

March 2021 Newsletter "Communicating the Love of Jesus"

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (vis Zoom)
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (& Facebook Live)

Living Word Lutheran Church

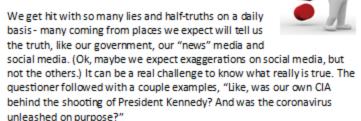
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Ouestions for Pastor...

"Will we know everything when we get to heaven like which 'conspiracy theories' are actually true?"



That question is a great one! It really hits at a greater question of "Just what will we know when we get to heaven?"

When God describes eternity for us, (Read Isaiah 65 and Revelation 21) He describes it as a place where there will be nothing evil, nothing bad. no fear, no pain, no sadness, just perfect peace and joy in the visible presence of God the Father and His Son Jesus.

A passage I've heard referred to regarding what we will remember is Isaiah 65:17 where God is describing eternity and says. "See. I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind."

But in the context of that passage, it appears that God is the one who will be not remembering the former things - not us. And the "former things" He's referring to are the sins and "troubles" of those people who serve Him as their God and King. In Hebrews 8:12 and 10:17 God tells us specifically that He will forgive our sins, and thus will remember no more those sins and lawless acts. Great news for us!

Revelation 21:4 adds this: "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes." and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Does that mean we won't remember any "former things" from our life on earth? That doesn't seem likely to me. What makes more sense is that

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the things that will not be remembered are any things that would cause us pain or fear or sadness or anger. Our sins come to mind as a great example. The forgiveness Jesus died to give will have erased our sins and their memory, not just for God but also for all people who accept that forgiveness by repenting of our sins and placing their trust in Jesus.

My answer to the above question was, "I'm not sure about the specifics. What I am sure about is that if it would cause us fear or anger or sadness or pain - it won't be remembered, because there will be no fear, anger, sadness or pain in eternity. However, if you want to know about the specific examples you gave me, I just might be able to give you answers that have some pretty good odds of being correct...

> Thanks for asking! Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net



Thank God For...

You've seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For..." Each week we'd like to change the ending of that 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.

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence in March.

A New Way to "Participate" in Worship if you can't be here is person...

Facebook Live

Last November, we began live-streaming the message on the Living Word Facebook group page. Plans are to continue that each Sunday. We will also stream the Scripture readings prior to the message and the Apostles' Creed following it. Tune in around 10:25 (give or take). Join our Facebook group at

https://www.facebook.com/groups/131798513523470/



Opportunities for Growth...

Sunday Morning Study:

Sunday mornings @ 9:00

The "Lost Books?" study by Lutheran Hour Ministries looks at why some ancient writings failed to make the cut for inclusion



in the Bible, why other texts most definitely met the standard, and why others, including those "gospels" found in the last century, came up short

Please join us. Bring your coffee and Grow in God's Word!

Wednesday Prayer Time-

Will resume after Lent...

A special invitation to everyone to meet weekly in prayer Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Prayer is a foundational part of our spiritual life both personally and as a congregation. We would love to have you join us.

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." Ephesians 6:12; 18

Wednesday Evening Women's Study @

At Violet's Home @ 6:30 Will resume after Lent

Monthly Morning Women's Study:

Wednesday, March 10th @ 10:00 a.m.
We are studying Women of the Bible.
All are welcome to attend. If weather is inclement please call Leone about meeting. 320-354-4665.

Men's Study

Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

"WEIRD: Because Normal Isn't Working"

Please join us Tuesday evenings @ 6:30



Confirmation Class

The Lenten Wednesday Devotion (6-7pm)
serves as confirmation class for the month of March.

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Whenever you can't make it in person, you can watch The Gospel of John (2003) on either Amazon Prime or Netflix. Or you can request the extra DVD we have. You will also be able to watch Pastor's video summary on Facebook live after each segment of the video. (You will have to join Living Word's Facebook group to watch the Facebook live sessions)



Who Can You Invite?...

- Lenten Midweek Devotions each Wednesday @ 6:00
- Easter Celebration 4 Kids (March 27 @ 10:00)
- 3. Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Services
- 4. Easter Worship

Sonrise Worship @ 6:56 Communion Worship @ 10:00

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 current newsletter at: https://tinyurl.com/42782fs2

LWML News...

LWMLMEETING:

Wednesday, March 10th 10:00 a.m. (followed by Ladies Monthly Bible Study "Women of the Bible")

UPCOMING EVENT:

Summer Tea & Luncheon, Saturday, June 12th @ 11:00 a.m. at Kevin & Marcia Welsh's home. All women of the church are invited.



That for a day: Some!

Email Inspiration...

Once upon a time, there lived a wise man. He was the head of the local administration of a small village. Everyone respected him and his views and opinions were well regarded. Many people came to him seeking for advice.

His son, however, was very lazy and wasted his time sleeping and spending time with his friends. No amount of advice or threat made any difference to him. He wouldn't change at all.

The years passed, and with time faded the youth of the wise man. As he grew older, he began to worry about his son's future. He recognized the need to give something to his son so that he can take care of himself and his family to be.

One day, he called his son to his room and said-"My son, you are no more a kid now. You must learn to take responsibilities and understand life."

"I want you to find the real purpose of your life and when you find it remember it always and you will lead a life full of happiness and joy."

Then he handed his son a bag. When the son opened the bag, he was surprised to see 4 pair of clothes, one for each season. There also were some raw food, grains, lentils, little money and a map. His father continued-"I want you to go find a treasure. I have drawn a map of the place where the treasure is hidden, you need to go and find it."

The son loved this idea. The next day, he eagerly set out on a journey to find the treasure. He had to travel really far across borders, forests, plateaus and mountains.

Days turned into weeks and weeks turned into months. Along the way, he met a lot of people. He was helped by some with food and by some with shelter. He also came across robbers who tried to rob him.

Slowly the season changed and so did the landscapes along with it. When the weather was unpleasant, he halted for the day and continued his journey when the weather cleared.

Finally, after a long year, he reached his destination. It was a cliff. The map showed the treasure being placed below the cliff under the tree. Upon spotting the tree, he began to dig the ground. He searched and searched- around it, under it, on it- but found nothing. He spent two days looking and digging for the treasure. By the third day, he was so exhausted that he decided to leave.

Disappointed over his father's lie, he headed back to his home. On his way back, he experienced the same changing landscapes and seasons.

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This time, however, he halted to enjoy the blooming flowers in spring and the dancing birds in monsoon. He stayed in places only to watch the sun set in paradise or to enjoy pleasant summer evenings.

Since, the supplies he carried were over by then, he learned to hunt and make arrangement for his meals. He also learned how to sew his clothes and shelter himself. He was now able to determine the hour of the day by the position of the sun and plan his journey accordingly. He also learned how to protect himself from wild animals.

He met the same people who had helped him earlier. This time he stayed a few days with them and helped them in some or the other way to repay them. He realized how nice they were to an ordinary passerby who had nothing to offer to them in return.

When he reached home, he realized it had been two years since he left the place. He walked straight into his father's room. "Father", – He said

The father immediately jumped to his feet and hugged his son.

"So how was your journey my son, did you find the treasure" he asked.

"The journey was fascinating father. But forgive me for I wasn't able to find the treasure. Maybe somebody took it before I reached." He surprised himself by what he just said. He wasn't angry at his father. Instead, he was asking for forgiveness.

"There wasn't' any treasure in the very first place my son"-father answered smiling.

"But why did you send me to find it then", he asked.

"I will surely tell you why, but first you tell me, how was your journey to the place? Did you enjoy it?"

"Of course not father! I had no time. I was worried someone else would find the treasure before I did. I was in a hurry to reach the diff." He continued-"but I did enjoy the journey on my way back home. I made many friends and witnessed miracles every day. I learned so many different skills and the art of survival. There was so much I learnt that it made me forget the pain of not finding the treasure."

The father said to him- "Exactly my son. I want you to lead your life with a goal. But if you remain too focused on the goal, then you will miss out the real treasures of life. The truth is, life has no goal at all, other than to just experience it and grow with it every single day."

Moral: It is when we set out in life without trying to associate any meaning or greater purpose to it that we find the treasure of true joy in each moment.

That for a day:

Email Humor....

As the manager of our hospital's softball team, I was responsible for returning equipment to its owner at the end of the season.

When I walked into the surgery department carrying a bat that belonged to one of the surgeons, I passed several patients and their families in a waiting area.

I heard one man say to his wife, "Look, honey, here comes your anesthesiologist."

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The little boy greeted his grandmother with a hug and said, "I'm so happy to see you grandma. Now maybe daddy will do the trick he has been promising us."

The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that my dear?" she asked.

The little boy replied, "I heard daddy tell mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit us again."

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A preacher was riding his bicycle down the street when he noticed a little boy standing in a yard next to the curb with a lawn mower. He asked the little fellow what he was doing, to which the boy replied, "I want to sell this mower so I can buy a bicycle."

The preacher said, "Well son, I need a lawn mower and I have this bicycle. Maybe we can work out a trade. Why don't you ride my bicycle around the block and see what you think about it?"

The little boy went around the block and when he returned the preacher was sitting on the curb red faced and out of breath. The preacher said, "I have pulled on this rope since you left and I can't get this thing to start."

The little boy softly said, "You have to cuss."

The preacher replied, "I haven't cussed in so long I have forgotten how."

The little boy said, "if you pull on that rope long enough you'll remember."

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Upcoming Fun Stuff...



March 20: Trip to "Tooty Fruity" for Breakfast @ 10:00

Meet at church 9 a.m. - Our reservation is at 10:00

I need to call with the final numbers,
so please get signed up so they can plan.

June 20: Stingers' Game Picnic begins at 4:05 (Game @ 5:05)



- + Reserved-Seat Game Ticket
- + All-you-can-eat Ballpark Buffet

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



July 18: Green Lake Cruise

Talk to Marcia for details and to sign up!

Youth Gathering...

The NEXT National Youth Gathering (2022 in Houston)
Youth Group Meets

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning (via Zoom)



Youth will serve Easter Brunch After Sonrise Worship

(approx. 8:15 - 9:00). This will be their first fundraiser!



Easter Flowers are Welcome!

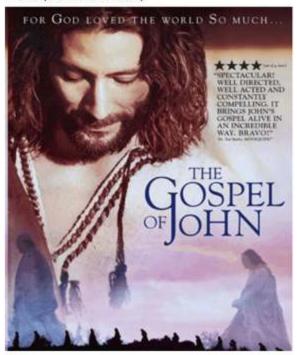
Just bring them to church and the Altar Guild will take care of placing them. Thanks!

Wednesday Lenten Devotions...

6:00 p.m. Wednesdays

We go through Jesus' life, ministry, death & resurrection as recorded in the Gospel of John.

We begin each evening watching the video (which is word-for-word from John's Gospel). Then Pastor David leads a summary and discussion of what we learned - which is also streamed on Facebook live at our Living Word Facebook group page. Please join us - and bring a friend! (See schedule below)



March 3- John 4-6
 March 10- John 7-9
 March 17- John 10-12
 March 24 John 14-16
 Apr 1 (Maundy Thursday) John 13,17
 Apr 2 (Good Friday) John 18-19
 Easter John 20

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- March 7 -" Why We Pray and the Purpose" James 5:13-16
- March 14 "Jesus Tells of God's Love" John 3:14-21
- March 21 "The Request of James and John" Mark 10:35-45
- March 28 PALM SUNDAY "Jesus Comes as King" Mark 11:1-11
- April 4- EASTER SUNDAY "The Tomb is Empty" John 20:1-18



March 2021 - Daily Readings

DAILY READING PROGRAM: We continue our '100 - or so - Key Chapters of the Bible' readings.

Just look for one main thing God has for you to learn in each reading, then write that down. Mar 1 Galatians 1 _____ Mar 2 Galatians 5 Mar 3 Ephesians 2 Ephesians 6 Colossians 3 Mar 7 Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed Mar 12 Luke 10 Mar 14 Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed Mar 15 Luke 19_____ Mar 16 1 Timothy 3

Mar 17	2 Timothy 3
Mar 18	Hebrews 11
Mar 19	Hebrews 12
Mar 20	James 2
Mar 21	Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed
Mar 22	1 Peter 2
Mar 23	2 Peter 1
Mar 24	1 John 4
Mar 25	1John 5
Mar 26	Review / Catch up day
Mar 27	John 1
Mar 28	Use today to worship & catch up on readings you missed
Mar 29	John 3
Mar 30	John 11
Mar 31	John 13
Apr 1	John 15
Apr 2	John 18
Apr 3	John 19
Easter	John 20

March 2021 - Living Word Lutheran - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 - ADULT STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP	1	2 6:30 MENS' STUDY	6:00 - 7:00 LENTEN DEVOTION: "Gospel of John" Video and Summary (Also serves a class for both Confirmation groups)	Lord's Supper Sunday, Ma Sunday, Ma Maundy The	rch 7th	6
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28 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 - ADULT STUDY 10:00 - WORSHIP	Palm Sund	30 day	31	April 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Time TBA	Apr 2 GOOD FRIDAY Worship Time TBA	Apr 3 TOMORROW 6:56 Easter Sonrise 10:00 Easter Communion

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

 Mar 7, 14
 Kevin Welsh & Jason Miller

 Mar 21 & 28
 Ed Vegdahl & Joe Johnson

 Apr 1, 4, 11
 Keith Hanson & Kevin Welsh

 Apr 18, 25
 Jason Miller & Ed Vegdahl

Custodian

February

March Lonny & Wendy Robbin April Custodians needed

Make A Meal Volunteers

March Bonnie Hanson

Nursery	Accompanying Musicians		
(Volunteers needed - please	Mar 7	Sharon Willen	
talk to Mona H.)	Mar 14	Scott Wachter	
Mar 7 Pam Johnson	Mar 21	Carmen Macik	
Mar 14 Volunteer Needed	Mar 28	Pam Johnson	
Mar 21 Mona Hjelle			
Mar 28 Violet Dauk	Maundy Thurs	Open	
	Good Friday	Open	
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Seen on Church Signboards...
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Mona Hjelle Easter Communion Sharon Willen

His "Vaccine" against sin: Jesus' died, so we could have it!

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Official Notice: LCMS Office of the Secretary

In a letter from December 7, 2020, under the provision of Artide XI B 8 of the Synod Constitution, LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison submitted the following question to a vote of the Synod's member congregations:

Shall the Synod add a year to the current 2019–2022 triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod convention from 2022 to 2023? [Thereafter, the triennium cycle will continue forward from 2023 in three-year increments, as before (i.e., with district conventions held in 2025, 2028, etc., and Synod conventions held in 2026, 2029, etc.).] Vote: Yes or No.

The Office of the Secretary facilitated an electronic vote on this question. Voting dosed February 15, 2021.

More than the required one fourth of the Synod's member congregations registered a vote (63.32%), and the majority of votes cast favored adoption (90.67%). The stated extension of the 2019–2022 triennium by a year, allowing district conventions to take place in either 2021 or 2022 and deferring the national Synod convention from 2022 to 2023, is therefore adopted.

Mission & Ministry Team Meets:

Thursday, March 11 @ 6:30 p.m. (Our normal 2nd Thursday)

Elders' Team @ 5:30 prior to MMT

March Discipleship Verse...

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:

That for a day:

Miscellaneous Notes...

Food Pantry Reminder

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

Check out our "Free Stuff" Table

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

- Read With Me Bibles for toddlers
- Today's Light Devotional Bible
- 100 or so Key Chapter Bible Reading Booklets
- March Newsletters
- April June Portals of Prayer





Sermons Now Available in Video on our Website

Sermons can be found in on our Living Word Facebook page or at http://livingwordlutheran.net/video.htm

- 02/07/21 "One thing God really wants (so do your parents)!"
- 02/14/21 "The thing about Jesus that makes you want to trust Him"
- 02/17/21 "Ash Wednesday: "
- 02/21/21 "Need a Friend? I Know a Guy!"
- 02/24/21 Lenten Devotion: Gospel of John 1-3
- 02/28/21 "A Key Chapter for Joy, Peace & Contentment"
- 03/03/21 Lenten Devotion: Gospel of John 4-6

Offering Envelopes Are Available for 2021

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

Still Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

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.

An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office

Choir is starting up again!

We practice March 14th after worship Everyone is invited to sing with us



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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...

- The Holy Spirit's power to keep following God's Plan everyday in 2021
- Thanking God for the first signs of Spring!
- Thanking God we continue to have in-person worship & Sunday School
- Asking God for His guidance about who to invite to Easter Worship
- Asking God to open hearts and minds to Jesus during Holy Week!
- Asking God to open our eyes to see His guiding this month.
- Asking God for the power to love like Jesus did with sacrifice
- 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
- 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

Congratulations...

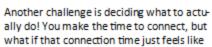
If you have someone you'd like to offer congratulations to, just email Scott at webmaster@livingwordlutheran.net

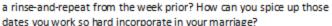
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A Minute for Couples...

(from the Prepare-Enrich blog)

Dates are harder to make happen than we'd like to admit. There's the challenge of prioritizing it enough to get it on the calendar, and then actually figuring out all the details and logistics, like finding a sitter.





Do something different! That's the easiest way to make dates feel like something special and exciting. But we get it—thinking of date ideas is like adding one more task to that list of things you have to do to make it happen. Good news! We've got some date ideas for you—conveniently categorized into five different types to try!

Date Nights

- Take a cooking dass and learn how to make your new favorite meal together.
- Watch the sunset and spend some time stargazing.
- Play a board game together a little competition can be fun!
- Tour your area by visiting local restaurants start with an appetizer at one, main course at another, and find your way to a third spot for something sweet.

Day Dates

- Meet up with each other for a midday date at your favorite lunch spot.
- Start your day with an early date over coffee and breakfast.
- Take the afternoon off work and go to a matinee movie together before heading home for the evening.
- Seek out a farmer's market and grab some local produce and homemade goods (maybe for a meal you will go home and fix together)
- Take a short road trip to visit a hidden small town.

Budget-Friendly Dates

- Challenge yourselves to find a gift for each other under \$10 at a thrift store or Garage sale
- Find that gift card you got from your aunt last Christmas, yes, the one tucked in the back of your wallet, and let your aunt kindly

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treat you on your next date.

- Volunteer together! Find a cause you both are passionate about and dedicate your next date to serving your community.
- · Check out a free or cheap museum or art gallery.
- Walk through a nature preserve or arboretum these are usually free or have a minimal entrance fee. While you're there, quiz each other on which plants are which or who can spot certain wildlife or birds first!

At-Home Dates

- Make some art together order a paint kit online or find a craft on Pinterest-\then hang it on a wall!
- Tackle a project together to make something beautiful / useful for your home.
- Put your minds together and work on a puzzle if you don't finish
 it in one date, come back to it next time. It can be the date idea
 that keeps on giving.
- Throw yourselves a tasting event—pick something you both love, maybe wine and cheese or something less sophisticated like root beer and cheese-its. Have fun with it and taste new flavors, rate your favorites, and compare notes!
- Pamper each other—create a spa experience and focus on things you both love. Maybe one of you needs a foot rub while the other needs a back massage. Take the time to make it a full pampering experience with candles and soothing music to set the scene.
- Have a movie marathon pick out a series you haven't watched together and binge it. Don't forget to pop the popcorn!

Active Dates

- Try a new workout class together at your local gym or community center.
- Take advantage of nice weather and get outside for a walk or hike, or for the more adventurous couples, kayak or snowshoe.
- Fly a kite or throw a ball around, do something active with your partner that you loved to do when you were a kid.
- Go mini-golfing, or real golfing if that's your thing, to get out and do a leisurely activity together.
- · Take another cue from your childhood and go bowling!

If you're still stuck and need more inspiration, try looking up ideas on Pinterest or even having a brainstorm with your partner. Set a timer for five minutes and see who can write down the most ideas. In an effort to not lose any good ideas, we'd recommend writing them down, or do something extra crafty and put each idea on a scrap of paper and tuck them in a jar to draw one out each time you need some date inspiration.

That for a day:

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 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 March Make-a-Meal volunteer, Bonnie Hansen if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks!



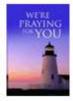
We are also looking for a person to be the Make-a-Meal coordinatorsomeone who notifies the meal makers when a meal is needed and who also arranges for the meal to be delivered.

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 <u>pastor@livingwordlutheran.net</u> 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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Church Mice

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Living Word Blog...

Looking for some entertainment or things to do during the pandemic? Check out our Living Word Blog for lots of fun thoughts, ideas, music videos and more. www.livingwordlutheranicms.blogspot.com



Communion Notes...

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the First and Third Sundays in November. (March 7th, & 21st, Maundy Thursday (April 1st), and Easter Sunday (April 4th @ 10:000)



We have NEW Wine & Wafer Sealed Com-

munion 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 using 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!)



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Story Behind The Song...

I Know My Redeemer Lives

Often times, some of the best known works in the religious world come from people that did not begin their life in a religious way. Samuel Medley was a prime example of this, much like fellow poet John Newton, Born June 23rd 1738 in Chestnut, England, Medley was the son of a School teacher, but none-less, he was educated privately by his grandfather. While studying with his grandfather, Medley was taught to live faithfully by Christian values, but he was not interested in following what was being taught. As he grew up. Medley became friends with boys who were not Godly, and lead sinful lives. Eventually at the age of 14 (c. 1752), Medley was given an apprenticeship with an oil-man in London, but he only lasted 3 years in with the oil-man before he began searching for a way out. After finding a loop-hole in the law, Medley discovered that a person can leave an apprenticeship and join the military service, which lead him to join the British Royal Navy. While in the Navy. Medley's life style did not improve, but rather became even more crass and profane than before.

In 1759, during the Seven Year's War, Medley's ship engaged in a naval battle with a French ship, during which Medley's leg was severely injured. After the battle was over. Medley's leg continued to grow worse, even to the point of potentially having to amputate the leg to save Medley's life. One evening, the physician aboard the ship told Medley that if his leg did not improve by morning, they would have to amoutate or he could face death. During the night, Medley turned back and remembered what his grandfather had taught him when he was younger, and he began to pray vigorously that his leg may be spared. The next morning, to the surprise of all on the ship, the physician examined the leg and determined that it had healed so well that amputation was no longer needed. Immediately afterwards, Medley returned to his room, found the bible his grandfather had given him, and began reading. When Medley's ship had finally returned to England, he was sent to his grandfather's house where he was allowed to recover. Eventually, during his recovery, Medley's grandfather read a sermon written by Isaac Watts, which moved Medley so greatly; he immediately converted and became a Christian. After his conversion, Medley began attending the Baptist Church in Eagle Street, London, Shortly after, Medley opened a school, which he ran with great success for nearly six years, but then he found a new calling.

In 1767, Medley began preaching, and eventually he became so popular in his teachings that he was called to be Pastor at the Baptist Church in Watford, England. After five short years in Watford, Medley

indigestion. 8 eads Idom 굥 pride your Swallowing day: ş Thot moved on to Byrom Street, Liverpool, where he gathered a large congregation over a 27 year period. Medley took a special interest in the souls of Seamen and Servicemen, and was so wildly popular that soon his meeting place could not sustain the number of people coming to hear him preach. After a short time, the meeting space was enlarged, but this would prove useless as the number of people coming to hear the sermons was still growing. Eventually the crowds grew so great that an entirely new building had to be constructed to allow room for everyone who wanted to hear the words of Medley. Although his career was successful, Medley fell ill and maintained his illness for quite some time. After his long fight, Medley finally passed away July 17th 1799, but many of his hymns maintain their popularity in the Baptist Church, one of the most famous of which is "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

This hymn is one of great praise, especially coming from someone who did not know God's love until later in life. The story of Samuel Medley serves to show that God does not leave us alone, even when we constantly tell ourselves that we do not want, nor do we believe in, God's love. This hymn reminds us that God does live every day in us, and that he lives for us, not just so that we may sing his praise, but that we may be saved in Him. His love for us is so strong that he wants us to be with him eternally, and the only way to do that is to live in his way. Living like Christ and like God is not an easy task, and is something that we as humans cannot do simply on our own. It takes God and His power to allow us to live a life worthy of Him.

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever living Head.

He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above. He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.

He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save, He lives all glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to grant me rich supply, He lives to guide me with His eye, He lives to comfort me when faint, He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears.

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He lives to wipe away my tears He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend, He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;} He lives, and I shall conquer death: He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His Name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, I know that my Redeemer lives!

Editor's note: Here is the classic version sung by Sheila Walsh https://youtu.be/ozGw1-avgnQ

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