



May 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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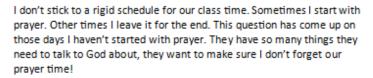
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Question for Pastor...

"Are we going to pray?"

This question has come up several times in Confirmation class this year.

You may have noticed how people are often making a statement when they ask a question. Here's the statement the students are making when they asked that question: "We need to pray!"



And when we get to prayer time, it is very rare that any of them have a hard time coming up with things to take to God. It is much more likely that I will get a 'laundry list' of things. That laundry list will include the typical prayer things like healing (e.g. for a hand that got broken while slam dunking a nerf basketball). But this group surprises me with the number of requests that go beyond physical things. Like healing for relationships with teachers and friends, thanksgiving for good things happening in the lives of siblings, comfort for relatives and friends going through losses - and they even frequently pray for their parents!

It dawned on me that I am actually making a statement including their question this month. My statement is this:

What an example these kids set!

We should all look forward to our prayer time as much as these confirmation students do!

Thanks for Asking (and Telling)! Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

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From the blog: Jean's Encouraging Words by Jean Matthews Hall

Ten Things Parents Need to Remember

- Find fault with what your child DOES, not what he IS.
- Democracy doesn't always work in a family.
- Always expect the unexpected.
- · Kids often get injured when you're only inches from them.
- When to say nothing and simply hug your child.
- Cool off before you react.
- Kids love it when their parents occasionally break the rules.
- One unpleasant consequence is more effective than ten lectures or 100 threats.
- It takes more love to say "no" than it does to give in.
- Your harsh or rash words cannot be erased from your child's heart.
 (But they can be forgiven ask for it!)

Congratulations...

- Gracie Geer on your graduation from Dream Academy in Willman
- Lance Sawatzky & Noah Miller on making your NYG fundraising goal!

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 encour-



age 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

- Easter Celebration for Kids
- Spring Rain
- Easter
- Christ is STILL Risen

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 -

Takes a break during the season of Lent, so everyone can attend the weekly Lenten Devotion Wednesday's at 6:00



Women's Study - Uninvited Wednesdays @ 6:30

In this six-session video Bible study bestselling author Lysa TerKeurst helps women to explore the roots of rejection: the lies we believe as a result: and the truth about who God is, who we are, and what it looks like to 'live loved'. This is a good study, not only for people that



feel rejected in one way or another, but also how as Christians we often feel a little left out on the "fun" that the world is having. This is a way to recognize and grow in the relationship we have to with other believers, as well as that in Christ.

Men's Group Study — Tuesdays @ 6:30

Tuesdays @ 6:30

"Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School" . . returns for May with lessons we usually never get around to by the end of the Sunday School year: The New Testament (after the Gospels)



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. Thanks!

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

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Congregational Outreach News.... Page 5

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 Marcia 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 Marcia Welsh 320-796-6840)

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

- + A BIG KAHUNA outing
- + CPR training.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML...

LWML will meet on Wednesday May 15, at 11:00 a.m., at church. Everyone please bring an appetizer. We will be finalizing plans for the Mother-Daughter Salad Luncheon.

MOTHER DAUGHTER SALAD LUNCHEON: Saturday, May 18 at 10:30. More details on page 7 in this newsletter.

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 and cherry pies. We will be making rhubarb, apple, and strawberry pies soon. Anyone wishing to donate apples, rhubarb, or strawberries, please contact Bonnie Hansen at 796-5605.

Have you short..." day: 0 for Thot

Mark Your Calendar...

Confirmation Class

- . May 1: Helps with 3-5th trip to Raptor Ridge
- May 8: Adopt-a-Highway clean up.
 We also need parents to organize and drive.
- May 15: No Class (Church Spring-Cleaning Night)
- May 22: Regular class @ 6:00



Raptor Ridge

3-5th Grade Group March Outing:

Heads to "Raptor Ridge" Museum on May 1 We'll leave church at 6:00 and return around 7:15. Drivers are also needed. Thanks

Adopt-a-Highway Wednesday, May 8

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.



Church Clean-up Night

Wednesday, May 15 Come anytime after 5pm

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 Wrobleski (incumbent)

Elders (two): Kevin Welsh & Joe Johnson (incumbents)

Christian Growth - Sunday School - (position open)

Congregational Outreach - Marcia Welsh (incumbent)

We need suggestions for people to fill the Stewardship and Sunday School positions. If you have members you'd like us to consider for either position, please give their names to an Elder or Mission and Ministry Team member. Thanks!

TRAP-SHOOTING FELLOWSHIP 2019

Planning Meeting

Wednesday, May 15 @ 6pm.



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Page 7 Choir Notes...

Choir is taking a short break after the Lenten and Easter services. Rehearsals start again May 19th and the 26th after coffee fellowship. Not much time left if you wanted to sing with us this year.



Come and join in. Hope to see you at rehearsals. "Just as I am," ~Leone

The Congregation is Invited

...to Gracie Geer's Graduation Open House

When: Saturday, May 25, 2:00 p.m.

Where: At her home - 16889 Hwy 23, New London, MN 56273

Please RSVP by May 1. Thanks!



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Spring Mother-Daughter/Friend Salad Luncheon:

Saturday, May 18 @ 10:30

Come celebrate with your mother, daughter, sister, church family.

Our speaker will be Heidi Hahn Cottingham. Heidi is the daughter of a former pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Del Hahn and his wife Marilyn. Heidi will be giving an inspirational talk about her mom who was a survivor of polio and raised her family after suffering the effects of polio

Please bring a salad to share.

In order to plan for the number of attendees, there will be a signup sheet at church.

Any questions, call Bonnie Hansen at 796-5605

There is no admission charge, but please sign up in advance.

Bring your mother, daughter, sister, friend and a salad.

Thot for a day:



Sunday School News...

"Ten Commandment Update":

We will continue to work on the 3rd Commandment, and will recite in church on the 19th.

Singing: Kids will sing one of the Sundays in May.

Last Day of Class for this Sunday School Season: May 19

Email Wisdom...

See how well you can answer these questions about Jesus:

- . T or F: Jesus died on a place known to the Jews as Mount Calvary.
- T or F: The angel rolled the stone away from the tomb, so Jesus could come out of the grave.
- The name Jesus means, a) Messiah b) God with us c) The Lord
- Who was warned by whom not to crucify Jesus?
 - a) Pilate was warned by his wife
 - b) The Chief Priest was warned by Mary
 - c) The Pharisees were warned by Peter
- Who visited Jesus in the stable when He was born?
 - a) angels,
 - b) shepherds
 - c) wise men
- Jesus typically referred to Himself as The Son of Man, a name for the Messiah found in the OT book:
 - a) Isaiah
 - b) Psalms
 - c) Daniel
- Which one of these did Jesus NOT say:
 - a) I am the Light of the World
 - b) I am the Living Water
 - c) I Am the Bread of Life
- Jesus' first words to His disciples after rising from the grave:
 - a) Hey guys!
 - b) Told ya so!
 - c) Peace be with you!

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Answers:

E - It was rolled away so we could see Jesus wasn't there F - It was known as Golgotha (The place of a skull)

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The Link...

May 2019 Updates

Minnesota Food Share Success

As a Minnesota Food Share March Campaign participant, The Link is asked to report totals received during the campaign period. Reporting the pounds and dollars donated is used in determining the match The Link Food Pantry receives from MN Food Share.

The support The Link Food Pantry received from the community, churches and service organizations during the campaign was phenomenal! The food items donated totaled 1,725 pounds and the dollars received were over \$15,000.00! Although the pounds were less than last year, the amount of money surpassed last year's total! This will make a greater impact because every dollar donated increases to \$10 worth of food by purchasing through Second Harvest.

Save the Date: Rib Fest, Sunday, June 9th 1 pm to 5 pm.



"Rib Fest Pies & Brownies Needed:

This year we are looking for volunteers to make homemade pies and brownies for Rib Fest. In the past we

have only accepted and served pie. This year due to the increase in families with young children attending the event, a kid-friendly dessert would make for a better option. If you would like to help The Link out by baking either a pie (or 10!) or pan of brownies, please contact Chasity or Shawna at 320 354 5555

Please keep an eye out for ticket info and posters about some of the new activities coming to Rib Fest this year!

Tuesday's Table:

May 7th - Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

May 14th - Evangelical Covenant Church

May 21st - Faith Lutheran Church

May 28th - Peace Lutheran Church

Monthly Giving Opportunities:

The Link is now offering monthly giving as a convenient option for our donors. You can set it up online giving through The Link's website at www.youarethelink.org or directly through your bank. Please contact Rhonda at 320-354-LINK or email her director@youarethelink.org for more information.

Chasity Ommodt, 320.354.5555, outreach@youarethelink.org

May 2019 - Daily Readings

We continue with readings about Resurrection, then later in the month we move into readings about the Holy Spirit in preparation for the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost on June 9.

Week of APR 28 Daily Readings: RESULTS OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

b	John 11:20-27
	1 Corinthians 15:12-23
	1 Corinthians 15:51-58
	Acts 4:32-35
	Colossians 3:1-10
	1 Peter 1:3-9
	1 Kings 17:7-24
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	Week of MAY 5 Daily Readings OTHER RESURRECTIONS IN THE BIBLE 1 Kings 17:7-24 2 Kings 4:8-37 2 Kings 13:20-21 Matthew 9:18-26 Matthew 27:50-53
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May 14	Acts 9:36-42
May15	Ephesians 2:1-5
May 16	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
May 17	1 Corinthians 15:50-58
May 18	John 5:24-30
	Week of May 19 Daily Readings The POWER of the RESURRECTION for US
May 20	Ephesians 1
May 21	Ephesians 2
May 22	Ephesians 3
May 23	Ephesians 4
May 24	Ephesians 5
May 25	Ephesians 6
	Week of May 26 Daily Readings The HOLY SPIRIT in the OLD TESTAMENT
May 27	Genesis 12
May 28	Numbers 11:23-30
May 29	Judges 3.9-11
May 30	Judges 14:5-6
May 31	1 Samuel 16:10-13
June 1	Isaiah 63.7-10
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May 2019 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Apr 28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4	
9:00 - ADULT STUDY - SUNDAY SCHOOL			6:00 3-5th GR. Leaves for RAPTOR RIDGE		• Sunday,		
10:00 WORSHIP		6:30 MEN'S GROUP	6:00 PRAYER GROUP		• Sunday,		
11:15 Fellowship		6.30 MEN'S GROUP	6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY				
5 9:00 - ADULT STUDY -	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship		6:30 MEN'S GROUP	6:00 PRAYER GROUP	email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.ne			
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
9:00 - ADULT STUDY			11:00 LWML			10:30	
- SUNDAY SCHOOL			5:00 SPRING CLEANING			MOTHER- DAUGHTER	
10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship		6:30 MEN'S GROUP	6:00 TRAP-SHOOTING PLANNING MTG.			SALAD LUNCHEON	
			6:00 PRAYER GROUP 6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
9:00 - ADULT STUDY - LAST DAY of SUNDAY SCHOOL							
10:00 - WORSHIP w/communion			6:00 CONFIRMATION	5:30 ELDERS' TEAM		2:00 Grad Reception	
11:15 - NYG SERVANT AUCTION		6:30 MEN'S GROUP	6:00 PRAYER GROUP	630 MISSION &		For GRACIE GEER	
11:45 - CHOIR REHEARSAL		WORK PROJECT	6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY	MINISTRY TEAM		at her home	
26	27	28	29	30	31	June 1	
9:00 - ADULT STUDY -							
10:00 WORSHIP			6:00 PRAYER GROUP			Voters' Assembly	
11:15 Fellowship		6:30 MEN'S GROUP	6:30 WOMEN'S STUDY			TOMORROW after worship	
11:45 CHOIR REHEARSAL							

Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

May 5 Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl

May 12 Mike & Brooke Knutson

May 19 Nancy Jo Wendt & Tammy Fuglie

May 26 Leone & Kerry Quigley

June 2 Wendy Robbin / Alicia 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

Usher Schedule

May 5 Linda Dilley & Davis Rustad

May 12 Wally Abraham and Larry Levin

May 19 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer

May 26 Derek & Sarah Olson

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

Make A Meal Volunteers

May Wendy Robbin & Pam Johnson June Iversons & Mona Hielle

Altar Guild

May Nancy Jo Wendt June Mona Hjelle

Elders

May 5/12 Kevin & Keith
May 19/26 Joe & Jason
June 2/9 Ed & Kevin
June 16/23/30 Keith & Joe

Seen on Church Signboard...

Need a Sign That God Loves You? Okay, Here It Is: "God Loves You!"

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Confirma	ation Parent Helper	<u>Custodian</u>		
May 22	Rustad	May	Custodians needed	
		June	Custodians needed	
Acolyte	(little brothers & sisters)			
May 5	Jonah Sharp	Scriptur	e Readers	
May 12	Rya Sharp	May 5	Kevin Welsh	
May 19	Kala Miller	May 12	Laurel Iverson	
May 26	Will Dahl	May 19	Tammy Wachter	
		May 26	Wendy Robbin	
June 2	Carter Foshaug			
June 9	Toby Arends-Schmidt	June 2	Linda Dilley	
June 16	Alex Meis	June 9	McCartney Knutson	
June 23	Carson Sawatzky	June 16	Jason Miller	
June 30	Addison Arends-Schmidt	June 23	Mark Fuglie	
		June 30	Tammy Fuglie	
Nursery				
(more vo	olunteers needed)	Accomp	anying Musicians	
May 5	Pam Johnson	May 5	Sharon Willen	
May 12	Volunteer needed	May 12	Scott Wachter	
May 19	Mona Hjelle	May 19	Pam Johnson	
May 26	Volunteer needed	May 26	Scott Wachter	
June 2	Pam Johnson	June 2	Sharon Willen	
June 9	Violet Dauk	June 9	Scott Wachter	
June 16	Mona Hjelle	June 16	Pam Johnson	
June 23	Volunteer needed	June 23	Scott Wachter	
June 30	Gwen Ruchti	June 30	Scott Wachter	

Church Mice

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May Discipleship Verse...

"If then you have been raised with Christ... Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:1,2

Miscellaneous Notes...

Food Pantry Reminder

Please continue to support the New London Pantry that is part of the Link. Food donations are so important this time of year. Please leave your donations in the purple container in the front of the church marked FOOD SHELF. Thank 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
- May 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 livngwordlutheran.net_home page)



3-31-19 Your attitude is the "Steering Wheel" of your Life

4-7-19 The attitude that steers your use of Money

4-14-19 Kids set examples for us about our use of the Gospel

4-21-19 The Resurrection Changes Sentences - in TWO Ways

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.

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Page 17 Living Word Directory... NOW AVAILABLE Online.

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



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.

Living Word Apparel

Thanks to everyone who ordered!

Orders can be picked up at Living Word after MAY 20
(To save shipping costs we will have all items delivered to church.)



Stewardship...

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

During Lent we focused on some basic principles to guide us as we seek to be good "caretakers" (traditionally: "stewards") of the gifts God has entrusted to our care. For the remainder of the year, in each monthly Newsletter you will find a review of one of the gifts and the basic principle to apply to your care-taking of that gift. This month:

GIFT: GOD'S WORD PRINCIPLE: "HIDE IT IN YOUR HEART"
i.e. commit it to memory

Satan lies to us all the time, often through ideas and feelings that he makes to sound attractive. The sure-fire way to detect a lie is to know the truth. Jesus said, "God's Word is truth," and Psalm 119:8 tells us "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Here is a list of verses to start "hiding in your heart." (The complete verses are printed off on 5 ½ x 8 ½ cards at church. Grab one and keep it with you to work on daily.) NOTE: If you simply read through the verses daily, you will begin to cement them in your memory naturally.

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Philippians 4:6-7	John 16:33
John 20:31	Genesis 1:1
Romans 8:28	Matthew 22:36-39
James 4:6-7	Acts 16:30-31
Revelation 22:20	Proverbs 3:5-6
Acts 3:19	Romans 5:8
John 14:6	Matthew 6:33
Ephesians 2:8-9	Jeremiah 29:11-12
2 Timothy 3:16-17	Mark 9:23-24



National Youth Gathering Update:

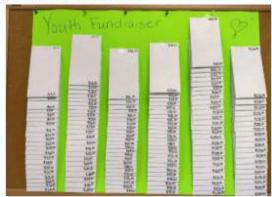
- NYG participants raised \$365 at Easter Breakfast! (A HUGE "Thank You" to everyone who donated)
- 2. Our Registration has been paid in full (We still need funds for hotel and meals, though.)
- 3. Our May meeting will be after worship May 5.
- 4. Quilt-Raffle (etc...) Fundraiser: Check out the handmade quilts and towels donated for our fundraiser. Tickets are \$20. Drawing will be May 19 after worship. (see page 21)

1st Prize: Large Fishing Quilt. 2nd Prize: Tackle box & lures.

3rd Prize: Pack of handmade dish towels.

4th Prize: Child's Pokémon Quilt.

5. 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 plate at worship.



6. Servant Auction ("Labors of Love") - May 19 after worship Stick around after worship to bid on one (or more) of our Youth Gathering Attendees to help out with your spring or summer chores. (Other people are wel-



comed to be auctioned off to help raise funds as well!)

Remember to check our Facebook page! It's called Living Word Lutheran Youth Group Page 20

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Youth Gathering

1st Prize: Large Fishing Quilt



2nd Prize: Tackle Box & Lures



3rd Prize: Handmade Dish Towels



4th Prize: Pokémon Quilt



Habitat Homeownership Program

Application Process Opening May 1 through May 31, 2019

Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota is currently seeking applicants for a home in Litchfield and 1 - 2 homes in the Willmar area. Please check out the poster at church and help spread the word.

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 and hour's drive) for our 3-5th Grade Youth Group at the end of May. 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 after March. 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 May 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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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 though a tough



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

Donate to Living Word when you order from Amazon

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eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to Living Word. Use this link to have your purchases support Living Word: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1513306

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 continue the work begun at the Women's Retreat
- Protection for farmers and construction workers & all who work outside
- Protection as the summer travel season begins
- Thanking God for all who gave their lives in service to our country
- God to continue to prepare the hearts of our NYG attendees
- NYG fund-raising efforts to take care of all our NYG expenses
- Asking God for great attendance at the Mother-Daughter luncheon
- Thanking God for the Holy Spirit's work in the lives of our Sunday School and Confirmation students
- The Holy Spirit to continue to work through our Daily Bible readings
- 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 school and work.
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- God to keep strengthening faith through our Bible Studies
- The mission and ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

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Story Behind The Song...

"Red Letters" is a song we sung on Good Friday prior to the reading of "The Seven Last Words" of Jesus, It's a song you've likely heard if you have listened to any Christian radio stations.

At freeccm.com David Crowder shared the story behind his song "Red Letters."

"When I was a kid I remember sitting in the church pew next to my grandmother and asking her why some of her bible was written in red. She explained it was the Red Letter edition and whenever Jesus, God's only Son, spoke, it was written in red. As a kid I thought that was just how God wrote it. Nope. I was wrong. About this and other things. Turns out it was a guy by the name of Louis Klopsch. It was the late 1800's and he very much wanted the common man to not only have access to scripture but for the story of God's reconciliation to jump off the pages as it had for him. One evening, he was reading in Luke 22:20, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you,' and that is when Mr. Klopsch had an idea -the words of Jesus in red. He didn't stop there, he and the editors went all the way to the beginning and took any scripture in the old testament foretelling the arrival of a messiah as well as any scriptures that Jesus was quoted as quoting and put them in red as well; a scarlet thread woven through all of time and creation." - Crowder

"Red Letters" Lyrics

There I was on death row Son of God hanging on a hill Guilty in the first degree Hell was my destiny

The crowd was shouting crucify Could've come from these lips of mine The dirty shame was killing me It would take a miracle to wash me clean

Chorus: Then I read the red letters And the ground began to shake The prison walls started falling And I became a free man that day

> Felt like lightning hit my veins My dead heart began to beat Breath of God filled my lungs And the Holy Ghost awakened me Yeah, the Holy Ghost awakened me (Chorus)

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For God so loved the whole wide world Sent His only Son to die for me Arms spread wide for the whole wide world His arms spread wide where mine should be Jesus changed my destiny

Thank You, God, for red letters When the ground began to shake The grace of God started falling And I became a free man that day The prison walls started falling And I am a free man today

Editor's note: Its no secret that Crowder is one of my favorite contemporary Christian artists. See the official video for "Red Letters" at: https://youtu.be/E1ohrZaZfTI

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

