

  
**Living Word**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**LCMS**



**September 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...

"What's the best advice you've ever received?"

There's a TON of good advice I've received over the years that's been of tremendous help in all sorts of situations in life - and ministry! I shared just a few examples during the sermon the day we celebrated my 25 years in ministry. (If you missed that day, you can listen online. It's the 8-11-19 message.)



The "funny" below will introduce one bit of advice that I didn't mention:

A minister dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans.

Saint Peter says to this guy, "Who are you, so that I may know whether to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?"

The guy replies, "I'm Joe McGrady, taxi driver, of ~~Noo Yawk~~ City."

Saint Peter consults his copy of "The Book of Life." He smiles and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven." The taxi driver goes into Heaven with his robe and staff, and it's the minister's turn.

He stands erect and booms out, "I am Joseph Snow, pastor of Saint Mary's for the last 43 years."

Saint Peter consults his copy. He says to the minister, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Just a minute!" says the minister. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff. How can this be?"

"Up here, we work by results," says Saint Peter. "While you preached, people slept. While he drove, people prayed."

That IS funny - because it is sometimes all-too-accurate! But Peter's comment: "Up here we work by results," is totally wrong. "Results" is the way success is often determined in this world. (And doesn't it seem that

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past results don't matter, even if they were top-notch! "What have you done THIS week?!" seems to be the criteria.

One of the bits of advice that has been an immense help in ministry came from one of those old ministers who has since entered the Pearly Gates (And, it doesn't matter what kind of robe he got - it could've even been a baseball jersey!) He told me:

*"Never forget this: 'Results' is NOT your responsibility. That's God's responsibility - and His only! Your responsibility is simply to keep planting the seeds (of the Gospel). It's God's job to bring the results! When you get discouraged, because you aren't seeing results, remember that's not your job! Only God can make the 'seeds' sprout and grow - and He knows the absolute best time for that to happen. (And sometimes, that won't be even in your lifetime.)"*

That's not just great advice for pastors, but for every Christian. Our job as disciples of Jesus is to be faithful in planting the seeds of the Gospel in the lives of the people around us and praying for them. Starting, of course, with your family. And when you don't see the results, remember those results are God's job - and only His - so just keep planting and praying!

Thanks for Asking,  
Pastor David

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



- Volunteers
- Pastor David's 25 Years
- Vacation Bible School
- Homemade Pie! - See Us at NL Music Fest
- Mariah & David! - Shower Sat. From 10-2
- Sunday School! - Starts Sept 8 at 9AM

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

## LWML...

### SHOES FOR MISSIONS: (fundraiser for Lutheran Island Camp):

Four large bags of shoes were delivered to Lutheran Island Camp, and they are very appreciative of them. This is a continuing opportunity to serve, and support the camp, and we will be delivering shoes to the camp on an ongoing basis. Thanks to all who have brought shoes. There is a bin at the entry of the church for shoes that are donated. Please rubber band the shoes in pairs.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, September 11th, at 11 a.m.  
Please bring an appetizer to share. This will be our fall organizing meeting.

#### ITEMS ON AGENDA:

##### 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All positions are open. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these positions. If you cannot attend the meeting and would consider serving as an officer for the next two years, please contact Ruth Vegdahl, or Bonnie Hansen.

##### 2. PLANNING DECEMBER CHRISTMAS TEA

##### 3. SETTING AGENDA FOR 2020

(meeting days, times, opportunities for spiritual growth, etc)

##### 4. CALENDAR FOR 2020

##### 5. OLD BUSINESS:

Wrap up information for the New London Music Festival Pie & Ice cream Outreach.

## TRAP-SHOOTING FELLOWSHIP...

### End-of-Season Trap-Shooting & Picnic

#### ONE FINAL TRAP-SHOOT DAY

SATURDAY, September 14 @ 3:00 p.m.



Bring the whole family - and friends! We'll shoot first then have a picnic. We may even play some horse-shoes & bean bag toss too!

If you haven't been to one of our trap-shoot events because they've been in the evening, this will be a great chance to join the fun! Or just come to watch - we have plenty of folks who do that too!

## Community Outreach News...

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: Sometimes, the only thing worse than having unanswered prayer is answered prayer.

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## Mark Your Calendar...



### Confirmation Class

- Class begins September 11 @ 6:00 p.m.
- **Students** (7-8th Graders) **AND Parents** meet this first night.
- Parents check the "Parent Helper" schedule for your dates to serve

### Mission & Ministry Team 2019 Planning Session

Thursday, September 19 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.



### Join With Redeemer Members and Travel To Ames Center in Burnsville To See...



#### in "Young(ish) At Heart"

Saturday, September 28

Cost: \$44.00

(includes ticket & bus ride)

Sign Up and Pay Marcia Welsh By Wednesday, September 4

Limited Number of Tickets Available - Invite Your Friends, too!

The Looney Lutherans are a trio of wacky gals who use music, comedy, and help from the audience to share their tips for aging humorously in YOUNG(ish) AT HEART. Includes the game show WHAT'S IN YOUR LUNCHBOX? (hosted by your favorite luncheon meat); musical advice for dealing with those aches and pains; and creative tips for keeping fit, because Jello isn't the only thing that jiggles. Material is comedic and family friendly, and you don't have to be Lutheran to love it! Getting older may be a "pain in the neck", but laughter is good medicine.

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).

## Congregational Outreach News....

### BONFIRE NIGHT

Friday, September 13, 7:00 pm.

Hosted by Pam Johnson at her home:

223 2nd Ave SE, New London

Bring snack to share, chairs, wood if you have some, Pam will supply beverages. Bring friends!!!!



## A Minute for Parents...

(As seen on Facebook - of all places!)

Take your kids to church.

Make the effort. Wake them up early. Fool with the belts and the buckles and the fancy hair bows. Endure the sleepy, grumpy faces and the misplaced shoes. Run around like a mad woman gathering everybody's everything and trying to get out the door on time. Hop to the car with a shoe in one hand and your make-up bag in the other. Give those babies a pop-tart and some milk and let 'em eat it in the car. If it's raining, get wet. If it's cold, get a jacket. If you're tired, go tired. But take those babies to church. You know why?

Because Jesus is there.

He's there. And He'll meet them there. And you too, Mama. He'll be there in the sweet smile of their Sunday School teacher as she greets them into their room. He'll be there in the goldfish and the apple juice and the filling of their little bellies and hearts. He'll be there in the hug from a sweet friend and the encouraging smile that assures you that they "just barely made it" too. He'll be there in the sacred words read from the Bible speaking truth to their little impressionable hearts. He'll be there in the worship and the raised hands and the watery eyes and whispers of praise.

So take them. Carry all of their Bibles and drawings and toilet paper tube creations. Sit by them in worship. Open your Bible and open theirs. Show them how to find the scripture the pastor is preaching from. Show them how to worship. Explain to them why He's worthy of worship. Let them see you laugh and cry and praise and study. Forgive their wiggles and paper rustles and know that they're listening even when it seems like they aren't. Ask them questions and answer the ones they ask you. Introduce them to Jesus. Tell them of His greatness - his power - his faithfulness. Tell them with your words and show them with your life. Tell them what he's done for you and how you've been changed by His grace and forgiveness and goodness and love. Tell them how they can be too. Point them to Jesus. Over and over and over again.

Take your kids to church. They'll love it there. It's the only place where they can go and just be themselves. They don't have to "be" good enough or smart enough or athletic enough. They don't have to perform for approval or achievement. They just get to go and hear how much God loves them. Just because they're them. Just because He created them, they're valued. Wanted. Their worth isn't based on the grades they make or their ability to throw a curveball. Its not de-

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Thot for a day: Have you ever noticed that when people say, "To make a long story short ..." it's too late?

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pendent on their performance or skill level. And they need a little more of that, don't you think? A little more grace and a little less pressure. A little more love and a few less demands.

Take them to church. Before you take them to the ballfield or the dance studio or the gym. Before you take them on vacation or to grandma's or to the backyard to play. Take them to church. Let them know its a priority. Show them it has eternal value. Let them see you set aside schedules and extra curricular activities and work and busy-ness to be present with the Lord in His house. I promise you won't regret it. I promise you it won't return back void.

Take them to church.

(Borrowed) Author, Megan Breeland Woodham One Step Ministries.

**A HUGE "Thank You"** To everyone who remembered Violet and me on the 25th Anniversary of my ordination into the pastoral ministry! We thank God for your partnership in the Gospel. May He bless each of you!



## 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!

THAT THE  
 WORLD  
 MAY KNOW.

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

After a busy summer, we are once again starting our weekly prayer  
 time. This is a special invitation to everyone who attends our church  
 (both men and women) to meet weekly in prayer starting **Wednesday,**  
**September 11, at 6 p.m.**



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 rul-  
 ers, 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**

**Begins September 11**

We will look at some of the women of the Bible -  
 their examples and downfalls - and apply what  
 we learn to our own challenges in life.



### **Men's Group Study—Tuesdays @ 6:30**

**Begins on Tuesday, September 10 @ 6:30**

We will kick off the fall by:

- Grilling some brats (6:00-6:30)
- Playing some games (horseshoes, foosball,  
 bean bag, cards)
- Finding out "Stuff they DIDN'T teach me in Sunday School !  
 Who can you invite to join you?"



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Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer to the end you get, the faster it goes.

That for a day:

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## Email Wisdom...

A boy asked his father "Dad, how big is GOD?"

Looking up at the sky his father saw an airplane and asked his son,  
 "How big is that airplane?"

The boy responded, "It's small Dad! You can hardly even see it!"

The father said, "It seems small because it's a long ways away." Then  
 the father took his Son out to the airport. Standing in front of one of  
 the airplanes, the father asked, "And now, how big is this airplane?"

The boy responded, "Wow, Dad, this plane is enormous!"

At this point, the father said to him, "That's how it is with GOD! How  
 big HE is, depends on the distance between you and Him! The closer  
 you are to Him, the bigger HE is in your life!"

But, never forget that no matter how big God seems, in reality He is  
 always Big-Enough to handle whatever life throws at you!

### **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 a great turnout for Rally Sunday and the start of Sunday School
- 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 God's guidance and angels' protection for all going back to school
- For the Holy Spirit to work through the teachers of our classes
- Thanking God for a great turnout for Vacation Bible School
- God to continue to work through what we learned at VBS
- God's continued work in their lives as a result of the Youth Gathering
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Great weather for the end of the growing season & begin of harvest
- The Holy Spirit to work through our Summer readings in Proverbs
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for government leaders
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Courage to take a stand for Jesus at work AND school
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

## September 2019 - Daily Readings

DAILY READING PROGRAM: We start September with a week of passages about teaching children. We finish the month with passages about growing in our own knowledge of & trust in Jesus.

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

### Week of September 1 Teaching Children

Sept 2 Deuteronomy 11:18-21 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 3 Joshua 24:15 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 4 Proverbs 1:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 5 Proverbs 3:1-12 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 6 Proverbs 22:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 7 Proverbs 29:15,17 \_\_\_\_\_

### Week of September 8 How to Grow Spiritually

Sept 9 John 15:1-8 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 10 2 Timothy 3:12-17 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 11 Romans 5:1-5 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 12 Romans 12:1-8 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 13 1 Peter 2:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 14 2 Peter 3:14-18 \_\_\_\_\_

### Week of September 15 How to Grow Spiritually - Part 2

Sept 16 Hebrews 5:11-6:3 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 17 Ephesians 1:15-21 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 18 Ephesians 3:14-19 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 19 Colossians 2:6-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 20 Colossians 3:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 21 Colossians 3:12-17 \_\_\_\_\_

### Week of September 22 Following Jesus

Sept 23 John 13:12-17 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 24 Philippians 2:5-11 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 25 Matthew 7:24-29 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 26 1 John 2:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 27 1 Peter 2:19-25 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 28 Luke 19:1-10 \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 1:22-25 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 4 Psalm 119:9-16 \_\_\_\_\_

Oct 5 Psalm 148:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_

# September 2019 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	<b>2 LABOR DAY</b> 	<b>3</b> 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM	<b>4</b> Last Day to get tickets for trip to see "Looney Lutherans" on Sept 28.	Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: <a href="mailto:newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net">newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net</a>		
<b>8 RALLY SUNDAY</b> 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL - <i>First Day!</i> 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 RALLY SUNDAY POTLUCK	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	<b>11</b> 11:00 LWML Meeting/ Election 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP 6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  7:00 BONFIRE @ Pam Johnson's	<b>14</b>  3:00 TRAP-SHOOTING DAY & PICNIC
<b>15</b> 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship & USHER TRAINING Session	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	<b>18</b> 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP 6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	<b>19</b> MISSION Ministry 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	<b>Lord's Supper Dates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday, September 1st</li> <li>Sunday, September 15th</li> </ul>	
<b>22</b> 9:00 - ADULT STUDY <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 - WORSHIP 11:15 - Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	<b>25</b> 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP 6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Noon - Leave Willmar for LOONEY LUTHERANS TRIP
<b>29</b> 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> 10:00 WORSHIP w/ "Great Hymns of Faith" 11:15 - Fellowship	<b>30</b>	<b>OCT 1</b> 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	<b>Oct 2</b> 6:00 - PRAYER GROUP 6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	<b>Almost Finished...</b> Have You Seen This New Addition to Our Playground Area? Thanks to Carroll Sarsland for building it! 		

## Upcoming Schedules...

### Fellowship Servers

Sep 1 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham  
 Sep 8 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson  
 Sep 15 Linda Dilley / Bonnie Hansen  
 Sep 22 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson  
 Sep 29 Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl

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

### Usher Schedule

Sep 1 Jason & Levi Miller  
 Sep 8 Wendy & Lonny Robbin  
 Sep 15 Brady & Andrew Sharp  
 Sep 22 Wally Abraham & Noah Miller  
 Sep 29 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer

Oct 6 Larry Levin & Carroll Sarsland  
 Oct 13 Derek & Sarah Olson  
 Oct 20 Kevin Welsh & Jamie Iverson  
 Oct 27 Duane Hansen & Chuck Wefflen

### Custodian

Sep Living Word Youth - (George & Bo Schmidt)  
 Oct Living Word Youth - (George & Bo Schmidt)

### Make A Meal Volunteers

Sep Nancy Jo Wendt & Wendt  
 Oct Pam Johnson & Iversons

### Acolyte (little brothers & sisters)

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

### Seen on Church Signboard...

**"What happened in Vegas . . .  
 Gets forgiven here!"**

Thot for a day: The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people.

Thot for a day:

Aug 25 Alex Meis  
 Sep 1 Carson Sawatzky  
 Sep 8 Addison Arends-Schmidt  
 Sep 15 Autumn Foshaug  
 Sep 22 Jonah Sharp  
 Sep 29 Rya Sharp

### Nursery

(more volunteers needed...)

Sep 1 Pam Johnson  
 Sep 8 Violet Dauk  
 Sep 15 Mona Hjelle  
 Sep 22 Volunteer needed  
 Sep 29 Gwen Ruchti  
 Oct 6 Pam Johnson  
 Oct 13 Violet Dauk  
 Oct 20 Mona Hjelle  
 Oct 27 Volunteer needed

### Scripture Readers

Sep 1 Wendy Robbin  
 Sep 8 Linda Dilley  
 Sep 15 McCartney Knutson  
 Sep 22 Jason Miller  
 Sep 29 Mark Fuglie  
 Oct 6 Tammy Fuglie  
 Oct 13 Leone Quigley  
 Oct 20 Nykki Foshaug  
 Oct 27 Ruth Vegdahl

### Elders

Sep 1/8 Keith & Joe  
 Sep 15/22/29 Jason & Ed  
 Oct 6/13 Kevin & Keith  
 Oct 20/27 Joe & Jason

### Altar Guild

Sep Nancy Jo Wendt  
 Oct Mona Hjelle

### Accompanying Musicians

Sep 1 Sharon Willen  
 Sep 8 Scott Wachter  
 Sep 15 Pam Johnson  
 Sep 22 Scott Wachter  
 Sep 29 Carmen Macik  
 Oct 6 Sharon Willen  
 Oct 13 Scott Wachter  
 Oct 20 Pam Johnson  
 Oct 27 Scott Wachter

### Confirmation Parent-Helper

Sept 11 Dahl  
 Sept 18 Macik  
 Sept 25 Miller  
 Oct 2 Rustad  
 Oct 9 Sarsland  
 Oct 16 NO CLASS (MEA Week)  
 Oct 23 Sharp  
 Oct 30 Dahl



## September Discipleship Verse...

*"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."*

2 Peter 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
- September Newsletters
- Christian books and magazines
- July - September *Portals of Prayer*



### Sermons Now Available in Audio on our Website

<http://livingwordlutheran.net/sermons.htm>

(Or just click on "New Sermons Online" at the bottom of the [livingwordlutheran.net](http://livingwordlutheran.net) home page)

8-4-19 Basic Lessons on Prayer- From JESUS!

8-11-19 Reflections on 25 Years of Ministry

8-18-19 What we discovered after "Digging into God's Word"

8-25-19 Sustainable faith - Part I

### Offering Envelopes Are Available for 2019

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

### Living Word Directory... NOW AVAILABLE Online.

Email [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) and he will send you a link to view the directory online.

### CHOIR Will be starting again soon!

Sarah Olson will direct us this year.

Check Sunday bulletins for practice times.



### 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.'

### 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

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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.



(It seems we've become a bit too comfortable being uncomfortable!)

Whether or not that sub-title is 100% accurate, it is time to explore Phase 2 of our Church Building Plan: The addition of a

Dedicated Sanctuary! There are many reasons for beginning to peruse the idea of Phase 2, but the biggest reason is "space":

There are many Sundays where it is tough to find a place to sit if you come just a bit late. At fellowship time our tables are so close together it's a challenge to get to and from your place at the table. Our Sunday Morning Bible Study has outgrown its space in Pastor's office and will be moving out into the fellowship/Sunday School area (where noise is and foot-traffic is already a distraction for the kids). When we have weddings, funerals or other events over 100 people, we need to find other churches or venues willing to host. And our pews are getting a bit rickety from having to move them so often for events less than 100.

Is there room for the congregation to grow with the facility we have?

**We definitely don't want people to shy away from our church because they don't feel there is space enough for them!**



When we put up our current Phase 1 facility, we talked about a 5-year plan for beginning Phase 2. Even though it may not seem like it, **it has already been 7 years!** So with those things in mind, our Mission and Ministry Team dedded, yeah, "It's time!" and started our Phase 2 chapter by putting together a 5-person Building Committee (similar to Phase 1, the committee consists of a Chairperson, Secretary, Finance person, Construction advisor and Lay-out/design person).

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.

## Sunday School...

### Sunday School Starts Sept. 8

Welcome to a new Sunday School year!

We are excited to have your children participate in the Living Word Sunday School program this year! We have a **totally new curriculum planned - Enduring Faith** - that's designed to help the students understand why Jesus is the right answer in a world that offers many wrong answers.

**We also plan to offer a class for grades 7 through 12** to help them learn what they need to know to defend their faith.

**If you weren't able to attend the Parent/Teacher - Registration / Information meeting** on August 27, please text or call Mona Hjelle (320-212-0069) or Wendy Robbin (320-212-3363) to register your children or get more information.

We also want to find out how much interest there is in a **new idea we have: Offering rides to Sunday School**. You can find a "Ride Survey" in your mailbox at church.

There are many bad things happening in our world and it is our responsibility to teach our children. **If we don't teach our children to follow Jesus, the world will teach them not to.**

We are really blessed to have teachers who are deeply committed to teaching our children to know Jesus and help them grow in their faith, so they will choose to follow Jesus for the rest of their lives!

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel,  
The Living Word Education TEAM

## It's Time to Start Purchasing Items for School Kits...

**We have 12 Backpacks to fill for Orphan Grain Train's School Kit Project.**

What Goes into a School Kit?

1 Backpack, 2 Spiral Notebooks, 2 Pencils, 2 Pens, Crayons (24 pack), Ruler, 2 Glue sticks, Scissors, 10 sheets of construction paper, and Washable markers (8 or 10 pack)

Please bring your School Kit items to church beginning August 18.

It costs \$11 to ship a box of school kits to kids who need them. Please consider a donation to help with shipping.



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That for a day: Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

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## Vacation Bible School...

### A Huge Dive into God's Word VBS Thank You:

- To all the Parents & Grandparents who brought kids for VBS!
- To all the Leaders, Art helpers, Game crew, puppeteers and Meal fixers!
- To all the 30 Kids who had fun Diving Into God's Word!
- To Music Director Sharon Willen for all the fun songs!
- To VBS Coordinators Wendy Robbin & Mona Hjelle for making it all happen!



## 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 September Make-a-Meal volunteers are Nancy Jo Wendt and Wendy Robbin.

**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: Experience is a hard teacher. It gives the test first and then the lesson.

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### Donate to Living Word

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## The Link...

### September 2019 Updates

With summer coming to an end, we are gearing up for the Wildcat Backpack Program to begin! All kids need to be fed and ready to learn! The Link along with churches, service clubs, community members and business make the backpack program possible for NL-S students. Each backpack provides kids with extra food for the weekend!

You can donate individually packaged food items for the program or you can sponsor a child!

One weekend: \$6 / Ten weekends: \$60 / 2019-2020 school year: \$234

You may also refer your child to the program by contacting the school that they attend.

### 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". Stay tuned for upcoming rehearsal dates and additional information.

### Tuesday's Table:

Sept. 3rd - Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church  
Sept. 10th - Evangelical Covenant Church  
Sept. 17th - Faith Lutheran Church  
Sept. 24th - Peace Lutheran Church



## Thanks...

Pie & Ice Cream Outreach "Thanks" ...  
A huge thank you to all who helped with this ...

(Purchasing supplies, planning, donation of ingredients for pies, making pies, baking pies, setup, working at the booth, etc).  
We could not do it without everyone's help.



## Story Behind The Song...

### "How Firm a Foundation"

Talk about lengthy pastorates! John Rippon pastored Carter's Lane Baptist Church in London for 63 years, beginning in 1775. During those years, John developed a vision for a church hymnal, which he edited, assisted by his Minister of Music Robert Keene. The resulting volume, A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors, Intended to Be an Appendix to Dr. Watts' Psalms and Hymns, was published in 1787. It was a runaway hit, going through eleven printings in Rippon's lifetime.

"How Firm a Foundation" first appeared in that hymnal. No one knows its author, for the line reserved for the author's name simply bore the letter "K." Many scholars attribute the composition to Mr. Keene.

The unique power of this hymn comes from the fact that each of the seven original stanzas (it is common to use just four these days) is based on various biblical promises. The first verse established the hymnist's theme: "God's Word is the all-sufficient foundation for our faith. The author then selected other precious promises from God's Word and converted them into hymn stanzas.

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled.

Isaiah 41:20 "Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid.  
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand

Isaiah 43:2 When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie  
2 Cor 12:9 My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply  
The flames shall not hurt you, I only desire  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

Hebrews 13:5 The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, no will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

*Pastor's Note: That last verse lands this among my favorite hymns!*

**Editor's note:** A classic version by Don Francisco can be heard at [https://youtu.be/G\\_nv1ndDhmw](https://youtu.be/G_nv1ndDhmw). If looking for a more upbeat version, check out one by Chelsea Moon at <https://youtu.be/R8Q5RyGRmx8>.

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That for a day: When you flee temptation, be sure you don't leave a forwarding address.

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## Congratulations...

- Kasey Nieland on your graduation from UND and new position in Prescott Valley, AZ !
  - Marion Dilley on celebrating your 98th Birthday, August 19 !
- If you have someone you'd like to offer congratulations to, just email Pastor David with the info: [pastor@livingwordlutheran.net](mailto:pastor@livingwordlutheran.net)

## Email Humor...

A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does.

The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I am strong and attractive. I pick up things. What am I?"

When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word "Mother."

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

I find the  
gospel message  
to be very..  
MOOOving.



Harry was Hindu until converting to Christianity after reading Farmer Brown's open Bible in the barn. Now he is known as Harry the HOLY COW.