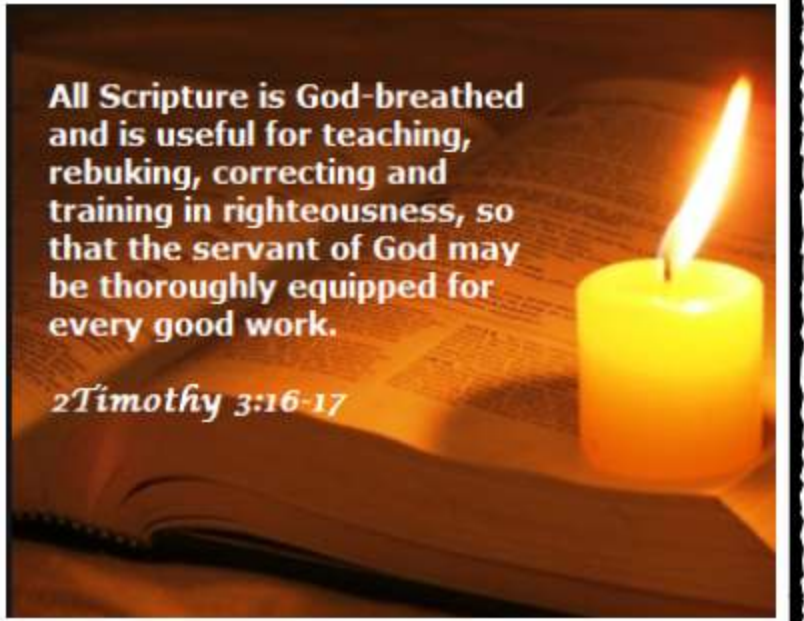


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every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

October 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...

"If God knows what we need, why do we pray?"

Great question! It came from one of our confirmation students after class one day after we read that "God knows our needs even before we ask."



This isn't an exhaustive list of reasons, but probably the biggest ones:

1) Because of God's basic "love" character trait, He doesn't want to force things on us. He much prefers that we want what He has to give us (and indicate our desire for it by asking). Someone put it this way, "God has a heaven full of gifts with your name on them, just waiting for you to ask for them." Makes you want to ask, doesn't it!

2) Receiving something we asked for increases our gratitude when we get that thing we asked for. When we get good things without asking - or even knowing we need them, we have a tendency to 'take for granted' (or even not notice) what God gave us. We tend to make a much more conscious effort to say "Thanks" when we asked before receiving.

3) Prayer strengthens our trust in God - that He has the power to give what we ask, and knows the right things to give - at just the right time. We wouldn't ask if we didn't trust those things.

4) It is humbling to have to admit there's something you can do or can't acquire on your own. That's what we are doing when we come to God in prayer. And the Bible is very, very dear, God loves it when we are humble and really doesn't like it when we act like we are god and don't need Him.

In short, praying not only reminds us of God's amazing love, it also increases our trust in Him, it humbles us and fosters an "attitude of gratitude." Just some of the reasons God tells us to come to Him constantly in prayer.

Thanks for Asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Starting in October...

1) Someone You Know -

Starting Sunday, October 6 (and the first Sunday of each month thereafter) all congregations in our district will pray for "someone you know" who either doesn't know Jesus as Savior or who doesn't have a church home. Every congregation will receive bulletin inserts with 'take-home' prayer, promises from God's Word, and practical helps for getting started helping "Someone You Know" come to know Jesus - or come back to Him.

2) ... and 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 will have daily readings from five different books of the Bible each week. Each reading will include key verses to highlight in your Bible. Each day will also include a question designed to help apply the highlighted passage to your own life as well as a prayer based on the verse. The week's readings will be available every Sunday, beginning October 13!



Congratulations...

- Mariah & David Stern on being united in marriage on September 7th !!!

If you have someone you'd like to offer congratulations to, just email Pastor David with the info: 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:



- Sunday School!
- Fall

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

Mark Your Calendar...

Come join St John Lutheran Church of Atwater as we celebrate **Oktober Feast** with authentic German food and music from the Wendinger Band from New Ulm. When: Sunday, October 6th, 4:30 - 7:30pm. Tickets: Adults \$12/ Children (Ages 5 - 12) \$5. Where? Atwater Community Center, 107 2nd St N, Atwater.

October 6: Building Committee Kickoff

Our MMT has set Sunday, October 6 as the day we will formally "kick off" our Building Committee's work! The Committee should begin meeting shortly after that and will hammer out the details of how they will go about what may be a lengthy process. They'll keep the congregation in the loop as much as possible and will encourage questions and feedback along the way.



Mission & Ministry Team 2019 Planning Session

Re-Scheduled for Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m.

We will set out our Strategic Ministry Plan for the coming year and craft a 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.

Email Humor...

Are you a parent? Then you'll understand these tweets:

- My 14-year-old made fun of me this morning because I had to go to work while he had a snow day. So I changed the Wi-Fi password.
- My kids wanted to know what it's like to be a mom, so I woke them up at 2 a.m. to let them know my sock came off.
- Daughter: You're invading my personal space.
Mother: You came out of my personal space
- -Not sure if I should be more concerned about the son who locked me out of my bedroom today or the one who showed me how to pick the lock.

A passenger jet was suffering through a severe thunderstorm. As the passengers were being bounced around by the turbulence, a young woman turned to a minister sitting next to her and with a nervous laugh asked, "Reverend, you're a man of God. Can't you do something about this storm?"

To which he replied, "I'm sorry ma'am. I'm in sales, not management."

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That for a day: Junk is something you throw away three weeks before you need it.

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Congregational Outreach News...

Let's Make Some Cards!

October 12 @ Vegdahl's' (16305 Co Rd 4 NE, Spicer)

9:00 a.m. until ??? (Stay as long as you'd like)

Bring: A Snack to Share. AND FRIENDS!

Ruth will make soup for lunch!

Stay as long as you would like.

Ruth will provide enough cardstock for 1 doz. cards/person

(If you'd like to make more, please bring extra)

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 Marcia 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 News...

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 design & color options.

With worldwide news coverage, we hear of hurricanes, floods, and other disasters. Farmers are facing poor harvests. It can feel overwhelming to know how to help with so many needs. If you feel called to donate to disaster recovery, please consider donating through the LCMS and share the love of Jesus along with the practical assistance. They respond to many situations around the country. Here's a link to learn more: <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response>



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!

(PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS FROM A LUTHERAN PERSPECTIVE)

Dear Christian Friends,

"... creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible."

It will come as no surprise to anyone when I say that the pace of change in our society has been, and continues to be, dizzying! In fact, so many elements of our cultural foundation have been overturned or called into question that it has become tempting to withdraw from the cultural conversation / battle entirely . . . to stop even trying to understand what's at the heart of it all . . . to stop investing effort in reigning in its many excesses. It's tempting to pretend that we might be justified in our lack of engagement because "these changes don't have a direct connection to the Christian Gospel, the proclamation of which is, after all, our primary calling." But nothing could be further from the truth!

Granted, today's cultural radicals generally do not directly attack the person and work of Jesus or the person and work of the Holy Spirit, but they most certainly do attack the person and work of God the Father, "creator of heaven and earth." And why do they do so? They do so because understand that to the same degree they can entice us to question God's creative powers, we will also question His redeeming and sanctifying powers.

And so we can understand why the radicals have been so militant, for example, in advocating the teaching of evolutionary theory in public schools and the popular media while studiously ignoring the accumulating mountain of scientific evidence which now confirms the complete inadequacy of mutation and natural selection to explain the living world as we know it.

We can understand why, even in the face of natural law and millennia of lived human experience, the binary nature of human sexuality has been rejected along with the obvious complementarity of males and females.

We can understand why, having rejected the role of parents as the primary authority in the life of their children, they now push the State to mandate a new and radical sex-ed curricula in public schools which would effectively prevent children from developing the stable self-identity so essential to living a healthy and God-pleasing life. Indeed,

taken as a whole, we understand why they are investing so heavily in a concerted effort to completely dismantle and redefine reality.

So, what are we to do in the face of such radical and multifaceted cultural project?

1. Well, first and foremost it is essential that we return to the Bible . . . return to that one source from which we receive reliable information both about ourselves as human beings, about the created world in which we live, and about the God who created that world and us. In short, we need to be serious about being "in the Word." Both we and our children need to be proactive in divorcing ourselves from those elements of our culture (schools, media outlets, and social and political organizations) which seem so intent on contradicting the Scriptures, and in particular, fostering doubt in God's creative power.
2. Second, we need to be regular in our prayer, regularly including petitions which ask God to restrain these efforts to distort God's good, created order and thanking God for the many evidences of His creative power. Take the time to familiarize yourself with the compelling new scientific evidence which now so effectively discredits the basic daim of classic Darwinism, namely, that mutation and natural selection have the capacity to imitate the effects of a creative mind. (A key resource you might use is the new book Darwin Devolves by Michael Behe.)
3. And third, seek out reliable sources of news and commentary so that you can stay current with our swiftly changing cultural circumstances. To that end, allow me to recommend three sources I've found to be concise, timely and trustworthy:
 - **The Colson Center.** In particular, let me point you to their "Breakpoint Daily" offering. I've found it to be consistently accurate and insightful in dealing with the most pressing issues of the day from an orthodox Christian perspective. I highly recommend it!
 - **The Family Research Council**
 - **The Minnesota Family Council**

May the Lord continue to bless His people.

In Christ,
Rev. Fred Hinz
LCMS Public Policy Advocate
Minnesota South and North Districts
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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

A special invitation to everyone to meet weekly in prayer Wednesdays at 6 p.m. through October 23. (Beginning October 30, Prayer Time will be incorporated with the New Women's Bible Study.)



Prayer is a foundational part of our spiritual life both personally and as a congregation. *"When the devil sees a man or woman who really believes in prayer, who knows how to pray, and who really does pray... and, above all, when he sees a whole church on its face before God in prayer... he trembles as much as he ever did, for he knows that his day in that church or community is at an end."* R.A. Torrey

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

Is undergoing a few changes ... Laurel Iverson is taking a break after leading the study the past four years. A HUGE "Thank You" to Laurel

Violet Dauk will take over leading the study and begin with a one-session study on "Understanding the Holy Spirit" on Wednesday, October 30. We will also choose a study for November that day. The study will start with Prayer Time at 6:00 p.m. and conclude by the time Confirmation class is over at 7:30. Please spread the word and bring a friend!

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?"

**THAT THE
WORLD
MAY KNOW.**



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That for a day: I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

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The Link...



October 2019 Updates

It is a season of change and gratitude here at The Link. After 6.5 years of leadership, Rhonda Otteson is taking a new position with the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless as their new Executive Director. She is incredibly grateful for the time she has spent at The Link, working with you: our incredible community. Your support has made it possible to touch the lives of so many people with support and compassion. This is a wonderful community that cares deeply for others and Rhonda has felt honored to have been a part of The Link's journey.

With Rhonda's departure, it's also a time to announce that Chasity Ommott will be the new Executive Director. Chasity has been with The Link for five years and has deep connections to the community. She has successfully led the expansion of the Food Pantry and the Wildcat Backpack Program. She is deeply passionate about this work, the community and children, families and seniors in need.

The Link Board and staff have been preparing since the beginning of the year for this transition to ensure seamless services to the community.

Thank you all for your continued support. YOU are The Link.

Community Choir Concert

The Annual Community Choir Concert to benefit The Link will be on Sunday December 15th, 3 pm at Faith Lutheran Church. This Year's theme will be "God Came Near". If your church is without a choir, please consider attending the following rehearsals:

October 8th & 22nd and November 5th & 19th, 7 pm at Our Lady of the Lakes November 24th 3 to 5 pm at Faith Lutheran Church

Tuesday's Table:

Oct. 1st— No Tuesday's Table

Oct. 8th— Evangelical Covenant Church

Oct. 15th— Faith Lutheran Church

Oct. 29th— Peace Lutheran Church

Oct. 29th— O'Neil's hosted by The Open Door Church

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/yxs959uk>



October 2019 - Daily Readings

DAILY READING PROGRAM: We start October with a week of passages reminding us of the POWER of God's Word. Then we shift to passages about what to put in our minds, and finish with a week of passages that were key to the Lutheran Reformation (502nd Anniversary on October 31!)

Just look for one main thing God has for you to learn in each reading, then write that down.

Week of September 29 The Power of God's Word

- Sept 30 Isaiah 55:10-11 _____

- Oct 1 Romans 1:16-18 _____

- Oct 2 Hebrews 4:12-13 _____

- Oct 3 1 Peter 1:22-15 _____

- Oct 4 Psalm 119:9-16 _____

- Oct 5 Psalm 148:1-6 _____

Week of October 6 Daily Readings Attitudes and Thoughts

- Oct 7 Philippians 2:1-8 _____

- Oct 8 Ephesians 4:17-24 _____

- Oct 9 1 Peter 4:1-5 _____

- Oct 10 Genesis 6:5-8 _____

- Oct 11 Psalm 10:1-5 _____

- Oct 12 Psalm 139:1-4 _____

Week of Oct 13 Daily Readings Thoughts

- Oct 14 Ecclesiastes 10:20 _____

- Oct 15 Isaiah 55:5-9 _____

- Oct 16 Matthew 9:1-8 _____

- Oct 17 Matthew 15:16-19 _____

- Oct 18 Romans 8:5-9 _____

- Oct 19 Romans 12:1-3 _____

Week of Oct 20 Daily Readings What to Focus Our Minds On

- Oct 21 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 _____

- Oct 22 Ephesians 2:1-5 _____

- Oct 23 Philippians 4:4-8 _____

- Oct 24 Colossians 3:1-17 _____

- Oct 25 Hebrews 3:1-6 _____

- Oct 26 Hebrews 4:12-13 _____

Week of Oct 27 Daily Readings Key Passages of the Reformation

- Oct 28 Romans 1:16-17 _____

- Oct 29 Ephesians 2:1-10 _____

- Oct 30 1 Peter 2:4-10 _____

- Oct 31 2 Timothy 3:10-17 _____

- Nov 1 Matthew 11:28-30 _____

- Nov 2 Galatians 3:6-14 _____

October 2019 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 29 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship 11:45 CHOIR PRACTICE	Sept 30	1 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	2 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP 6:00 - CONFIRMATION	3 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM RE-SCH'D from SEPT.	4	5
6 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	7	8 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	9 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP 6:00 - CONFIRMATION	10	11	12 9:00 CARD-MAKING @ Vegdahls*
13 KICKOFF: Operation Christmas Child 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship	14	15 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	16 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP	17	18	19
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27 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 - Fellowship 11:45 - CHOIR PRACTICE	28	29 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	30 6:00 - NEW: PRAYER & WOMEN'S STUDY 6:00 - CONFIRMATION	31	Nov 1	Nov 2
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Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

Oct 6 Mike & Brooke Knutson
 Oct 13 Linda VanMeter & Tammy Fuglie
 Oct 20 Leone & Kerry Quigley
 Oct 27 Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore
 Nov 3 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
 Nov 10 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
 Nov 17 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson
 Nov 24 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen

Usher Schedule

Oct 6 Larry Levin & Carroll Sarsland
 Oct 13 Derek & Sarah Olson
 Oct 20 Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson
 Oct 27 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
 Nov 3 Brent & Lance Sawatzky
 Nov 10 Jason & Noah/Levi Miller
 Nov 17 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 Nov 24 Brady & Eli Sharp

Custodian

Oct Living Word Youth - (George & Bo Schmidt)
 Nov Custodians needed

Make A Meal Volunteers

Oct Pam Johnson & Iversons
 Nov Mona Hjelle & Linda Dilley

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters)

Oct 6 Kala Miller
 Oct 13 Will Dahl
 Oct 20 Carter Foshaug
 Oct 27 Toby Arends-Schmidt
 Nov 3 Alex Meis
 Nov 10 Carson Sawatzky

Seen on Church Signboard...

1. Hug Your Kids
2. Pray for Your Kids
3. Repeat Steps 1 and 2

People who feel the need to tell you that they have an excellent sense of humor are really telling you that they have no sense of humor.

That for a day:

Nov 17 Addison Arends-Schmidt
 Nov 24 Autumn Foshaug

Nursery

(more volunteers needed...)

Oct 6 Pam Johnson
 Oct 13 Volunteer needed
 Oct 20 Mona Hjelle
 Oct 27 Violet Dauk
 Nov 3 Pam Johnson
 Nov 10 Violet Dauk
 Nov 17 Mona Hjelle
 Nov 24 Volunteer Needed

Scripture Readers

Oct 6 Tammy Fuglie
 Oct 13 Leone Quigley
 Oct 20 Nykki Foshaug
 Oct 27 Ruth Vegdahl
 Nov 3 Mona Hjelle
 Nov 10 Sarah Olson
 Nov 17 Kevin Welsh
 Nov 24 Laurel Iverson

Altar Guild

Oct Mona Hjelle
 Nov Nancy Jo Wendt

Elders

Oct 6/13 Kevin & Keith
 Oct 20/27 Joe & Jason
 Nov 3/10 Ed & Kevin
 Nov 17/24/27 Keith & Joe

Accompanying Musicians

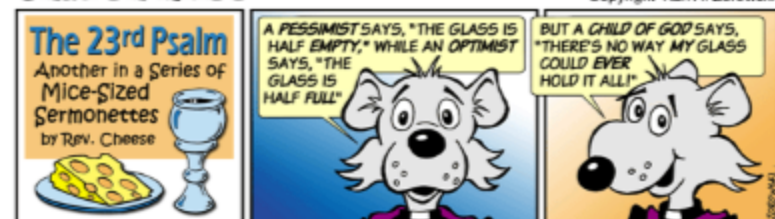
Oct 6 Sharon Willen
 Oct 13 Scott Wachter
 Oct 20 Pam Johnson
 Oct 27 Scott Wachter
 Nov 3 Sharon Willen
 Nov 10 Scott Wachter
 Nov 17 Pam Johnson
 Nov 24 Scott Wachter
 Thanksgiving Eve

Confirmation Parent-Helper

Oct 2 Rustad
 Oct 9 Sarsland
 Oct 16 NO CLASS (MEA Week)
 Oct 23 Sharp
 Oct 30 Dahl
 Nov 6 Macik
 Nov 13 Miller
 Nov 20 Rustad
 Nov 27 Sarsland

Church Mice

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October Discipleship Verse...

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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
- October 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)

- 9-1-19 "Sustainable Faith- The "idea" of "keeping the faith" is easy. Making it happen requires a Plan."
9-8-19 "Sustaining Faith- by being in the LIGHT"
9-15-19 "God's most basic character traits - and our response"
9-22-19 "Love is another basic trait of God's- but what is love?"
9-29-19 "The One Thing God is Slow At Doing"

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 and he will send you a link to view the directory online.



CHOIR ...

Please Join Us !

Sarah Olson directs us this year.

Practice Sundays at 11:45

USHER TRAINING September 15 after worship

We will have a quick 'refresher' course on the basic functions of being an usher - especially the task of helping during communion. This is for all ushers - new and 'old.'

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That for a day: You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted and used against you.

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Still Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Just a reminder that there is an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account . Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office.

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!



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...

LWML...



At the September meeting...

we decided to be a coalition, and will meet quarterly, in the evening, at church. Will focus on studying God's Word, and on missions.

At October's meeting ...

(October 23 @ 7p.m.) we will also be discussing what we want to accomplish (mission projects, activities, etc.) in the next year.

Shoes For Missions:

Thank you to all who have donated shoes. This will be an ongoing fundraiser for Lutheran Island Camp. Please make sure shoes are in very good condition, and that they are either tied or rubber banded together. There is a collection bin near the entry at church for the shoes

Sunday School...

Parents, please fill out the "Ride Survey" in your mailbox. You can give it to Wendy, Mona or Pastor David. Thanks!

Substitute teachers still needed.

We still could benefit from having another substitute teacher or two. Please talk to Education Director Wendy Robbin.

Our Teachers:

Pre-K: Sarah Olson & Meggie Ashburn
Gr 1-3 Lara Dahl
Gr 4-6 Mona Hjelle
Gr 7-12 Carmen & Mike Macik
Confirmation Pastor David
Ed Director Wendy Robbin

(Please thank them for serving us and our kids!)

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:

Sept 29- Abram - A Call To Action- Genesis 12:1-9
Oct. 6 - Jacob -A Promising Dream- Genesis 28:10-22
Oct. 13- Joseph -Hope In Hardship - Genesis 37; 45:1-10; 50:20
Oct. 20- Moses- Fiery Directions - Exodus 2:23-3:22
Oct. 27- Exodus- Egypt Exit- Exodus 14
Nov. 3- Ten Commandments- A Loving Law- Exodus 20:1-21

Memorizing the 10 Commandments

We'll begin where we left off last spring, with the 3rd Commandment

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



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Thot for a day: Dictionary: The only place where success comes before work.

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4th—6th Grade Group...

In preparation for kids visiting Glen Oaks again, they will be stamping cards at Vegdahl's house on October 23. After card-making is done, we'll have some other fun as weather allows (like a bonfire or hike in the woods).

We will be needed help with rides. Please talk to Pastor David if you can do that.

Thanks to the parents who helped with rides for the DQ/Wildcat Cove outing in September!

Confirmation Class...

Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

- No Class on October 16 (MEA week)
- Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup on Saturday, October 26
- Parents check the "Parent Helper" schedule for your dates to serve



Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup
Saturday, October 26 @ 10 a.m.
(A Confirmation Class service 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
- 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 our Sunday School teachers
- For the Holy Spirit to work through the teachers of our classes
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Great weather and safety during hunting and harvesting
- The Holy Spirit to work through "Bring It Home and HIGHLIGHT IT!"
- 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 AND school
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

Opportunities to Serve...

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.

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 October Make-a-Meal volunteers are Pam Johnson & Iversons.

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 never make the same mistake twice. I make it 5 or 6 times, just to be sure.

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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.

Operation Christmas Child...

Operation Christmas Child kickoff is **October 13th**!

The congregation and the children are invited to participate in "Operation Christmas Child". Kick-off date for this mission will be Sunday, October 13, with brochures, boxes and labels provided. **Deadline for the boxes to be brought back to church, will be Wednesday, November 20th.** If you need more info, go to www.samaritanspurse.org. Thank you for partnering with Samaritans Purse, as we share God's love with children around the world.



Story Behind The Song...

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..."
Hebrews 12:2

In our fast-paced daily lives, how easy it is to get caught up in the "things of earth" so that eternal values become blurred and almost forgotten. We need this month's hymn to remind us that we must continue to make Jesus the central core of our lives - to pursue the Kingdom of God and His righteousness - if we are to be victorious believers.

In 1981, Helen Howarth Lemmel, the author and composer of this hymn, was given a tract by a missionary friend. As she read it, Helen's attention was focused on this line: "So then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face, and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness." She related:

"Suddenly, as if commanded to stop and listen, I stood still, and singing in my soul and spirit was the chorus of the hymn with not one conscious moment of putting word to word to make rhyme, or note to note to make melody. The verses were written the same week, after the usual manner of composition, but none the less dictated by the Holy Spirit."

Since that day, Lemmel's hymn has been translated into many languages and used by God to challenge believers around the world with the necessity of living devoted lives for His glory.

Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conquerors we are!

His word shall not fail you— He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to the world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

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That for a day: As I watched the dog chasing his tail, I thought dogs are easily amused. Then I realized I was watching a dog chasing his tail.

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Editor's note: A great version by Lauren Daigle can be heard at <https://youtu.be/L57ox0iQU7A>. If looking for a more classic version, check out one by Alan Jackson at <https://youtu.be/fKAPHifcic>

New Music of the Month...

This new section will feature a new Christian song each month that is just been produced or starting to be played on the radio...

This month I want to introduce a song by Chris McClarney based on the 23rd Psalm called "Valley". The style reminds me somewhat of Rich Mullins. Listen and watch the video at <https://youtu.be/PceffaXo6ho>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

