



October 2020 Newsletter "Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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Question for Pastor...

"How was the wedding?"

I've fielded this one countless times in the last couple of weeks.

You probably know that "the wedding" being asking about was our daughter Becca's. On September 20, I had the awesome privilege of officiating Becca's wedding to a wonderful guy - Thomas (Tom) O'Flanagan. Many of you know that the original plan was to hold a small ceremony on the island of Santorini in Greece. But, as with so many things, due to COVID restrictions the plans had to be changed. The alternate plan was to just have an even smaller ceremony on a beach somewhere along the central California coast. With the wildfires and other closures in California, that plan didn't seem like a sure-thing either until a couple weeks before.

You can listen to the 9-27 sermon for some of my observations from the wedding. Here are a couple more. (I could take up the whole newsletter answering the above question, but I won't.)

All the uncertainty and changes in plans really served to highlight one of the things I've found to be indispensable in a marriage (or any other relationship): The ability to be flexible! I was greatly impressed at how willing Becca and Tom were to adjust their plans. To the point that the day before the wedding we still didn't know exactly where the ceremony was going to be! (I wish you could see the looks I get when I tell people that!) We only knew it was going to be somewhere overlooking the ocean along a 35-mile stretch.

The original plan was for them take their vows on a beach. But Tom's grandpa needed a wheelchair, and sand and wheelchairs don't mix well. They scouted out several different options and found a gorgeous site overlooking a rocky bay that Tom's grandpa could get to via a long boardwalk.

I had to be a bit flexible as well. When Lori (Tom's mom) asked what "the pastor" thought of that option, I wanted to respond, "There's absolutely no way I want to stand at the edge of a cliff with the very real possibility

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that a gust of wind could carry me off to "sleep with the fishes!" (It was very windy that day). But instead I said, "It matters not one single bit what 'the pastor' thinks. It's whatever works best for Bex and Tom."

The next day - wedding day - the wind was nowhere to be found! One of many answers to prayer we witnessed. (Not



the least of which is God providing such an amazing, godly man as Tom for our daughter to marry!)



Tom's grandparents were still able to get only as close as forty feet away from the "cliff" where we were holding the ceremony. (Now, forty feet isn't very far when you're indoors with microphones and amplifiers and speakers, but outdoors with waves crashing in the background is a totally different story.) So, more flexibility was needed.

I said, "Would it work to have them listen in on a phone?" It did. I hadn't envisioned the phone being in my pocket, but that's the location that best picked up the vows and message. So, this was the first (and probably last) wedding I've conducted with a "live" phone in the pocket of my shirt. Grandma Bonnie turned on the speaker-phone on her end, and her and Grandpa Ron were able to hear every word!

In short, it was an unforgettable day! And it could not have been better!

Thanks for Asking, Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Opportunities for Growth...

WORLD MAY KNOW

THAT THE Sunday Morning Study: "The Holy Land"

Sunday mornings @ 9:00

MAY KNOW God's Word on living as a Christian in the midst of a non-Christian society."

Please join us for coffee and Growing in God's Word!

Wednesday Prayer Time-

A special invitation to everyone to meet weekly in prayer Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Beginning October 21

Prayer is a foundational part of our spiritual life both personally and as a congregation. Praying together has power against evil in our family's lives, our church, and our community. We would love to have you join us.



Ephesians 6:12; 18

12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

18 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Wednesday Evening Women's Study:

Will Start on October 21 @ 6:30

We will finish our study on "Heaven" that got interrupted by last spring's "Stay at Home" orders.



Monthly Morning Women's Study:

Starts Up Again October 14 @ 10:00 a.m.

We'll continue our study of "Women of the Bible"

All women are invited to attend!

Confirmation Class

6-7th Graders Meet from 6:00 - 7:15



- 8-9th Graders meet from 6:45 8:00
- Classes will not meet on October 14 (due to parent-teacher conferences at NL-S)
- Parents check the "Parent Helper" schedule for your dates to serve

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Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Your faith in Him matters to God. In fact, God is most honored through your living, active, death-defying, outof-the-box faith!

That being the case, He's committed to growing it. BIG.



Imagine how different your outlook on life would be if you had absolute confidence that God was with you?

Imagine how differently you would respond to difficulties, temptations, and even good things if you knew with certainty that God was in all of it and was planning to use it for good. In other words, imagine what it would be like to have BIG faith.

Please join us Tuesday evenings @ 6:30 to learn more about – five things God uses to grow BIG faith.

Congratulations...

 Becca (Dauk) & Tom O'Flanagan- on being united in marriage on September 20th!

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

Living Word Blog...

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





The Link...

September 2020 Updates

With school officially starting at the beginning of September, The Link is getting back into a con-

sistent routine.

In August, **The Food Pantry** welcomed 6 new families, served 44 children, 64 adults and 23 seniors. 3299 pounds of food was distributed and 446.5 pounds of food was donated from community members and churches. The Food Pantry has noticed an increase in need for food, but is able to meet that need because of our gradious donors, Second Harvest, local donations and Food Rescue programs.

The Wildcat Backpack Program is now serving our local head start program. A meeting will be held soon to figure out the best way to serve families with the backpacks during this strange and uncertain time for kids grades K-12. If you know a family that could benefit from this program, please have them call Ashley at 320-354-5555.

Senior Food Delivery- The Senior Food Delivery Program has signed up 2 new seniors this past month. It has been an absolute blessing to them and for the staff here at The Link to serve them. If you are interested in delivering or if you know a senior family (or a family that has a difficult time getting out and about), please call Ashley at 320-354-5555.

The Link's Client Outreach program served 10 families in the month of August. The need for outreach has increased as well this past month as financial burdens from COVID-19 are catching up with families. The Link is seeing more of a need in assistance with utilities, rent and medical expenses. If you are making a financial donation in the near future, please consider this program or donate to the general fund so the money can be used where it is needed most.

The Revive and Redeem Thrift Store, along with The Community Closet, is seeing an increase in shoppers the last few weeks. There have been quite a few people commenting that they are just hearing about the thrift store. If you know anyone who loves bargain shopping, please let them know about the store at the top of the hill. Revive and Redeem and The Community Closet are located at 206 Main ST.

N. and is open Thursdays and Fridays 10-3 and Saturdays from 9-1.

With cooler weather upon us, it is common for families to start needing jackets, boots, hats, gloves and snow pants. If you have any of those items laying around, please consider donating them to The Link for families in need.

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As always, The Link if humbled and so grateful for the amount of giving in the community. From volunteers, to those who donate, nothing goes unnoticed. We are blessed to have the ability to continue our mission here by giving to those that need it most. 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 ash-ley@youarethelink.org for more information.

Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the First and Third Sundays in October. (October 4th & 18th)

We have NEW Wine & Wafer Sealed Communion Packets. Since the

COVID protocols were put into effect, we have been using pre-sealed packets of grape juice and a bread wafer. Pre-sealed packets that contain wine as well as a larger bread wafer have recently been made available. We were able to order some of these new wine/wafer packets and will begin us-



ing them in communion starting with the first Sunday in October.

We also now have available gluten-free bread wafers for those who have gluten-sensitive conditions. You will find these wafers in a separate cup in the communion tray.

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!)

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 its raining, get wet. If its cold, get a jacket. If you're tired, go tired. But take those babies to church. You know why?

Because lesus 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"

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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 dependent 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.

From Scott & Tammy Wachter...

Alyssa & Josh Smith would like to invite everyone from our church family to Drive up, drop off and grab a treat!

5810 240th St W, Morristown, Minnesota 55052

Ronald McDonald House Needs List:

https://www.rmhmn.org/needslist/ Donate Online in Honor of Weston:

https://www.rmhmn.org/donate/

Let's Celebrate Weston

Drive Up, Drop Off and Grab a Treat!

October 10th is the 2nd Anniversary of Weston's Fetal Surgery. In honor of how far Weston has come, we will be collecting donations for the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester. Let us say thank you...come grab a treat, drop off a donation if you choose, and enjoy a moment with usl





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Email Humor...

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."

He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls."

The man said, "Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk."

When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me.

One for you, one for me..."

The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord." Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord. At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done."

They say the old man made it back to town a full 5 minutes ahead of the kid on the bike.



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 sen-

tence to encourage people who drive past to remember that God is the giver of all good things - especially things we take for granted. This past month we thanked God for:

- Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Every Sunday!
- God's Amazing Fall-Color Palette!

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

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Page 11 Sunday School News



"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."

On September 13th we celebrated Rally Sunday, the start of another Sunday School year! Our theme was "A Strong Life" based on Matthew 7:24-29. We learned that Jesus is our "Rock" - a firm foundation. If we build our lives on Him when the storms of life come we can stand firm.

On Sept. 20 our lesson was based on John 14:1-14 "Knowing Jesus". He is our starting point and the very foundation to have a 'strong life'. On Sept. 27th our lesson was "The Holy Spirit Empowers us" based on Ephesians 3:14-19 and Galatians 5:13-18, 22-26. The Holy Spirit helps us, or empowers us, to turn away from sin and live for Christ. I explained it using 'Milky Way' and 'Reese's', that the Holy Spirit empowers us to have "good stuff" in our hearts, just like the candy bars. If we don't show the Fruits of the Spirit in our lives it's like having 'dirt' in our hearts.

October highlights more characteristics of a person with a "Strong Life":

- Oct. 4- "A Living Hope" 1 Peter 1:3-9
 God uses trials and hardships to refine our faith.
- Oct. 11- "Vessels of Clay" Jeremiah 18:1-10
 Children are special and have a HUGE purpose in God's Kingdom
- Oct. 18- "Joseph Forgives" Genesis 45: 1-28
 The children will learn the power of forgiveness
- Oct. 25 "Prayer" James 5:13-16
 Children will learn the importance of prayer in their daily lives

All children are encouraged to come to Sunday School. Teachers and kids are masked, and we meet up front of the church. We do not meet in our Sunday School rooms. Each child has a bag with their name on it, that holds their supplies needed for the day. They can bring their offering up to the altar and place it on in the offering basket.

That for a day: If you think you know s

October 2020 - Daily Readings

This Month we re-visit the "100 - or so - Key Chapters of the Bible" readings. Just look for one main thing God has for you to learn in each reading.

Pastor David makes audio recordings of each day's readings (and summarizes some main points at the end of each reading). Find them on the Readings page on our website.

Oct 4	This Week We Begin our "100 - or so - Key Chapters of the Bible" readings
Oct 5	Genesis 1
Oct 6	Genesis 2
Od 7	Genesis 3
Oct 8	Genesis 6-8
Oct 9	Genesis 9
Oct 10	Genesis 11:1-10
Od11	Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed
Oct 12	Genesis 15
Oct 13	Genesis 18-19
Oct 14	Genesis 22
Oct 15	Genesis 25
Oct 16	Genesis 37
Oct 17	Genesis 49:*29-50:26
Oct 18	Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed
Oct 19	Exodus 3

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

Oct 20	Exodus 12-14
Oct 21	Exodus 16
Oct 22	Exodus 20
Oct 23	Exodus 32_
Oct 24	Exodus 34
Oct 25	Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed
Oct 26	Leviticus 19
Oct 27	Leviticus 25
Oct 28	Numbers 11
Oct 29	Numbers 13-14
Oct 30	Numbers 20:1-21:9
Oct 31	Numbers 22
Nov 1	Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed
Nov 2	Deuteronomy 11
Nov 3	Deuteronomy 28
Nov 4	Joshua 3
Nov 5	Joshua 5:13-6:27
Nov 6	Joshua 24
Nov 7	Judges 2

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

October 2020 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 - ADULT STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP WCOMMUNION	5	6 6:30 MENS' STUDY	7 6:00- 6-7th CONFIRMATION 6:45- 8-9th CONFIRMATION	8 Mission Winistry 5:30 - ELDERS' TEAM 6:30 - MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM	9	10:00 CARD- MAKING @ Ruth Vegdahl's
9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 - ADULT STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP	12	13 6:30 MENS' STUDY	10:00 LWML Meeting followed by MONTHLY WOMEN'S STUDY NO CONFIRMATION (MEA)	15	16	4:30 - 7:00 MEXICAN FIESTA DINNER
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Nov 1 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 - ADULT STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP W/COMMUNION	Nov 2	Nov 3 ELECTION DAY	Nov 4 6:00 - PRAYER TIME 6:00 - 6-7th CONFIRMATION 6:30 - WOMEN'S STUDY 6:45-8-9th CONFIRMATION	Sign up to have t to you by e-mail.! newsletter@	Nov 6 his newsletter Send your ema livingwordluth	Nov 7 r sent directly ail address to: leran.net

More Fmail Humor...

TEN COMMANDMENTS MINNESOTA STYLE You betcha...

- Der's only one God, ya know.
- 2. Don't make that fish on your mantle an idol.
- 3. Cussing ain't Minnesota nice.
- 4. Go to church even when you're up north.
- Honor your folks.
- Don't kill. Catch and release.
- 7. There is only one Lena for every Ole. No cheatin'.
- 8. If it ain't your lutefisk, don't take it.
- 9. Don't be braggin' about how much snow va shoveled.
- 10. Keep your mind off your neighbor's hotdish.



Another Chance to...

Order Your Living Word Trap Shooting Caps

Cost: \$15.00

Available in several color choices up at church.

- Blackfront white back (not shown)
- Charcoal front- orange back (above)
- RealTree Camo-(right)



LWML...



LWML will meet Wednesday, Oct 14, at 10:00 a.m. for a short business meeting, followed by a bible study entitled Women of the Bible.

SHOES FOR MISSIONS (fundraiser for Lutheran Island Camp): Shoe collection has been temporarily interrupted due to COVID. Collection will hopefully begin again this fall. Watch the Newsletter for a notice when collection begins again. Thank you to everyone who has donated shoes!

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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

The Usher schedule is "on hold" until COVID restrictions are eased.

Scripture Readers

NOTE: Pastor David will read the Scriptures in Worship until COVID restrictions are eased

Elders

Oct 4.11 Joe Johnson & Keith Hansen Kevin Welsh & Jason Miller Oct 18.25

Make A Meal Volunteers October Mona Hielle

Nursen	l	Accompanying Musicians			
Oct 4	Pam Johnson	Oct 4	Scott Wachter		
Oct 11	Violet Dauk	Oct 11	Sharon Willen		
Oct 18	Mona Hjellle	Oct 18	Pam Johnson		
Oct 25	Volunteer needed	Oct 25	Carmen Macik		

Custodian Confirmation Parent Helper October Ed & Ruth Vegdahl Dahl Oct 7

November Volunteer needed Oct 14 No Class Oct 21 Foshaug Altar Guild Oct 28 Meis October Mona Hielle Oct 31 Miller

Seen on Church Signboards...

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October Discipleship Verse...



"Let them know that You, whose name is the LORD—that You alone are Most High over all the earth." Psalm 83:18

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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
- October Newsletters
- October—December Portals of Prayer



SERMONS

Sermons Now Available in Video on our Website

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

09-06-20 "Psalm 121 - A Reminder We All Need"

09-13-20 "Insights From Some Sunflowers on Growing in Faith - 2020"

09-27-20 "Observations from a Wedding - a VERY Special Wedding"

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 muchneeded 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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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!

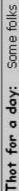
Please Remember to Pray At 11:09 Every day

(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 His amazing Fall colors
- For the Holy Spirit to help kids grow to know Jesus through Sunday School and confirmation classes
- . Thanking God for our Sunday School teachers
- · People you can invite to any of our studies or Mexican Dinner
- Asking God to provide for the social needs of those in nursing homes.
- Asking God to replace fear with trust in Him
- God to show you opportunities to Share His Love in Practical Ways.
- 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)
- · Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- Great weather and safety during hunting and harvesting
- · God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for gov't leaders
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan









From MN North District...

On the 1st Sunday of the month, every congregation in the Minnesota North District is encouraged to pray for Someone You Know who needs to hear the GOOD NEWS that Jesus Christ died and rose again to pay for their sins.

Watch the video at https://mnnlcms.360unite.com/someone-you-know

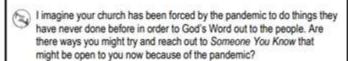
SOMEONE you know

Prayer for SOMEONE YOU KNOW who doesn't know Jesus as Savior, or who has drifted away from church:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we are living through difficult times. People are hurting and need hope. Despite the restrictions we face due to the virus, give us opportunity to tell someone we know about Your love and for

Do they know you care?

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:21-23



More than ever people need the human touch - some reassurance and friendship. Brainstorm some ways you might reach out and show a little kindness to Someone You Know. Look for opportunities that God gives you to share the hope you have in Jesus.

WATCH THE VIDEO AT

someoneyouknow.church

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The Free to be Faithful® newsletter highlights important and relevant details on religious liberty issues that impact the rights of Christians to live faithfully.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the final weeks before November 3, it has become exceedingly obvious that this will be an extremely consequential election. The list of public policy issues that are essentially "on the ballot" include all of those that the Church has spoken to. Regarding these issues, the contrast between the two candidates and the two parties could not be more sharply drawn. In fact, recent editions of One Voice for Public Policy have discussed each of them at length. From abortion and physician assisted suicide, to marriage and sexuality, to religious liberty and parental choice in education, we have outlined what the Scriptures and the Church have said and we have tried to apply those pronouncements to current happenings on State and Federal level politics....

During the past two election cycles, the Minnesota South and North Districts of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod have produced a "Lutheran Voter Information Guide" primarily to identify and clarify the issues in play in that election. In this year's Lutheran Voter Information Guide, we again focus on these issues...

In Christ.

Rev. Fredric Hing, Public Policy Advocate, MN South and North Districts

You can find copies of the Guide at church or at this link: https://tinyurl.com/y5fl29nt

(Rather than telling you who to vote for The Guide simply gives the counsel of Scripture in matters of public life)

It's Time to Start Planning for Re-starting Our After-Worship Fellowship...

We will need some folks who would like to plan and organize this Coffee/Etc... Fellowship. Please talk to Pastor David if you could like to help with this. Thanks!

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Mark Your Calendar

Card Making

October 10 @ 10 a.m.@ Ruth Vegdahl's

We'll make Christmas Cards, etc... Please bring your own card stock. Bring something to share for lunch (Soup will be provided)



Rescheduled for November

Reminder that NOW the Women's Retreat is fast approaching: November 13-15th. If you had already registered and paid, be assured you are still registered.



Anyone else interested please contact Laurel, Ruth, Violet or Tammy M and please invite. It's a huge house and we

still have room available. The home is situated on Mille Lacs Lake.

Our Retreat theme is "Unfading Beauty"



The NEXT National Youth Gathering (2022 in Houston)

Community Outreach News

Our Annual Smoke-Detector Battery Giveaway

October 31 @ 10:00 a.m.

Please join Pastor and the confirmation students in our annual community service project of handing out free smoke-detector batteries to folks who live near the church. (It's really fun to see the looks on people's faces when they find out that instead of asking for something, we are giving them something.



Mission & Ministry Team 2021 Planning Session

Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m.

We will set out our Strategic Ministry Plan for the coming year and begin crafting 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.

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Operation Christmas Child...

Operation Christmas Child kickoff is October 11th!



The congregation and the children are invited to participate in "Operation Christmas Child". Kick-off date for this mission will be Sunday, October 11, with brochures, boxes and labels provided.

Deadline for the boxes to be brought back to church, will be Wednesday, November 18th. If you need more info, go to

www.samaritanspurse.org Thank you for partnering with Samaritans Purse, as we share God's love with children around the world.

Who Can You Invite to: **Our Annual Mexican Fiesta**



Saturday October 17th

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

There are sign up sheets at church if you can serve that day or can provide any of the supplies we will need.

Thank you!

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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!

Operate our new Camcorder

to record parts of each worship service that we can later upload to our website. Talk to Pastor David if you can help out with this - at least one Sunday a month.

<u>Pick Your Month</u> for you (or your family) to be our Church Custodian: You can choose either November or December (or any month in 2021). Talk to our new Trustee, Steve Wulf, to sign up or find out more details. Thanks



Make A Meal

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 call Pastor David or our October Make-a-Meal volunteer, Mona Hjelle, if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. 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.

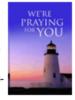


If you could be that person, please talk to Pastor David, Thanks!

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.

Please contact pastor@livingwordlutheran.net with the address of someone you asked us to pray for who would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. We are currently in need of a volunteer to mail the cards. If you could help, talk to Pastor David



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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.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection... If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. -Romans 12-9-10 18 THESE DAYS, IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE
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FOLKS, WE'VE ALL GOT
A LONG WAY TO GO...

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Story Behind The Song...

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Ira Stanphill was born on February 14, 1914, in Bellevue, New Mexico. He lived most of his younger years in Kansas. By the age of 10, Ira was an accomplished musician, playing the piano, organ, ukulele and accordion. He also went on to learn the guitar, saxophone, clarinet and xylophone. Ira accepted Christ at the age of 12. By age 17 he was writing his own music for church services and prayer meetings, and at 22 he began preaching.

Ira served with 9 different organizations in the capacities of youth director, music director and pastor. He preached across America, and in 40 other countries. He wrote over 500 gospel songs, such as "Mansion Over The Hilltop", "Jesus and Me", "We'll Talk It Over" and "Happiness is the Lord".

Ira married Zelma Lawson on April 23, 1939. Zelma was also a gifted musician, with the abilities of singing and playing the piano. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1948. Accounts of Ira's life offer differing opinions on why they divorced. Some say that Zelma had addiction problems and left Ira for other men. Others say that she was an excellent singer and was not content with life in the ministry. She left to pursue a career in the entertainment field and to become a celebrity.

Whatever the case may be, Zelma's leaving put Ira in a great state of depression and grief. He could not understand, after years of being dedicated to the service and ministry of God's work, why God would allow him to go through this. He felt his life had been shattered. He had an exciting ministry in a large church and school of music, but now he was wondering if he should give it all up and get out of Christian work altogether. He sank deeper and deeper into depression.

The story is told that one day as Ira was driving, deeply sad and in despair, he began to hum a tune. As the tune became stronger, words formed and Ira started singing! He sang about not knowing what the future held, but knowing that God would be there to walk with him each step of the way. When Ira got to his office, his rushed to his piano to write down the words and music to the song we know today as "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow". He hadn't written anything during the months of his depression, but now the words and a melody were flowing out of him. And, suddenly, he felt at peace.

Stanphill would continue to share the gospel and write hymns and songs of faith for the remainder of his life. But, he would face other difficult times on which he had to trust in knowing who holds tomorrow. In 1976, he was diagnosed with "a malignant tumor in the right front quadrant of the brain." The surgery was successful, but it is said that his personality changed following the surgery. Ira lived another seventeen years following his surgery. In his later years, he can be found on the Gaither Homecoming videos.

Ira Stanphill died on December 30, 1993 and met the one who holds tomorrow face to face.

I don't know about tomorrow; I just live from day to day.
I don't borrow from its sunshine for its skies may turn to grey.
I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said.
And today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead.

CHORUS:

Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand.

Every step is getting brighter as the golden stairs I climb;

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every burden's getting lighter, every cloud is silver-lined.

There the sun is always shining, there no tear will dim the eye; at the ending of the rainbow where the mountains touch the sky. (Chorus)

I don't know about tomorrow; it may bring me poverty.

But the One who feeds the sparrow, is the One who stands by me.

And the path that is my portion may be through the flame or flood; but His presence goes before me and I'm covered with His blood.

(Chorus)

This seems a perfect song for us today in our times of uncertainty, fear, and worry. We don't know what tomorrow will hold, but we worship the One who does know what lies ahead.

Editor's note: Want to feature a version performed by a family bluegrass band that is one of my favorites... The Petersons. Watch at https://youtu.be/C7BtGs1w6hA

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

