



August 2018 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 is your favorite Bible passage ?

One of the assignments I gave the confirmation students was to interview me - pick my brain, ask me questions.

The above question came from several of the students.

There are as many answers to that question as there are days in a year, but... we don't have room for 365 (or more) Bible passages!

Last Sunday someone asked us to pray for the many Christians around the world for whom having a Bible is a crime. These Christians cherish God's Word so much that if they - through some miracle - can just get their hands on one, they'll tear out a page and memorize it and recite it with other Christians who do the same.

That reminder caused me to ponder which page I would tear out to memorize. God has blessed me with the ability to memorize things rather easily, so, of course, I'd try to sneak *more* than one page - like John 14, 15 & 16. But if I were able to grab just one, I'd quickly turn to Romans chapter 8. There's so much comfort packed into that one chapter! So many truths to commit to memory!

I could print the whole chapter out here, and highlight verses for you, but I'd rather have you go and grab your Bible and read it there! That way you can underline or highlight certain verses; write your own notes in the margin. Even bend back the page so you can easily find Romans 8 anytime!

I will tell you, however, how the chapter starts and how it ends - two amazing reminders.....

8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither



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height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Now, go read the rest of Romans 8 for yourself!

Thanks for Asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Vacation Bible School...



**Come, Adventure in the Son !
Vacation Bible School
August 13-16**

Monday - Thursday 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
This year's program is four evenings of fun in the Son!

As they participate in fun-filled activities, children will find ultimate truth in Jesus! We will have a great time with LIVELY SONGS, HILARIOUS SKITS, CREATIVE CRAFTS, EXCITING GAMES, COOL BIBLE STORIES and TASTY SNACKS - all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for kids.

SonWest Roundup can be an inspirational and educational experience for your entire family.

- Meal from 5:30- 6:00
- Classes for kids from 6:00 - 8:00
- Parents are invited to join in Closing Time (8:00 - 8:30)

Register Online at www.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. This past month we thanked God

- Mike Geer !
- Riley Johnson - Baptized into God's Family !
- Parades - Watch for us on Saturday !
- Tuesday's Table - Here on July 31 !

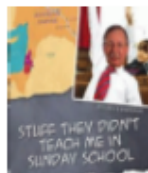
Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next month.

Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Study @ 9:00

Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School: The Book of Revelation.

Please Join us - on Sunday Mornings at 9:00



Daily Bible readings:

See pages 10 & 11 in this Newsletter

MEET FOR PRAYER -

WEDNESDAYS @ 6 p.m. at church

God tells us (Philippians 4:6) *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition present your requests to God."*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 13th—16th

Confirmand's Faith Statements...

Faith Statements by our Confirmands (and their confirmation verses)

NOAH MILLER

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

What I believe about God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

I believe God the Father.... Treats everyone as a son and takes care of us

I believe God the Son Died for us to save us from our sins, so we could live eternally.

I believe God the Spirit came at my baptism; brought me to faith in Jesus; lives in my heart to keep me in faith

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven: God gave His Son to die, so we could have the chance to have eternal life which we get by believing in God.

What I believe about the difference God makes in my life here on earth. Knowing He is with me gives me the confidence to go through tough times and the courage to tell people about God.

Why I want to "Enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ: He made the commitment to be with me and help me - and sent His Son to die for us, so the least I can do is commit to follow Him!

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That for a day: I don't have a problem with caffeine. I have a problem without it.

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What I would like to do with my life as a way of saying "thanks" to God: Teach people about God by telling friends, so they can spread the Word too!

Why I want to get confirmed: God made a commitment to me, so I am committing to Him.

DAVIS RUSTAD

John 20:31

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

What I believe about God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

I believe God the Father.... Created me, loves me and wants me to succeed.

I believe God the Son Helped me succeed by dying to forgive my sins

I believe God the Spirit Works through God's Word to lead me down the right path to succeed in life.

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven: By believing in God and the fact that Jesus died to forgive my sins.

What I believe about the difference God makes in my life here on earth. God protects me and keeps me from falling into Satan's traps

Why I want to "Enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ: Because I want to be closer to God and grow further in my Christian faith

What I would like to do with my life as a way of saying "thanks" to God: Never stop believing!

Why I want to get confirmed: I want to get confirmed to be closer to God.

LANCE SAWATZKY

James 4:7-8

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.

What I believe about God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

I believe God the Father.... Created everything and has a good plan for everything

I believe God the Son Died to pay for my sins and forgives them.

I believe God the Spirit Gives me the faith in Jesus that I need to live now and eternally

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven: By believing in Jesus and asking His forgiveness for my sins.

What I believe about the difference God makes in my life here on earth.

He is in charge, and that means I do what He says.

Why I want to "Enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ: Because He will give me strength for life and I will go to heaven when it's over

What I would like to do with my life as a way of saying "thanks" to God: Keep believing in Him and going to church

Why I want to get confirmed: So people know I committed to Jesus.

ANDREW SHARP

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

What I believe about God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

I believe God the Father.... Is my only God.

I believe God the Son Died for my sins to be forgiven

I believe God the Spirit Is helping me to get closer to God

What I believe about eternal life - how I will get to heaven: God gave His only Son to die on the cross to show whoever believes in Him will have eternal life, so when I believe in Jesus - that He died for my sins and rose again - I will have eternal life.

What I believe about the difference God makes in my life here on earth. I feel safe knowing that God is watching over me.

Why I want to "Enlist" as a committed follower of Jesus Christ: Because He sent His Son to die for me!

What I would like to do with my life as a way of saying "thanks" to God: Obeying Him - doing the things He wants us to do

Why I want to get confirmed: To be a follower of Jesus - and to show other people that I am a firm believer in God.

Email Humor...

The Fourth of July was coming up, and the nursery school teacher took the opportunity to tell her class about patriotism. "We live in a great country," she said. "One of the things we should be happy is that, in this country, we are all free."

One little boy came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hands on his hips and said, "I'm not free. I'm four."

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate	Door	Lawgiver	Redeemer
Almighty	Emmanuel	Life	Resurrection
Alpha and Omega	Everlasting	Light	Rock
Amen	Faithful and True	Lion of Judah	Savior
Apostle	First and Last	Lord	Servant
Beloved Son	Forerunner	Lord of Lords	Shepherd
Bishop	Foundation	Master	Son of David
Branch	Governor	Master	Son of God
Bread	Head	Mediator	Son of Man
Captain	High Priest	Messiah	Vine
Carpenter	Holy and Just One	Mighty God	Way
Chosen	Horn of Salvation	Morning Star	Wonderful
Christ	I AM	Nazarene	Word
Consolation	Jesus	Only Begotten Son	
Cornerstone	Judge	Passover	
Counselor	King	Priest	
Day Star	King of Kings	Prince of Peace	
Deliverer	Lamb of God	Prophet	

Mark Your Calendars...

Tuesday's Table

will be at Living Word - July 31
We'll need lots of help to prepare and serve the Community Meal.

We'll be serving a basic "picnic" meal of:
Cheddar brats,
Beans,
Chips
Bars
Milk & Lemonade

- + Food prep begins at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday.
- + Serving starts at 6:00 p.m.
- + Clean-up starts at 6:45 p.m.



Please check the sign-up by Pastor's office for other ways you can help or food you can bring. Thanks!
Thank You for serving the Lord, by serving others !!!



Vacation Bible School..

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Living Word Day @ Big Kahuna

Sign Up for Fun !!!

Congregational Outreach Director Marcia Welsh has been working with the folks at Big Kahuna to host a "Living Word Fun Day." We need at least 20 people to sign up (and can have up to 60!) and we have the fun park to ourselves for a whole two hours!!!

Cost will be: \$22 for Adults
\$16 for 16 & under

Please sign up at church (Bring friends!).



The Annual Golf Outing is Back !!!

After a few years of "mulligans" we will again be having a Living Word (and friends) golf outing at Valley Golf in Willmar on Saturday, August 25.

Cost is \$18 for 9 holes. Tee off at 10:00 a.m. & the back room is reserved for us to hand out PRIZES and do some grilling afterward!



TRAP-SHOOTING FELLOWSHIP

August 8th & 22nd

(every 2nd & 4th Wednesday during summer months)

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That for a day: If you don't like the news, go out and make some.

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We begin with Brats and a devotion at 6:00.



Fall Zoo Fest

Saturday, September 8

Hemker Park & Zoo in Freeport

Discounted admission \$5.00/person!

Wagon rides for children, Amish Baskets for sale, Apples from Apple Orchard for sale, face painting and more!!!

Along with the regular zoo attractions, there are miniature-horse-drawn wagon rides and face-painting for the kids, Amish crafts and the sale of harvest produce, including pumpkins and apples, it's a perennial hit with both adults and kids.

Sign Up At Church



Coming Soon...

This New Addition to Our Playground:

It includes an enclosed spiral slide, a double slide, a single slide, monkey rings, 2 swings, a trapeze set, a climbing wall, two towers, a sandbox area underneath, and an adjustable height bridge under the monkey rings.

Thanks to everyone who donated to our Playground Fund and to Carroll & Donna Sarsland for traveling to Cokato to check it out and negotiate the purchase!

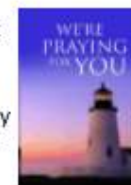


We Prayed For You...

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.



Aug 2018 - 5 Minute Daily Readings

Our "Summer Reading" continues with more short books of the Bible you can read in a week (or so) by just reading a chapter a day. Record your insights. God will bless your reading!

Wk of July 29 Daily Readings **ESTHER;** **MALACHI - Q & A from God**

July 29 Esther 8 _____

July 30 Esther 9 _____

July 31 Esther 10 _____

Aug 1 Malachi 1 _____

Aug 2 Malachi 2 _____

Aug 3 Malachi 3 _____

Aug 4 Malachi 4 _____

Week of August 5 Daily Readings **EPHESIANS;** **PHILEMON**

Aug 5 Ephesians 1 _____

Aug 6 Ephesians 2 _____

Aug 7 Ephesians 3 _____

Aug 8 Ephesians 4 _____

Aug 9 Ephesians 5 _____

Aug 10 Ephesians 6 _____

Aug 11 Philemon _____

Week of August 12 Daily Readings **PHILIPPIANS;** **OBADIAH, HAGGAI**

Aug 12 Philippians 1 _____

Aug 13 Philippians 2 _____

Aug 14 Philippians 3 _____

Aug 15 Philippians 4 _____

Aug 16 Obadiah _____

Aug 17 Haggai 1 _____

Aug 18 Haggai 2 _____

Week of August 19 Daily Readings: **DANIEL 1-6;** **JUDE**

Aug 19 Daniel 1 _____

Aug 20 Daniel 2 _____

Aug 21 Daniel 3 _____

Aug 22 Daniel 4 _____

Aug 23 Daniel 5 _____

Aug 24 Daniel 6 _____

Aug 25 Jude _____

Wk of August 26 Daily Readings **COLLOSSIANS;** **HABAKKUK**

Aug 26 Colossians 1 _____

Aug 27 Colossians 2 _____

Aug 28 Colossians 3 _____

Aug 29 Colossians 4 _____

Aug 30 Habakkuk 1 _____

Aug 31 Habakkuk 2 _____

Sept 1 Habakkuk 3 _____

August 2018 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 SET-UP FOR TUES. TABLE	30 	31 TUESDAY'S TABLE 3:00 Prep Food 6:00 TUESDAY'S TABLE @ Living Word	Aug 1 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP 6:30 - VBS PLANNING	Aug 2 <div> Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday, August 5th Sunday, August 19th </div>	3	4
5 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship 6:30 NYG YOUTH STUDY	6	7	8 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP 6:00 -TRAP FELLOWSHIP 6:30 - VBS PLANNING 6:30 - Fun Night @ Big Kahuna	9	10	11
12 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship	13 V A C A T I O N B I 5:30 - 8:30 VBS	14 I O N B I 5:30 - 8:30 VBS	15 B L E S C H O O L 5:30 - 8:30 VBS 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP	16 5:30 - 8:30 VBS MISSION Ministry	17 PIE BAKING (see details in Newsletter)	18 ANNUAL PIE-BOOTH OUTREACH at NL Music Fest
19 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	20	21	22 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP 6:00 -TRAP FELLOWSHIP	23 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	24	25 10:00 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING @ Valley Golf
26 9:00 ADULT STUDY - 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship	27	28	29 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP	30	31	Sept 1

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newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net

Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

Aug 5 Nancy Jo Wendt & Tammy Fuglie
 Aug 12 Leone & Kerry Quigley
 Aug 19 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore
 Aug 26 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller

Sept 2 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
 Sept 9 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
 Sept 16 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
 Sept 23 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
 Sept 30 Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl

Usher Schedule

Aug 5 Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson
 Aug 12 Derek & Sarah Olson
 Aug 19 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
 Aug 26 Brent & Lance Sawatzky

Sept 2 Jason & Noah Miller
 Sept 9 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 Sept 16 Brady & Andrew Sharp
 Sept 23 Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad
 Sept 30 Wally Abraham and Joe Johnson

Make A Meal Volunteers

August Jamie and Laurel Iverson & Mona Hjelle
 September Linda Dilley & Violet Dauk

Elders

Aug 5/12 Ed Vegdahl & Kevin Welsh
 Aug 19/26 Keith Hanson & Joe Johnson

Sept 2/9 Jason Miller & Ed Vegdahl
 Sept 16/23/30 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson

Custodian

August Custodians needed
 September Custodians needed

Seen on Church Signboard...
"Soul Food Served Here."

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That for a day: If the paper clip were invented today it would probably have ten moving parts and five transistors, and require a service man three times a year.

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Altar Guild

Aug Nancy Jo Wendt
 Sept Mona Hjelle

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters)

Aug 5 Addison Arends-Schmidt
 Aug 12 Gage Dahl
 Aug 19 Eli Sharp
 Aug 26 Levi Miller

Sept 2 Alex Meis
 Sept 9 Carson Sawatzky
 Sept 16 Addison Arends-Schmidt
 Sept 23 Gage Dahl
 Sept 30 Levi Miller

Nursery

(more volunteers needed...)

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

Sept 2 Pam Johnson
 Sept 9 Violet Dauk
 Sept 16 Mona Hjelle

Sept 23 Laurie Hanson
 Sept 30 Gwen Ruchti

Scripture Readers

Aug 5 Wendy Robbin
 Aug 12 Linda Dilley
 Aug 19 McCartney Knutson
 Aug 26 Jason Miller

Sept 2 Mark Fuglie
 Sept 9 Tammy Fuglie
 Sept 16 Leone Quigley
 Sept 23 Nykki Foshaug
 Sept 30 Ruth Vegdahl

Accompanying Musicians

Aug 5 Sharon Willen
 Aug 12 Scott Wachter
 Aug 19 Pam Johnson
 Aug 26 Scott Wachter

Sept 2 Sharon Willen
 Sept 9 Scott Wachter
 Sept 16 Pam Johnson
 Sept 23 Scott Wachter
 Sept 30 TBD

Church Mice

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August Discipleship Verse...

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
 Hebrews 13:8

Miscellaneous Notes...

Food Pantry Reminder

18# of food was collected for the New London Food Pantry last month. Thank you for the donations!

The Food Pantry continues to supply needed food to local families. Please remember to bring food items to church. The second Sunday each month is delegated as Food Sunday at Living Word. Look for the purple tote box to put your donations in.

Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

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

- Read With Me Bibles for toddlers
- Kids' drinking cups
- Bible Activity Booklets for Children
- August Living Word newsletters
- August Daily Bible readings
- July-September Portals of Prayer
- Christian Magazines



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)

- July 1 God's Rules don't restrict our Freedom, they GIVE it.
July 8 The practical results of belonging to God's Family
July 22 Soul Food - So you can THRIVE, not just survive

NEW Project Connect Booklet: "Live the Six"

In this booklet you will find practical, down-to-earth strategies for taking the Gospel of Jesus to the streets, sharing it with all those exotic people we meet - like our neighbors, our friends, classmates & co-workers! Pick up your FREE copy in the Project Connect rack.

Offering Envelopes Available for 2018

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.

Get to know the Bible better. Even your kids will love this! Go to mnncms.org right now (you can even do it on your phone) - click on the "Bring It Home" link, watch the video and sign up for more info on the link. Bring It Home is coming to Living Word this fall!

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That for a day: Why, in a country where there is free speech, there are phone bills?

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Living Word Directory... NOW AVAILABLE Online.

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



Still Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Just a reminder that there is an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office.

Community Outreach...

Water Days Parade Outreach

We handed out over 400 Bible Story Books !

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way!

Special Thanks to Community Outreach Director Ruth Vegdahl who organized our effort!

LWML...



Annual Pie Outreach at NL Music Fest - August 18



Please sign up on the Pie-Baking sheet on the white board. We need pie bakers to bake pies August 17th for serving at the NL Music Fest the next day. You can deliver the pies to Neer Park, church, or call Leone and she will pick them up. Thank you to everyone that can help bake. You can reach Leone at 354-4665

We will also need volunteers on August 18th to set up the pie booth, serve during the event and clean up.

Congratulations...

- Riley Michelle Johnson on your Baptism into God's family

If you have someone you'd like to offer congratulations to, just email Pastor David with the info: pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Opportunities to Serve...

Help with Vacation Bible School

Talk to VBS Director Amanda Sharp if you'd like to help in any way.

Help Bake Pies for Our Pie Outreach

Details in the LWML section of the Newsletter

Custodians Needed for August & September

If you or your family could serve as church custodians either of these months, please talk to Jamie Iverson. Thanks!



Help With Our Nursery

We need a couple more volunteers to help with our during-worship nursery (2-6 year olds). Please talk to Mona Hjelle if you can help out.

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.

We're looking for more Ushers

Please talk to Pastor David if you can serve once every other month.

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 August Make-a-Meal volunteers are Iversons and Mona Hjelle!

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 With Our TUESDAY'S TABLE Event on July 31.

- then sign up at church! THANKS!

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That for a day: Just remember, every silver lining has a cloud.

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E-mail Wisdom....

When the foundations
are shaking, people don't
need more opinions,
they need the definitive
promises of God.



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 the opportunity to host Tuesday's Table
- Asking God to bring LOTS of kids to our SonWest Roundup VBS
- Asking God to continue to work through the books we gave at the NL parade to bring kids (and parents and grandparents) closer to Him.
- Asking God for great weather for our Annual Pie Booth outreach.
- Thanking God for all our Parade, Tuesday's Table & Pie Outreach folks
- Asking God for great turnouts for our Big Kahuna Night & Golf Outing
- Thanking God for the faith of our Confirmands
- God to continue to grow their faith in preparation for the 2019 NYG
- Protection for farmers and construction workers
- Protection for all summer travelers
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- God to embolden our Christian witness in our daily lives
- The Holy Spirit to continue to work through our Bible studies
- God to raise up leaders in our nation who seek His will
- The mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

From Your Trustee...

We recently changed our insurance provider to Church Mutual. This change actually began over a year ago when the MMT board asked me to research the increased insurance costs we were experiencing with American Family Insurance. I contacted three other insurance companies to compare prices and presented these findings to the board. Our premium with American Family was the cheapest, but there was a concern that the policy (which is designed for small businesses) did not cover the special needs of our growing church. This became apparent with the recent addition of the Trapshooting events. The companies with policies designed only for small businesses had no provisions for such events. Church Mutual informed us that since other churches have begun offering trap shooting as fellowship events, their policy would cover events like this.

The change to Church Mutual was made with careful consideration of all our options. This included a meeting in June with Tim Marks, the Church Mutual representative and MMT board members. Tim fully explained the plan and answered all our questions. It became clear that, although our plan with American Family had served us well over the years, the Church Mutual plan was much more comprehensive and offered far better coverage. The premium on the new plan is higher, but the board felt the better coverage that is designed for our needs as a church made the change well worth it.

Below are a few features of the new policy that are specific to our needs as a church.

- Auto Coverage for anyone using their car or rentals for church business for liability and physical damage.
- Medical Expense coverage for members, guests & volunteers participating in church events on and off premises.
- Legal Defense Coverage for defense costs of most lawsuits
- Liability coverage for members of the church board.
- Free temperature & water sensors to guard against frozen pipes and flooding.
- Free Consulting & Analysis for Risk Control, Fire Prevention, Property Protection, Liability, Employee Safety
- Free Safety materials including forms, posters, brochures, checklists, videos, newsletters & articles
- Identity Theft coverage for clergy.
- Catastrophic Violence coverage in the unfortunate event of a church shooting that covers medical treatment, counseling & funeral cost. A partner company (Firestorm) provides a representative on-site to assist and speak to the media.

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Thot for a day: Blessed are they who run around in circles for they shall be known as big wheels.

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- Sexual Misconduct Liability protection for the church and members, employees & volunteers which includes medical and counseling expenses.
- Coverage for fire dept. calls, operational loss and demolition costs in the event of a fire.
- Coverage for crime involving cash on hand from collections including special days when amounts increase.
- Lock repair or replacement if keys are stolen in an insured theft loss.
- Automatic coverage for newly constructed buildings up to 180 days.
- Coverage for refrigerated food spoilage if caused by an off-premises power failure.

Jamie Iverson, Trustee

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

UPDATE:

BIBLE STUDY - For Youth Gathering Participants:



Sunday, August 5 at 6:30

at Living Word

Jason Miller leads

We are less than a year away from #NYG2019! As you continue your planning process, the Gathering Office has provided a variety of information to aid in your preparations. Including . . .

Adult Leader Webinars:

GatheringWebinar – Gathering Program 101

Monthly Gathering webinars will be held on the first Thursday of every month. Mark your calendars to join us from 12 – 1 pm (CST) with Gathering planners and Adult Leaders from across the country. Get a sneak peek at programming for the 2019 Gathering with Leah Abel (DCE), Rev. Matt Clark, Rev. Todd Liefer, Steve Mattoon (DCE) and Scott Rauch (DCE). The webinar will be a great opportunity to learn more and ask your questions about the Gathering. Download the Gathering 101 Materials to follow along with the webinar conversation.

Date: Thursday, August 2

Time: 12 – 1 pm (CST)

Register:

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Story Behind The Song...

"As the Deer"

by Marty Nystrom

Mr. Nystrom describes himself on his website:

I am a married father of two sons and live in the Seattle area. My degree is in music education and I have taught music in a wide variety of settings. I have written over 120 songs that have been released by publishers of Christian praise and worship music. My best known song is the worship chorus, "As the Deer."

Lindsay Terry, in his book *The Sacrifice of Praise: The Stories Behind the Greatest Praise and Worship Songs of All Time* (2002), describes the circumstances surrounding the creation of this song:

"Marty was a schoolteacher in Seattle, and since he had the summer off, he decided to go to the summer term of Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas. Little did he know what was about to happen to him, especially with all that he would be exposed to and the worship emphasis of the school. . . .

He had graduated from Oral Roberts University and, frankly, was a little overwhelmed in ministry. He had been involved in many things at the school, not the least of which was the television ministry of ORU. All of his studies combined with many other activities had caused stress to take its toll on Marty's spiritual life. . . .

Marty's roommate at CFNI was a vibrant Christian who challenged Marty to go on a fast, thinking it would help him recover his joy. Marty took up the challenge, and on the nineteenth day of the fast, he found himself sitting at the piano in a room of the school, trying to write a song. He was simply playing chord progressions when he noticed a Bible on the music stand of the piano, open to Psalm 42. His eyes fell on the first verse of that chapter. After reading the verse he began to sing its message, right off the page. He wrote the first verse and the chorus of a song, practically straight through. The entire song was completed in a matter of minutes."

**As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee**

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That for a day: Sometimes I think I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

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Chorus:

**You alone are my strength my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee**

**You're my Friend and you are my brother even though you are a king,
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything. Chorus**

**I want you more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. Chorus**

*As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God. Psalm 42:1 (NIV)*

Editor's note: As sung by David Phelps

<https://youtu.be/uNzfq9PFyKw>

