teacher, Dr. Smith. She says Dr. Smith was known for his elaborate object lessons. One particular day, Sally walked into the classroom and knew they were in for a fun day. On the wall was a big target and on a nearby table were many darts.

Dr. Smith told the students to draw a picture of someone they disliked or someone who had made them angry in the past. Then he would allow them to throw darts at the person's picture.

Sally's friend drew a picture of a girl who had stolen her boyfriend. Another friend drew a picture of his little brother. Sally drew a picture of a former friend, putting a great deal of detail into her drawing, even drawing pimples on the face. Sally was pleased at the overall effect she had achieved.

The class lined up and began throwing darts. Some of the students threw their darts with such force that their targets were ripping apart. Sally looked forward to her turn, but was filled with disappointment when Dr. Smith, because of time limits, asked the students to return to their seats.

As Sally sat down, thinking about how angry she was because she didn't have a chance to throw any darts at her target, Dr. Smith began removing the target from the wall. Underneath the target was a picture of Jesus.

A complete hush fell over the room as each student viewed the mangled picture of Jesus; holes and jagged marks covered His face and His eyes were pierced.

Dr. Smith said only these words, "*I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!*" (Matthew 25:40)

No other words were necessary...the tear-filled eyes of each student focused only on the picture of Christ

Thank God For...

You've seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For..." Each week we'd like to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people who drive past to remember that God is the giver of all good things - especially things we take for granted. Last week we thanked God for **Sunday School Teachers!**

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





Get to know our newest members...

Mike & Carmen Macik Family

Family:

Mike and Carmen have four children and one grandchild

Andrew Clancy (24) - girlfriend Brandie

Alice June Clancy - (2)

Aaron Clancy (22)

Arica Clancy (19)

Alexis Macik (10)



Where you were born and grew up:

Mike was born in Willmar, grew up in Cosmos and graduated from BOLD High School. Carmen, Andrew, Aaron and Arica were born in Willmar and graduated from NL-S. Alexis was born in Willmar and is in 5th Grade at NL-S.

Where you live now:

We live north of New London - have lived there for 12 years.

Job or career:

Mike - works as a farmer near Cosmos on a 4th Generation family farm:

Macik Farms & Trucking

Carmen - is an RN, working in nursing for 25 years. She now owns her own business in downtown New London

Hobbies or things you do for fun:

We enjoy hunting big game (gun or archery).

We enjoy motorcycling in spare time and vacationing with family.

Fishing is another way we enjoy spending time together.

A favorite Bible passage or story-and why it's your favorite.

Mike - Psalm 23:4-6. When I was little and got scared it gave me comfort that I was not alone. Even to this day, it gives me strength to do anything.

Carmen - John 3:16. It describes to me the love God has for us and the sacrifice He has made

What God used to attract you to Living Word.

Alexis was invited to a youth activity by her cousin Alison. That's how it all started. We fell in love with the messages during the sermons.

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That for a day: To be or not to be, those are the parameters.

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A 'fun fact' about you that most people don't know:

Mike: I love to hug, cuddle and be held. I find my most comfort in compassion for others.

Carmen: I have my permit to carry and never leave home without my gun.

OCTOBER NEWS



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The Link Staff: Rhonda Otteson, Chasity Omrodt & Shawna Roenning



Wildcat Backpack Program Success:



The first packing day was a success! On September 15th, twelve community volunteers packed backpacks and delivered them to the NL-S schools. The energy was high and everyone was excited to make a difference to children that may struggle with weekend hunger. At this time, The Link will coordinate two packing dates each month. In October, bags will be packed on Thursday, October 5th at 9am and Wednesday, October 18th at 6pm. Thank you for your support!



The Link opened its doors unveiling a new boutique + thrift store, featuring furniture and household goods. Thank you to everyone that came to shop or visit. There were many compliments on items for sale, but also for using donations to generate more income for families in need. The Link will continue to serve families with basic household furniture through The Link's programs and Household Exchange. Revive and Redeem reflects The Link's mission to provide hope to people in need and also to bring new life to donated furniture and household items.

Your Impact:

Thanks to your continued support, The Link was able to coordinate assistance for a local couple with severe health challenges causing the husband to miss eight weeks of work. By coordinating with their church, a Good Samaritan Grant through the Willmar Area Community Foundation and The Link's "Fill the gap" assistance fueled by your donations, this family received money to pay their mortgage to stabilize their housing and finances until he can return to work.



Meredith Harris helping pack bags for the Wildcat Backpack Program

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

Tuesday's Table

Oct. 3rd: No Tuesday's Table

Oct. 10th: Evangelical Covenant Church

Oct. 17th: Faith Lutheran Church

Oct. 24th: Peace Lutheran Church

Oct. 31st: The Open Door at O'Neils

Food, Friends, Fellowship.

Food Pantry & Household Exchange Hours:

Tuesday: 9 am-3 pm

Thursday: 9 am-3 pm

3rd Wednesday: 4 pm-6 pm

4 pm-6 pm

Food Pantry:

Items Needed:

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

Backpack Needs:

Single serve, pop top, pull tab, easy open single servings of pasta and soup
Fruit cups
Veggie cups
Breakfast/cereal bars
Granola bars
100% juice boxes
Cheese and crackers
Single serve cereals
Single serve oatmeal

To make donations, Please contact Chasity or Shawna at 354.5555 or stop in during open hours.

Revive and Redeem Boutique + Thrift

Hours:

October 8th/7th & 20th/21st

Friday 10 am-4 pm

Saturday 9 am-1 pm

Miscellaneous News...

CHOIR...

Choir rehearsals are the 3rd and 4th Sundays after fellowship. We will be having a special rehearsal on October 1st after fellowship also to rehearse a number for the Abraham's anniversary. All are welcome!



Hurricane Harvey Disaster Response

To Give:

- Online — Visit lcms.org/harvey and lcms.org/irma.
- By text — Text "LCMSHARVEY" or "LCMSIRMA" to 41444.
- Over the phone — Call the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438 or the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-843-5267.
- By mail — Make checks payable to "The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod" (or "LCMS"). On the memo line, write "Disaster Response/Relief," and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO, 63166-6861.

Gifts also can be designated specifically for Hurricane Harvey and/or other affected areas by stipulating in the memo line.

Gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.



Planning Has Begun for the next LC-MS Youth Gathering

... scheduled for July 11-15, 2019, in Minneapolis, at the Minneapolis Convention Center and U.S. Bank Stadium.

Held every three years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

We'll be needing adult leaders (i.e. chaperones) and will start fundraising soon. We'll need to know who's planning to attend by January.



NEW Project Connect Booklet:

Depression : Understanding the Pieces of the Puzzle

Dr. Beverly Yahnke, a licensed psychologist and university professor, explores this devastating condition and offers help in detecting those struggling with it. She also offers insights and a fresh perspective into how others can respond— with knowledge and compassion— to those who are depressed. You can find this booklet in the Project Connect rack by Pastor's office.



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That for a day: : As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.

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Mexican Fiesta Dinner 2017

When: Saturday, October 21 from 4:30 to 7:30

Menu: Enchilada Hotdish Taco Bar
Cilantro Lime Rice Refried Beans
Burrito Bar Ice Cream Sundae Bar
Hot and cold beverages

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

Idea: Pre-purchase tickets to give to friends as an outreach.

How You Can Help:

Serve: + Decorate (Friday evening Oct 20);
+ Prep food + Set Up
+ Serve Food + Take Down

Donate: + taco meat + salsa + cheese + rice
+ refried beans + black olives + chips + taco shells
+ tortillas + nacho cheese sauce + ice cream

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.



Opportunities to Serve...

Help with our Mexican Dinner

Our annual Mexican Dinner is on Saturday, October 21. Please talk to Outreach Coordinator Ruth Vegdahl if you'd like to help in any way.

Bring a Salad for Wally & Elaine's 65th Anniversary

Talk to Violet Dauk or Laurie Hanson

Needed: Chaperones for 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 the fall. 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.

Bring Food Shelf Items Every Second Sunday

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

We are looking for adult Nursery Helpers -

"Grandparent-age" is great, so parents can have a break. Talk to Mona Hjelte if you can help in the Nursery once a month.

A HUGE 'Landscaping' Thank You To . . .

- the folks who donated landscape rock
- the folks who donated landscape block
- the folks who donated the flag & lights
- the folks who donated the flagpole
- ALL the GUYS who worked in the heat to put it all together
- Joe Johnson for coordinating the whole effort !

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Thot for a day: Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.

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So That The World May Know...

Community Outreach:

The reason we all do outreach is so that more people will come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. With that in mind, please pray about who you can invite to our Mexican Dinner or who may benefit from the gift of some tickets.

The Mexican Dinner will be on Saturday, October 28 from 4:30 until 7:30. There is an information board in the entry to sign up to work the event or to contribute items for the meal. The menu will be taco bar, burrito bar, turkey enchilada hotdish, and build your own ice cream sundaes for dessert! It should be a lot of fun!

The Craft Fair is normally in November. Please contact me if you would like to have some input on the schedule, etc. I need some help here.

We are starting to participate in Teal's rebate program. They give a 1% rebate to eligible organizations. To celebrate their 75th anniversary, they are increasing that rebate to 2% through December 31st. We can possibly use this rebate money to buy books to hand out at the New London Water Days Parade next summer. There's a box under the mail boxes where you can put in your receipts. Thanks!



Let's Extend ... "A Summer of Serving" into :
"An Autumn of Serving"

Remember the 3 Simple Steps....

1. **Identify ways that you'd be willing to help someone out.**
If you haven't had a chance to do so, take a moment to fill out a "I Can Help" checklist - on the 'Free Stuff' table
2. **Keep your eyes and ears open for someone we could help:**
Neighbors, friends, co-workers, relatives - anyone who needs something done and can't do it on their own.
3. **Contact "An Autumn of Serving" coordinator Wendy Robbin**
(320-354-9049) or Pastor David (320-220-1816) with opportunities to serve.

Email Wisdom...

Want evidence of the tremendous power of God's Word? Have you ever heard someone say, "I used to be a murderer or a thief and after reading Shakespeare and Plato I became a changed person"? But millions of people have had their lives changed into a marvelous new adventure after coming into contact with the Bible.

October 2017 - Daily Readings

DAILY READING PROGRAM: . We start October with a week of passages reminding us of the POWER of God's Word. Then we shift to passages about what to put in our minds, and finish with a week of passages that were key to the Lutheran Reformation (500th Anniversary on October 31!)

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

Week of October 1 Daily Readings The Power of God's Word

Oct 2 Isaiah 55:10-11 _____

Oct 3 Psalm 119:105 _____

Oct 4 Hebrews 4:12-13 _____

Oct 5 1 Peter 1:22-25 _____

Oct 6 Psalm 119:9-16 _____

Oct 7 Psalm 148:1-6 _____

Week of October 8 Daily Readings Attitudes and Thoughts

Oct 9 Philippians 2:1-8 _____

Oct 10 Ephesians 4:17-24 _____

Oct 11 1 Peter 4:1-5 _____

Oct 12 Genesis 6:5-8 _____

Oct 13 Psalm 10:1-5 _____

Oct 14 Psalm 139:1-4 _____

Week of Oct 15 Daily Readings Thoughts

Oct 16 Ecclesiastes 10:20 _____

Oct 17 Isaiah 55:5-9 _____

Oct 18 Matthew 9:1-8 _____

Oct 19 Matthew 15:16-19 _____

Oct 20 Romans 8:5-9 _____

Oct 21 Romans 12:1-3 _____

Week of Oct 22 Daily Readings What to Focus Our Minds On

Oct 23 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 _____

Oct 24 Ephesians 2:1-5 _____

Oct 25 Philippians 4:4-8 _____

Oct 26 Colossians 3:1-17 _____

Oct 27 Hebrews 3:1-6 _____

Oct 28 Hebrews 4:12-13 _____

Week of Oct 29 Daily Readings Key Passages of the Reformation

Oct 30 Romans 1:16-17 _____

Oct 31 Ephesians 2:1-10 _____







Nov 1 1 Peter 2:4-10 _____

Nov 2 2 Timothy 3:10-17 _____

Nov 3 Matthew 11:28-30 _____

Nov 4 Galatians 3:6-14 _____

October 2017 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LWML SUNDAY 9:00 ADULT STUDY - - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship 6:00 "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"	2 <div> Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, October 1st Sunday, October 15th </div>	3 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	4 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:00 4-6th GRADE 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	5	6 9:00 Circuit Pastors @ Madison	7  4:30 BAPTISM: Chase Knutson
8 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 FELLOWSHIP 6:00 "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"	9	10  6:00 LWML 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	11 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:00 CONFIRMATION 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	12	13 4:30 VOW RENEWAL Kim & John England	14  2:00 WEDDING: Mikayla Geer Chad Evenson
15 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship 6:00 "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"	16	17 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	18 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	19 <i>Mission Ministry</i> 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	20 	21 1:30 - 4:00 65 th ANNIV. OPEN HOUSE: Wally & Elaine Abraham
22 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 CHOIR REHEARSAL	23	24 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	25 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:00 CONFIRMATION 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	26	27 	28 4:30-7:30 MEXICAN DINNER
29 REFORMATION 500 th ANNIV 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:45 Fall Voters' Assembly	30 	31 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	Nov 1 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:00 4-6th GRADE 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4

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Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

Oct 1 Mike & Brooke Knutson
 Oct 8 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
 Oct 15 Becky Sarsland / Mary Raddatz
 Oct 22 Nancy Jo Wendt & Tammy Fuglie
 Oct 29 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore

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

Usher Schedule

Oct 1 Violet Dauk & Nancy Jo Wendt
 Oct 8 Larry Levin
 Oct 15 Derek & Sarah Olson
 Oct 22 Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson
 Oct 29 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen

Nov 5 Brent & Lance Sawatzky
 Nov 12 Jason & Noah Miller
 Nov 19 Bo & George Arends-Schmidt
 Thksgvg Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 Nov 26 Brady & Andrew Sharp

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters can help)

Oct 1 Andrew Sharp
 Oct 8 Gage Dahl
 Oct 15 Levi Miller
 Oct 22 Eli Sharp
 Oct 29 Alison Sarsland
 Nov 5 Zoe Rustad
 Nov 12 Lexi Macik
 Nov 19 Alex Mejs
 Nov 26 Carson Sawatzky

Make A Meal Volunteers

Oct Linda Dilley & Violet Dauk
 Nov Bonnie Hansen & Gwen Ruchti

Elders

Oct 1/8 Jason Miller & Kevin Welsh
 Oct 15/22/29 Keith Hanson & Ed Vegdahl
 Nov 5/12 Joe Johnson & Jason Miller
 Nov 19/23/26 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson

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That for a day: Dolphins are so intelligent! Within only a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand at the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

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Nursery

Oct 1 Pam Johnson
 Oct 8 Violet Dauk
 Oct 15 Mona Hjelle
 Oct 22 Laurie Hanson
 Oct 29

Nov 5 Pam Johnson
 Nov 12 Violet Dauk
 Nov 19 Mona Hjelle
 Nov 26 Laurie Hanson

Scripture Readers

Oct 1 Laurel Iverson
 Oct 8 Kevin Welsh
 Oct 15 Sarah Olson
 Oct 22 Tammy Wachter
 Oct 29 Wendy Robbin

Nov 5 Linda Dilley
 Nov 12 Jason Miller
 Nov 19 Mark Fuglie
 Nov 26 Tammy Fuglie

Confirmation Parent Helper

Oct 4 Miller
 Oct 11 Rustad
 Oct 18 No Class
 Oct 25 Sawatzky

Nov 1 Sharp
 Nov 8 Arends-Schmidt
 Nov 15 Jaspersen
 Nov 22 Knutson
 Nov 29 Miller

Custodian

Oct Duane & Bonnie Hansen
 Nov Custodian Needed

Altar Guild

Oct Nancy Jo Wendt
 Nov Mona Hjelle

Sunday School Helpers

Oct 1 McCartney & Carson
 Oct 8 Noah & Davis
 Oct 15 Lance & Andrew
 Oct 22 George & Ryland
 Oct 29 McCartney & Carson

Nov 5 Noah & Davis
 Nov 12 Lance & Andrew
 Nov 19 George & Ryland
 Nov 26 McCartney & Carson

Accompanying Musicians

Oct 1 Sharon Willen
 Oct 8 Scott Wachter
 Oct 15 Pam Johnson
 Oct 22 Scott Wachter
 Oct 29 TBD

Nov 5 Sharon Willen
 Nov 12 Scott Wachter
 Nov 19 Pam Johnson
 Thksgvg TBD
 Nov 26 Scott Wachter

October Discipleship Verse...



For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Romans 1:17

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
- October Living Word newsletters
- 100 (or so) Key Chapters in the Bible reading guide
- Oct-Dec 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:

- Sept 10 - The Lone Sonflower reveals the NEED for growing
- Sept 17 - Standing Out by Growing in ... Forgiving Others
- Sept 24 - Standing Out by Growing in ... Joy

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.

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.

Living Word Directory... NOW AVAILABLE Online.

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

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That for a day: The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

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Mark Your Calendars...

65th Wedding Anniversary for Wally & Elaine Abraham

We will be hosting an open house in honor of Wally and Elaine on Saturday, **October 21** from 1:30-4:00. (Program at 2:30)

Please mark your calendar to come and celebrate with Wally and Elaine. If you could provide a salad for their special day, please talk to Laurie Hanson or Violet Dauk. Thanks!



Fall Voters' Assembly

Sunday, October 29 after fellowship

The purpose of the fall assembly is to approve both a 2018 budget and 2018 ministry goals. The Mission and Ministry Team came up with a set of recommended goals at their September meeting. They will be preparing a proposed budget at their October meeting.

Mission & Ministry Team - 2016 Budget-Planning

Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.

We will finalize our Strategic Ministry Plan for the coming year and craft a budget proposal. The planning session is for all Mission and Ministry Team members.

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...

- Great Weather for Mikayla and Chad's wedding on October 14
- 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 Opie
- God to continue to open our eyes to opportunities to serve others
- God to open our hearts to be willing servants
- Asking God for safety all during the hunting season
- Asking God for safety for all who work to bring in the harvest
- Continued favorable weather for the harvest.
- 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 School...

Our curriculum is entitled, "The Life of Jesus."



We have plenty of volunteer opportunities throughout the year helping with various events such as Christmas program, Birthday party for Jesus, Easter outreach, VBS, and different celebrations. Not able to volunteer? That's OK too! We understand busy schedules! Please continue to keep our Sunday School kids, leaders, and parents in your prayers! Thank you and God's Blessings to all of you!

Amanda Sharp, Sunday School Coordinator

+ Daily Schedule 9:00 Welcome, Opening & 'Talk about' Video
9:15-45 Lesson Time
9:45 Clean up & bathroom break

+ Teachers / Classes:

Pre-school to Kindergarten: Lara Dahl

1st & 2nd Grade Amanda Sharp

3rd & 4th Grade: Mona Hjelle Alana Frieht

5th & 6th Grade: Kari Sharp

Confirmation Students take turns serving as teacher assistant

+ Rides are Available Talk to Amanda or Pastor David

+ Make sure to check out our "Dig In @ Home" weekly wrap-up page. It's in the worship folder you receive at church each Sunday. EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE KIDS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, there are great faith questions for all ages to ponder by yourself or talk about with your family on the way home from church or during the week over meals.

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.

OCTOBER...

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. Our October Make-a-Meal volunteers are Linda Dilley & Violet Dauk.

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That for a day: Courteous people learn courtesy from the discourteous.

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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

LWML News...



LWML General Meeting October 10th. Bring appetizers to share and join us @ 6:00 on that Tuesday evening. It will be a night to celebrate a Bountiful Harvest with Bible Study, a short skit and bushels of fellowship.

We need to be preparing to elect new officers. Please give this some prayerful consideration.

Hope to see you on Tuesday Oct. 10th @ 6:00 PM

Thanks for supporting the New London Food Pantry.

The 2nd Sunday each month is Food Pantry Sunday.

Reminder: LWML Has a 'Tough Times' Fund

If you know someone who is going through some temporary 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.

Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Study - The Case for Christ

We know Jesus is the answer to the question "Who should I believe in?" But we also need to know - and be able to tell - why Jesus truly is the only right answer. Join us Sundays @ 9:00.



Men's Study - Tuesdays @ 6:30

Wild at Heart: A Band of Brothers

What kind of life would you have to live to eliminate all fear or risk? No matter how many insurance policies you purchase, helmets you wear, or doors you lock, one of the most certain lessons of life is you can't escape fear and risk. This Tuesday: We tackle most guys' greatest fear: Not having what it takes for whatever the task!

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

Sunday School: See page 8 for information

Confirmation -

Confirmation Reminders:

- Classes start at 6 p.m. this year
- Parents check the "Parent Helper" schedule for your dates.
- Students - remember to check your "Sunday School Helper" dates
- Students - remember to bring your Bible and your "Don't Check Your Brains At the Door" book



Women's Wednesday Evening Study: WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30

She's Still There: Rescuing the Girl in You

What do you do if you look in the mirror and realize the life you want is not the life you're living? What do you do if you feel lost in the middle of your life? Or if you feel you've drifted away from your hopes, your dreams, and your plans?

In this six-session video Bible study Chrystal Evans Hurst shares what she's learned about how to love and honor your life—even when your life is not easy to love. You will be encouraged to take an honest look at your life right now . . . and see what might have taken you off track.

Poor decisions, a lack of intentionality or planning, or a long-term denial of deep hopes and dreams can leave a woman, old or young, reeling from the realization that she is lost, disappointed, or simply numb.

You will look at Bible passages that reveal how to capture peace in the

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That for a day: People never say "it's only a game" when they're winning.

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midst of hard seasons by seeing them as refining moments instead of defining moments. As you focus on the promise of God's truth for your future and run the race He has set for you, you will rediscover that the girl you once saw in the mirror . . . she's still there.

Sessions include:

- + Fight for Your Life
- + Look at Your Life
- + Embrace Your Life
- + Develop Your Life
- + Encourage Your Life
- + Choose your Life



Starting October 4th: 4-6th Grade Group

Beginning Wednesday, October 4 Pastor David and the Confirmation students will lead a monthly gathering for our 4-6th graders. We'll make cool stuff, play some goofy games and have a fun lesson from the Bible. We'll meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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 (dvd) and more!

"Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"

For Young Married Couples

(you get to define 'young')

Pastor & Violet host on Sunday evenings at 6pm

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 "Why Does He / She Do That?!"



An Open Invitation to Pray - Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people..." 1 Timothy 2:1

Living Word has a group of 'prayer warriors' who have been meeting informally for about a year on Wednesday evenings following the Apostle Paul's urging in the above passage.

They start their meetings by looking at an example prayer in the Bible, then they have a time of prayer and praise - including silent time. The group has been expanding by word of mouth, but as we begin a new Christian Growth season, they would like to issue a formal invitation to everyone who has a heart for prayer to join them Wednesdays at 6pm. (Don't worry if you aren't able to attend every week.)

Story Behind The Song...

A Mighty Fortress

In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation we'll look at the song that has often been referred to as "The Battle Hymn of the Reformation": Martin Luther's *A Mighty Fortress*

Martin Luther was born into a musical family. He loved to sing and became a very good flute player. He was studying to become a lawyer, but vowed to become a monk after nearly being struck by lightning while walking home during a thunderstorm. As a monk in the Augustinian order, Luther struggled in his attempt to meet the demands of a holy God. His inability to do so tormented Luther, and it is said that "he fasted until his cheeks caved in," and confessed his sins for hours at a time. Finally, Luther began to see that man, because of his sinful nature, could never attain by himself the perfection required by the almighty God

Through his study of the Bible, he found that a person can only be saved through the blood Jesus shed as punishment for *our* sins - not through the purchase of indulgences, which were widely sold in the Catholic Church of his day. For purposes of discussion, he wrote a paper with ninety-five points and tacked it to the church door at Wittenberg. His '95 Theses' were not well-received by the church leaders, and thus began the Lutheran Reformation.

In addition to returning the Church to the true teaching that salvation is by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone, Luther also brought about the birth of congregational singing - convinced that singing hymns was a great way to impart the truths of God's word in people's hearts.

"*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*," is far and away the most well known of the 30+ hymns written by Luther. Luther used Psalm 46 as a springboard for the words and themes of *A Mighty Fortress*. The hymn highlights the sovereign power of God over all earthly and spiritual forces, and of the sure hope we have in him because of Christ.

After its publication, it gained immense popularity and was sung by poor Protestant emigrants on their way into exile, and by martyrs at their death. The hymn became closely associated with Luther himself, as it embodied in its words and melody so much of the character of its author — bold, confident, defiant in the face of opposition. The first line of the lyrics are engraved on the base of a statue of Luther at Wittenberg.

Many have attempted to translate the hymn from 16th century German into English. Frederic Henry Hedge's "*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*," (below) being the most popular.

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our shelter He, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.

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That for a day: Practice makes perfect! Sharpen your sleeping skills.

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For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and ~~power~~ are great, And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side-The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth is His name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And ~~tho'~~ this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear-for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim — We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs - No thanks to them - abideth:
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Thro' Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Portions excerpted from *200 Amazing Hymn Stories* @ tanbible.com

Editor's note: Listen to a nice version by Chris Rice at
<https://youtu.be/UI9g5NQk6AI>

