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June 2019 Newsletter
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"
Worship Hours:
Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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Question for Pastor...

“How do they get anything done?”

This question needs a bit of background, so here it is:

One of the impressions I came away with from our trip to Ireland was that, in general, people there have a greater contentment than here in the United States. The Sunday after we returned from our trip, I mentioned in the sermon (go to livingwordlutheran.net and click on the 05-19-19 sermon to listen to it) that it appeared to me in Ireland, “Spending time is more important than spending money,” and that “People are more important than possessions.” Here in America I see a constant “striving” - for ‘more,’ ‘bigger,’ ‘faster,’ ‘newer,’ and ‘more comfortable’ - that gets in the way of us being as content.

While talking about these observations with someone I met recently, I commented that this “contentment” I witnessed in Ireland was evident in the people being much more ‘laid back’ when it comes to the concept of “time.” For example, it seems that when I’m driving in the U.S., going the speed limit will inevitably result in cars/trucks tailgating until they can zoom past me - complete with a dirty look or a honk or worse! Whereas in Ireland (due to the dangerously narrow and curvy roads) I often drove well below the speed limit and never encountered the impatient reactions I do here. I sensed a laid-back “We’ll get there, when we get there,” attitude instead of an impatient, “You idiot! I could have been there 5 minutes ago if it wasn’t for the likes of you!”

The question above came in response to my comments about this laid-back, contented attitude I sensed in Ireland.

I had to ponder that question a bit before this answer came to me:

“I guess, when you aren’t constantly striving for ‘more,’ ‘bigger,’ ‘faster,’ ‘newer’ and ‘more comfortable,’ you probably don’t have as much that you need to get done.”

The contented attitude I experienced while on vacation is one I want to adopt in my own life. I hope you will join me in that goal as we both take to heart God’s Words to us in Hebrews 13:5 “Be content with what you



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have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

When we have Jesus - the God who knows ALL our needs and has the power to provide them - we can truly rest in the assurance of His constant presence with us!

Thanks for Asking
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Community Outreach News...

Coming Up: New London Water Days

The parade will be on July 20. All are welcome to plan, design and walk! Please see me if you have ideas for designing the float!



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

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!

Living Word Apparel - Orders have arrived

Find your order in the Rambow box on the table at the back of church. Indicate on the form when you pick your order up. Thanks!

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



- Christ is STILL Risen!
- Moms!
- Green!
- All who gave their lives for our freedom!

Let Pastor know how you’d complete that sentence during May

Opportunities for Growth...

"Places Jesus Walked"
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)

Women's Study - Uninvited
Wednesdays @ 6:30

Is on "Summer Break" - back in September

Men's Group Study—Tuesdays @ 6:30

Is on "Summer Break" - back in September

**THAT THE
WORLD
MAY KNOW.**



Choir Notes...

I want to thank all of the dedicated people who praised the Lord with their voices the years that I was directing the choir. I have been truly blessed to have such a wonderful group to work with. You came a long way. I can't thank you enough for all the music that was sung with your amazing voices at Living Word. It is a choir that I have always been so proud of to be the director. Your voices blended together so beautifully. Sarah Olson has agreed to take on this position of being the choir director. Continue to give her all your support as she will guide you and direct you to new dimensions. God has blessed the music at Living Word.

Thank you and God Bless,
Leone

We'd like to extend a HUGE "THANK YOU" to Leone for being an awesome choir director! You've done a fantastic job patiently leading us - and picking songs that not only sound great, but are easy for us to learn and sing!

God bless you for serving the Lord and us,
Living Word Choir members



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That for a day: I want one of those jobs where people ask, "Do you actually get paid to do this?"

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Congregational Outreach News...

Green Lake Sunday-Brunch Boat Cruise

Egg-bake; Fruit platter; Muffins; Coffee/Juice
We have finalized a date: July 28 after worship

Cost: \$29 Adults;
\$23 for 10 and Under

See Congregation Outreach Director Marda Welsh if you haven't paid for your ticket yet

Summer Picnic at the Stingers Game !

Sunday, June 16
Picnic begins at 4:05

Includes:

- + Reserved-Seat Game Ticket
- + All-you-can-eat Ballpark Buffet

Cost: \$21.58 (Sign up at Church or call Marda Welsh 320-796-6840)

We still need more people to sign up to make our minimums for

- + A BIG KAHUNA outing
- + CPR training.



LWML...

LWML will meet on Wednesday, JUNE 12 at 11:00 a.m., at Ruth Vegdahl's home. All Living Word women are invited to attend.

NEW LONDON MUSIC FESTIVAL PIE AND ICE CREAM OUTREACH:

We have been busy planning for this, and have started making pies. We have made blueberry, cherry and strawberry/rhubarb pies. We will be making apple pies later this summer.

Anyone wishing to donate apples, please contact Bonnie Harsen at 796-5605.





The Link...

The Link STILL needs pies & brownies... to make Rib Fest (June 9) a success. Rib Fest is The Link's biggest fundraising event of the year!

Rib Fest needs 125 pies* and 25 pans of brownies.

Please contact Chasity at 320.354.5555 or by email at outreach@youarethelink.org or for more info or to get added to the pie-makers list! Thanks!

* Only fruit pies can be served- no milk/eggs in the filling per health regulations.

A Minute for Parents...

"Sanity Savers for Parents"

From Jean Matthew Hall's blog "Encouraging Words"

Have a regular bedtime for the kids.

Have a bedtime routine for the kids—include prayer.

Plan meals ahead of time—even if 15 minutes before in your head.

Keep breakfast quick and easy. Prepare before the kids are up.

Play with your kids a little bit every day.

Be silly occasionally.

Schedule five-minutes of quiet time (for prayer is great!) each day.

COMPLETE one load of laundry each day.

Teach kids to clean up what they mess up.

Do it yourself, too. Clean as you go.

Be spontaneous occasionally.

Designate a time and place for homework.

Pack lunches (kids can do this), backpacks, etc. the night before.

Be grateful.

Every dirty dish means your family ate that day.

Every dirty sock means your kids have clothes to wear.

Every mess means your kids are healthy enough to play

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That for a day: My brain is so crowded with valuable information that I can't think anymore

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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... FAMILY

The basic principle to guide our care for family is _____.
(Hint: short word, begins with "L," rhymes with "dove")

It's not 'rocket science' that "love" should steer us as we care for family. God has told us about basic aspects of love in 1 Corinthians chapter 13:4-8:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

In the second-last sentence there are four things listed that love "always" does. I'd say the first of those four is our starting place for loving family: Protection. If you love someone you naturally want to protect them.

Chances are pretty good that you have prayed for God to provide physical protection for the members of your family. But, there's another protection that is just as important, maybe even more! It's what Jesus prayed for His disciples the night before He was crucified:

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. (John 17:15)

In Ephesians 6 God lists 'weapons' He's given us to protect against the evil one. His Word and faith are two main ones. So, here's your protection plan:

1. Pray for God to protect your family spiritually as well as physically.
2. Look for opportunities to share your faith with them.
3. Look for opportunities to plant the seeds of God's Word in their lives



Mark Your Calendar...

Confirmation Class Adopt-a-Highway



June 5th

We will leave from church at 6:00

We need drivers and a minimum of 8 people in order to complete the cleanup in an hour. Sign up at church.



Spring Voters' Assembly

... will be held after worship on **June 2**. The Spring Assembly is our annual election to fill Mission and Ministry positions. We will be elect members to 2-year terms in the following positions:

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

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 June 12th & June 26th.

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



COMMUNITY DINNER

We will have a Planning Meeting June 23, 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.

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Thot for a day: To be sure of always hitting the target: Shoot first and, whatever you hit, call it the target

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National Youth Gathering Update:



1. Our next Meeting is JUNE 9 after worship.
2. We will accept donations of water or Gatorade for the youth to drink throughout the day while at the Gathering
3. 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!
4. Envelope Fundraiser: Grab an envelop with the dollar amount you'd like to donate. Put that amount in the envelope and place it in the offering.
5. Quilt-Raffle (etc...) Results: \$610 raised !!!
6. Servant Auction ("Labors of Love") - Brought in over \$2200!!!! Thanks to everyone who bid and everyone who volunteered to serve!
7. Remember to check our Facebook page!
It's called Living Word Lutheran Youth Group. It's a place to go for all info needed for the National Youth Gathering.



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
- Thanking God for all who gave their lives in service to our country
- Protection for farmers and construction workers & all who work outside
- Protection as the summer travel season gets into full swing
- God to continue to prepare the hearts of our NYG attendees
- NYG fund-raising efforts to take care of all our NYG meal expenses
- Thanking God for great attendance at the Mother-Daughter luncheon
- 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 from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

June 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 2 Proverbs 2 _____

June 3 Proverbs 3 _____

June 4 Proverbs 4 _____

June 5 Proverbs 5 _____

June 6 Proverbs 6 _____

June 7 Proverbs 7 _____

June 8 Proverbs 8 _____

Week of June 9 Daily Readings

June 9 Proverbs 9 _____

June 10 Proverbs 10 _____

June 11 Proverbs 11 _____

June 12 Proverbs 12 _____

June 13 Proverbs 13 _____

June 14 Proverbs 14 _____

June 15 Proverbs 15 _____

Week of June 16 Daily Readings

June 16 Proverbs 16 _____

June 17 Proverbs 17 _____

June 18 Proverbs 18 _____

June 19 Proverbs 19 _____

June 20 Proverbs 20 _____

June 21 Proverbs 21 _____

June 22 Proverbs 22 _____

Week of June 23 Daily Readings

June 23 Proverbs 23 _____

June 24 Proverbs 24 _____

June 25 Proverbs 25 _____

June 26 Proverbs 26 _____

June 27 Proverbs 27 _____

June 28 Proverbs 28 _____

June 29 Proverbs 29 _____

Week of June 30 Daily Readings

June 30 Proverbs 30 _____

July 1 Proverbs 1 _____

July 2 Proverbs 2 _____

July 3 Proverbs 3 _____

July 4 Proverbs 4 _____

July 5 Proverbs 5 _____

June 2019 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>9:00 - ADULT STUDY</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP w/communion</p> <p>11:15 Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 VOTERS' ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>6:00 ADOPT-A-HWY</p> <p>6:00 PRAYER GROUP</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <div data-bbox="1543 321 1829 459" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Lord's Supper Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, June 2nd • Sunday, June 16th </div>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:00 - ADULT STUDY -</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP</p> <p>11:15 Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 NYG MEETING</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00 LWML @ Vegdahl's</p> <p>6:00 PRAYER GROUP</p> <p>6:00 TRAP-SHOOTING</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 - ADULT STUDY</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP w/communion</p> <p>11:15 Fellowship</p> <p>4:00 STINGERS' GAME OUTING</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 PRAYER GROUP</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 ELDERS' TEAM</p> <p>6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM</p> <p>Mission Ministry</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00 - ADULT STUDY</p> <p>10:00 - WORSHIP</p> <p>11:15 Fellowship</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 PRAYER GROUP</p> <p>6:00 TRAP-SHOOTING</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <div data-bbox="1409 1076 1850 1198" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net</p> </div>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:00 - ADULT STUDY -</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP</p> <p>11:15 Fellowship</p>	<p>July 1</p>	<p>July 2</p>	<p>July 3</p> <p>6:00 PRAYER GROUP</p>	<p>July 4</p> 	<p>July 5</p>	<p>July 6</p>

Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

June 2 Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore
 June 9 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
 June 16 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
 June 23 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
 June 30 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen

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

Usher Schedule

June 2 Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson
 June 9 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
 June 16 Brent & Lance Sawatzky
 June 23 Jason & Noah Miller
 June 30 Wendy & Lonny Robbin

July 7 Brady & Andrew Sharp
 July 14 Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad
 July 21 Wally Abraham and Joe Johnson
 July 28 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer

Make A Meal Volunteers

June Iversons & Mona Hjelle
 July Linda Dilley & Violet Dauk

Elders

June 2/9 Ed & Kevin
 June 16/23/30 Keith & Joe
 July 7/14 Jason & Ed
 July 21/28 Kevin & Keith

Confirmation Parent Helper

June 5 Adopt-a-Highway (everyone who can, please help)

Seen on Church Signboard...

**Worrying Doesn't Take Away
 Tomorrow's Troubles -
 It Takes Away Today's Peace**

Hot for a day: You know you're getting old when you come to the annoying realization that your parents were right about almost everything.

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters)

June 2 Carter Foshaug
 June 9 Toby Arends-Schmidt
 June 16 Alex Meis
 June 23 Carson Sawatzky
 June 30 Addison Arends-Schmidt
 July 7 Autumn Foshaug
 July 14 Jonah Sharp
 July 21 Rya Sharp
 July 28 Kala Miller

Altar Guild

June Mona Hjelle
 July Nancy Jo Wendt

Nursery

(more volunteers needed...)

June 2 Pam Johnson
 June 9 Violet Dauk
 June 16 Mona Hjelle
 June 23 Volunteer needed
 June 30 Gwen Ruchti

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

Custodian

June Phil & Jean Lungstrom
 July Custodians needed

Scripture Readers

June 2 Linda Dilley
 June 9 McCartney Knutson
 June 16 Jason Miller
 June 23 Mark Fuglie
 June 30 Tammy Fuglie

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

Accompanying Musicians

June 2 Sharon Willen
 June 9 Scott Wachter
 June 16 Pam Johnson
 June 23 Scott Wachter
 June 30 Scott Wachter

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

Church Mice

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June Discipleship Verse...

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
 Ephesians 3:20-21

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
- June Newsletters
- Christian books and magazines
- April - June 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 home page)

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| 4-28-19- | "How Jesus brings peace in times of questioning" |
| 5-19-19 | "Lessons from a Trip to Ireland" |
| 5-26-19 | "What Are We Fighting For?" |



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!



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.

Living Word Directory... NOW AVAILABLE Online.

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

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That for a day: I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

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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.

Email Humor...

While flying from Denver to Kansas City, Kansas, my mother was sitting across the aisle from a woman and her eight-year-old son.

Mom couldn't help laughing as they neared their destination and she heard the mother say to the boy, "Now remember-- run to Dad first, then the dog."

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Husband: "This article says women use about 30,000 words a day, whereas men only use 15,000 words."

What did you say?

Wife: "That's probably because a woman has to say everything twice."

Husband: "Umhum...What did you say?"



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Jessie was reading a newspaper, while her husband was engrossed in a magazine. Suddenly, she burst out laughing. "Listen to this," she said. "There's a classified ad here where a guy is offering to swap his wife for a season ticket to the stadium."

"Hmmm," her husband said, not looking up from his magazine.

Teasing him, Jessie said, "Would you swap me for a season ticket?"

"Absolutely not," he said.

"How sweet," Jessie said. "Tell me why not."

"Season's almost half over," he said.



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...

Email Inspiration...

CHOOSE YOUR PATH...

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they had gotten soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma, and then asked, "What's the point, Mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water - but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I?

Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart?

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That for a day: Many people are frightened by new ideas. I'm frightened when people keep suggesting the same old ones.

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Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor.

If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity?



Email Wisdom...

Received from MikeysFunnies.com

MY BIGGEST PROBLEM

By Gene Westveer (Mikeys Funnies reader)

"Hey, God can solve all your problems."
I've heard that many a time.
If I would just get with the program,
Mountains would be easy to climb.

Those who tell me are well-meaning,
But I just don't think they can see
In their thoughtful intervening,
That my biggest problem is me.

That rebellious streak I have inside
I may try to suppress ? or not.
With Christ I have been crucified,
So each win shouldn't be so hard-fought.

"Let go and let God." That's the advice.
Each time that I do I can see
When I give up control, then Christ
Solves my biggest problem ? that's me.

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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. 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 June. Please talk to Pastor if you could help. THANKS !

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 Make-a-Meal volunteers are Wendy Robbin & Pam Johnson

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. Our receipts from 2018 were submitted in February and we received our

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Thought for a day: I was getting in my car, and this guy says to me "Can you give me a lift?" I said, "Sure. You look great! The world is your oyster! Go for it!"

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rebate of \$94.63! Thanks you to all who turned in receipts. Keep stuffing the box!

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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Story Behind The Song...

"Just As I Am"

reprinted from "Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories" by Robert J. Morgan

"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me, I will by no means cast out." John 6:37

She was an embittered woman, Charlotte Elliott of Brighton, England. Her health was broken, and her disability had hardened her. "If God loves me," she muttered, "He would not have treated me this way."

Hoping to help her, a Swiss minister, Dr. Cesar Malan, visited the Elliotts on May 9, 1822. Over dinner, Charlotte lost her temper and railed against God and family in a violent outburst. Her embarrassed family left the room, and Dr. Malan was left alone with her.

"You're tired of yourself, aren't you?" he asked. "You are holding to your hate and anger, because you have nothing else in the world to cling to. Consequently, you have become sour, bitter and resentful."

"What is your cure?" asked Charlotte.

"The faith you are trying to despise."

As they talked, Charlotte softened. "If I wanted to become a Christian and to share the peace and joy you possess," she finally asked, "what would I do?"

"You would give yourself to God just as you are now, with your fightings and fears, hates and loves, pride and shame."

"I would come to God just as I am? Is that right?"

Charlotte did come just as she was, and her heart was changed that day. As time passed she found and claimed John 6:37 as a special verse for her: "... he who come to Me I will by no means cast out."

Years later her brother, Rev. Henry Elliott, was raising funds for a school for the children of poor dergymen. Charlotte wrote a poem, and it was printed and sold across England. The leaflet said, Sold for the Benefit o St. Margaret's Hall, Brighton: Him That Cometh to Me I will in Now ~~Wies~~ Cast Out. Underneath was Charlotte's poem— which has since become the most famous invitational hymn in history.

Charlotte lived to be 82 and wrote about 150 hymns, though she never enjoyed good health. As her loved ones sifted through her papers after her death, they found over a thousand letters she had kept in which people expressed their gratitude for the way this hymn had touched their lives.

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou ~~hidst~~ me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Thot for a day: If absence makes the heart grow fonder, a lot of folks must love their churches.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, (Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
Lamb of God, I come!

Editor's note: A great classic hymn performed by Alan Jackson at:
<https://youtu.be/G9oSB3eIWY4>

As a bonus, here is a wonderful compilation of Just As I Am and O
Come To The Alter... https://youtu.be/6rrBgyQ_tPs

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