


Living Word
Lutheran Church
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June 2020 Newsletter
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Remember our Summer Hours:
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

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Question for Pastor...

Can you record the daily readings, so the next reading starts automatically when the one I'm listening to is done?



I've found that a good number of you prefer *listening* to the Bible over reading it. With that in mind, since we began our "Stay at Home" time back in March, I have been making audio recordings of the Daily Bible Readings that you find in the Newsletter. For example, April's readings took us through passages that reminded us God is bigger than any difficulty we face, has power to get us through, and often has major lessons for us to learn through those difficulties. This month's readings take us through the Book of Acts and highlight the Power of the Holy Spirit who lives in us who trust in Jesus.

As of right now, I make a separate recording of the reading for each day (and make a few comments explaining or highlighting certain parts of the passage). Scott Wachter - our webmaster - uploads the readings to our website on the "Readings" page. You click on which day's reading you want to listen to, and when the reading is finished, if you want to listen to more, you have to go back to the list and click on the next one.

As with most things "technological" my answer to the above question was "I don't know.... but I will try to find out." So, at this point I'm still in the "finding out" stage of having the option of continuous readings. Hopefully, by the time the July Newsletter is published, we will have figured out how to have both options available.

Thanks for Asking (and listening),
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

(Answer from the webmaster: As with most things technical, yes, it is possible. One option would be to run the recordings through editing software and combine them into one recording. But there are a few issues... Like our videos, the audio files are hosted at a separate website that charges us an annual fee and we only have the links on our website.)

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Because of this, we do have some limitations from the hosting site that we currently use. Also this combining would make it more difficult for someone who just wanted to find and play one daily reading. The option to create a media player to provide both would probably be cost prohibitive, but I will continue to look into possible solutions--Scott)

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:

- **Moms - Every Day!**
- **For All Who Gave Their Lives for Our Freedom!**
- **Summer**
- **Being Back in Church Again - 9:00 A.M. Every Sunday**



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

Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the First and Third Sundays in June. (**June 7 & 21**) Each of those Sundays will be a "First Communion" Sunday for a group of 5th and 6th Graders.

NEW 'SOCIAL DISTANCING' COMMUNION PROCEDURE:

Everyone will remain in their seat for communion. After consecrating the elements, Pastor and the Elders will distribute a sealed packet of both wafer and grape juice to each communicant. After everyone has received their packet, we will all open them and partake of communion at the same time. Pastor will then give the communion dismissal to everyone. (Please continue to pray for an end to the restrictions so we can come to the altar rail for the Lord's Supper again soon!)

Congregational Outreach....

...AKA "Fun Stuff"

GREEN LAKE CRUISE

- Sunday, June 28 @ 2:00 p.m.
We will have the entire boat (as long as we get 25 people)
- Reserve your seat for \$20



STINGERS' GAME & PICNIC

- Sunday, August 9
- Picnic begins at 12:05 (Game @ 1:05)
- Includes:
 - + Reserved-Seat Game Ticket
 - + All-you-can-eat Ballpark Buffet



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

HEMKER ZOO- Freeport, MN

- Saturday, July 25



Mark Your Calendar...

Rescheduled for November

Women's Retreat 2020:
"Unfading Beauty"
April 17-19
Muskie Lodge, Mille Lacs Lake



SPRING" VOTERS' ASSEMBLY-

June 28 after worship.

We will elect officers to the following Mission and Ministry Team positions:

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Trustee
- Community Outreach
- Education - Youth
- Elders' Team (2)

We need nominations for the Trustee, Community Outreach and Education - Youth openings. Please give your suggestions for these positions to any member of the MMT. Thanks!

That for a day: Due to the quarantine, I'll only be telling inside jokes.

Who Can You Invite?...

OUR NEW "CHURCH REC" NIGHTS

Wednesdays at 6:30 - 8:00

Begins **THIS Wednesday**, June 10.

The School isn't having "Community Rec" right now, so we decided to attempt to partially fill the void with what we are calling "Church Rec." The 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings we will have all sorts of recreation activities for all ages. Volleyball, kickball, horseshoes, foosball, chalk drawings on the parking lot, bean bag toss, and whatever game you want to bring/play.

MOVIE NIGHT- AFTER "CHURCH REC"

The theaters still aren't open, but you can watch movies at church! Marcia will be showing movies (with popcorn) starting at 8:00 on "Church Rec" Nights. The movie will be projected onto the front wall inside the building. Bring a blanket or lawn chair or just watch from a pew!

BIG KAHUNA ???

Marcia has arranged for us to have a Night at the Big Kahuna in Spicer. We need to have a minimum of 20 people attend, so please talk to or text Marcia (320) 220-0803 if you'd like to go to the Big Kahuna. We will go on a Monday evening and the cost will be \$22 for ages 9 and up. \$18 for ages 8 and under.

TRAP SHOOTING

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in June, July & August 6:30 - 8:00

First Communion...

Now that we can worship inside the Sanctuary, we are able to welcome these young people to their First Communion



On June 7:

- Addison Arends-Schmidt
- William Dahl
- Alex Meis
- Jonah Sharp

On June 21:

- Autumn Foshaug
- Kala Miller
- Carson Sawatzky



The Link...

June 2020 Updates

As shelter in place continues, The Link has been busy helping many families with outreach and food.

In April, **The Food Pantry** saw 18 new families, 24 seniors, 90 adults and 65 children. With 4,252 pounds of food distributed and 1911 pounds was donated by local grocery stores, community members and churches it has been quite busy for the staff and volunteers.

The Wildcat Backpack Program has continued to run during distant learning and will run throughout the month of May. The Link has had so many amazing donations from community members to fill these bags as well as volunteers to help pack and deliver them to the school. The Link staff are grateful for each and every one of you who have dropped off food and offered to help. Because it has been such a challenge to get many of the items used in the backpacks, the extra donations made it possible to fill them with all the goodies typically sent home with the kids. So, THANK YOU, for filling the need.

Senior Food Delivery- Throughout shelter in place, The Senior Food Delivery Program has been a huge blessing to some community seniors. The Link is asking for your help to spread the word to those who may not be aware of this program that could benefit from a food delivery service. If you have any questions as to how this program works, please call Ashley at 354-5555.

RIBFEST POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE- As hard as it was to come to this decision, the safety and well-being of our community will ALWAYS come first. We remain hopeful that we will be able to hold this event in some capacity in the near future so at this time it is not a "Cancel the date", but instead "CHANGE the date". More details to come as we get more information.

THE MATCH WAS MET- In last month's newsletter, the "Meet the Match" campaign was announced after a community member offered up to a \$10,000 match. Between Facebook donations, online donations to The Link's website and many check and cash donations, we were able to MEET THE MATCH in just 6 days!!!! Shortly thereafter, another community member came forward to make another large donation wanting to ensure The Link could continue to provide services to our neighbors in need. Although there are no words that could thank these donors enough, these gifts have been extremely appreciated and will be used to serve and help others. To those who have reached out in any way, to those who have called

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That for a day: Sometimes I wonder if all this is happening because I didn't forward that email to 25 people.

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wanting to help, who have donated time and/or money, who have delivered or packed meals, who have called just to check in and to those who have prayed for The Link, THANK YOU! We are again humbled and in awe of all the givers in this community (especially during this unsure time for so many families) and cannot thank everyone enough for their continued support. YOU are The Link.

Tuesday's Table:

Tuesday's Table continues to be cancelled until further notice.

Monthly Giving Opportunities:

The Link makes monthly giving a convenient option for our donors. You can set up online giving through The Link's website at www.youarethelink.org or directly through your bank. If you would like to make a one time donation, you can send a check to P.O. Box 823, New London, MN 56273 or via Venmo @The-Link-1. Please contact Ashley at 320-354-5555 or email her at ashley@youarethelink.org for more information.

Email Humor...

Coronavirus One-Liners (Groaners)

- Finland has just closed their borders, so nobody will be crossing the Finnish line.
- Due to the quarantine, I'll only be telling inside jokes.
- There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months. Then around the year 2033, we shall witness the rise of the "quaranteens."
- World Health Organization has determined that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously being held in quarantine will be released.
To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.
- I'll tell you a Coronavirus joke... but you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it.
- What do you call panic buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? A Wurst Kase scenario.
- So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pandemic.

More Email Humor...

I know there are a few of you (like me!) who can relate to this one:

Being the office supervisor, I had to have a word with a new employee who never arrived at work on time.

I explained that her tardiness was unacceptable and that other employees had noticed that she was walking in late every day. After listening to my complaints, she agreed that this was a problem and even offered a solution.

"Is there another door I could use?"

Opportunities for Growth...

Wednesday Prayer Time:
Will return in September

Wednesday Evening Women's Study:
Is on "Summer Break"

Monthly Morning Women's Study:
Is on "Summer Break"



Confirmation Class

Meets every other Wednesday:
June 10th & 24th prior to "Church Rec" Nights

Men's Group Study—Tuesdays @ 6:30

Tuesday Evenings @ 6:30
Who can you invite to join you



Living Word Blog...

Check out our Living Word Blog for lots of fun thoughts, ideas, new music videos and more. www.livingwordlutheranlcms.blogspot.com

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That for a day: I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.

Email Wisdom...

(Actually this one is from our Living Word blog at livingwordlutheran.net)

You'll Never Guess... What I Saw Out the Backdoor of Church!

Fifteen folks with guns. Aimed not at each other, but at little orange discs made of clay. And the folks holding those guns wore not angry scowls but 'ear-to-ear' smiles - even when they missed!



For those of you unfamiliar with "trap shooting," it's like target practice and is designed to hone skills for later in the year when hunting ducks or geese. The little orange

discs are launched skyward from a mechanical "thrower" and the participants take turns attempting to turn them into dust particles that fall back to earth. Some folks are "lights out" and really good! Others, like me, most often leave the little orange discs unscathed, later to be gathered and used again next time! We console ourselves with the idea that we're "helping the cause" by reducing the number of boxes of clays we need to purchase for the next shoot ;)

That's "technically" what I saw on the five acres out back of our church building. But what I really saw - beyond the obvious - was the truth of God's statement in Genesis 2:18: "It is not good for man (or woman) to be alone!" You see, this was our first trap-shoot outing of the spring. More importantly, it was the first time most of us were able to get together with anyone who doesn't live in the same house since the COVID-19 lockdowns began a couple months ago. What I saw went WAY beyond the normal fun of competition or of enjoying a perfect Minnesota spring evening. I saw the smiles and heard the laughter that comes from being together instead of being alone!

God created us to be in community, to be interdependent rather than independent. He designed us to need each other instead of needing just ourselves. As we've seen so vividly highlighted these past few months, it is not good for man or woman or teen or child to be alone. I thank God for that trap shooting evening and the blessed reminder of just how good it is to be together!

June 2020 - Daily Readings

We Celebrate the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (May 31), so we spend this next month reading how the Holy Spirit built the church after that day. Record after each day's insights for how God wants to work through you. We finish with Galatians the book of "Freedom"

Week of May 31

June 1 Acts 1 _____

June 2 Acts 2 _____

June 3 Acts 3 _____

June 4 Acts 4 _____

June 5 Acts 5 _____

June 6 Acts 6-7 _____

Week of JUNE 7

June 8 Acts 8 _____

June 9 Acts 9 _____

June 10 Acts 10 _____

June 11 Acts 11 _____

June 12 Acts 12 _____

June 13 Acts 13-14 _____

Week of JUNE 14

June 15 Acts 15 _____

If you prefer to listen to the recorded version of the daily readings, visit our website.

June 16 Acts 16 _____

June 17 Acts 17 _____

June 18 Acts 18 _____

Mar 19 Acts 19 _____

Mar 20 Acts 20-21 _____

Week of JUNE 21

Mar 22 Acts 22 _____

Mar 23 Acts 23 _____

June 24 Acts 24 _____

June 25 Acts 25 _____

June 26 Acts 26 _____

June 27 Acts 27-28 _____

Week of JUNE 28

June 29 Galatians 1 _____

June 30 Galatians 2 _____

July 1 Galatians 3 _____








July 2 Galatians 4 _____

July 3 Galatians 5 _____

July 4 Galatians 6 _____

Go to <http://www.livingwordlutheran.net/readings.htm>

June 2020 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 31 9:00 - WORSHIP	1	2 6:30 MEN'S STUDY 7:30 WORK PROJECT	3  6:30 - TRAP SHOOTING	4	5	6
Lord's Supper Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday, June 7th • Sunday, June 21st 						
7 9:00 - WORSHIP w/ FIRST COMMUNION 	8	9 6:30 MEN'S WORK PROJECT	10  6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - "CHURCH REC" 8:00 - MOVIE NIGHT	11 MISSION Ministry 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	12	13
14 9:00 - WORSHIP	15	16 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	17 6:30 - TRAP SHOOTING 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	18	19	20
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21 9:00 - WORSHIP w/ FIRST COMMUNION 	22	23 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	24 6:00 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - "CHURCH REC" 8:00 - MOVIE NIGHT	25 	26	27
28 9:00 - WORSHIP 10:15 - SPRING VOTERS' ASSEMBLY 11:30 - BRUNCH CRUISE - GREEN LK	29	30 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	July 1  6:30 - TRAP SHOOTING	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 

Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

We will not be having "Fellowship" after worship until the social distancing guidelines are relaxed. - Please pray for that to happen soon!

Usher Schedule

June 7 Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
June 14 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
June 21 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer
June 28 Larry Levin & Carroll Sarstrand

July 5 Derek & Sarah Olson
July 12 Brent & Lance/Carson Sawatzky
July 19 Jason & Noah/Levi Miller
July 21 Brady & Andrew/Eli Sharp

Elders

June 7,14 Ed Vegdahl & Joe Johnson
June 21,28 Keith Hanson & Kevin Welsh

July 5,12 Jason Miller & Ed Vegdahl
July 19,26 Joe Johnson & Keith Hanson

Scripture Readers

April 19 Tammy Fuglie
April 26 Leone Quigley

Make A Meal Volunteers

June Nancy Jo Wendt
July Wendy Robbin

Nursery

June 14 Violet Dauk
June 21 Mona Hjelle
June 28 **Volunteer needed**

July 5 Pam Johnson
July 12 Violet Dauk
July 19 Mona Hjelle
July 26 **Volunteer needed**

Custodian

June Jamie Iverson
July **Volunteer needed**

Altar Guild

June Nancy Jo Wendt
July Mona Hjelle

Accompanying Musicians

June 14 Scott Wachter
June 21 Sharon Willen
June 28 Carmen Macik

July 5 Sharon Willen
July 12 Scott Wachter
July 19 Pam Johnson
July 26 Carmen Macik

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Hot for a day: Being more at home now, I regularly do crunches twice a day. Cap'n in the morning and Nestle's at night.

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Seen on Church Signboards...

Thank God . . .
He Never Moves
the Goalposts of Salvation -
It's ALWAYS Jesus !!!

(Ok, that was on OUR signboard after one of the times the "Goalposts" of getting back into church were moved again.)

Many Thanks to ...

- **Scott Wachter** for making all our video recordings happen - and looking so professional!
- **Angie Jaspersen** for putting together Power Points for worship!
- **Carmen Macik** for the great songs to usher us back into worship!
- **Ed & Ruth Vegdahl, Kevin Welsh, Keith Hanson, Joe Johnson,**
- **Jason Miller, Jamie Iverson & Pastor David** for refinishing the floors, moving the pews and re-setting our flagpole!
- **Jamie Iverson** for all the safety protocol signs & being Custodian for the month of June!
- **Marcia Welsh & Chris** for keeping the outdoor plants watered!
- **Wendy & Lonny Robbin** for keeping our lawn mowed perfectly!
- **Chuck Weflen** for getting us started with "Parking Lot Worship"

If you have someone you'd like to thank, please email Scott at webmaster@livingwordlutheran.net.

June Discipleship Verse...

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer:



Acts 2:42

Miscellaneous Notes...

Food Pantry Reminder

2nd Sunday of each month, please remember to bring your donations for the Food Pantry. Place them in the purple container by the door at church. Thanks to everyone for donating!

Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

Here's just a sampling of what you'll find :

- *Read With Me* Bibles for toddlers
- *Today's Light* Devotional Bible
- June Newsletters
- July—Sept Portals of Prayer



Sermons Now Available in Audio on our Website

Find at livingwordlutheran.net

Sermons can be found in our recorded worship services at <http://livingwordlutheran.net/video.htm>

- 05-03-20 "The Good Shepherd Knows What You Need - Trust Him!"
- 05-10-20 "The 40-Days Lesson God had for Israel: FYGNYF"
- 05-17-20 "The 40-Days Lesson God had for Elijah: Persevere"
- 05-24-20 "3 things Jesus needed to convince the disciples - and us - of."
- 05-31-20 "Why Jesus needed the disciples to 'Wait!'"

Still Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Living Word has the option of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can 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.

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...



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That for a day: Went to a new restaurant called The Kitchen. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.

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Remember to use "The Prayer Force"



Please continue to call, text (320-220-1816) or email (pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) prayer requests to Pastor David for the Prayer Force prayer chain to include in their prayers. Thanks!

And an Invitation to Join our "Prayer Force"

Being a part of our prayer chain is a HUGELY important - and very simple - way you can serve God and His people! When a request to pray comes in, Pastor forwards it via text message (or email for those who don't have a cell phone). Then you simply include that request in your prayers. Text Pastor today and tell him "Yeah, I can do that!" Thanks!

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...

- Thanking God for being able to worship in our Sanctuary again!
- Thanking God for our 5-6th Graders taking First Communion in June!
- God's power to put into practice lessons you learned during lockdown.
- Asking God for His power to bring healing to our nation - in all ways!
- Asking God to humble you, seek Him and repent (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- Asking God to provide for the needs of those who have lost income
- Asking God to replace fear with trust in Him
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for gov't leaders
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Opportunities to point a friend, relative, neighbor to Jesus
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



Email Inspiration...

From the Executive Director of Jews for Jesus, David Brickner:

"Today, I want to tell you just a little about how the Spirit that was given on Pentecost changes the world by changing families... families like my own.

This dynamic is part of my own family story. My father, ~~Axi~~ Brickner, grew up in an Orthodox Jewish family. He first heard the gospel preached through other Jewish believers, and he trusted Jesus as his Messiah and Lord almost immediately. He then proceeded to share that same good news with his family.

Over the next few months, my father led his brother Harold to Christ, along with his mother Bernice and his father Nathan, who was dying of cancer. My father recalls how, shortly afterward at the graveside service for his father, his grandmother was weeping and crying out in Yiddish, "Oh my Nathan, my Nathan, he's in the ground, he's in the ground."

Nathan's mother, just weeks old in her faith in Jesus, quietly slipped her arm around the grieving woman and whispered through her tears, "No mama, he's not in the ground, he is in heaven with the Lord."

The gospel makes all the difference in the world!

In the 11th chapter of Romans, Paul says, "Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?" (Romans 11:13-15)

Greetings from the Hultgrens..

We miss the special congregation at The Living Word, and please pass on our best wishes. Hope to return sometime this summer!

Your Christian friends, Larry & Tappy

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/y9r4uhav>

That for a day: A priest, a minister, and a rabbit walk into a bar. The rabbit says, "I might be a typo."

From Lutheran Island Camp...



COVID Update

It is with heavy hearts that the Lutheran Island Camp board and staff have made the decision to suspend youth summer camps until the summer of 2021. The uncertainty surrounding health department requirements and a desire to ensure the safety of all those who join us on the Island informed this decision.

The mission of Lutheran Island Camp, "to nourish the whole-person for joyful Christ-centered life and service" has not changed. Please keep watching this page for ways to enjoy the beauty and hospitality of LIC. We will be providing opportunities for family self-directed retreats and possible day events. We hope to see you here and appreciate your prayers.



Quilt Auction

The quilt auction will still be taking place this year. As our largest fundraiser of the year it will be an important event in a time of challenge and change. We are currently accepting donations of quilts, baby quilts, and silent auction items. These items can be dropped off at the office. Please call ahead and we will be sure there is someone available to meet you in the parking lot. 218-583-2905.

The quilt auction will look a bit different this year. Due to the social distancing requirements we will be moving half of the donated items to an online auction format. Bidding will take place during the week before our traditional August 1, 2020 live auction, ending on that Saturday. We hope to be able to plan a smaller live event for the fall. We are asking that donations be received by June 30th as we work to ensure the best experience and opportunity for both the online and live events.

Congratulations...

If you have someone you'd like to offer congratulations to, just email Pastor David with the info: pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Opportunities to Serve...

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.

Operate our PowerPoint display during worship:

In an effort to keep "touchable surfaces" to a minimum, we are projecting the order of worship - Scripture readings, songs, etc... onto the front wall instead of having them in a worship folder. We need some volunteers to "dick" from one screen to the next at the appropriate time during worship. Please talk to Pastor if you could do this one Sunday a month. Thanks!

Serve as Trustee on the Mission & Ministry Team

The basic objective of the Trustee is oversight of the protection, maintenance, repair and improvement of the physical property of the congregation with the result that the congregation has physical property that enables it to best provide for the spiritual growth of members and attracts non-members to Christ. The Trustee shall also be responsible for signing legal and contractual documents that contract the church for a time period one year or greater.

Serve as Community Outreach Director on the MMT

The Community Outreach Director is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the MMT and the congregation in the areas of evangelism, community outreach and publicity. Shall be responsible for appointing members of the Community Outreach Team that will assist in organizing and planning the outreach activities.

Serve as Youth Director on the MMT

The Youth Director is responsible for appointing members to the Youth Team and shall be responsible for developing a plan for the Christian Growth of our Youth through activities, groups and events.

Pick Your Month for you (or your family) to be our Church Custodian:

You can choose any month from May - December. Talk to Jamie Iversen to sign up or find out more details. Thanks!

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 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

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That for a day: If you get an em ail with the subject "Knock Knock," don't open it. It's a Jehovah Witness working from home.

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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.

Donate to Living Word when you order from Amazon



Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of 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>

Our latest donation: Living Word Lutheran Church has been issued a \$40.36 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity from Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2019.

Remember the Teal's Rebate Program.

Teal's rebate in the amount of \$103.66 for 2019 was received and deposited into the building fund. Thank you to all who gave your receipts. Keep them coming!

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.

Story Behind The Song...

"The Blessing"

"The Blessing" was written by husband & wife worship team of Cody Carnes and Kari Jobe, along with Elevation Music.

Kari and Cody got together with their pastor on Thursday, Feb 27th to write songs before they were to lead the weekend worship at church. About 6:00 in the evening, when the day was nearly over their pastor mentioned that he had always wanted a song about the #6 verse of the Aaronic blessing. Cody says that while looking at the Scripture, the music came to him instantly and was put together with almost no changes. In a couple hours time this song took shape and came together. It was first played that weekend only about 48 hours after they got the idea for the song.

The live video was released on YouTube 5 days later on March 6th, 2020 and has been viewed more than 3.5 million times. It was released as a single on March 20, 2020 and released to radio stations on

May 1st. It has been performed over the past couple months by many choirs around the world in many languages. This song has become quite a phenomenon. This featured on a recent post on our blog at <http://livingwordlutheranlcms.blogspot.com/2020/05/the-blessing.html>

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen
Amen, Amen
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May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children
May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children

May His presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you he is with you
In the morning in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you He is for you

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That for a day: Today's weather? Room temperature.

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SHOES FOR MISSIONS (fundraiser for Lutheran Island Camp):

Thank you to all who have donated. This **an ongoing mission project**. Please bring shoes (in very good condition), in rubber banded pairs, to place in the bin, at church.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

For the wages of sin is death; but
the gift of God is eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
An offer you
should not
refuse.

