


Living Word
Lutheran Church
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*Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me,
bless His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits . . .
(Psalm 103: 1-2)*

November 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...

Do you know of any Christians who celebrate Sukkot?

[repeated from a previous year, since I was asked the question again this year]

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



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

As with most things in the Old Testament, the Sukkot Feast points ultimately to Jesus - who came to earth and "Tabernacled among us" at His birth (John 1:14). The Sukkot Feast also helps us look forward to that day when Jesus returns to fulfill the prophecy about eternity in Revelation 21:3 where: "Now the tabernacle of God is with men and He will tabernacle with them." Think about that! God literally pitches His tent among us, with us and next to us! What an amazing day (and eternity) that will be!

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

My answer to the initial question was this, "I don't know of any Christians who celebrate Sukkot, but there is no reason why we couldn't. In fact, I think it is a great idea." And, this year, Violet and I had the opportunity to attend a Sukkot Feast hosted by some Christian believers. It was indeed a joyful reminder of what God has already done and will do when Jesus

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returns!

Here's why I said it was a great idea to celebrate Sukkot:



Do we have a harvest of crops to give thanks to God for each year? Of course we do! Has God protected and provided for us as we've wandered through the "wilderness of life?" Of course He has - sometimes in miraculous ways just as He did those forty years of wanderings for the Israelites! Do we need reminders to thank God for those things? Absolutely!

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

It's not "Sukkot," per se, and we won't put up tents, but I'd invite you to take time to celebrate this year's harvest and give thanks for all God has done for us this past year by joining us for worship at 7:00pm on Thanksgiving Eve.

Thanks for Asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Thank God For...

You've seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For..." Each week we'd like to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people who drive past to remember that God is the giver of all good things - especially things we take for granted. This past month we thanked God for:



- Fall
- God's Amazing Fall Colors
- The Harvest
- Dying to turn Sinners into Saints

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence during November.

Thank God for: Veterans

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



Mark Your Calendar...

Mission & Ministry Team 2019 Planning Session
Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m.

We will set out our Strategic Ministry Plan for the coming year and finalize our budget proposal. We'll start by revisiting last year's plan, and make necessary revisions and adjustments. Then we will add new plans and goals for the coming year. The planning session is for all Mission and Ministry Team members. It would be helpful if each chairperson could meet with your team prior to our group planning meeting.

Fall Voters' Assembly - November 24 after worship.

The purpose of the fall assembly is to approve both a 2020 budget and 2020 ministry goals. The Mission and Ministry Team came up with a both a set of recommended goals and a proposed budget at their latest meetings.



Save the Date:

Women's Retreat next Spring
April 17-19
Mille Lacs Lake Lodge

Congregational Outreach News....

CPR / First Aid Class Anyone ???

Interested in a CPR/First Aid Class with your church family?
If we get 6 adults we will schedule a time, so please sign up at church if you are interested. Thanks!

We'll again Join With Redeemer Members and Travel To Ames Center in Burnsville To See. . .

The Looney Lutherans in "Hark the Basement Ladies Sing"

Saturday, November 23

Sign Up with Mardia Welsh.

Limited # of Tickets Available

Bus Loads In Redeemer's North Parking Lot at 12:00 noon (1401 6th St SW, Willmar)

On the way home we'll stop for supper (not included in the price).



Community Outreach...

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: How many roads must a man travel down before he admits he is lost?

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Thanksgiving Eve Worship...

Wednesday, November 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

A special Thank-offering will be collected:

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

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

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

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

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

King David in 1 Chronicles 29:14



Pumpkin Pie Fellowship...

After Thanksgiving Eve Worship

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

~Bonnie Harsen



Special Thanks...

to everyone for all the prayers and caring words extended to us this past week at the loss of Violet's sister Ardis! We greatly appreciate all the ways you allowed Jesus to shine the light of His love through you and into our lives! We pray that God blesses each of you in the same way that He's blessed us through you!

Pastor David & Violet

Bring It Home & Highlight It...

Last year our District sponsored the Bring It Home Bible-reading program where we read five great stories of the Bible each week. This year in "Bring It Home and Highlight It" we have daily readings from five different books of the Bible each week. Each reading includes key verses to highlight in your Bible. Each day also include a question designed to help apply the highlighted passage to your own life as well as a prayer based on the verse. Each week's readings are available as an insert in the Sunday worship bulletin. (Or you can sign up to have them emailed to you here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxlubfge>)



The Free to be Faithful® Newsletter highlights important and relevant details on religious liberty issues that impact the rights of Christians to live faithfully.

Copies are available on the "Free Stuff" table at church

This newsletter includes:

- An excerpt from American Restoration, a new book from Timothy S. Goeglein, which discusses the importance of religious liberty to human and societal flourishing.
- An explanation of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which has protected believers for over 25 years, and a case for why it should be preserved.
- An exploration of the threat of censorship by multinational corporations as illustrated by Amazon.com's censorship of Christian books.
- The latest news from the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) in Washington, D.C., and its work to proclaim Christ to our culture.
- A prayer for those who minister in the armed forces.

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That for a day: I can't complain. But sometimes I still do.

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Email Inspiration...

[As seen on Facebook - thankfully it hadn't been censored!]

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other:

"Do you believe in life after delivery?"

The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense," said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something - and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery, there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her, this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well, I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can sense Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

Maybe this was one of the best illustrations of the concept of GOD.



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."

**THAT THE
 WORLD
 MAY KNOW.**

Please join us for coffee, goodies and study!

MEET FOR PRAYER- WEDNESDAYS @ 6 p.m. at church

A special invitation to everyone to meet weekly in prayer Wednesdays
 at 6 p.m. (From November 6 - November 20, the New Women's Bible
 Study will follow Prayer Time from 6:30-7:30

Prayer is a foundational part of our spiritual life
 both personally and as a congregation.



Praying together has power against evil in our
 family's lives, our church, and our community. We would love to have
 you join us.

Ephesians 6:12; 18

*12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the
 rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world
 and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."*

*18 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and
 requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all
 the Lord's people."*

Women's Study—Wednesdays @ 6:30

NEW study beginning Wed., Nov. 6:

Violet Dauk leads a 3-week study,
 (November 6 - November 20)
 "Understanding the Holy Spirit"



The study starts at 6:30 p.m. (right after Prayer Time at 6:00) and con-
 cludes by the time Confirmation class is over at 7:30.

Please spread the word and bring a friend!

Monthly Morning Women's Study Anyone?

If anyone is interested in a monthly morning Bible Study, let Leone
 Quigley know you are interested and what day and time works for
 you. Thanks.



Men's Group Study—Tuesdays @ 6:30

We're finding out
 "Stuff they DIDN'T teach me in Sunday School !
 Who can you invite to join you?"

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Thot for a day: what did the air-head say about Cheerios? "Oh look! Doughnut seeds!"

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Email Humor...

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the
 way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"
 One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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Reporters were interviewing a 104-year-old woman.

"And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the report-
 er asked.

She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

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My boss was complaining in a staff meeting the other day that he was-
 n't getting any respect. Later that morning he went out and got a small
 sign that read, "I'm the Boss." He then taped it to his office door.

Later that day when he returned from lunch, he found that someone
 had taped a note to the sign that said: "Your wife called. She wants you
 to bring her sign back."

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 290

Mat 26: 1-25

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The Betrayal

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JESUS	BURIAL
JUDAS	CELEBRATE
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NEAR	PASSOVER
POOR	PERFUME
PRICE	PLOTTED
RABBI	PREACHED
RIOT	PREPARE
SIMON	TEACHER
SOLD	TRUTH
TABLE	WASTE
TELL	WRITTEN

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a
 Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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November 2019 - Daily Readings

In October we read a chapter in Proverbs each day as a way of incorporating God's practical wisdom into our everyday lives. This month we attempt to incorporate an "attitude of gratitude" into each day by reading Scripture references to giving THANKS.

Wk of Nov 3 Daily Readings... **GIVING THANKS IN THE PSALMS**

Nov 4 **Psalm 28:6-7** _____

Nov 5 **Psalm 50:14-15** _____

Nov 6 **Psalm 75:1** _____

Nov 7 **Psalm 100** _____

Nov 8 **Psalm 106:1** _____

Nov 9 **Psalm 118:1-4, 19-21, 28-29** _____

Wk of Nov 10 Daily Readings ... **GIVING THANKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Nov 11 **Psalm 69:30-32** _____

Nov 12 **Psalm 95:1-7** _____

Nov 13 **1 Chronicles 29:10-13** _____

Nov 14 **Ezra 3:10-11** _____

Nov 15 **Nehemiah 12:27-31,38,40,43** _____

Nov 16 **Daniel 6:10** _____

Wk of Nov 17 Daily Readings ... **GIVING THANKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Nov 18 **1 Corinthians 15:50-57** _____

Nov 19 **2 Corinthians 9:10-15** _____

Nov 20 **Ephesians 5:3-4** _____

Nov 21 **Ephesians 5:19-21** _____

Nov 22 **Philippians 1:3-6** _____

Nov 23 **Philippians 4:4-7** _____

Wk of Nov 24 Daily Readings: **GIVING THANKS in the NEW TESTAMENT**

Nov 25 **Colossians 2:6-7** _____

Nov 26 **Colossians 3:15-17** _____

Nov 27 **Colossians 4:2** _____

Nov 28 **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** _____

Nov 29 **2 Thessalonians 1:3-4** _____

Nov 30 **1 Timothy 2:1-4** _____

Wk of Dec 1 Daily Readings... **GIVING THANKS in the NEW TESTAMENT**

Dec 2 **Mark 6:35-44** _____

Dec 3 **Luke 17:11-19** _____

Dec 4 **2 Corinthians 4:13-15** _____




Dec 5 **1 Timothy 4:1-5** _____

Dec 6 **Revelation 4:8-11** _____

Dec 7 **Revelation 7:9-12** _____

Dec 8 **Revelation 11:16-18** _____

November 2019 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	4	5 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	6 6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:00 - PRAYER & 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	7 Noon - NL-S Ministerial @Living Word	8	9 
10 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship	11	12 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	13 6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:00 - PRAYER & 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, November 3rd • Sunday, November 17th • Thanksgiving Eve, Nov 27th </div>		16 10:00 4-8th GRADERS Hand Out Smoke-Detector Batteries
17 Operation Christmas Child Dedication 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship 11:45 - CHOIR PRACTICE 	18	19 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	20 DEADLINE for Operation Christmas Child boxes 6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:00 - PRAYER & 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	21 MISSION <i>Ministry</i> 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	22	23
24 9:00 - ADULT STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 - WORSHIP 11:15 - Fellowship 11:30 - FALL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY 11:45 - CHOIR PRACTICE	25	26 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	27 7:00 THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP w/communion 8:00 PIE FELLOWSHIP	28 THANKSGIVING 	29	30
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Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

Nov 3 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
 Nov 10 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
 Nov 17 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
 Nov 24 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen

Dec 1 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
 Dec 8 Gwen Rucht / Ruth Vegdahl
 Dec 15 Sunday School Parents
 Dec 22 Mike & Brooke Knutson
 Dec 29 Linda VanMeter & Tammy Fuglie

Usher Schedule

Nov 3 Brent & Lance Sawatzky
 Nov 10 Jason & Noah/Levi Miller
 Nov 17 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 Nov 24 Brady & Eli Sharp
 Thanksgiving Eve

Dec 1 Wally Abraham
 Dec 8 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
 Dec 15 Larry Levin & Carroll Sarsland
 Dec 22 Derek & Sarah Olson
 Christmas Eve Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson
 Dec 29 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen

Make A Meal Volunteers

Nov Mona Hjelle & Linda Dilley
 Dec Violet Dauk & Bonnie Hansen

Nursery

(more volunteers needed...)

Nov 3 Pam Johnson
 Nov 10 Violet Dauk
 Nov 17 Mona Hjelle
 Nov 24 Volunteer Needed
 Thanksgiving Eve Volunteer Needed

Seen on Church Signboard...

**Thanksgiving:
 It's not a day - It's a lifestyle.**

Hot for a day: You know you've reached middle age when you when you're cautioned to slow down by your doctor, instead of by the police.

Dec 1 Pam Johnson
 Dec 8 Violet Dauk
 Dec 15 Christmas Program
 Dec 22 Mona Hjelle
 Dec 24 Christmas Eve
 Dec 29 Volunteer Needed

Custodian

Nov Jamie Iverson
 Dec Jamie Iverson

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters)

Nov 3 Alex Meis
 Nov 10 Carson Sawatzky
 Nov 17 Addison Arends-Schmidt
 Nov 24 Autumn Foshaug
 Thanksgiving Eve Jonah Sharp

Dec 1 Rya Sharp
 Dec 8 Kala Miller
 Dec 15 Will Dahl
 Dec 22 Carter Foshaug
 Dec 24 Toby Arends-Schmidt
 Dec 29 Alex Meis

Scripture Readers

Nov 3 Mona Hjelle
 Nov 10 Sarah Olson
 Nov 17 Kevin Welsh
 Nov 24 Laurel Iverson

Dec 1 Tammy Wachter
 Dec 8 Wendy Robbin
 Dec 15 Christmas Program
 Dec 22 Linda Dilley
 Dec 29 McCartney Knutson

Altar Guild

Nov Nancy Jo Wendt
 Dec Mona Hjelle

Elders

Nov 3/10 Ed & Kevin
 Nov 17/24/27 Keith & Joe

Dec 1/8/15 Jason & Ed
 Dec 22/24/29 Kevin & Keith

Accompanying Musicians

Nov 3 Sharon Willen
 Nov 10 Scott Wachter
 Nov 17 Pam Johnson
 Nov 24 Carmen Macik
 Thanksgiving Eve TBS

Dec 1 Sharon Willen
 Dec 8 Scott Wachter
 Dec 15 Christmas Program
 Dec 22 TBD
 Christmas Eve TBD
 Dec 29 TBD

Confirmation Parent-Helper

Nov 6 Macik
 Nov 13 Miller
 Nov 20 Rustad
 Nov 27 Sarsland

Dec 4 Sharp
 Dec 11 Christmas Prog Practice
 Dec 18 Dahl
 Dec 25 No Class
 Jan 1 No Class

November Discipleship Verse...



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
 Psalm 103:1-2

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
- November Newsletters
- Christian books and magazines
- October - December 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)

10-6-19	God's Character Traits: "Forgiving"
10-20-19	God: "I Got This!"
10-27-19	Why God Chooses "Unqualified" People

Living Word Directory... NOW AVAILABLE Online.

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

CHOIR ...

Choir rehearsals for November are the 17th and the 24th. We will be singing, Sunday, December 1, and hopefully on Thanksgiving Eve as well.



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.

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That for a day: Confession without repentance is just bragging.

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Our Horseshoe pit is "Now OPEN"

Feel free to grab the shoes and a couple friends after worship or before studies or meetings - and see how many ringers you get. Hurry before the pit gets buried in snow!



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...

Get Your "Living Word" Sweatshirts

Longing for a new sweatshirt? "Living Word" sweatshirts will be available to order soon. You will find an order form at church with style and color options similar to these:



LWML...



At October's meeting ...

we made plans for serving lunch for both the NL-S Ministerial meeting in November and the MN North District Circuit Pastors' meeting in December. Both will be hosted here at Living Word.

We also decided to meet quarterly instead of monthly. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 22nd, 7:00 pm, at church.

Shoes For Missions:

Thanks to all who have donated shoes. Please continue to collect, and bring them to church (in rubber banded pairs) as this is a fund raiser for Lutheran Island Camp.

Sunday School...

Lesson Review 'Take-Home' Sheet:

Every week you will find a Sunday School lesson summary sheet in your Sunday bulletin that include activities to do at home, in the car, at mealtime and before bed that help students (and parents) apply what they learned to their daily lives.



Upcoming Lessons:

Nov. 3- Ten Commandments- A Loving Law- Exodus 20:1-21
Nov. 10- Joshua,
Nov. 17- Gideon,
Nov. 24- Thanksgiving lesson
December 1 & 8 The account of the Birth of Jesus

Christmas Program: December 15 during Worship (details to come)

Glen Oaks Visit: December 22

Memorizing the 10 Commandments

We're continuing to work on the 3rd Commandment

Have You Checked Out the Sunday School Bulletin Board ?

Take a look at the fun info about the students as well as some of the work they've produced in class. You'll find it on the back of the northern partition that separates the Sanctuary from the Fellowship area. After you've checked it out, go find a student and tell them what you saw!



3-4th Graders Receive Their New Adventure Bibles

(October 27)



Left to Right: Ella Knutson,
Carter Foshaug, Troy Sarsland,
Evelyn Wright, Parker Hjelle,
Anna Sharp (not pictured: Toby
Arends-Schmidt)

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That for a day: Confession is good for the soul but bad for your career.

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Confirmation Class...

Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Parents check the "Parent Helper" schedule for your dates to serve



Adopt-a-Highway Thanks: to Cody and Alison Sarsland, Gage and Will Dahl, Lexi Macik, Zoe Rustad & Pastor David for deaning our section of Highway 23!

4th—6th Grade Group...

For our November outing we will do our annual community service project of handing out free smoke-detector batteries to folks who live near church. We'll do this on Saturday, November 16 from 10-noon. We will need a couple of parents to help drive the kids around. Please tell Pastor David if you can help.



(Confirmation students and other congregation members are invited to help out too. It's a fun project!)

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 and PRAY for...

- People you can invite to any of our studies or events or worship
- The Holy Spirit to work through "Bring It Home and HIGHLIGHT IT!"
- For the Holy Spirit to help kids who don't know Jesus to discover Him as their Lord and Savior through Sunday School
- Thanking God for all Veterans and those who currently serve
- Great weather and safety during hunting and harvesting
- Thanking God for the Harvest
- An "Attitude of Gratitude" everyday - not just on Thanksgiving Day
- God's guidance in your decision of a "Thank-Offering" amount.
- Safe travels over the Thanksgiving holiday
- For the Holy Spirit to work through the teachers of our classes
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for gov't leaders
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Courage to take a stand for Jesus at work AND school
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

Opportunities to Serve...

Could You Help With . . .

Providing a Light Supper for Confirmation students?
Please talk to Pastor David if you could take a turn once a month providing sandwiches, hot dogs, pizza, etc... for six students.

Custodians Needed

You (or your whole family) can sign up to provide the necessary cleaning. A check-list of duties is posted by the mailboxes. Please consider being a part of this service. 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.

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 November Make-a-Meal volunteers are Mona Hjelle & Linda Dilley

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.

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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That for a day: I am one with the universe - on a scale from one to ten.

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Operation Christmas Child...

Dedication Sunday: November 17

Absolute last day for the boxes to be brought back to church will be Wednesday, November 20th. Boxes and packing information are available at the O.C.C display at church. Thank you for partnering with Samaritans Purse, as we share God's love with children around the world.



Email Wisdom...

Two Canadian geese decided to fly south for the winter. A frog was sitting next to them as they decided this and he decided he wanted to go as well. The geese laughed and said "you're just a frog- you can't fly!" The frog knew that he didn't want to stay in the cold, so he thought and thought and thought.

"I got an idea!" the frog said. He found a long stick. "You two hold this stick in your claws and I'll hold on to the middle."

"With what?" the geese asked. "Your little hands could never hold on to a stick!"

"With my mouth" said the frog, proud of his idea.

So the geese put the stick in their claws, the frog clamped on with his mouth and they began to fly south successfully.

A day or two later, a crowd of people looked up and saw the two geese flying overhead, holding a stick with a frog holding on in the middle with his mouth. Someone in the crowd exclaimed, "What a brilliant idea- I wonder who thought of that?"

The frog proudly exclaimed "I did!"

*Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.*
Proverbs 16:18



Story Behind The Song...

"Count Your Blessings"

[From "Amazing Grace: 365 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotion"]

For the Christian, gratitude should be a life attitude. "Count Your Blessings" was written by a Methodist lay preacher named Johnson Oatman. In addition to his preaching and the writing of more than 5000 hymn texts, Oatman was also a successful businessman.

It is good for us to periodically take time to rediscover the simple but profound truths expressed by Mr. Oatman in the four stanzas of this hymn. In the first two verses he develops the thought that counting your blessings serves as an antidote for life's discouragements and in turn makes for victorious Christian living. The third stanza of this hymn teaches us that counting our blessings can be a means of placing material possession in proper perspective when compared to the eternal inheritance awaiting believers. Then, as we review our individual blessings, we certainly would have to agree with Mr. Oatman's fourth verse: The provision of God's help and comfort to the end of our earthly pilgrimage is one of our choicest blessings.

We could all spare ourselves much despair and inner tension if we would only learn to apply the practical teaching of this hymn to our daily living. Try it right now. Read the hymn, then get out pen and paper and list the blessings God has given you - just his past week!

When upon life's billows you are temptest tossed,
When you are discouraged thinking all is lost
Count your many blessings name them one by one
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Chorus: Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God has done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly
And you will be singing as the days go by. (Chorus)

When you look at others with their lands and gold
Think that Christ has promised you his wealth untold
Count your many blessings money cannot buy:
Your reward in heaven nor your home on high (Chorus)

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,

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That for a day: I am willing to make the mistakes if someone else is willing to learn from them.

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Do not be discouraged God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. (Chorus)

Editor's note: A great version by the incredible Guy Penrod (from the Gaither Vocal Band) can be heard at <https://youtu.be/FZECFo4BvR>

New Music of the Month...

This month I want to introduce a song called "God So Loved" by a group that has become one of my new favorites, *We The Kingdom*. Their musical style reminds me of *I Am They* with a bit of *Crowder* mixed in. Listen and watch the video at <https://youtu.be/iq5URsXbKXs>
If you liked this song, here is a bonus of one of their earlier releases called "Holy Water" at <https://youtu.be/7KLO2AXQmtA>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

