

  
**Living Word**  
**Lutheran Church**  
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**November 2018 Newsletter**  
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"  
Worship Hours:  
Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

# Living Word Lutheran Church

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## Question for Pastor...

Do Christians celebrate Sukkot ?

It's probably a good idea to start out by defining what Sukkot is. Sukkot is the Hebrew word for "booths" (also called "tabernacles," today we'd call them "tents.") It is one of the "Big Three" festivals God commanded the Israelites to celebrate each year. (The other two being Passover/Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost).



Sukkot is a week-long celebration during which the Israelites were instructed to live in booths. Living in booths was to serve as a reminder of how God miraculously provided for them while they lived in booths during the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness after leaving Egypt.

Sukkot is also referred to as the Festival of Ingathering, because it was celebrated after "after you have gathered the crops of the land" (Leviticus 23:39). The celebration begins on the fifteenth day of the seventh month in the Hebrew calendar, which ends up being late September/early October in our year. It was to be a joy-filled week of thanksgiving to God for providing the harvest that had just been gathered. You can read more details in Exodus 23, Leviticus 23, Numbers 29 and Deuteronomy 16.

My answer to the initial question was this, "I don't know of any Christians who celebrate Sukkot, but there is no reason why we couldn't. In fact, I think it is a great idea."

Here's why it's a great idea: Do we have a harvest of crops to give thanks to God for each year? Of course we do! Has God protected and provided for us as we've wandered through the "wilderness of life?" Of course He has - sometimes in miraculous ways just as He did those forty years of wanderings for the Israelites!



As a matter of fact, I would suggest that our Thanksgiving Day is a Feast of Ingathering, a day we set aside to joyfully give thanks for the harvest - and for God's protection of us as we wandered through the "wilderness" of life during the past

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year. It's not "Sukkot," but I'd invite you to take time to celebrate this year's harvest and give thanks for all God has done for us by joining us for worship on Thanksgiving Eve.

Thanks for Asking,  
Pastor David

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

### 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...

- God to work through the Bring It Home readings to strengthen faith
- The Spirit's guidance for our Election Decisions at all levels of gov't.
- God to place into office those people who would seek His will and protect our religious freedoms.
- God's protection for all who are harvesting or hunting
- Thanking God for an abundant harvest
- Thanking God for all Veterans and those who currently serve
- An "Attitude of Gratitude" everyday - not just on Thanksgiving Day
- Safe travels over the Thanksgiving holiday
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- God to embolden our Christian witness in our daily lives
- The Holy Spirit to work through our Bible studies
- God to keep strengthening faith thru the Today's Light Bible readings
- The mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

## LWML...

LWML PLANNING MEETING: Wednesday, November 28th at 11:00 a.m., at church. **Lunch will be potluck.** Please bring an appetizer to share. After the meeting, we will pack Christmas care packages for Living Word college students, and also put up Christmas decorations.

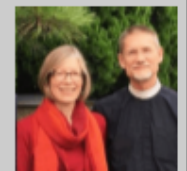


## Thank You from the Jastrams..

Yay! We are so happy to have you as part of our missionary team. Your support for LCMS mission work in Asia means a lot to us. Dan & Joan Jastram

Read the latest newsletter at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ybor5v9g>



## Mark Your Calendar...

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship...

Wednesday, November 21 @ 7:00 p.m.  
A special Thank-offering will be collected:



God commanded the Israelites to come to the temple once a year for a joyful celebration of the blessings God provided in the harvest. This harvest festival was called The Feast of Weeks.

*Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you. Deuteronomy 16:10*

With that in mind we will come together on Thanksgiving Eve for a special joyful celebration of the blessings God has provided us. We're each encouraged to bring a special freewill offering in proportion to how God has blessed us this past year.

Please pray about your Thank-offering proportion.. Use the special Thank-Offering envelope to make your Thank-Offering. (Your yearly Thank-Offerings can be given any Sunday, if you are not able to attend the Thanksgiving Eve service.)

*"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."*

King David in 1 Chronicles 29:14



### Pumpkin Pie Fellowship

After Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
We are serving pumpkin pie, or pumpkin dessert after the Thanksgiving service. Anyone wanting to bring a pie or dessert can contact me at text-books@tds.net or call me at 796-5605. Thanks!

### Confirmation Class

- Parents check the "Parent Helper" schedule for your dates to serve
- Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup is re-scheduled one final time for Saturday, Nov 17 - Weather permitting, of course!
- Will accompany the 3-5th graders on the Air Max outing, Nov. 28



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Thot for a day: Employment applications always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write "A good doctor!"

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3-5th Grade Group November Outing:  
AIRMAXX Trampoline Park in St. Cloud  
Wednesday, November 28  
We'll plan to leave church at 5:00 p.m.  
Sign Up at Church by November 21

### Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

Re-Scheduled for Saturday, November 17 @ 10:00 a.m.

( This is a Confirmation Class service project, but everyone is welcome to help !)



### Fall Voters' Assembly - November 18 after worship.



The purpose of the fall assembly is to approve both a 2019 budget and 2019 ministry goals. The Mission and Ministry Team came up with a set of recommended goals and a proposed budget at their September and October meetings.

### Operation Christmas Child dedication November 11th

The congregation and the children are invited to participate in

"Operation Christmas Child". Brochures, boxes and labels provided.

We will dedicate the shoe boxes during worship on November 11. The absolute last day for the boxes to be brought back to church, will be Wednesday, November 14th. If you need more info, go to [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). Thank you for partnering with Samaritans Purse, as we share God's love with children around the world.



### 18th Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal

November 22 from 11:00 - 1:00

The meal location this year is the New London Evangelical Covenant Church. The meal is for anyone who may not have a place to go, will be alone, or will not have the opportunity to enjoy a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day. There is no charge for the meal. You may call the Covenant Church (320-354-2446) to have a meal delivered to your home, if you are not able to attend.



## Opportunities for Growth...

"Cultures in Conflict"

**Sunday mornings @ 9:00**

The culture in Corinth conflicted greatly with the lifestyle that the Apostle Paul proclaimed to those who chose to follow Jesus. In the same way, the church today is called to proclaim the gospel in every environment, showing the world what it looks like when we give our lives to Jesus. Filmed on location in Israel and Greece Cultures in Conflict is part of the That the World May Know series.

# THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW.

**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."*



**Women's Study - Seamless**

**Wednesdays @ 6:30**

Our 'Seamless' study covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Come when you can. We are going through the New Testament this month.

**Men's Group Study**

**Tuesdays @ 6:30**

In Goliath Must Fall we'll find powerful insights from the Biblical story of David that will help you overcome your giants once and for all by fixing your eyes on the size of your God, not the size of your giant.



We've been reading 5 great stories of the Bible each week, in our homes since the beginning of October. God does amazing things in our homes and families

as we center our lives around the reading of His Word! The 5 weekly stories we read from the Bible are printed elsewhere in the Newsletter and in Sunday bulletins, along with discussion questions and

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Every day I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not there, I go to work.

That for a day:

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prayers to use in your family devotions.

**We still have a couple books for the Bring It Home readings!**

Know the Bible Now is a confidence-booster book that helps you embrace a fuller understanding of the biblical narrative. This highly visual Bible overview will put you on the fast track for understanding. The chapters combine 120 significant Scripture passages with easy-to-skim infographics that connect all of the Word to Jesus, from creation to Revelation.



130 Bible stories drawn directly from the Bible. Throughout this Bible, high quality realistic art from our Growing in Christ series is used to fully engage the reader. Unique features included in this Bible are discussion questions, learning activities, and prayers. These bring each story to life, making a meaningful and lasting impression on children from ages 3 to 8.



## National Youth Gathering Update:

1. We have 8 Youth registered to attend the Gathering!  
Andrew Sharp, Davis Rustad, George Arends-Schmidt, Hattie Herem, Lance Sawatzky, McCartney Knutson, Noah Miller and Ryland Engler.  
Adult leaders: Jason Miller and Kirsten Klose  
(and possibly Bryson Wachter)!

YAVs (Young Adult Volunteers): Alana Friehl & Michelle Johnson

2. Meeting for attendees & Parents -  
Sunday, November 11 @ 6pm  
We will plan fundraisers and pick Bible study times.



## 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 **Jesus Dying to Change Sinners into Saints!**

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



## Halloween @ Living Word...



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**That for a day:** I was thinking about old age and decided that it is when you still have something on the ball but you are just too tired to bounce it.

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## The Link November Newsletter 2018



In September, The Link Food Pantry served 64 households or 183 people with over 2,500 pounds of food! We have been seeing a steady increase in people needing food. We are going to ask for a specific food item of need each month. For the month of November, we need boxed stuffing/dressing. The Link has a food bin in the main entry of the Green Lake Mall by Teal's.

### Sponsor a family for Thanksgiving:

You can help a family have a blessed Thanksgiving by sponsoring a family or by donating food items that families enjoy during the holiday season! Examples include turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, vegetables and a desert of course! If you interested, please call Chasity at The Link!

### Christmas Choir Concert:

Mark your calendars for the Annual Christmas Choir Concert benefitting The Link on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm at Peace Lutheran Church. Participating Church Choirs (confirmed at this time): Faith Lutheran, Peace Lutheran, Our Lady of the Lakes, Hope Presbyterian. All churches or community members are invited to join in! Funds raised help support area children and families in need.

### The following open rehearsal dates/times are open to anyone wishing to participate:

- Hope Presbyterian Church: probably starting date Oct 10, rehearsing The Link music at the end of the rehearsal, from about 7:50-8:15; contact Maggie Harp to join the fun.
- Our Lady of the Lakes: Tuesdays October 2, 9, 23 & 30; November 13 @ 7:00 p.m
- Faith Lutheran Church: contact Dave Eliason to join the fun.
- Peace Lutheran Church: contact Julian Euteneuer to join the fun.

### Full rehearsals at Peace Lutheran Church for all members of the community choir

Sunday, November 25 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 1 Dress Rehearsals  
 9:00-10:00 a.m. Instruments  
 10:00-12:00 p.m. Choir with instruments  
 Sunday, December 9  
 1:45 pm warm-Up prior to concert

### Tuesday's Table:

November 6 – Our Lady of the Lakes Church  
 November 13<sup>th</sup> – Evangelical Covenant Church  
 November 20<sup>th</sup> – Faith Lutheran Church  
 November 27<sup>th</sup> – Peace Lutheran Church

Chasity Ommott, 320.354.5555, [outreach@youarethelink.org](mailto:outreach@youarethelink.org)

## Nov. 2018 - 5 Minute Daily Readings

Last month we began our *Bring It Home* readings, 5 readings per week, Monday - Friday. We've listed the readings that can be found in *The Story Bible* (TSB) and *Know the Bible Now* (KTBN). If you do the readings from the Bible you currently have, simply read the chapters listed on the KTBN line. Record your insights from these chapters on the lines provided.

### Week of NOVEMBER 4

- Nov 5 TSB: *Moses and the Plagues* Exodus 5-10 pg 104 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN *The 12 Spies*, Numbers 13-14 pg 76 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 6 TSB: *The Passover* Exodus 11-13 pg 107 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN *Water from a Rock & Fiery Serpents* Numbers 20-21 pg 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 7 TSB: *Crossing the Red Sea* Exodus 14-15 pg 110 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN *The Death of Moses* Deuteronomy 18,31 & 34 pg 82 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 8 TSB: *God provides Manna & Quail* Exodus 16 pg 115 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN *Rahab Hides the Spies* Joshua 1-2 pg 86 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 9 TSB: *The Ten Commandments* Exodus 19-20 pg 117 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN *Israel Enters the Promised Land* Joshua 3-5 pg 88 \_\_\_\_\_

### Week of NOVEMBER 11

- Nov 12 TSB: *The Ways of God* Exodus 33-34; 40 pg 121 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *The Fall of Jericho* Joshua 6 pg 90 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 13 TSB: *Twelve Spies in Canaan* Numbers 13-14 pg 124 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Deborah the Prophetess* Judges 2:4-5 pg 96 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 14 TSB: *The Bronze Serpent* Numbers 21;33 pg 127 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Gideon Defeats Midian* Judges 6-8 pg 98 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 15 TSB: *Good-bye Moses* Deuteronomy 18; 34 pg 130 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *God Makes Samson Strong* Judges 13, 15-16 pg 100 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 16 TSB: *Rahab Believes* Joshua 2 pg 134 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Ruth's Story* Ruth 1-4 pg 102 \_\_\_\_\_

### Week of NOVEMBER 18

- Nov 19 TSB: *Entering the Promised Land* Joshua 3-4 pg 54 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Hannah & Samuel* 1 Samuel 1-2 pg 106 \_\_\_\_\_

- Nov 20 TSB: *The Fall of Jericho* Joshua 6 pg 140 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *God Calls Samuel* 1 Samuel 2-4 pg 108 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 21 TSB: *Deborah the Prophetess* Judges 2,4 pg 143 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Saul Becomes King* 1 Samuel 8-11 pg 112 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 22 TSB: *The LORD Stops the Enemies* Judges 4-5 pg 146 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Samuel Anoints David* 1 Samuel 15-16 pg 114 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 23 TSB: *Gideon* Judges 6 pg 148 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *David Fights Goliath* 1 Samuel 17 pg 116 \_\_\_\_\_



### Week of NOVEMBER 25

- Nov 26 TSB: *A Sword for the LORD* Judges 7-8 pg 150 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *David & Jonathan* 1 Samuel 18 & 20 pg 118 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 27 TSB: *Samson* Judges 14-15 pg 153 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *God's Covenant with David* 2 Samuel 7 pg 122 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 28 TSB: *The LORD Makes Samson Strong* Judges 15-16 pg 155 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Solomon Becomes King* 1 Kings 2-3 pg 126 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 29 TSB: *Ruth Goes Home With Naomi* Ruth 1-2 pg 157 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Solomon Builds the Temple* 1 Kings 5-6,8 pg 130 \_\_\_\_\_
- Nov 30 TSB: *A Blessing for Ruth* Ruth 3-4 pg 161 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *God Provides for Elijah* 1 Kings 16-17 pg 134 \_\_\_\_\_

### Week of DECEMBER 2

- Dec 3 TSB: *Hannah's Prayer* 1 Samuel 1-2 pg 164 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Elijah & the Prophets of Baal* 1 Kings 18 pg 136 \_\_\_\_\_
- Dec 4 TSB: *God's Promise* 1 Samuel 2 pg 167 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *God Takes Elijah to Heaven* 1 Kings 19 & 2 Kings 2 pg 138 \_\_\_\_\_
- Dec 5 TSB: *Jacob Blesses God Calls Samuel* 1 Samuel 3 pg 169 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Naaman & Elisha* 2 Kings 5 pg 140 \_\_\_\_\_
- Dec 6 TSB: *Saul Becomes King* 1 Samuel 8-11 pg 172 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Jonah's Story* Jonah 1-4 pg 144 \_\_\_\_\_
- Dec 7 TSB: *Samuel Anoints David* 1 Samuel 16 pg 176 \_\_\_\_\_  
KTBN: *Isaiah Sees the Lord* Isaiah 6-7,9,53 pg 150 \_\_\_\_\_

# November 2018 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - - SUNDAY SCHOOL  10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	5	6  6:30 MEN'S GROUP	7  6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:00 CONFIRMATION 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #ff8c00; padding: 5px;"> <b>Lord's Supper Dates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday, November 4th</li> <li>Sunday, November 18th</li> </ul> </div>	
<b>11</b> OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  9:00 - ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/OCC Dedication 11:15 Fellowship  6:00 NYG YOUTH MEETING	12	13  6:30 MEN'S GROUP	14  6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:00 CONFIRMATION 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	15  MISSION <i>Ministry</i>  5:30 ELDERS' TEAM  6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	16	17  10:00 Adopt-a-Hwy  
<b>18</b> FALL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY  9:00 - ADULT STUDY - - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship  11:30 Fall Voters' Assembly 11:45 CHOIR REHEARSAL	19	20  6:30 MEN'S GROUP	21  7:00 THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP w/communion  Pumpkin Pie Fellowship following worship  	22	23	24
<b>25</b>  9:00 - ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP  11:15 Fellowship 11:45 CHOIR REHEARSAL	26	27  6:30 MEN'S GROUP	28  11:00 LWML Decorating  5:00 3-5th GRADE GROUP (Leaves for AIRMAXX) 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	29	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #ff8c00; padding: 5px;"> <b>Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: <a href="mailto:newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net">newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net</a></b> </div>	
<b>Dec 2</b>  9:00 - ADULT STUDY - - SUNDAY SCHOOL  10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	3	4  6:30 MEN'S GROUP	5  6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:00 CONFIRMATION 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	6	7  8:30 Circuit Pastors' Meeting @ Living Word	8

## Upcoming Schedules...

### Fellowship Servers

Nov 4	Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
Nov 11	Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
Nov 18	Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
Nov 25	Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen
Dec 2	Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
Dec 9	Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl
Dec 16	
Dec 23	Mike & Brooke Knutson
Dec 30	Nancy Jo Wendt & Tammy Fuglie

### Usher Schedule

Nov 4	Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
Nov 11	Brent & Lance Sawatzky
Nov 18	Jason & Noah Miller
Nov 25	Wendy & Lonny Robbin
Dec 2	Brady & Andrew Sharp
Dec 9	Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad
Dec 16	Wally Abraham and Joe Johnson
Dec 23	Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
Dec 30	Larry Levin

### Make A Meal Volunteers

Nov	Wachters & Nancy Jo Wendt
Dec	Wendy Robbin & Pam Johnson

### Elders

Nov 4/11	Keith Hanson / Joe Johnson
Nov 18/21/25	Jason Miller / Ed Vegdahl
Dec 2/9	Kevin Welsh / Keith Hanson
Dec 16/23/24	Joe Johnson / Jason Miller

### Custodian

November	Phil & Jean Lungstrom
December	Custodians needed

### Altar Guild

Nov	Mona Hjelle
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*Seen on Church Signboard...*

**Don't give up.  
Moses was once a basket case!**

That for a day: The next time you feel like complaining, remember: Your garbage disposal probably eats better than 30% of the people in this world.

Dec Nancy Jo Wendt

### Acolyte (little brothers & sisters)

Nov 4	Carter Foshaug
Nov 11	Toby Arends-Schmidt
Nov 18	Alex Meis
Nov 25	Carson Sawatzky
Dec 2	Addison Arends-Schmidt
Dec 9	Autumn Foshaug
Dec 16	Cody Wendt
Dec 23	Jonah Sharp
Dec 30	Rya Sharp

### Nursery

(more volunteers needed...)

Nov 4	Pam Johnson
Nov 11	Violet Dauk
Nov 18	Mona Hjelle
Nov 25	Laurie Hanson
Dec 2	Pam Johnson
Dec 9	Violet Dauk
Dec 16	Mona Hjelle
Dec 23	Laurie Hanson
Dec 30	Gwen Ruchti

### Scripture Readers

Nov 4	Tammy Wachter
Nov 11	Wendy Robbin
Nov 18	Linda Dilley

Nov 25	McCartney Knutson
Dec 2	Jason Miller
Dec 9	Mark Fuglie
Dec 16	Tammy Fuglie
Dec 23	Leone Quigley
Dec 30	Nykki Foshaug

### Accompanying Musicians

Nov 4	Sharon Willen
Nov 11	Scott Wachter
Nov 18	Pam Johnson
Thksvgv	TBA
Nov 25	Scott Wachter
Dec 2	Sharon Willen
Dec 9	Scott Wachter
Dec 16	Pam Johnson
Dec 23	Scott Wachter
Dec 24	TBA
Dec 30	Scott Wachter

### Confirmation Parent Helper

Nov 7	Sharp
Nov 14	Dahl
Nov 21	Macik
Nov 28	Trip to AIRMAXX - Drivers are needed!
Dec 5	Miller
Dec 12	Rustad
Dec 19	Sarsland

### **Can you help by providing Silent Auction items or Baked Goods for the Dale Olson family Benefit?**

If you have items you can donate, please talk with Pam Johnson. Please see the Dale Olson Benefit poster by Pastor's office for more details on the benefit which will be held at NL Legion on December 1



## November Discipleship Verse...

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; Give thanks to Him and praise His name.*  
Psalm 100:4



## Miscellaneous Notes...

### Food Pantry Reminder

Look for the container in the front of the church and place your donations there. Thanks for your support!!!!

### Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

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

- Read With Me Bibles for toddlers
- Bible-Story Activity Books
- November Newsletters
- Bring It Home Readings for the week
- Christians magazines & books
- Voter Guides
- LOTS More



### Sermons Now Available in Audio on our Website

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

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

10-7-18: "God's Word Is . . ."

10-14-18: "Whenever God calls you to do something..."

10-21-18: "Parenting Instructions from our Heavenly Father"

10-28-18: "What's the Deal?"



### 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.

### 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.

### Choir

Choir rehearsals for November are the 18th and the 25th. Come and be part of our Advent song for December 2nd. "O Magnify the Lord" And the Christmas Eve Service. Hope you can join us.



### Living Word Directory... NOW AVAILABLE Online.

Email [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) and he will send you a link to view the directory online.

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That for a day: Youth looks ahead, old age looks back, and middle age just looks tired.

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### 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.

### Get Your "Living Word" Apparel

We have 2 extra "Living Word Trap Shooting" caps available for \$15.00 each,



### Reminder: We Have 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

## Email Humor...

I have changed my system for labeling homemade freezer meals. I used to carefully note in large clear letters, "Meatloaf" or "Pot Roast" or "Steak and Vegetables" or "Chicken and Dumplings" or "Beef Pot Pie."

However, I used to get frustrated when I asked my husband what he wanted for dinner because he never asked for any of those things. So, I decided to stock the freezer with what he really likes.

If you look in my freezer now you'll see a whole new set of labels. You'll find dinners with neat little tags that say: "Whatever," "Anything," "I Don't Know," "I Don't Care," "Something Good," or "Food." Now no matter what my husband replies with when I ask him what he wants for dinner, I know that it is there waiting.

## Thank God for: Veterans

Veterans Day is November 11. A HUGE "Thank You" to all who have served our country. We are free to worship and live out our faith everyday because of you. God bless each of you!

## Election Reminders from God's Word...

*With the election coming up, it's not always easy to figure out who to vote for. What does God's Word have to say about electing leaders?*

Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:15-22 "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." Here Jesus sets down the principle that as Christians we have a duty to our government ("Caesar"). There are certain things we "owe" the officials who rule over us. Jesus gave this response to a specific question about taxes. So, yes, we owe our taxes to our government. That's how they pay for services provided to the citizens. But our obligation to our leaders doesn't stop there. We also owe...

Our prayers - specifically for our leaders and for laws that will enable us to live "peaceful, quiet, godly and dignified lives" and enable us to share the truth of the message of salvation that comes through Jesus Christ alone. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Our respect, honor, and submission to their authority - and thus, our obedience to their laws. (Romans 13:1-7)

The one exception to the "obedience" responsibility is when our rulers would make laws that would *force* us to disobey God. In that case we must say along with Peter and the other apostles in Acts 5:29 "We must obey God rather than men." (And, of course, be willing to suffer the consequences of that civil disobedience.)

Since we are to pray for the ability to live "godly" lives, it logically follows that we should, in a nation that allows our participation in government, use our voice and our vote to do everything we can to see that "godly" laws are put into effect and that "ungodly" laws (those contrary to what God has told us) are done away with.

Faithful Christians voting for godly laws is definitely a way of following God's command to "Love your neighbor," since ungodly laws are by definition harmful to our neighbor.

It may be obvious, but the requirement to give our voice and our vote also requires us to take the time to educate ourselves about the positions of the individuals seeking office and the political parties they represent.

I've found it interesting, enlightening - and in cases some 'scary' - to read the "action agendas" and "platforms" of the two largest politi-

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That for a day: Jesus paid the price. You get to keep the change.

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cal parties. I'd encourage each of you to read them as well. Here are the web links for both the major parties in Minnesota :

<http://mngop.com/about/>

<https://www.dfl.org/resources/documents/>

The Lutheran Voter Information Guide gives great questions to ask regarding the four areas our District advocates for on public policy matters:

1. Life Issues (e.g. abortion and assisted suicide)
2. Marriage and Sexuality
3. Religious Freedom
4. Parental Choice in Education

Copies are available at church or for download at:

<http://www.mnsdistrict.org/s/A-LUTHERAN-VOTER-INFORMATION-GUIDE-2018.pdf>

MN Family Council also has Voter Guides at [www.mnfamilyvoter.com](http://www.mnfamilyvoter.com)

**WE MUST REMEMBER** that voting won't convert hearts. Jesus didn't send his disciples out to "Take over governments" but rather to "Make disciples." Faithful followers of Jesus can never be *mandated* by governments, but can only be *cultivated* by the Holy Spirit through the sharing of the Gospel.

Finally, no matter which individuals and parties come into power we would do well to remember the message our government (at least for the time being) places on our currency: "In GOD we trust." No matter who wins, Jesus is still - and always will be - King of all kings. We know how the story of humanity ends: Jesus wins - and so do all who vote for Him with their trust!

## Sunday School...

This year we will Dig In to the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Classes for Pre-K through Grade 7 start at 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings

Classes & Teachers:

- Pre-K Lara Dahl
- Gr 1-2 Amanda Sharp
- Gr 3-4 Mona Hjelle
- Gr 5-6 Kari Sharp



## Opportunities to Serve...

### Provide Light Suppers for Confirmation students

We we'd like to provide a light supper (sandwiches, hot dogs, etc.) for the Confirmation students. Please talk to Pastor David if you could take a turn once a month providing this meal for six students.

### Custodians Needed for December & next year

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.

### 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.

**One More Fellowship Server Needed:** We are looking for someone to team up with another family to take a turn at serving snacks for after-worship fellowship time once every 2 months.

**One More Usher Needed:** To team up with another usher once every couple months. Talk to Pastor if you can help. Thanks!

### A Great Month To Use Our Make-A-Meal Program

One of the best (and simplest) ways to share Jesus' love is by making a meal for someone who is going through a tough time. Please use the Prayer and Care cards in the attendance pad at worship or call Pastor David or Meal Coordinator Linda Dilley if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Our November Make-a-Meal volunteers are Wachters & Nancy Jo Wendt

### 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.

### Donate to Living Word when you order from Amazon

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to Living Word. Use this link to have your purchases support Living Word: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1513306>



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Thot for a day: A person who can smile when things go wrong has found someone to blame it on.

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## Story Behind The Song...

### **Blessed Be Your Name**

by Matt & Beth Redman

Matt Redman is a contemporary worship artist and author born in Watford, Hertfordshire, UK, on February 14th, 1974. Since the age of 20, Redman has served various churches and movements as a worship leader, regularly leading with an acoustic guitar. Most notably, he is a worship artist associated with the Atlanta, GA-based Passion Conference, which is spearheaded by Louie and Shelley Giglio and regularly features other prominent worship artists such as Chris Tomlin, David Crowder, among others. The Passion Conferences draw thousands of college students and young adults each year and have produced many hymns.

Matt Redman is known for hymns such as "Better is One Day" (1995), "You Never Let Go" (2005), "10,000 Reasons" (2013). "Blessed Be Your Name" was penned in 2001, and was co-written with his wife, Beth, in part as a response to the tragedy of the September 11th attacks in the United States. While in California shortly after the attacks, the Redmans observed:

Blessed Be Your Name was written by songwriter and worship leader Matt Redman and his wife, Beth. Matt Redman shares more about the story behind the song in his book Blessed Be Your Name. Here is an excerpt from chapter two, "The Road Marked with Suffering":

On September 15, 2001, we flew into L.A. for the start of a sabbatical break in California. Four days earlier we'd watched with the rest of the world, gripped by those terrible, nation-shaking events of 9/11. Over the new few days and weeks in the U.S, as we watched the news, talked with neighbors and visited many different churches, the full effect of the terrorist attacks began to unfold before us. Brokenness was everywhere, and many people sought some kind of comfort in the church. Our landlady, which just weeks before had relocated to Manhattan, set foot inside a church building for the first time since her childhood. For the few weeks following those attacks, church attendance all over America went up dramatically.

During this time we had the privilege of visiting many different congregations. We were so inspired and impressed by the preachers. Virtually everywhere we went, pastors delivered biblical and powerful sermons, speaking into the pain of the nation. They eloquently and powerfully expressed the heart of God over a shocked and vulnerable people- and reminded them of His strength and sovereignty. But nearly everywhere we visited, a worrying question began to arise: Where were the song-writers at such a time as this? Where were the musical poets and

prophets to help the people of God find a voice in worship at this tragic time? The truth was, in most places we visited (or led worship in), there was a distinct lack of songs appropriate for this time. As song-writers and lead worshipers, we had a few expressions of hope at our dismal; but when it came to expressions of pain and lament, we had very little vocabulary to give voice to our heart cries... The truth is, the Church of God needs her songs of lament just as much as she needs her songs of victory. 1

It is easy to bless ("praise" or "thank") God when "all is right with the world" - or at least our part of that world. The real challenge comes when our world is "falling apart." Blessed Be Your Name calls to mind passages like this one from Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIV):

Though the fig tree does not bud  
and there are no grapes on the vines,  
though the olive crop fails  
and the fields produce no food,  
though there are no sheep in the pen  
and no cattle in the stalls,  
yet I will rejoice in the Lord,  
I will be joyful in God my Savior.  
The Sovereign Lord is my strength;  
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,  
he enables me to tread on the heights.

**The lyrics:**

Blessed Be Your Name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed Be Your name

[Pre-Chorus]  
Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

[Chorus]  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

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**Thot for a day:** Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace.

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[Verse 2]  
Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's 'all as it should be'  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

[Bridge]  
You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name

1 Matt and Beth Redman, "Blessed Be Your Name: You Give and Take Away, My Heart Will Choose to Say," (Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 2008), 34.

**Editor's note:** Watch Matt Redman perform his song at  
<https://youtu.be/97BkQJhzPzg>

