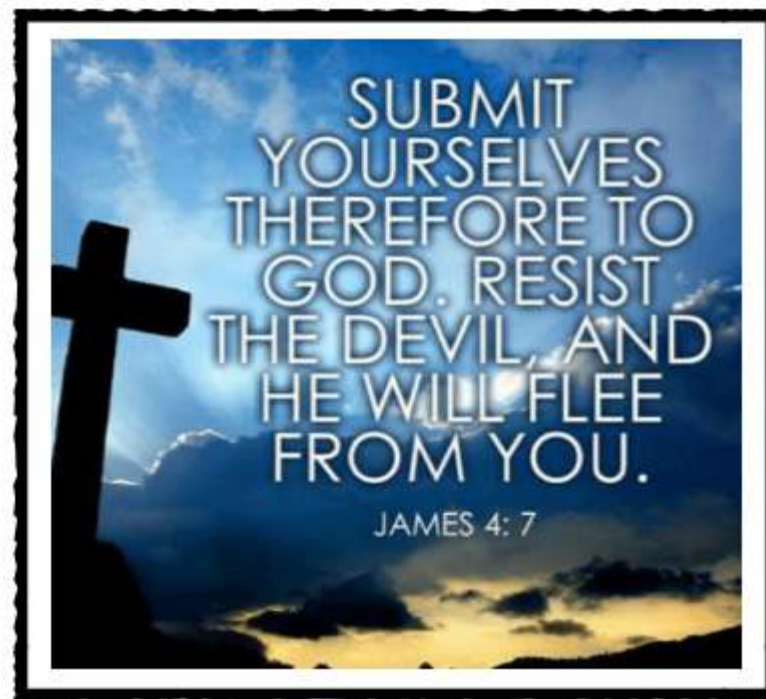



Living Word
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LCMS



March 2020 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...

Why do some churches say the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper "represents" Jesus' body and blood?



This question came from a person who was confirmed in an LC-MS congregation and was taught that - as Jesus said - the bread and wine is His body and blood. This person is now attending a non-denominational church which teaches that communion is not a powerful meal in which Jesus comes to us personally, but is simply a reminder of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

My answer: As human beings we seem to have a need to understand things. That desire to understand things poses problems for us at times when it comes to things of God. Because He's God and we aren't, there are naturally going to be things He does and things He says that we just aren't going to be able to understand.

When God says or does something we can't understand, we tend to search for an explanation that we can understand - even if it's wrong! For example, we have a tough time understanding how God could create everything that exists in just six days (because we couldn't do that!). So we end up believing the theory of evolution that tells us it took billions of years. (That we can understand, because it would take us that long!) The problem is, God clearly tells us in the Bible that He did NOT create "stuff" and let it just evolve into other stuff purely by accident or chance! He created everything distinct from everything else and with a unique design, purpose and plan!

Same with the Lord's Supper. How the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper can also be the body and blood of Jesus is one of those things we can't "wrap our minds around." So, instead of taking Jesus at His word when He says, "This is my body... This is my blood," we say things like, "Well, what he meant was that it represents His body and blood."

We would do much better to simply acknowledge, "If God said it, then I believe it. And if I can't understand how it can be, that's okay!"

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Remember, God never asks us to 'understand'. He does, however, ask us to believe.

Thanks for Asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Who Can You Invite?...

1. "I STILL BELIEVE" Movie

March 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

From the makers of I CAN ONLY IMAGINE comes the true life story of Christian musician Jeremy Camp and his remarkable journey of love and loss. Proving there is always hope in midst of tragedy. **\$11 gets you a ticket, small popcorn and small pop at Spicer Cinema!**

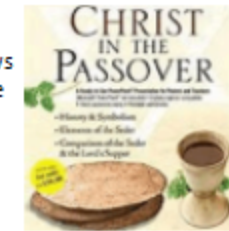
Watch the movie trailer at: <https://youtu.be/YnxHyBbYwQQ>



2. "Christ in the Passover"

On Tuesday, March 31, Liz Goldstein of the Jews for Jesus organization will present "Christ in the Passover" showing us how each of the various aspects of the Passover meal pointed ahead to Jesus. (Liz was here in 2013 and presented "Christ in the Passover" for us then too!)

Meal @ 6:00. Presentation @ 6:30



3. Easter Celebration 4 Kids!!!

10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 4

For kids ages 3 - 8 (younger siblings welcome!)
Story Time, Crafts, Snack, Games
Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting)



4. Our Women's Retreat

"Unfading Beauty" April 17-19

Muskie Lodge, Mille Lacs Lake

We explore the Unfading Beauty in the body, mind and soul of the Christian woman.

+ Registration Deadline: April 1.

+ \$150 each- includes 2 nights' lodging & meals!

(Give checks to Tammy Miller, Violet Dauk or Ruth Vegdahl.)



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



BREAKFAST at TUTTI FRUITTI

- Saturday, May 9



Mark Your Calendar...

Lenten Soup & Sandwich Suppers

Each Wednesday during Lent we will provide a soup and sandwich supper prior to the Lenten devotion.



- Supper will be served from 5:00-5:50
- The Devotion Service will be from 6:00- 6:30
- Women's study will stay at 6:30
- Confirmation class: Students will participate in the Lenten Service and have a shortened class at 6:30

Wednesday, March 4 @ 6:30

Informational Meeting

(for parents & confirmation students)
about the NEXT National Youth Gathering (2022 in Houston)



That for a day: Live so the preacher won't have to tell lies at your funeral.

"Christ in the Passover"

An interactive experience
Tuesday, March 31, (at 6:00 p.m.)

This powerful, interactive experience, led by Liz Goldstein of Jews for Jesus, will illustrate the link between the Jewish feast of Passover and the last supper Jesus shared with His disciples. Join us for a sensory exploration of the beautiful Jewish ceremony called a seder. As we taste the traditional symbolic foods, we will weave the story of the exodus and freedom from slavery together with the messianic hope realized in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

The words "do this in remembrance of me" will take on an even deeper meaning to Christians as we learn the significance of the tradition Jesus observed the night before He died and give us a closer look at the very Jewish life He led. Jewish or not, religious or not, all are welcome for this unforgettable, thought-provoking experience.

Mark your calendars - and invite some friends!



Register Now:

Women's Retreat 2020:

"Unfading Beauty"

April 17-19

Muskie Lodge, Mille Lacs Lake



Join us as we explore the Unfading Beauty in the body, mind and soul of the Christian woman.

Registration Deadline: April 1. (Early Bird Entry drawing March 1)

\$150 each- includes 2 nights' lodging and meals!

Checks can be given to Tammy Miller, Violet Dauk or Ruth Vegdahl.

Preparation for First Communion:

During March we'll meet on Wednesday, March 11 (6:30 p.m.) and Tuesday, March 31. The students will have their first communion during Maundy Thursday service on April 9.



MARK YOUR APRIL CALENDAR!

The Easter Celebration 4 Kids will be Saturday, April 4th!!

For kids ages 3-8, younger siblings are also welcome! We will begin at 10:00 with story, craft, snack, games and will hope for an Easter egg hunt and maybe some springtime babies!! I ask you to pray and think of kids who you could invite to this outreach! More info to come!



Email Humor...

A group of Congressmen were playing a trivia board game one night. When it one representative's turn, he rolled the dice and landed on "Science & Nature."

His question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?"

He thought for a moment and then asked, "Is it on or off?"

Pastor's note: There's a reason God tells us in the Psalms (both 118 and 146) "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes."

It seems there was this couple from Minneapolis who decided to go to Florida for a few days to thaw out during one particularly cold winter. Since both spouses worked, they had difficulty coordinating their schedules, so the decision was made to have the husband leave for Florida on a certain day, with the wife following him one day later. The man made it down to Florida and arrived at his hotel. Upon getting to his room, he decided to open his laptop and send his wife back in Minneapolis an email. However, he left off one letter in typing his wife's email address and sent the email off without realizing his error.

In another part of the country, a widow had just returned from the funeral of her husband, a pastor of many years who had been called to glory just a few days earlier. She decided to check her email because she was expecting to hear from her husband's relatives and friends. Upon reading the first email she let out a loud scream, fainted and fell to the floor.

The woman's son rushed into the room and found his mother on the floor. Looking up at the computer screen, he saw the following email message:

To My Loving Wife:
I've just been checked in. Everything has been prepared for your arrival here tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Your Devoted Husband.
PS: Sure is hot down here!

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That for a day: People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

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The Link...

February 2020 Updates

We have been working hard here at The Link and have some exciting news to share! The Link is now offering a Senior Food Delivery Program for homebound seniors (65+) in the Northern Kandiyohi County area. Knowing that there are many seniors in our community who could benefit from food delivery, be it temporary or longer term, it was time to get something going. With this program, we will provide a list of common foods we typically have on hand to those interested and each month we will call them to see what they need. Once we have a compiled list, we will pack up and deliver the requested food. If you or someone you know could utilize this service or if you would like more information on what it entails, please reach out to us.

The Link has continued to see an increase in households coming through the Food Pantry and has helped numerous families who have come through in need of some financial assistance to help get them back on their feet. The assistance given helped pay everything from medical bills, transportation costs and utility bills to help with rent and house payments. Each of the families were extremely grateful and are able to move forward with less stress because of the help they received.

Please remember that Minnesota FoodShare month begins March 1 and runs through April 12. Minnesota FoodShare began in 1982 with a campaign to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metro Area. The effort was so successful and the need was so evident, the March campaign became a statewide program. During the 2019 March Campaign, more than \$8 million dollars and over 5.1 million pounds of food shelf items were raised by Minnesota food shelves and Minnesota FoodShare.

Minnesota FoodShare envisions a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. The March Campaign addresses these issues directly and we invite you to join our efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty in our communities.

Thank you for your continuous support! YOU are the Link!

Tuesday's Table:

March 3rd— Our Lady of the Lakes

March 10th— Evangelical Covenant Church

March 17th— Faith Lutheran Church

March 24th— Peace Lutheran Church

March 31st— Faith Lutheran hosted by The New London and Sunrise Lions

See The Link's website at www.youarethelink.org for more information.

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

We take a break during the season of Lent, so everyone can attend the weekly Lenten Devotion Wednesdays at 6:00



Wednesday Evening Women's Study:

"Heaven: What God Tells Us About It"

Begins March 4th @ 6:30

The study starts at 6:30 p.m. (right after Lenten Devotion at 6:00) and concludes by the time Confirmation class is over at 7:30. Please spread the word and bring a friend!

Monthly Morning Women's Study:

Wednesday, March 11th at 10:00 AM

Mark your calendar for the 2nd Wednesday every month at 10:00. We are studying Women of the Bible

- Join us as we study about the most prominent woman in the Old Testament. In February we studied Sarah and will continue with this study in March.
- We try to do a mission project every month. In February we packaged "care packages" for our college students. For March we will be discussing putting together layettes for Orphan Grain Train



Everyone is welcome to join us @ 10:00. A light lunch will be served. Please bring something to share.
Any questions, please call Leone @ 354-4665

Confirmation Class

- March 4,11,25: Students assist in the Lenten Devotion services at 6:00, then have an abbreviated class session at 6:30.
- March 18: Students attend the movie I STILL BELIEVE. 6:30 @ Spicer Cinema (We leave church at 6:00)
- March 31: Students help with the Christ in the Passover meal @ 6:00
- Parents check the "Parent Helper" schedule for your dates to serve.



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That for a day: Small minds discuss persons. Average minds discuss events. Great minds discuss ideas.

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Men's Group Study—Tuesdays @ 6:30

Heaven: What God Tells Us About It
Tuesday Evenings
March 10,17 & 24 @ 6:30



Who can you invite to join you?
(Men's Work Project at Joe Johnson's on March 3)

Get to Know Our Newest Members...

STEVE WULF

Your name and the names of any family members:

Steven M Wulf; daughter-Tracy Jo Hinz (Wulf), Northfield, MN; son-Brian Wulf, Houston, TX and five grandchildren. Brother Craig is a Lutheran Pastor in Spokane, WA and sister Cindy is retired in Spirit Lake, Ia.

Where you were born and grew up - and school (s) graduated from:

July 3, 1953 Climbing Hill, IA near Sioux City, IA; lived there through college. Woodbury Central High School, Merville, IA; Morningside College, Sioux City, IA and MBA from University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA.

Current Address:

7212 159th St NE, Atwater, MN - (Diamond Lake)

Career:

Retired Certified Public Accountant, worked as Financial Controller for 23 years at Okoboji Motor Company, Spirit Lake, IA

Hobbies and things you like to do for fun:

Camping, walking and just being a good neighbor

A favorite Bible passage or story - and why it's your favorite:

1 John 5 vs. 4 & 5 because faith leads to confidence and peace of mind which results in stress-free life.

What God used to attract you to Living Word:

I was attracted to Living Word by the people - members of Living Word and Pastor Dave.

A 'fun fact' - something about you that most people don't know:

I was born on my parents' anniversary date. When I left my childhood home, my parents thought they were experienced enough to be foster parents for special needs children. They did this for over 20 years and nurtured 22 foster children. My sister subsequently adopted John, a foster child of my parents.

March 2020 - Daily Readings

This month we begin with a Lenten-themed readings of Self-Denial, Repentance and Fasting. We conclude with Prophecies of Jesus' Suffering and Death and Pre-Crucifixion Events.

Wk of MAR 1 Daily Readings **SELF-DENIAL AND SELF-SACRIFICE**

- Mar 2 Matthew 16:24-25 _____

- Mar 3 Matthew 19:21 _____

- Mar 4 Romans 14:21 _____

- Mar 5 Proverbs 23:20 _____

- Mar 6 Galatians 5:16-25 _____

- Mar 7 Luke 18:29-30 _____

Week of MAR 8 Daily Readings: **REPENTANCE**

- Mar 9 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 _____

- Mar 10 Psalm 38: 1-4,18 _____

- Mar 11 Psalm 51:1-17 _____

- Mar 12 Jeremiah 3:21-4:2 _____

- Mar 13 Acts 2:38-39 _____

- Mar 14 2 Corinthians 7:8-11 _____

Wk of MAR 15 Daily Readings **FASTING**

- Mar 16 Psalm 35:11-14 _____

- Mar 17 Matthew 6:17-18 _____

- Mar 18 1 Samuel 7:6 _____

- Mar 19 Luke 4:1-2 _____

- Mar 20 Acts 13:2-3 _____

- Mar 21 Acts 14:23 _____

Wk of MAR 22 Readings **PROPHECIES OF JESUS' SUFFERING & DEATH**

- Mar 23 Psalm 22:6-8, 12-18 _____

- Mar 24 Psalm 69:19-21 _____

- Mar 25 Zechariah 9:9-10 _____

- Mar 26 Zechariah 11:12-13, 12:10-14 _____

- Mar 27 Isaiah 50:5-9 _____

- Mar 28 Isaiah 52:13-53:12 _____

Wk of MAR 29 Readings **EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE CRUCIFIXION**

- Mar 30 John chapter 12 _____

- Mar 31 John chapter 13 _____

- Apr 1 John chapter 14 _____

- Apr 2 John chapter 15 _____

- Apr 3 John chapter 16 _____

- Apr 4 John chapter 17 _____

March 2020 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 - WORSHIP w/Communion 11:15 Fellowship	2	3 6:00 MEN'S WORK PROJECT @ Joe Johnson's	4 5:00 - SOUP/SANDWICH 6:00 - LENT DEVOTION 6:30 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY		6	7
8 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Fellowship	9	10 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	11 10:00 WOMEN'S STUDY & LWML 5:00 - SOUP/SANDWICH 6:00 - LENT DEVOTION 6:30 - 1 st COMMUNION Class 6:30 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	12 MISSION <i>Ministry</i> 5:30 ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	13	14
15 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 Fellowship	16	17 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	18 5:00 - SOUP/SANDWICH 6:00 - Leave For Movie: I STILL BELIEVE 6:30 - Movie @ Spicer	19	20	21
22 9:00 - ADULT STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 - WORSHIP 11:15 - Fellowship 11:45 - CHOIR PRACTICE	23 Today is the Deadline for Living Word Sweatshirt Orders	24 6:30 MEN'S STUDY	25 5:00 SOUP / SANDWICH 6:00 LENTEN DEVOTION 6:30 - 4 th GRADE GROUP 6:30 - CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY	26	27	28
29 9:00 - ADULT STUDY - <i>The Holy Land</i> - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP w/communion 11:15 - Fellowship 11:45 - CHOIR PRACTICE	30	31 6:00 CHRIST in the PASSOVER Meal 6:30 CHRIST in the PASSOVER Presentation	April 1 Today is the Deadline for 2020 Women's Retreat Registrations.	2	3	4 10:00 EASTER CELEBRATION 4 KIDS

Lord's Supper Dates

- Sunday, March 1st
- Sunday, March 15th

Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to: newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net

Upcoming Schedules...

Fellowship Servers

Mar 1 Marcia Welsh / Pam Johnson
 Mar 8 Gwen Ruchti / Ruth Vegdahl
 Mar 15 Mike & Brooke Knutson
 Mar 22 Linda VanMeter & Tammy Fuglie
 Mar 29 Leone & Kerry Quigley

Apr 5 Wendy Robbin / Alida Sawatzky / Mary Lee Moore
 Easter Sunrise Youth
 Easter 10:00 Tammy Wachter / Sarah Miller
 Apr 19 Mona Hjelle / Elaine Abraham
 Apr 26 Violet Dauk / Laurel Iverson

Usher Schedule

Mar 1 Brent & Lance Sawatzky
 Mar 8 Jason & Noah/Levi Miller
 Mar 15 Wendy & Lonny Robbin
 Mar 22 Brady & Andrew Sharp
 Mar 29 Mark Fuglie & Tim Geer

Apr 5 Larry Levin & Carroll Sarsland
 Maundy Thurs Derek & Sarah Olson
 Good Fri Kevin Welsh & Wally Abraham
 Easter Duane Hansen & Chuck Weflen
 Apr 19 Brent & Lance Sawatzky
 Apr 26 Jason & Noah/Levi Miller

Elders

Mar 1/8 Kevin Welsh & Keith Hanson
 Mar 15/22/29 Joe Johnson & Jason Miller

Apr 5/9/10 Ed Vegdahl & Kevin Welsh
 Apr 12/19/26 Keith Hanson & Joe Johnson

Seen on Church Signboards...

Happy Meal: \$4.49

BMW: \$59,995

GOD'S LOVE: PRICELESS !

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Thot for a day:

Scripture Readers

Mar 1 Kevin Welsh
 Mar 8 Laurel Iverson
 Mar 15 Tammy Wachter
 Mar 22 Wendy Robbin
 Mar 29 Linda Dilley

April 5 McCartney Knutson
 Easter Sunrise Jason Miller
 Easter 10:00 Mark Fuglie
 April 19 Tammy Fuglie
 April 26 Leone Quigley

Make A Meal Volunteers

Mar Iversons & Mona Hjelle
 Apr Linda Dilley & Violet Dauk

Nursery

Mar 1 Pam Johnson
 Mar 8 Violet Dauk
 Mar 15 Mona Hjelle
 Mar 22 Volunteer Needed
 Mar 29 Volunteer Needed

Apr 5 Pam Johnson
 Apr 12 Violet Dauk
 Apr 19 Mona Hjelle
 Apr 26 Volunteer Needed

Custodian

Mar Phil & Jean Lungstrom
 Apr Jason Miller family

Altar Guild

Mar Nancy Jo Wendt
 Apr Mona Hjelle

Confirmation Parent-Helper

Mar 4 Rustad
 Mar 11 Sarsland
 Mar 18 Sharp
 Mar 25 Dahl

Apr 15 Macik
 Apr 22 Miller
 Apr 29 Rustad

Acolyte (little brothers & sisters)

Mar 1 Alex Meis
 Mar 8 Carson Sawatzky
 Mar 15 Addison Arends-Schmidt
 Mar 22 Autumn Foshaug
 Mar 29 Jonah Sharp

Apr 5 Kala Miller
 Easter Will Dahl
 Apr 19 Carter Foshaug
 Apr 26 Toby Arends-Schmidt

Accompanying Musicians

Mar 1 Scott Wachter
 Mar 8 Pam Johnson
 Mar 15 TBD
 Mar 22 Scott Wachter
 Mar 29 Carmen Macik

Apr 5 Sharon Willen
 Maundy Thurs Pam Johnson
 Good Fri Carmen Macik
 Easter Sunrise Scott Wachter
 Easter 10:00 TBD
 Apr 19 TBD
 Apr 26 Carmen Macik

March Discipleship Verse...



Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

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
- March Newsletters
- January—March Portals of Prayer



Sermons Now Available in Audio on our Website

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

(Or just click on "New Sermons Online" at the bottom of the livingwordlutheran.net home page)

02-02-20 God's Always Speaking to Us - And Not How You Expect
02-09-20 What Jesus Expects of Those Who Follow Him
02-16-20 Things that make Jesus our Greatest Friend - and your response
02-23-20 God the Father: This is my Son... Listen to Him!
Ash Wed Ashes are for more than saying, "I'm sorry I sinned."

CHOIR ...

Please join us after worship March 22nd & 29th as we rehearse for singing in worship!



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



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That for a day: I don't mind going to work. But that 8-hour wait to go home is awful!

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send a text to help us all remember our scheduled dates to serve as ushers, acolytes, fellowship servers, etc...

Offering Envelopes Are Available for 2020

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!



A Second Chance to Order "Living Word" Sweatshirts

Here's How:

1. Go to www.rambow.com
2. Enter Store Code: LWLC
3. Order the items you want. (6 different styles in many colors and sizes)
4. Pay for your order with your credit card.



Online Orders must be placed by MARCH 23.
Orders will arrive the first week of April.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS:

Those who would like to share Easter Flowers, please contact Altar Guild.

Church Mice

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Many Thanks to ...

... Our church family for all the prayers, offers of help, food, and shuttle service over the past month.

-Scott & Tammy Wachter

Sunday School...

Meets every Sunday at 9:00.

Upcoming Lessons :

- **March 1-** Mephibosheth- "The King's Table" 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13
- **March 8-**"A Mercy-Full Message"- The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37
- **March 15-**"A Prayer Lesson" - The Lord's Prayer Luke 11:1-13
- **March 22-**"A Shepherd Loves" -The Good Shepherd John 10:1-18; Ps. 23
- **March 29-**"A Tree View" - Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10
- **April 5-**"A Crushing Truth" Jesus is Crucified Matthew 27:11-66

Memorization for March:

- **(all Kids)** THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT:
"Honor your Father and Mother"
 - **(4-6th)** What does this mean? "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them."
 - **(1-3rd)** "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." Col.3:20
 - **(Pre-K)** "We must obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29
- The students will recite their memory work during Worship on April 5th

Easter Celebration 4 Kids (see details on page 5)



February's issue of One Voice looks at two looming issues for this political season:

Religious Liberty and Physician-assisted Suicide.

Both are integral to the effective proclamation of the Gospel. And both appear to be at a tipping point, with the Church in possession of the resources necessary to decisively affect the outcome of these issues if we will only commit to using them.

You can pick up a copy of this current issue of ONE VOICE at church

OR Use this link to read it online:

<http://www.mnsdistrict.org/engaged-in-mission/2020/2/3/one-voice-for-public-policy-february-2020>



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That for a day: I like long walks, especially when taken by people who annoy me.

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LWML...



SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPERS:

Everyone is invited to attend soup and sandwich suppers prior to Lenten services on Wednesday evenings in March. There is a sign-up sheet at church for those wanting to bring soup or sandwiches.

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.

LAYETTES:

We will be collecting items for layettes to be donated to Orphan Grain Train. Items needed: baby bottles and pacifiers (in new condition); Onesies (0-24 month sizes); Diapers (cloth or disposable); and Baby Blankets. The onesies, cloth diapers, and baby blankets can be either new or gently used. Ashley Hansen has offered to donate crocheted baby hats to be put in each layette. Items donated may be brought to church and put in the shoe collection bin in the church entry.

LWML SPRING RALLY:

The Montevideo Zone LWML Spring Rally will be held Saturday, April 25th, 2020 at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Montevideo. Registration will be from 8:30 - 9:00 AM with a \$3 registration fee. The speaker will be Stacy Lung, speaking about mission and purpose of the Christ Serve Ranch, Henning, MN.

MARCH LWML MEETING:

Will be Wednesday, March 11 (following the Monthly Women's Morning Bible study). Please bring an appetizer to share.

A HUGE "Thank You" to ...

... to all the guys who helped provide, prepare and serve food for "Friendship Sunday" brunch!

... to Marda Welsh for organizing Friendship Sunday BINGO !

... to the guys who organized our Winter Trap Shoot!

... to the LWML ladies for organizing the Soup/Sandwich suppers!

... to all who donated items for the Valentine packages for our colleges students!

Opportunities to Serve...

4-6th Grade Group :

Please join us on March 25 @ 6:30 (In the Fellowship area after the Lenten Devotion) to make Easter cards for Glen Oaks residents!

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.

Provide Soup or Sandwich for Lenten Suppers

The LWML is again sponsoring Soup & Sandwich Suppers prior to our Wednesday Lenten Services. Please sign up on the sheet at church for the week you'd like to provide soup or sandwiches. Pastor.

One More Fellowship Server Needed:

We are looking for someone to team up with one of our current servers serve snacks for after-worship fellowship once every 2 months.

Two More Ushers Needed:

Talk to Pastor if you can help. (Father-Son/Daughter teams are great!) Thanks!

Read Scripture in Worship

Please talk to Pastor David if you can take a turn once every couple of months reading our New Testament and Old Testament Scriptures

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

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

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 March Make-a-Meal volunteers are Jamie & Laurel Iverson and Mona Hjelle



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

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That for a day: Live each day like it's your last. One day you'll get it right.

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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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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.

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...

- God's guidance on what to "give up" and "take up" during Lent.
- The Holy Spirit's power to actually make those changes.
- People you can invite to any of our studies, events or worship
- Great attendance for Christ in the Passover on March 31
- Asking God for great attendance at the Women's Retreat
- Asking God for His power to contain the spread of the coronavirus
- Thanking God for the Holy Spirit's work in the lives of our Sunday School and Confirmation students
- For the Holy Spirit to work through the teachers of our classes
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for gov't leaders
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Courage to take a stand for Jesus at work AND school
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

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:

- Coffee
- Friends
- Friends with Fish

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

Story Behind The Song...

"Come As You Are" by David Crowder

One of Satan's most successful lies is the one he uses to convince people that God won't take them back. "You've been away too long." Or "You're not good enough for the church club - never will be."

Nothing could be further from the truth!

Crowder's song "Come As You Are" makes plain that truth as it calls to mind Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Jesus used that parable to show the kind of love and forgiveness God (the Father in the parable) has for us. His door is always open, no matter how long or how far we've been away from Him!

I've also said many times, that this song has one of my favorite lines in any song or hymn: "Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal."

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy Oh sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow That Heaven can't heal

So, lay down your burdens Lay down your shame
All who are broken Lift up your face
Oh wanderer, come home You're not too far
So, lay down your hurt Lay down your heart Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary Rest that endures

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That for a day: I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.

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Earth has no sorrow That Heaven can't cure

Come as you are Fall in His arms Come as you are

There's joy for the morning Oh sinner, be still
Earth has no sorrow That Heaven can't heal

Editor's note: Listen to Crowder explain the origin of this song and perform it live at <https://youtu.be/FmjAXP8ILnA> or watch the official music video at <https://youtu.be/r2zhf2mqEMl>

New Music of the Month...

Introducing a new worship song from Travis Cottrell called *On and On*. Watch at <https://youtu.be/dOQU5CKi5dE>

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

