



**June 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...

### *How old will we be in heaven ?*

At both Men's Study and Sunday Morning Study, we've been taking a look at the book of Revelation. In Revelation, maybe more than in any other book of the Bible, God tells us about eternity - what we typically refer to as "heaven."



As we looked at the final four chapters of Revelation in Men's Study this past week, we were again reminded that all those who believe in Jesus will spend eternity living in our resurrected *physical* bodies. We will live in these perfectly-restored physical bodies on a perfectly-restored earth (not floating on clouds, strumming on harps)!

While we were talking about this eternal life on an earth that has been restored to its original "Garden of Eden" condition, the question above was posed.

Unfortunately, my answer was a simple, "I don't know." This is one of many things about heaven that we're curious about, but that God has not told us about. I could make a guess at an answer, but that's all it would be - a guess. So, we'd best leave it at "God knows. So we know it will be the perfect age, and we'll find out what that is when we get there."

What we found in Revelation is that God most often describes heaven not by telling us what *will* be there, but by letting us know *what will NOT be there*:

There will be no pain, tears, crying, death, mourning, sin, evil, evildoers or Satan. Nothing that causes fear or sadness!!!

Living, as we do, in a world that has been messed up by sin and Satan, it truly is hard to imagine a place with absolutely nothing but good. Yet that's exactly what eternity will be for those 'whose names are written in the Book of Life' through faith in Jesus who paid for all our sins!

One thing we do know for certain that will be in eternity: God! Physically and visibly present with His people - just like in the beginning in the

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Garden of Eden. That's something to look forward to - whatever age we will be!

Thanks for Asking,  
Pastor David

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

## 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.

## How to Calm Anxiety & Stress...

Presented by Jim Otremba, M.Div, M.S., LICSW

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Come and Discover:

- How stress is inevitable but anxiety is optional (it depends on what we do with our daily stress).
- The healing effect of associations and how the body can stay calm in the midst of stress.
- Lessons from your family of origin and (most especially) your Origin of family (God).
- More Christian truths to calm stress and anxiety.
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Registration: \$35.00 (Lunch and resources included)

Deadline to register: June 1, 2018

Saturday, June 9, 2018

Concordia Lutheran Church, 13455 Bluffton Road

South Haven, Mn 55382

For more info check out the poster at church.

## Opportunities for Growth...

**Sunday Morning Study @ 9:00**

**Men's Study - Tuesdays @ 6:30\***

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

Please Join us - on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 or our Men's Study on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 -to learn the blessings God promises for reading



**Daily Bible readings:**

The Resurrection-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

## National Youth Gathering...

**UPDATE:**

**Registration for the 2018 National Lutheran Youth Workers Conference is OPEN**



Dates: July 8-11, 2018

Registration: \$375.00

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Each #NATIONAL18 adult registration provides for a complimentary adult leader registration for the 2019 LCMS Youth Gathering.

For more information and the link to register, please visit

<https://calendar.lcms.org/event/2018-national-lutheran-youth-workers-conference/>

**Fundraiser Updates: Garage Sale netted \$1300 ! THANKS !!**

**Adult Leader Webinars:**

Gathering Webinar - Setting Up a One Year Gathering Plan

Monthly Gathering webinars will be held on the first Thursday of every month. Join us from 12 - 1 pm (CST) with Gathering planners and Adult Leaders from across the country. With just over a year until #NYG2019, Cassie Moore (DCE), John Hoffman (DCE) and Anne Franklin discuss the ins and outs of Gathering planning and answer your questions. Download the 12 Month Gathering Planning Timeline to follow along with the webinar conversation.

Date: Thursday, June 7 Time: 12 - 1 pm (CST)

Register:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/2615260498825/WN\\_hNWn8uW3SI0ZWwC2kSq72A](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/2615260498825/WN_hNWn8uW3SI0ZWwC2kSq72A)

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Thot for a day: I'm absolutely convinced the socks that go missing from the dryer turn into extra Tupperware lids.

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## Just For Fun...



# Just for KIDS

## Bugs in the Bible



Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests - bugs! Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6	Exodus 16:20
Psalms 78:45	1 Sam. 24:14
Matt. 23:24	Isaiah 50:9
Judges 14:6	Isaiah 59:5
Acts 12:23	Leviticus 11:22
Leviticus 11:22	Leviticus 11:22
Leviticus 11:22	
Deuteronomy 7:20	



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T	E	C	L	O	C	U	S	T	D	T
S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S

Answer ant, flies, gnats, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket



## Relay For Life...

... is a fun-filled event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. Everyone is welcome as there are fun activities for all ages!

When someone is diagnosed with cancer, it impacts everyone – mothers, daughters, fathers, sons, grandparents, neighbors, and friends. It is a terrible, destructive disease that wreaks havoc on the lives of those we love and care about, and something must be done to stop it.

That's why on July 20th, our community will come together at the 25th Annual Relay for Life of Kandiyohi County to help the American Cancer Society save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. As a part of our community, we would be honored to have you help us in this fight.

There are many options to get involved: start a team, join a team, help fundraise, volunteer at the event or just have fun while attending the event and supporting the Relay for Life of Kandiyohi County.

More information on the event can be found on Facebook by searching Relay for Life of Kandiyohi County or by going to the website at <http://www.relayforlife.org/kandiyohimn>

Please contact Tanya Rosenau at 320-295-2177 or [jolene1982@hotmail.com](mailto:jolene1982@hotmail.com) if you'd like to become involved in this year's 25th Annual Relay for Life of Kandiyohi County.



## Mark Your Calendars...

### Tuesday's Table

will be at Living Word - July 31

We will have a **Planning Meeting June 24**, after Worship.

Talk to Pastor David if you could be part of a group to plan this event. We'd like to have at least **five people**.



**VBS...**

**Coming in August:**  
**Vacation Bible School**

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Thot for a day: : Thank the Lord for Facebook. Otherwise I'd have to call 674 people every day to tell them I just ate for lunch.

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## Thanks...

For a successful Garage Sale (A National Youth Gathering fund-raiser)

**We brought in \$1300 !!!!**

A HUGE "Thank You" to...

- Everyone who brought stuff!
- Everyone who bought stuff!
- Everyone who helped out!
- Brooke Knutson for organizing the whole thing!!!



## Playground Planning...

Our playground is in need of renovation.

Parents and Grandparents interested in putting together some plans for renovating the playground, please come **THURSDAY, JUNE 7 @ 6:30** and help us put together a plan to make it happen early this summer.

If you'd like to help, but can't make it on the 7<sup>th</sup>, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!

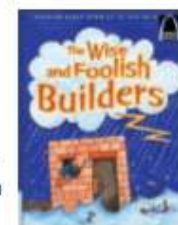


## Community Outreach...

### New London Water Days

We have been granted funds from Thrivent to go towards buying Arch books (125 different Bible stories) to give out at the parade. The parade will be on July 21. Please see me if you have ideas for decorating the float!

If you are a Thrivent member you can apply for funds for specific projects. See me if you have questions or ideas. Thanks! Ruth Vegdahl



## Sunday School THANKS . . .



... to teachers:

Lara Dahl, Amanda Sharp, Mona Hjelle, Kari Sharp & assistant Alana Frieht!

- Thanks to the students!
- Thanks to parents & grandparents who brought them!
- Special Thanks to Amanda for organizing us all year!

## Miscellaneous Notes...

### Food Pantry Reminder

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
- Today's Light Bible for adults
- Kids' drinking cups
- Bible Activity Booklets for Children
- June Living Word newsletters
- June Daily Bible readings
- 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](http://livingwordlutheran.net) home page)



- April 29 Living Life On Purpose - God's Purpose
- May 13 The Only Label You Need to Put on People
- May 20 Why Wait For God ?
- May 27 Follow the Example Set by the Trinity

### 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.

### The Link STILL needs homemade pies...

...to make Rib Fest a success. Rib Fest goes through 150+ pies!

Rib Fest is The Link's biggest fundraising event of the year!

Please contact Chasity at 320.354.5555 for more info or to get added to the pie-makers list! Thanks!

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That for a day: Light travels faster than sound - that's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

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

### Summer 2018 Lutheran Island Camp brochures available

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



### Church-League Softball

Thanks to everyone who played and coached over the past ten years. This year we were not able to get enough members to form a team.

### TRAP-SHOOTING FELLOWSHIP

Tentative start date: Wednesday, June 13 @ 6pm.  
Then every 2nd & 4th Wednesday during summer months



### 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.

## You're Invited...

.The Congregation is Invited to Alana Friehl's Graduation Open House

When: Saturday, June 16, noon to 4:00 p.m.

Where: At her home - 1401 4th Ave North, Sartell, MN 56377



## June 2018 - Daily Readings

Readings this week focus on **Our HEAVENLY FATHER**

June 3 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

June 4 Psalm 68:4-6 \_\_\_\_\_

June 5 Matthew 6:6-15 \_\_\_\_\_

June 6 Matthew 7:9-12 \_\_\_\_\_

June 7 1 Peter 1:13-10 \_\_\_\_\_

June 8 John 14:6-11 \_\_\_\_\_

June 9 John 14:23-24 \_\_\_\_\_

Readings this week focus on **GODLY EXAMPLES from FATHERS in the Bible**

June 10 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

June 11 Matthew 2:13-15 \_\_\_\_\_

June 12 Judges 13:6-8 \_\_\_\_\_

June 13 Genesis 18:18-19 \_\_\_\_\_

June 14 1 Kings 2:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

June 15 Acts 10:12 \_\_\_\_\_

June 16 Luke 15:11-32 \_\_\_\_\_

Readings this week focus on **INSTRUCTIONS to FATHERS / PARENTS**

June 17 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

June 18 Luke 11:11-13 \_\_\_\_\_

June 19 Hebrew 12:5-11 \_\_\_\_\_

June 20 Colossians 3:21 \_\_\_\_\_

June 21 Luke 1:13-17 \_\_\_\_\_

June 22 Deuteronomy 4:9 \_\_\_\_\_

June 23 Proverbs 10:1 \_\_\_\_\_

Readings this week focus on **MORE Instructions for FATHERS / PARENTS**

June 24 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

June 25 Proverbs 22:6 \_\_\_\_\_

June 26 Proverbs 19:18 \_\_\_\_\_

June 27 Deuteronomy 31:12-13 \_\_\_\_\_

June 28 Deuteronomy 6:4-12 \_\_\_\_\_

June 29 2 Corinthians 12:14 \_\_\_\_\_

June 30 Ephesians 6:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Readings this week focus on **FREEDOM**

July 1 Use today to worship and catch up on any readings you missed last week

July 2 1 Corinthians 8:9 \_\_\_\_\_

July 3 1 Peter 2:11-16 \_\_\_\_\_






July 4 Romans 8:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

July 5 John 8:31-36 \_\_\_\_\_

July 6 Luke 4:14-21 \_\_\_\_\_

July 7 2 Corinthians 3:17-28 \_\_\_\_\_

# June 2018 - Living Word Church Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9:00 <b>ADULT STUDY</b> - 10:00 <b>WORSHIP</b> w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS 6:00 <b>MEN'S WORK PROJECT</b>	<b>6</b> CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP	<b>7</b> 5:30 MMT Special Mtg 6:30 PLAYGROUND PLANNING MTG	<b>8</b> 11:00 Donald Wendt Burial Service	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:00 <b>ADULT STUDY</b> - 10:00 <b>WORSHIP</b> 11:30 Fellowship / Sawatzky Confirmation Reception	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 <b>MEN'S WORK PROJECT</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP 6:00 -TRAP FELLOWSHIP	<div> <b>Lord's Supper Dates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday, June 3rd</li> <li>Sunday, June 17th</li> </ul> </div>		<b>16</b> noon - 4:00 Alana Friebl Grad Open House
<b>17</b> FATHERS' DAY 9:00 <b>ADULT STUDY</b> - 10:00 <b>WORSHIP</b> w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	<b>18</b>  Happy Fathers Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP	<b>21</b> <i>MISSION Ministry</i> 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	<b>22</b>	
<b>24</b> 9:00 <b>ADULT STUDY</b> - 10:00 <b>WORSHIP</b> 11:15 Fellowship 11:30 "TUESDAY'S TABLE" PLANNING	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  6:00 - PRAYER GROUP 6:00 -TRAP FELLOWSHIP	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>July 1</b> 9:00 <b>ADULT STUDY</b> - 10:00 <b>WORSHIP</b> w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	<b>July 2</b>	<b>July 3</b>	<b>July 4</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY 	<b>July 5</b>	<b>July 6</b>	<b>July 7</b>

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[newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net)

## Upcoming Schedules...

### Fellowship Servers

June 3 Leone & Kerry Quigley  
 June 10 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore  
 June 17 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller  
 June 24 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham

July 1 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson  
 July 8 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen  
 July 15 Mike & Brooke Knutson  
 July 22 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson  
 July 29 Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl

### Usher Schedule

June 3 Brent & Lance Sawatzky  
 June 10 Jason & Levi Miller  
 June 17 Bo & George Arends-Schmidt  
 June 24 Wendy & Lonny Robbin

July 1 Brady & Andrew Sharp  
 July 8 Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad  
 July 15 Wally Abraham and Joe Johnson  
 July 22 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer  
 July 29 Larry Levin

### Make A Meal Volunteers

June Nancy Jo Wendy & Wendy Robbin  
 July Pam Johnson & Donna Peterson

### Elders

June 3/10 Keith Hanson & Joe Johnson  
 June 17/24 Jason Miller & Ed Vegdahl

July 1/8 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson  
 July 15/22/29 Joe Johnson & Jason Miller

### Custodian

June Custodians needed  
 July Custodians needed

*Seen on Church Signboard...*

**"The person who stole our  
 A/C unit is really going to need it!"**

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**Thot for a day:** When I was a kid, we walked 10 miles to school every day, uphill, often in the rain or snow. Man, did we feel stupid when we found out there was a bus.

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### Altar Guild

Jun Nancy Jo Wendt  
 July Mona Hjelle

July 22 Laurie Hanson  
 July 29 Gwen Ruchti

### Scripture Readers

**Acolyte** (little brothers & sisters)  
 June 3 Addison Arends-Schmidt  
 June 10 Gage Dahl  
 June 17 Levi Miller  
 June 24 Eli Sharp

June 3 Leone Quigley  
 June 10 Confirmands  
 June 17 Nykki Foshaug  
 June 24 Mona Hjelle

July 1 Alison Sarsland  
 July 8 Zoe Rustad  
 July 15 Lexi Macik  
 July 22 Alex Meis  
 July 29 Carson Sawatzky

July 1 Sarah Olson  
 July 8 Kevin Welsh  
 July 15 Laurel Iverson  
 July 22 Tammy Wachter  
 July 29 Ruth Vegdahl

### Accompanying Musicians

### Nursery

(more volunteers needed...)

June 3 Pam Johnson  
 June 10 Violet Dauk  
 June 17 Mona Hjelle  
 June 24 Laurie Hanson

June 3 Sharon Willen  
 June 10 Scott Wachter  
 June 17 Pam Johnson  
 June 24 Scott Wachter

July 1 Pam John  
 July 8 Violet Dauk  
 July 15 Mona Hjelle

July 1 Sharon Willen  
 July 8 Scott Wachter  
 July 15 Pam Johnson  
 July 22 Scott Wachter  
 July 29 Scott Wachter

## Church Mice

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## June Discipleship Verse...

*"...live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.."*

Colossians 1:10



## Opportunities to Serve...

### Chaperone a Fun Event for:

4-6th Graders or The Confirmation Group  
We'd like to have a fun outing (something within an hour's drive) for our 4-6th Grade Youth Group in June. Please talk to Pastor David or Lyndsay Ampe if you could help. THANKS!



### Custodians Needed for June & July

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. Thanks! Our June Make-a-Meal volunteers are Nancy Jo Wendt & Wendy Robbin

### Help Plan Our PLAYGROUND RENOVATION.

Join us on Thursday, June 7 at 6:30!

### 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.

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**Thot for a day:** You may not always know the details of your journey or clearly see where the trail is leading, but God will always give you enough light to take the next step.

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### Help Plan Our TUESDAY'S TABLE Event.

We'll meet after worship on June 24 to plan for the July 31st event.



### **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 a successful Garage Sale Fundraiser May 25-26
- A 'full slate' of attendees & volunteers for the National Youth Gathering
- Thanking God for everyone involved in our Sunday School program
- Thanking God for all the kids in our church - and all we learn from them
- The Spirit to continue the work begun at the Women's Retreat
- Protection for farmers and construction workers
- Protection as the summer travel season begins
- Thanking God for all who gave their lives in service to our country
- 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

## Email Humor...

Some race horses are boasting about their track records.

The first horse says, "In my last 15 races, I've won 8 of them!"

The second says, "In my last 27, I've won 19!"

"Oh that's good," says the third, "but in my last 36, I've won 28!"

At this point a greyhound dog speaks up. "I don't mean to brag," says the greyhound, "but in my last 90 races, I've won 88 of them!"

The horses are clearly amazed.

"Wow!" says one, after a hushed silence. "A talking dog!"

## E-mail Wisdom....

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott in reference to the increase in school shootings: *"The problem is not guns. The problem is hearts without God."*

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The following is excerpted from the article *"Slow to Write: Restraint isn't popular in journalism or in life, but it's often the way to the truth,"* as printed in World Magazine:

I've begun to think about a verse from Proverbs 30: **"Every word of God proves true. ..."**

Do we grasp how astounding this is?

In a culture blazing full of nonstop tweets, news feeds, blog posts, podcasts, and television hosts saying so many words that we're often not sure what's true anymore, it's awe-inducing to consider:

*EVERY word of God proves true.*

It sets a high standard for our own speech: We should strive to speak only truthful words, and to speak them in love. That takes a lot of work, and we often fail.

But the second half of the verse in Proverbs also adds a comfort: **"He is a shield to those who take refuge in him."**

When our words are either sinful or mistaken, the God of perfect truth is also a God of grace to those who seek Him in Christ. The difficulty of speaking true words—and the regret of speaking untrue or unkind ones—should cause us to stand in awe of a God whose words are always true, AND who forgives us when ours fail again!

The Proverbs are full of warnings about words, including many admonitions to just shut up sometimes. There's a time to speak and a time to be silent. Wisdom requires knowing the time, or at least trying to make the distinction.

Every torrent of words flowing online doesn't require a response, even if it seems urgent in the moment and everyone else is commenting. Other times, it's unwise to stay quiet.

How do we decide?

Often case by case, both in journalism and everyday life, but here's a template I find helpful from another verse in Proverbs: **"There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."**

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Thot for a day: Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

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Are my words aimed at inflicting another blow, or are they aimed at promoting the good of others, even when it requires saying hard things? That's another high standard we often miss, but one that will bring us closer to becoming like Christ, who lived a perfect life in a time just as sinful as ours.

I'm convicted even as I think about it, but I'm glad to know this: God had the first word, as He spoke the world into existence, and He will have the final word, when His Son—the Word made flesh—returns to judge the earth and make all things new, including our patterns of speech.

I'm glad those words are true.

## Confirmation...

Confirmation: June 10

Celebrate with these young people as they profess faith in Jesus:

- George Arends-Schmidt
- Ryland Engler
- Carson Jaspersen
- McCartney Knutson
- Noah Miller
- Davis Rustad
- Lance Sawatzky
- Andrew Sharp



Their statements of faith will be included in the July Newsletter

### The Congregation is Invited . . .

... to stay after the Confirmation Service for a combined fellowship / reception for Lance Sawatzky !

## Congratulations

- Chad & Mikayla Evenson on the Birth of your son Ezra !
- Dominic Evenson on your Baptism into the family of God !
- Gary & Wendy Steffensen on your Wedding !

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



## Email Inspiration...

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." — Mark 9:23

The word "impossible" occurs nine times in the New King James Version of the Bible. For example:

Matthew 19:26: (In answer to the disciples' question, "Who then can be saved?" **"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."**)

Luke 1:37: (To Mary who didn't understand how she could give birth to the Messiah when she was a virgin:) **"With God nothing will be impossible."**

These passages demonstrate how important it is to cast our impossibilities in God's hands. Just as He parted the sea for Israel, reversed the events in Esther, raised Jesus from the dead, and converted Saul of Tarsus, God is capable of reversing our irreversible problems.

What IS Possible?

There is a part of the Christian church that has adopted a slogan from the secular self-help movement: "If you can conceive it and believe it, you can achieve it!" If you can conceive of yourself as an astronaut or a star player in the NBA, and believe it with all your heart, are you likely to achieve such a goal? The answer for most adults is no.

Our beliefs and possibilities have to be in line with the will of God. That's how Jesus lived His life and how He taught His disciples to live (John 5:30). When our lives are lived in obedience to God's will, nothing is impossible. Dream big — but dream biblically!

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## Thank God For...

You've seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For..."  
This past month we thanked God for...

- Green !
  - Moms !
  - Wendy & Gary Steffensen - united in marriage !
  - Garage Sales !
  - All who died so we might live !
- Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence next month.



## JUNE NEWS

206 N. Main St. New London, MN 56273 | 320.354.5555 or 354.LINK | [www.youarethelink.org](http://www.youarethelink.org)  
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### Rib Fest:

The 5th Annual "Smokin' for The Link" Rib Fest is Sunday, June 10th at Goat Ridge Brewing Co. Come join the fun and enjoy delicious ribs, decadent pies, awesome music and a new venue!

We are in need of more homemade fruit pies!

### Just the Basics Impact:

Because of your support, along with the community, local churches and service clubs, the "Just the Basics" distribution was able to connect families with household and hygiene items, helping families stretch their tight budget.

- 101 households were served or 284 people (180 adults and 104 children)

### Thank you for being a hero to the kids in our community!

Your support of the Wildcat Backpack Program has provided weekend food to students in the New London-Spicer Schools. Because of the generosity of people like you, The Link is providing a summer food pack for the student that received backpacks during the school year.

Quote from teacher aide: In December, I helped a new student get signed up for the Wildcat Backpack Program. When he saw the food package in his backpack, he came to me and asked, "Is this ALL for me?" Smiles and excitement were brimming from this young boy!

Thank you for making this program possible—your support helped students arrive at school each Monday, fed and ready to learn.

### The Link Newsletter Changes

The Link will be transitioning from a monthly newsletter to a quarterly newsletter beginning this July.

### "Rib Fest"

Sunday, June 10, 2018  
Goat Ridge Brewing Co.

**Food Pantry & Household Exchange Hours of Operation and Donations:**

Tuesday: 9 am - 3 pm  
Thursday: 9 am - 3 pm  
3rd Wednesday:  
4 pm - 7 pm

### Revive + Redeem

Boutique / Thrift Hours:

Tuesday: 9 am - 3 pm  
Thursday: 9 am - 3 pm

Special Weekend  
June 8th, 10 am to 3 pm  
June 9th, 9 am to 1 pm



"Dump Out Hunger" generates 2,843 pounds of food.

### Tuesday's Table

June 5th: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church  
June 12th: Evangelical Covenant Church  
June 19th: Faith Lutheran Church  
June 26th: Peace Lutheran Church  
Food, Friends, Fellowship.

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



## Story Behind The Song...

### "Jesus Paid It All"

[From Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan]

It was Sunday morning at Monument Street Methodist Church in Baltimore. Re. George Schrick was leading a lengthy prayer while, up in the choir loft, Elvina Hall's mind was wandering. She thumbed quietly through the hymnbook, then began doodling on the flyleaf. By and by, these words came to her - words she scribbled on the front flap of her hymnal:

*I hear my Savior say / Thy strength indeed is small  
Thou has naught My debt to pay, / Find in Me thy all in all.  
Yea, nothing good have I, / Whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white / In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.*

*And now complete in Him, / My robe His righteousness,  
Close sheltered 'neath His side, / I am divinely blest*

*When from my dying bed / My ransomed soul shall rise  
Jesus paid it all / Shall rend the vaulted skies.*

Elvina's poem came into the hands of John T. Grape, a coal merchant who also served as church organist. As it happened, the church was being renovated, and the small organ had been taken to Grape's house for safekeeping. It was there that he composed the music for "Jesus Paid It All."

Through the years, the words of this hymn have been edited and altered, but its great theme of redemption has remained untouched!

**Editor's note:** I enjoy the version by the Newsboys at <https://youtu.be/Hs05AtP2vd8>

Or listen to Crowder at <https://youtu.be/vP-Nxcfo3lo>

### Church Mice



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That for a day: "Patience is better than pride" (Ecclesiastes 7:8). Of course, there's some part of me that would like to have both.

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## Idle Thoughts of a Retired Person...

- I had amnesia once -- or was it twice?
- All I ask is a chance to *prove* that money can't make me happy.
- What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?!!
- Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto a freeway.
- Two can live as cheaply as one, for half as long.
- A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.
- What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
- How can there be *self-help* "groups"?
- Is there another word for synonym?
- Is Marx's tomb a communist plot?
- If swimming is so good for your figure, how do you explain whales?
- Is it my imagination, or do *buffalo* wings taste like chicken?

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Jacob gives Joseph the coat of many colors.  
**Ge 37** Moral of the story.. dads don't know fashion.