

  
**Living Word**  
**Lutheran Church**  
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**July 2019 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 the people who believe in something other than Jesus end up going wherever they believe?"

This is a great question from one of our Sunday School kids!



When I was in grade school the world was a different place! (One of the confirmation students asked me if I was around when President Lincoln was shot. It has been a loooooong time since I was in grade school, but not that long.) Pretty much everyone I knew was a Christian - or at least belonged to a Christian church. That's not the case today. Not even close! Kids are exposed to pretty much every kind of spiritual belief you could imagine.

With so many "gods" a person can believe in, the idea "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere in your belief," is very popular. Similar to the idea "All roads (beliefs) lead to the same destination (heaven)."

Those ideas stem from our desire to have everyone go to heaven. That's a great desire! Those ideas also grow out of our natural aversion to telling someone that they aren't right. We want to be "liked," and telling someone that what they believe is "just plain wrong" is not a great way to get people to like you.

Our assignment is to do what I encouraged the kids to do in the Children's Message on Easter Sunday: "Tell your peeps!" Tell your people (friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, classmates, etc...) that Jesus is The Answer to all of our spiritual seeking.

You see, it's not enough to just seek the truth if your search ends at the wrong place! For example, when the teacher asks "What does 2 + 2 equal?" all the students will be seeking the right answer. (And there is only one right answer!) If someone's search for the right answer leads them to say, "Three!" instead of "Four" we would say that it's good that they were seeking, but they still got it wrong!

The truly caring thing to do in that situation would NOT be to say, "If 'three' is what you believe, then that's wonderful." Rather, the caring

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thing would be to point out that the answer is 'four' and then show the person why that is the right answer.

The same is true of our search for spiritual truth. The truly caring, loving thing is to point people to the right answer - NOT leave them holding on to a wrong answer!

On Easter we celebrated the event that proves Jesus is the "right answer" to the question, "Which is the right God to put your faith in?" Jesus claimed to be God and the only way to eternity. He's not alone in that claim. Countless people have done the same. What makes Jesus different is this: He is the only one who walked out of His grave thereby validating the truth of His claims.

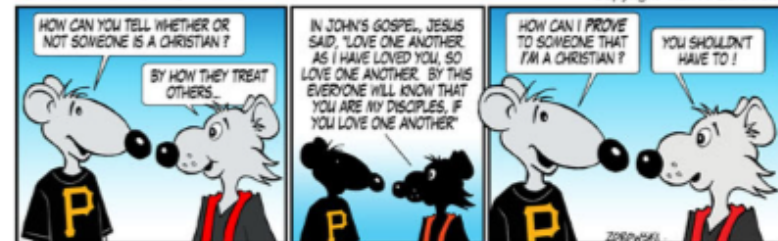
That's enough of an answer for this month. Part 2 next month.

Thanks for Asking  
Pastor David

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

## Church Mice

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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..." 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 for



- The Link and Ribs!
- Our Heavenly Father!
- Summer!
- A.C.!

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence during July

## Opportunities for Growth...

"The Holy Land"

**Sunday mornings @ 9:00**

Filmed on site in the Holy Land. Lessons from God's Word on living as a Christian in the midst of a non-Christian society."

Please join us for coffee, goodies and study!

**MEET FOR PRAYER -**

**WEDNESDAYS @ 6 p.m. at church**

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

THAT THE  
WORLD  
MAY KNOW.



**Women's Study**

**Wednesdays @ 6:30**

Is on "Summer Break" - back in September

**Men's Group Study—Tuesdays @ 6:30**

Is on "Summer Break" - back in September

## Email Humor...

On a test, the confirmation student was asked to list the Ten Commandments in any order.

He wrote: "3, 6, 1, 8, 4, 5, 9, 2, 10, 7."

*Pastor David's Note: I didn't write this "funny," but I can tell you from experience that it is not a unique response to that question!*

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The minister's little six-year-old girl had been so naughty during the week that her mother decided to give her the worst kind of punishment. She told her she couldn't go to the Sunday School Picnic on Sunday.

When the day came, her mother felt she had been too harsh and changed her mind. When she told the little girl she could go to the picnic, the child's reaction was one of gloom and unhappiness.

"What's the matter? I thought you'd be glad to go to the picnic," her mother said.

"It's too late! the little girl said. "I've already prayed for rain."

*Pastor David's Note: This "funny" could have just as easily been placed in the "Inspiration" section. The little girl's absolute trust in God's ability to answer her prayer is truly inspiring!*

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Thot for a day: When people complain that they don't get what they deserve, they don't know how fortunate they are.

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## LWML...

**PIE OUTREACH:** We have been making pies and planning for the New London Music Festival Pie and Ice Cream outreach. Next pies to make are apple and peach. Anyone with apples, or peaches to donate, please contact Bonnie Hansen at 796-5605.

**SHOES FOIR MISSIONS:** We are collecting used shoes in very good condition (clean with no holes or tears) to donate as a fundraiser for Lutheran Island Camp. Shoes can be baby through adult sizes. Flip flops, tennis shoes, boots, women's dress shoes, are accepted. They request that each pair of shoes be rubber banded. Also please make sure that shoes that require laces, have them. There will be a collection box at church. Lutheran Island Camp receives payment from a company, who then refurbishes them, and donates them to people in third world countries. This is an on-going fundraiser for the camp, and the shoes will be delivered from time to time to the camp.

**YOUTH CAMPER SPONSORSHIPS FOR LUTHERAN CAMP:** We voted to sponsor \$50.00 per child for Lutheran Island Camp

**HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER:** Discussed how we could help by donating baby clothing. More details to follow...

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, September 11th, at church. At this meeting we will be electing new officers. All offices will be up for election. Please consider the Lord's calling in accepting a position in the LWML. NOTE: There will be no LWML meeting in either July or August, due to busy schedules, and pie baking (when apples and peaches become available, we will get together and do baking).

Also, at the September meeting we will be discussing and deciding meeting times (evening or daytime), and where we wan to meet, as well as what we would like to accomplish as a society.

## Spring Voter's Assembly...

Elected these members to serve two-year terms on our Mission and Ministry Team:

- Vice Chairman - Tim Geer
- Stewardship - (Position remains open)
- Treasurer - Patty Wroblewski
- Elders (two): - Kevin Welsh & Joe Johnson
- Christian Growth - Sunday School - Wendy Robbin
- Congregational Outreach - Marcia Welsh



## The Link...

### July 2019 Updates

**Rib Fest Update:** The 6th Annual "Smokin' for The Link" Rib Fest was an amazing day of commu-

nity and the culmination of hundreds of hours of volunteer time and effort to help children, families and seniors in need. Even though it was a great day, as many of you may have heard \$9,200 went missing from the event. The incident was reported to the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Department as a theft. Thank you to everyone that has been reaching out with information and support. As we continue to look for answers and leads, here are ways you can help:

- Submit photos or video through Facebook messenger to The Link. We are looking for photos/video from a time frame of 4 pm - 5 pm.
- If you saw something suspicious at the event, please contact the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Department at 320.214.6700, x 3341.
- If you paid for your ticket at the event by check, please watch your checking account for fraudulent activity.
- Pray that the funds are recovered as the needs of our neighbors continue.

### Tuesday's Table:

July 2nd – No Tuesday's Table

July 9th – Evangelical Covenant Church

July 16th – Faith Lutheran Church

July 23rd – Peace Lutheran Church

July 30th – Living Word

## Community Outreach News...

*"Dive Into God's Word"*

### New London Water Days Parade Outreach

The parade will be on July 20 @ 11:00. If you can help design or create the float please talk to Ruth Vegdahl or Wendy Robbin.



There will be a sign-up sheet at church for walking in the parade and handing out Bible story Arch books that will help kids along the parade route to Dive Into God's Word.

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

Let us know if you have some new ideas for reaching out to people who do not have a church home. Thanks again and God bless you!

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Thot for a day: I want to be like a caterpillar. Eat a lot. Sleep for a while. Wake up beautiful.

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## Stewardship...

**"Basic Principles** for taking good, wise care of God's Gifts"

In each monthly Newsletter you will find one of the gifts God has blessed us with and one basic principle to apply to your care-taking of that gift. This month:

### The Gift of... FAITH !

God is very clear in His Word that our Faith in Jesus is a gift (Ephesians 2:8-9) We take good, wise care of that precious gift by...

Doing whatever it takes to keep that faith growing all the way to "maturity" at the harvest (the day Jesus comes to take us home).

You probably know one key to growing your faith is to Keep It Fed and Watered with God's Word. God's Word that you'll find at Living Word every Sunday morning, God's Word that the kids find in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School (coming up August 12-15). God's Word you'll find in Bible Studies and our Daily Bible readings. If you find that you've stopped growing, here's an invitation to get growing again by joining one of our opportunities for growth.

But another way to grow your faith is to do the same as you do to grow muscles and keep them strong and flexible:

Giving It a Workout! Exercise your faith - put what you know in your head and believe in your heart into action in your life!

Here are just a couple examples of how to Exercise Your Faith:

When Jesus says, "No one comes to the Father except through me," (i.e. Is the only way to eternal life) You exercise your faith by saying, "You know, I don't think that's how it works," when a friend says, "All roads lead to heaven," or "All religions worship the same God, we just call them different names." (I've said before, "If you define God in totally different terms than another person... It Ain't the Same God!")

When Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart I have overcome the world," You exercise your faith by actually trusting He will get you through whatever trouble you find yourself in!

## Thank You from the Jastrams..

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/y422pg7y>

## Mark Your Calendar...

### Confirmation Class.

July 26: LOCK-IN !!! @ 7:00 p.m.

### TRAP-SHOOTING FELLOWSHIP 2019

- Brats & Devotion: at 6:00.
- Shooting: at 6:30
- Good inter-generational fellowship: All Evening

### More details:

What to bring: Your own shells  
A friend or two

Note: Anyone under age 16 must have a parent or other adult who is responsible for them.

Cost: A donation of \$30 is suggested for the season

Dates: We will meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in June, July & August. This month is July 10th & 24th.



### Tuesday's Table will be at Living Word - July 30

We'll serve BBQ turkey sandwiches, baked beans, macaroni salads, ice cream and beverages.

Ways you can help:

Tuesday's Table typically serves 120+ people, so we need LOTS of help.



Tuesday afternoon / evening

- Move pews
- Set up tables / chairs
- Bring Chips (we need 5 boxes)
- Bring Baked Beans (3 commercial-sized cans)
- Bring buns (20 8-ct packages)
- Bring Macaroni Salads
- Bring milk (3 gallons)
- Prep food (starting @ 4:00)
- Set plates, etc... at tables
- Greet people
- Dish up food
- Deliver plates/beverages to tables
- Clean up
- Move Pews & Tables Back

**Thank You for serving the Lord, by serving others !!!**

Thot for a day: The two best times to keep your mouth shut are when you're swimming and when you're angry.



## National Youth Gathering Update:

- We are close to our goal of being able to pay for meals at the Gathering, you can still use to Envelope Fundraiser to help get us "over the top." Thanks!
- Envelope Fundraiser: Grab an envelope with the dollar amount you'd like to donate. Put that amount in the envelope and place it in the offering.
- We plan to leave around 10 a.m. July 11 & return in the afternoon on July 15.
- July 21: Attendees will recap our NYG experience during worship - including a PowerPoint presentation. Potluck following!
- The Gathering website [lmsgathering.com](http://lmsgathering.com) will host live streams of mass events, worship services, blog posts, photos & videos if you would like to keep up to date.

### **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...

- The Spirit to guide our newly-elected Mission & Ministry Team members
- God to bring kids & parents close to Jesus through our Parade Outreach
- Thanking God for all who gave their lives in service to our country
- Thanking God for all who serve to keep us a free nation
- Thanking God for the daily freedoms we often take for granted
- God to bless servers and attendees as we host Tuesday's Table
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Protection for farmers and construction workers & all who work outside
- Protection as the summer travel season gets into full swing
- God's powerful work in our youth through the National Youth Gathering
- NYG fund-raising efforts to take care of all our NYG meal expenses
- The Holy Spirit to work through our Summer readings in Proverbs
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for government leaders
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Courage to take a stand for Jesus at work.
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan (and their fundraising in the US)

# July 2019 - Daily Readings

Each month of the Summer we will read through Proverbs one chapter a day.  
Write down one verse from each chapter that you want to put into practice that day.

## God's Battle Plan For Your Daily Life: The Book of Proverbs

June 30 Proverbs 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 1 Proverbs 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 2 Proverbs 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 3 Proverbs 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 4 Proverbs 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 5 Proverbs 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 6 Proverbs 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Week of July 7 Daily Readings

July 7 Proverbs 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 8 Proverbs 8 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 9 Proverbs 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 10 Proverbs 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 11 Proverbs 11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 12 Proverbs 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 13 Proverbs 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Week of July 14 Daily Readings

July 14 Proverbs 14 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 15 Proverbs 15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 16 Proverbs 16 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 17 Proverbs 17 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 18 Proverbs 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 19 Proverbs 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 20 Proverbs 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Week of July 21 Daily Readings

July 21 Proverbs 21 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 22 Proverbs 22 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 23 Proverbs 23 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 24 Proverbs 24 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 25 Proverbs 25 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 26 Proverbs 26 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 27 Proverbs 27 \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Week of July 28 Daily Readings

July 28 Proverbs 28 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 29 Proverbs 29 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 30 Proverbs 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 31 Proverbs 31 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Aug 1 Proverbs 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Aug 2 Proverbs 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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# July 2019 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>June 30</b> 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship	<b>1</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                         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> </div>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 PRAYER GROUP	<b>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> 	<b>5</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Lord's Supper Dates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday, July 7th</li> <li>• Sunday, July 21st</li> </ul> </div>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:00 ELDERS' TEAM 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:00 TRAP-SHOOTING	<b>11</b> 10:00 Leave for NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING	<b>12 REAL. PRESENT. COD.</b> <small>2019 LCMS Youth Gathering</small> NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING	<b>13</b> YOUTH GATHERING
<b>14</b> 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship	<b>15</b> AFTER NOON Return from YOUTH GATHERING	<b>16</b>  5:30-7:30 LIVING WORD NIGHT @ BIG KAHUNA	<b>17</b> 6:00 PRAYER GROUP	<b>18 MISSION Ministry</b> 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 11:00 PARADE OUTREACH 
<b>21 NYG ATTENDEES RE-CAP DAY</b> 9:00 - ADULT STUDY <i>The Holy Land</i> 10:00 - WORSHIP w/communion (NYG ATTENDEE'S SHARE GATHERING EXPERIENCES) 11:15 POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:00 TRAP-SHOOTING	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  7:00 YOUTH LOCK-IN	<b>27</b>
<b>28 GREEN LAKE CRUISE DAY</b> 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> 10:00 WORSHIP 11:05 Leave for GREEN LAKE CRUISE	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00 TUESDAY'S TABLE Hosted by Living Word	<b>31</b> 6:00 PRAYER GROUP	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>COMING SOON:</b>                          This New Addition to Our Playground Area:</p>  <p>If you'd like to help make our horseshoe pit, please talk to Mona Hjelle.</p> </div>		

## Upcoming Schedules...

### Fellowship Servers

July 7 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson  
 July 14 Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl  
 July 21 Mike & Brooke Knutson  
 July 28 Nancy Jo Wendt & Tammy Fuglie

Aug 4 Leone & Kerry Quigley  
 Aug 11 Potluck  
 Aug 18 Wendy Robbin / Alicia Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore  
 Aug 25 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller

### Usher Schedule

July 7 Brady & Andrew Sharp  
 July 14 Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad  
 July 21 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer  
 July 28 Larry Levin & Carroll Sarsland

Aug 4 Derek & Sarah Olson  
 Aug 11 Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson  
 Aug 18 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen  
 Aug 25 Brent & Lance Sawatzky

### Make A Meal Volunteers

July Linda Dilley & Violet Dauk  
 Aug Bonnie Hansen & Wachters

### Elders

July 7/14 Jason & Ed  
 July 21/28 Kevin & Keith

Aug 4/11 Joe & Jason  
 Aug 18/25 Ed & Kevin

### Custodian

July Custodians needed  
 Aug Living Word Youth

*Seen on Church Signboard...*

**Smile: A curve that can set a lot of things straight!**

**Thot for a day:** They announced that in Minnesota they found a mass grave of snowmen. Turned out just to be a field of carrots.

### Acolyte (little brothers & sisters)

July 7 Autumn Foshaug  
 July 14 Jonah Sharp  
 July 21 Rya Sharp  
 July 28 Kala Miller

Aug 4 Will Dahl  
 Aug 11 Carter Foshaug  
 Aug 18 Toby Arends-Schmidt  
 Aug 25 Alex Meis

### Altar Guild

July Nancy Jo Wendt  
 Aug Mona Hjelle

### Scripture Readers

July 7 Leone Quigley  
 July 14 Ruth Vegdahl  
 July 21 Nykki Foshaug  
 July 28 Mona Hjelle

Aug 4 Sarah Olson  
 Aug 11 Kevin Welsh  
 Aug 18 Laurel Iverson

Aug 25 Tammy Wachter

### Nursery

(more volunteers needed...)

July 7 Pam Johnson  
 July 14 Volunteer needed  
 July 21 Mona Hjelle  
 July 28 Violet Dauk

Aug 4 Pam Johnson  
 Aug 11 Volunteer needed  
 Aug 18 Mona Hjelle  
 Aug 25 Violet Dauk

### Accompanying Musicians

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

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

## Who Can You Invite?

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 12-15 (Mon-Thurs) 5:30 - 8:30

Lessons: Noah's Ark  
 Jesus Feeding the 5000  
 Jesus Calls His Disciples  
 Paul's Shipwreck

Ages: 4yrs through those who completed 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Please begin praying about kids you can invite. Thanks!



## July Discipleship Verse...

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear;*

Psalm 46:1-2a



## Miscellaneous Notes...

### Food Pantry Reminder

Please remember to bring your donations for the Food Pantry. Place them in the purple container by the door at church. Thanks to everyone for donating!

### Check out our "Free Stuff" Table



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

- Read With Me Bibles for toddlers
- Today's Light Devotional Bible
- July Newsletters
- Christian books and magazines
- NEW July - September *Portals of Prayer*

### 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)

- 6-2-19 "An 'Out-of-Character' Experience"
- 6-9-19 "The effects of 'The Wind of God'"
- 6-16-19 "An Example of 'Heavenly Father Knows Best'"
- 6-23-19 "Need Unity? Look to the Trinity for a Perfect Example"
- 6-30-19 "Do the 'right thing' because ...."



### Offering Envelopes Are Available for 2019

If you like to use dated envelopes for your offerings, we have them available. Just pick up a box of envelopes from under the mailboxes. Write down the # of the box you took. Thanks!



### 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.

### 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

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That for a day: Sometimes, the only thing worse than having unanswered prayer is answered prayer.

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on an uninterrupted basis. An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office.



### Summer 2019 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.

## Congregational Outreach News...



### Green Lake Sunday-Brunch Boat Cruise

Egg-bake; Fruit platter; Muffins; Coffee/Juice  
July 28 after worship - we leave church @ 11:05  
We have ONE TICKET REMAINING.  
Talk to Marcia Welsh if you can use it.

### Living Word Day @ Big Kahuna

Tuesday, July 16th 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Congregational Outreach Director Marcia Welsh has been working with the folks at Spicer's 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 - including a potluck supper (they have plug-ins for crock pots). Big Kahuna provides the tables and umbrellas.

Cost will be: \$22 - for over 10yrs old  
\$16 - for 10 & under

(Cost goes up if we don't get the 20-person minimum)

Please sign up at church for a fun night (and please bring friends) !!!



## Email Wisdom...

*(A bit on the lengthy side, but worth the read.)*

A young man was seeking an important position at a large printing company. He passed the initial interview and went to meet the director for the final interview. The director saw his resume -- it was excellent -- and asked, "Have you received a scholarship for school?" The boy replied, "No."

"It was your father who paid for your studies?" "Yes," he replied.

"Where does your father work?"

"My father is a blacksmith."

The director asked the young man to show him his hands. The young man showed a pair of hands soft and perfect.

"Have you ever helped your parents at their job?"

"Never. My parents always wanted me to study and read more books. Besides, he can do the job better than I can."

The director said, "I have a request. When you go home today, go and wash the hands of your father and then come see me tomorrow morning."

The young man felt his chance to get the job was high. When he returned to his home he asked his father if he would allow him to wash his hands. His father felt strange, happy, but with mixed feelings and showed his hands to his son.

The young man washed his hands, little by little. It was the first time that he noticed his father's hands were wrinkled and had so many scars. Some bruises were so painful that his skin shuddered when he touched them. This was the first time that the young man recognized what it meant for this pair of hands to work every day to be able to pay for his studies. The bruises on the hands were the price that his father paid for his education, his school activities and his future.

After cleaning his father's hands the young man stood in silence and began to tidy and clean up the workshop. That night, father and son talked for a long time.

The next morning, the young man went to the office of the director. The director noticed tears in the eyes of the young man when He asked him, "Can you tell me what you did and what you learned yesterday at your house?"

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**That for a day:** Action speaks louder than words but not nearly as often.

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The boy replied, "I washed my father's hands and when I finished I stayed and cleaned his workshop. Now I know what it is to appreciate and recognize that without my parents, I would not be who I am today. By helping my father I now realize how difficult and hard it is to do something on my own. I have come to appreciate the importance and the value in helping my family.

The director said, "This is what I look for in my people. I want to hire someone who can appreciate the help of others, a person who knows the hardship others go through to accomplish things, and a person who realizes that money is not his only goal in life. You are hired."

A child that has been coddled, protected and given everything he or she wants, develops a mentality of "I have the right" and will tend to always put himself or herself first, ignoring the efforts of parents, family and friends. If we are this type of protective parent are we really showing love - or are we helping to destroy our children?

You can give your child his or her own room in a big house, good food, a computer, tablet, cell phone, and a big screen TV, but when you're washing the floor or painting a wall, children need to experience that too.

After eating, have them wash the dishes with their brothers and sisters, let them fold laundry or cook with you, pull weeds or mow the lawn. You are not doing this because you can't do it yourself. You are doing this because you love them.

Children need to learn to appreciate the amount of effort it takes to do a job right, to experience the difficulties in life that must be overcome for success, and learn about failure in order to succeed.

Children must also learn how to work and play with others, and that they will not always win. But if they've done their best, then they can take pride in all the effort they put forth.

Life is made better by giving and serving, and these qualities are taught in our homes as we involve our children in doing both.

~Received from Mikey's Funnies

## A Minute for Parents...

*(Okay, this one is more like a "Second" for Parents. But worth a thousand minutes of parenting tips!)*

**Children will soon forget your presents; they will always remember your presence.**

## Opportunities to Serve...

### Help Chaperone a Lock-In for Confirmation Students:

The kids are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to have a lock-in here at church Friday, July 26. If you could help by hanging out with them, please talk to Pastor David. (You'll be a hero - maybe even a SUPER hero!)

### Organize a Fun Event for Our 3-5th Grade Group.

We'd like to have a fun outing (something within an hour's drive) for our 3-5th Grade Youth Group during July. Please talk to Pastor if you could help.

### Custodians Needed

You (or your whole family) can sign up to provide the necessary cleaning. A checklist of duties is posted by the mailboxes. Please consider being a part of this service. We are in need of custodians for July. Talk to Jamie Iverson if you have questions or to volunteer.



### 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.

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.

### 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 if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks! Our July Make-a-Meal volunteers are Linda Dilley & Violet Dauk

We are also looking for a person to be the Make-a-Meal coordinator - someone who notifies the meal makers when a meal is needed and who also arranges for the meal to be delivered. If you could be that person, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!

### Remember the Teal's Rebate Program.

Teal's Grocery gives a 1% rebate to eligible organizations. There's a box under the mail boxes where you can put in your receipts.

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Thot for a day: Ever wonder why all the instruments seeking intelligent life in the universe are pointed away from Earth?

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### Remember to use our "We Prayed for You" program...

We'd like to send out a card or two each week to people we prayed for during worship. How you can help: Simply tell Pastor David 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 him with that person's address. It truly is a simple way to brighten the spirits of someone who's going through a tough time.

**We are currently in need of a volunteer to mail the cards. If you could help, talk to Pastor David.**



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### VOLUNTEER AT WATER DAYS

We are only about a month away from our New London WaterDays celebration, and we need volunteers to help us with the festivities! We would appreciate your help in spreading the word. Help needed for set-up and tear down July 17 & 21. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact us via this email address or our Facebook page to see what is available to volunteer for.



Thanks - and have a wonderful day!

Stephanie Bents | New London WaterDays Coordinator

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## Story Behind The Song...

### "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

While still quite young, Watts expressed annoyance with the Psalm tunes sung in churches of England at the time. When Watts expressed his low opinion of the music that they were using, his father is reputed to have responded, "Why don't you give us something better, young man!" So Watts did. He wrote some 600 hymns during his lifetime, and is known today as the Father of English Hymnody.

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" is a paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5 and first appeared as the second in a set of three paraphrases in his

Psalms of David, Imitated in the Language of the New Testament (1719). The collection included poetic versions of each of the 150 Psalms— including “Joy to the World,” based on Psalm 98, and “Jesus Shall Reign,” based on Psalm 72.

The song is a great reminder that we can have hope for the Future - no matter how bleak the Present looks - when we are reminded of God's power displayed on behalf of His people in the Past. With this in mind, the hymn was played on the radio by the BBC as soon as World War II had been declared.

*(The italicized verses are typically omitted in our modern hymnals)*

**Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Still may we dwell secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.**

*Thy Word commands our flesh to dust,  
Return, ye sons of men:  
All nations rose from earth at first,  
And turn to earth again.*

**A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.**

*The busy tribes of flesh and blood,  
With all their lives and cares,  
Are carried downwards by the flood,  
And lost in following years.*

**Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.**

That for a day: One of the lessons of life is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say.

*Like flowery fields the nations stand  
Pleased with the morning light;  
The flowers beneath the mower's hand  
Lie withering ere 'tis night.*

**Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.**

**Editor's note:** A classic version performed by the unforgettable Tennessee Ernie Ford at: <https://youtu.be/XZsJu-ikuMI>



**NEW:** Reminders of your scheduled day to serve will be coming to your phone soon.

Pam Johnson has graciously volunteered to give a call or send a text to help us all remember our scheduled dates to serve as ushers, acolytes, fellowship servers, etc...

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

